### MARCH 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

**Rabbi Layman’s Classes**
- Torah: Friday at 9:30 am
- Talmud: Sunday at 9:30 am
- Intermediate Prayer Book Hebrew: Sunday at 10:30 am

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**The following activities will be at Beth Shalom of Columbia**

- 5:45 pm Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 pm Speaker from MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
- 7:30 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, March 21 - Birthday and Challah & Schmear Kiddush**

- 9:30 am Shabbat Services

**Sunday, March 22**

- 9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila
- 9:45 am Gan Katan
- 10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

**Wednesday, March 25**

- 1:30 pm JCC CoA
- **Friday, March 27** 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

**Saturday, March 28**

- 9:30 am Shabbat Services; Junior Congregation
- 10:15 am Family Shabbat Service
- 10:45 am Tot Shabbat

**Sunday, March 29**

- 9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila
- 11:00 am Havdalah Experience - Wine Tasting & Sale
- 5:00 pm Women’s Musical Seder

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**FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY**

**RABBI JONAH LAYMAN**

**PURIM & ANTI-SEMITISM**

Monday evening and Tuesday March 9 & 10 we will celebrate the holiday of Purim. Of course we know Purim for the costumes and Hamantashen and we know the highlights of the Book of Esther (how the Jewish Queen Esther saved her people from annihilation by the evil Haman). The holiday has always been a fun holiday to celebrate but in this age of rising anti-Semitism here and around the world the holiday takes on new meaning for us this year.

We’ve been lucky here in the USA. The Jewish community has been relatively spared from the worst forms of anti-Semitism that our ancestors suffered over the centuries. We haven’t experienced pogroms. We haven’t experienced overt anti-Jewish laws (other than quotas at universities, limited access to country clubs or residential neighborhoods in the past) such as wearing certain clothing or being forced to live in ghettos. We haven’t been systemically rounded up and killed. In fact, in our 4,000-year history, Jewish life in America has been the most productive and stimulating anywhere outside of Israel.

But after the attacks at the synagogues in Pittsburgh, PA and Poway, CA in 2018 and 2019 and the attacks on mostly ultra-Orthodox Jews in the NY area last Fall, and after the increased amount of anti-Semitic graffiti in public schools and the JCC in northern VA, we are starting to feel threatened. As social media continues to run unchecked and therefore as anti-Semitic rants by white supremacists online gain traction, we are beginning to feel that we need to be more vigilant.

Therefore, the holiday of Purim now has more meaning than just a fun family-oriented holiday. We can imagine how our ancestors may have celebrated the holiday and how they understood the message of the Book of Esther. The rabbis put the book of Esther into the Bible 1900 years ago. At that time the Romans had just destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem, enslaved much of the Jewish population and subjected the rest of the Jews to high taxes. The book, which describes the seemingly miraculous marriage of a Jewish woman to a non-Jewish emperor; the cancelling of the decree to kill all the Jews of Persia; and the permission of the Jews to kill Persians in revenge, then becomes an imaginary escape from the reality of life. Dressing up and reading the book allowed Jews throughout our history to fantasize about revenge, to pray to God for salvation, and to hope that life would improve.

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I think it is either Yelp or TripAdvisor (or maybe not) that has a category for restaurants called “hidden gems.” There are times when I think that if we had such a category for synagogues we would definitely be in the running. The variety of programming – entertainment – educational opportunities – cooking – crafts – speakers – trips – Shabbat dinners – etc. – etc. – etc. – is nothing short of amazing BUT we could be so much more if we were not so hidden a gem.

**We need to raise our visibility.** We need to make known what we offer. We need the community at large to know about our unique preschool program. And the sooner, the better.

**Toward that end,** I am asking each of you to consider a special donation to a publicity fund to revamp our website, explore making donations on line, raise our on-line visibility in search engines, and create signs and banners to advertise our activities and our preschool in the greater Olney community. Call, email, drop by, pledge an amount, send in or drop off a check.

**We can no longer afford to be a hidden gem.** I want Shaare Tefila to GLEAM brightly and light the way to our future. This is a critical need and I am asking for your support.

FROM THE RABBI’S STUDY

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Though I would never advocate for the revenge or the divine intervention that the Book of Esther describes, I would advocate for the kind of intervention that Esther and Mordecai were able to achieve. If we want to stem the tide of anti-Semitism and hate, then we need to rise up and do something about it. We can’t sit back and wait for God to save us. We must proactively be agents for change.

Thankfully, my non-Jewish clergy colleagues agree with me that we must be agents for change. Soon you will read about opportunities and programs that our Greater Olney Interfaith Clergy are planning to bring all of us together. Hopefully these programs will allow us to get to know each other better and learn to love and respect one another. By building relationships, one at a time, we can do our part to decrease the level of hate in our community. In that way the Book of Esther will take on new meaning for us this year. **Happy Purim!** Rabbi Jonah Layman

In late January I attended the Jewish Educators Assembly annual conference, at which time I was fortunate to hear Dr. David Bryfman, CEO of The Jewish Education Project speak on the purpose of Jewish education. Bryfman had me considering why I do what I do, with his recurring theme ‘Is it good for the Jews?’ As Director of Education & Programming it is my job to engage my community in meaningful, relevant opportunities that resonate with the participants. At the same time it is important to provide moments for members of all ages to connect with each other. Creating connection for others, to their Jewish identity and each other, is one of the reasons I entered the field of Jewish education. My hope is that you are finding meaningful opportunities to engage in the programs at Shaare Tefila. If you ever have feedback for me regarding any of the offerings, or if you have ideas to share, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Another successful Makers & Bakers program was held in late February, this time a Hamantaschen Bake! in preparation for Purim. Participants did the mitzvah of mishloach manot by donating some of their creations to Seniors in the local Jewish community. **Mark your calendar for our last Makers & Bakers program of the year, Hebrew Signs for the Home, on April 26.**

On March 20 we will celebrate Shabbat with our sister congregation, Beth Shalom, for ‘Shabbat Across Howard County & America’. The festivities begin with dinner at 5:45 pm, and include Samuel Chu from MAZON, speaking on **Beyond the Food Pantry: Ending Hunger Together.** There will be activities for children, followed by the evening service at 7:30 pm. **Register for dinner by March 13 - $20 for adults, $10 for children (age 5-12).**

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles - you are invited to bring your preschool age child to the next Gan Katan meeting on March 22. **Mara Lansky** will focus on the spring season with the children.

The next Junior Congregation for all school aged children will be the morning of March 28 at 10:15 am in the Baumgart-Grosberg Chapel. **Eytan Layman** will lead us in a spirited morning service including delicious prizes for participants. **Tot Shabbat**, led by **Mara Lansky**, will be that morning at 10:45 am.

The last Havdalah Experience on March 29 at 11:00 am will be a Wine Tasting in conjunction with the Men's Club Wine Sale for Passover. **Register on Chaverweb by March 26.**

L'Shalom, Babette
SECURITY AT SHUL IS ON EVERYBODY’S MIND - EXTRA EYES AND GREETERS WILL HELP

MIKE BINDER: PRESIDENT, MEN’S CLUB
SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER
301 908-2284
MJBinder@comcast.net

The Security Committee in Partnership with the Men’s Club will be re-establishing the Extra Eyes and Greeters Program as soon as possible to supplement the current Greeter Volunteers on a regular basis for the foreseeable future. This will require people to serve on assigned or pre-scheduled dates - similar to Shabbat kitchen duty.

We will be reaching out to request members of the Men’s Club and others (please join or rejoin the Men’s Club) to volunteer for, or accept 1 1/4 hour assignments on Shabbat mornings, about four times a year (or as many as you can) to work in teams of 2 -3 at a time, being vigilant about activity outside and opening the door for congregants and guests.

We absolutely do not want Extra Eyes/Greeters to confront anyone or be in harms way, but to be a vigilant presence, deterring possible bad actors, and be able to provide a prompt warning via telecommunication if needed.

By the time you read this, you may have already been personally asked to serve on specific dates. However, we would appreciate if you would preempt the request or assignment, by calling or emailing me (Michael Binder) or the Shaare Tefila office to volunteer for any of the dates listed below. We will create a schedule of assignments, for at least the first six months of the year. Again, we will need a minimum of 2-3 volunteers for each of 2 shifts, each Saturday morning 9:00-10:30 am and 10:30-12:00. Dates of other events and services many be added.

March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20, 27

Please volunteer for at least 2 assignments on different dates. All volunteers will be given instructions about duties - but careful observation, ability to report a concern quickly, and a warm smile is all that is needed.

2020 Extra Eyes-Greeters Assignment Schedule Through April 25

Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that two people are on duty for each time slot

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Joyce Feinstein will serve as a Greeter most weeks, as available. (See p. 6 to volunteer)
PURIM 2020 AT SHAARE TEFILA - FUN FOR ALL AGES
Sunday, March 8th
BEFORE THE CARNIVAL - PURIM SHPIEL KARAOKE STYLE!
10:30 a.m.
Sing Along with Fun Purim Parodies led by our Shaare Tefila Players while enjoying a Bagel & Shmear at our enhanced Cafe Shaare Tefila
THEN, PLAY AT THE CARNIVAL
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Play All Day Bracelet for $15
Featuring.....
Moon Bounce! Queen Esther’s Nail Salon! Face Painting! Lollipop Tree! Awesome Prizes! Food for Purchase - Hot Dogs - Popcorn - Hamantashen

Questions? Contact Babette, bcohn@shaaretefila.org or 301-593-3410 x106

READING OF THE MEGILLAH
Monday, March 9th
7:00 pm
Come listen to the story of Esther & Mordechai at our annual community reading on Erev Purim, led by the youth of Shaare Tefila

Purim Carnival Joyfully Sponsored by Perry Sandler

Shaare Tefila, 16620 Georgia Avenue, Olney, MD 20832
PURIM SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8 - Purim Carnival - 11:30 am
Purim Shpiel - 1:00 pm

Monday, March 9 - 6:30 pm - evening service and
Megillah reading (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, March 10 - 8:00 am - Purim morning
service and Megillah reading

MISHLOACH MANOT 2020 FUNDRAISER

PURIM IS THE EVENING OF MARCH 9 & MARCH 10 DAY.

COORDINATORS: STEPHANIE BUCKBERG, LOIS FREEDMAN, ETHEL LEVINE

It's that time of year again already, and our 9th annual Mishloach Manot fundraiser, through Happy Purim, is up and running. To place your order, if you have not done so already, Click Here.

Each family unit will receive a custom-made bag, filled with thematically selected goodies, at no cost. You can pick up your bag at the Purim Carnival, on Sunday, March 8, or at the reading of Megillat Esther on March 9. To help us with distribution, please plan on picking up a bag for a relative, friend or someone who lives in your building or neighborhood. After March 9, the bags will be in the synagogue office ready for pick-up for a limited time. The traditionally delicious hamantaschen we plan to enclose are best eaten as fresh as possible!

Thank you to those in the congregation who helped us fill the mishloach manot bags on March 1, and as always an indebted shout-out to our porter, Luis, for his continued help and support!

This is one of Shaare Tefila's biggest fundraiser and we so appreciate your support.

On behalf of our Purim Committee, we wish you a Chag Sameach!

For more details contact Stephanie Buckberg at pmjmine3@gmail.com
We are in need of “Greeters” on Shabbat morning from either 9:30 - 10:00 or from 10:00 - 10:30. It would involve greeting congregants once a month. The Greeters will work together with the “Extra-Eye Persons” from the Men’s Club who will be visible outside the Synagogue each Shabbat. We currently have wonderful “Greeters,” who have volunteered their time for several years. However, we are in need of more.

Please contact Joyce Feinstein at joyce.feinstein@gmail.com if you would like to give up one half hour a month. It is such a nice feeling for congregants and visitors to enter the Shul on Shabbat and have someone personally greet them. It’s also a nice feeling to be the person who speaks to them first.
Shaare Tefila Men's Club is excited to announce the selection of Ira Kolmaister as this year's Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year!!

Mazel Tov to Ira, who is well deserving of this honor!

Please join us in honoring Ira at the FJMC Seaboard Region Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year Awards Brunch on Sunday March 22, at Congregation Beth Emeth in Herdon, VA. Use this link to register for the brunch and to provide a congratulatory message.

https://www.wizadjournal.com/fjmcseaboard2020/?id=4175

Reservations must be made by March 10. Let’s continue Shaare Tefila’s great tradition of honoring its Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year with a large contingent of members and friends at this event. Brunch starts at 11:00 am.

Conratulate Ira when you see him at shul, and join us in celebrating his award.

We will help coordinate car pools for attending the Brunch.

Contact: Michael Binder, 301 908-2284.
Our four-year olds this year are interested in so many different things – dinosaurs, drawing, pretend play, making stores, baking – that it was hard for us, as teachers, to choose an area to focus on. But we realized that there was a thread that ran through all their interests – measuring.

Dinosaurs lived “a long time ago,” as did princesses, by the way. But what does “a long time ago” mean to 4-year olds? Stores need to set pricing, count inventory. Baking requires precise measuring. Accurate drawings require lifelike proportions.

So we introduced a variety of different measuring tools into the classroom. Rulers, tape measures, scales, hour glasses. The children began measuring every aspect of their environment. At first the children were content just to find the numbers. How wide is the classroom? 21. How long until lunch? 46. But they realized there was ambiguity in just sharing a number. Was lunch in 46 seconds, minutes or hours? The book is 2.2 what, exactly?

The part of the brain that handles abstract thinking is still developing in preschoolers, making it difficult for them to understand time. Even as adults, we realize that time feels fluid – seemingly moving much more quickly when we are enjoying ourselves than when we are not. This “distortion in time judgment”, as psychologists call it, makes understanding time especially tricky for young children.

Recently, one child in the class celebrated his birthday. A few days later he wanted to know how long it would be until he celebrated his next birthday. The teacher took out a calendar, one that shows each month on its own page and each day a square in the grid. She showed him the day they were on and then all the pages that would need to be flipped to arrive at his birthday again. He started counting the days, but soon reached the end of his patience and his knowledge of counting. He was pondering what to do when two friends came over. They asked him what he was doing and he explained his dilemma. When he completed his explanation, his friends brought over a ruler. After a short time, they calculated it was 58 inches until his next birthday.

The most brilliant minds of philosophy and physics have long pondered the question ‘What is time?’ Famous thinkers such as Newton and Leibnitz disagreed and their arguments continue to echo across the centuries. But I bet even Newton and Leibnitz would agree that our young students employed creative problem solving skills!
Beginning March 2, 2020, Winer Family Gallery is pleased to present *Portraits of Spring*, an exhibit of photographs by Marge Wasson, a resident of Chevy Chase, MD. These portraits are not of people. The subjects “sat” for their portraits in their natural “studios.” As with any portrait, they capture a likeness and seek to convey something noteworthy, memorable or essential about the subject. You may see a hint of personality, a certain mood, a touch of attitude. You may be struck by the subject’s power, importance, grandeur, beauty, or another unique quality. You may get a sense of serenity, or a big “pow” of energy. Perhaps a trait like shape, form, or texture, or just something unexpected, will catch your eye.

**Marge creates contemporary images** in black and white and in color. Her favorite subjects include botanicals, architecture, everyday objects, and graphic vistas. She began showing her work in 2011 and has exhibited in numerous solo and group shows, winning Best in Show for Photography on two occasions. This is her second time exhibiting at Shaare Tefila’s Winer Family Gallery.

When asked about her love of photography, Marge responds with a story about a trip to Paris. “What are you trying to do?” her skeptical spouse asked as they rode to the top of the Eiffel Tower one dreary afternoon. He couldn’t imagine what she was photographing through those grimy elevator windows with her little point-and-shoot camera. When he saw the prints, he said “I was right there, but I never saw that!” She was thrilled and hooked on photography once again after a decades-long hiatus.

**Marge is a Board member and immediate past President of the Art League of Germantown.** As a full-time marketing and association management consultant, she produces creative messaging and materials, branding, training events, and strategic marketing for her clients. Her photographs may be seen in homes, offices, and commercial spaces in the Washington, DC area, New York, Florida, West Virginia, elsewhere in the US, and in Speyer, Germany. For more information, please contact her at marge@wassonphotographics.com.

The show extends through May 4. A portion of the sale of these portraits benefits Shaare Tefila.

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**NEWS FROM THE CHESED COMMITTEE**

**CONTRIBUTOR: ADRIANA SANDLER**

The Chesed Committee has started a new initiative. Once a month members of the committee will bring a delicious dinner, prepared specifically for us, by Custom Kosher, LLC, to a dozen or so congregants who for a variety of reasons, could use a meal. It may be a happy thing such as a new baby, or a sad thing such as a hospitalization, illness or just to reach out to let the congregant know that we care and think about them.

On the months that there is a congregation dinner scheduled, the meals will be prepared in our own Shaare Tefila kitchen by fellow congregants who are in charge of this dinner.

If you or someone you know, would like to be added to the list please contact Joyce Feinstein joyce.fenstein@gmail.com.

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**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**CONTRIBUTOR: ETHEL LEVINE**

The Social Action Committee is happy to announce that it took four van trips to take all of the donations of clothing to Success-in-Style, in Savage Mill. The staff there was overwhelmed by Shaare Tefila’s generosity and good will. This year more men’s “clothing, especially suits and sports jackets, were donated. These are items which the organization most certainly can put to good use.

During the year, you will not have to wait for this annual activity to make your own donations. When you happen to visit the shops at Savage Mill, you may wish to make your own donations to Success-in-Style. As you clean out your closets and find suitable items to donate, please bring them to the Success-in-Style stores, or deposit them in the specifically marked bins directly in front of the Mill. There are donation forms available for your use right there.

Again, the Social Action Committee thanks you for your outpouring of generosity. We look forward to your participation at our next event!
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 that 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 Layman by Wednesday morning April 8, 2020. 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 Wednesday April 8, 2020 to 8:29 PM Thursday April 16, 2020.

NAME:____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS:_________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE:_______________________________________________________

HEBREW NAME:____________________ son/daughter of__________________

Enclosed is a donation of $________ made payable to MAZON

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|                      | 7:30 pm | Weekday Evening Service |
| Tuesday, April 14     | 9:30 am | Holiday Service includes Hallel and the blessing of the Kohanim. |
|                      | 6:00 pm | Holiday Evening Service |
| Wednesday, April 15   | 9:30 am | Holiday Service includes Hallel, Yizkor and the blessing of the Kohanim. |
| Sunday, April 12      | 8:45 am | Holiday Morning Service |
|                      | 7:30 pm | Weekday Evening service |

Passover Holiday Concludes at 8:29 pm
SPARKS FOR MARCH
CONTRIBUTOR: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN

It’s a sunny early spring afternoon in Harlem, New York. 1918. A young Jewish mother is taking her 6 month old daughter out in the baby carriage for a stroll down 114th St towards Morningside Park. Waiting at a corner traffic light, mother and daughter are cooing to each other.

Standing nearby, a woman dressed in black notices this sweet tableau, peers in to see the face of the baby, and says to the mother, “Oh my! What a beautiful girl you have!”

A brief time after, the baby dies.

This story was my introduction to the world of kinehora, tempting the evil eye. Told to me by my mother – the second daughter of that young Jewish mother, my grandma Ray, about the sister she never knew, who died before she was born. The woman wearing black (of course) embodied the spirit of The Ayin Hara. The Evil Eye. That is how my grandma made sense of this death. A quintessentially Jewish narrative with roots deep in the old country, where roosters were swung over heads on Erev Yom Kippur to atone for sins.

I find a version of this story in the Midrash; rabbis say that Sarah cast an evil eye on Hagar when she was pregnant, causing her to miscarry before going on to become pregnant with Ishmael.

My mother, the next generation, employed these strategies to ward off the Evil Eye: Did not put new/never worn clothing on a bed (lest you tempt it and become ill and not get to wear them), discouraged anyone ‘making a fuss’ over her, any accomplishment, and discouraged boastfulness in us.

She would never praise us for something we did without saying kinehora. When I was young I thought it was a Yiddish expression which meant, “Well done!” I couldn’t reconcile the sharp scientific mind Mom had and used with what seemed like old world superstitions. While there was within her no contradiction or conflict.

Recently I’ve taken a deeper dive into kinehora; what might it teach me? If I am content or accepting of whatever I have in my life, there is no envy. Envy is an easy slide into ill feeling when we gaze on another’s blessings, and wonder why they have them and we do not. That is evil eye energy. Wish everyone well, be genuinely happy for them. Be grateful for what IS, bear jealousy towards no one. Covet nothing. When I see kinehora in this way, it provides a direction of intentional positive energy to bear on how I can choose to live.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE
CONTRIBUTOR: LISA HEDGEPETH

On February 23, in observance of Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM), the Social Action Committee showed “Keep The Change,” a story that beautifully challenges our preconceptions about what love is “supposed to” look like. The film shows two autistic characters who fall in love. The film makes is clear that autistic people are no less valuable than neurotypical people and that they can have equally important and valuable lives.

For March, we are working on a program to address the recent rise in anti-Semitism. The Social Action committee is partnering with JCRC, ADL and a few other local congregations for this important program. The goal is to leave participants feeling informed and empowered. Stay tuned for details.
**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.

In February, our *Gan Katan* kids discussed holidays and how we say “Chag Sameach!” We read stories about celebrations and created our own holiday decorations that we can use for any of the chagim on the Jewish calendar.

If you have a little one in your life and would like to join us for our next *Gan Katan on March 22,* please contact Cilla Grosberg at CGrosberg58@gmail.com.

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**TOT SHABBAT**

*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 March 28

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**MINI MINYAN**

*Mini Minyan* meets each month for stories, songs, Jewish learning, crafts, games, and tons of experiential play.

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**WHO:** Toddlers through preschool age  
**WHAT:** Play, story time, crafts and snack - $18 for the year or $5 per session.

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**WOMEN’S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE**

**LED BY:** **SUSAN RUBENSTEIN**

**WHEN:** **FRIDAY 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**WHO:** Ages 0-7 and their adults  
**WHAT:** Early Shabbat dinner, prayers, songs with ruach!

Our Mini Minyan Shabbat Dinner for February celebrated the Rosh Chodesh (New Moon!)

**JOIN US** for our next event on April 24

Click here to register on [Chaverweb](#)

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

EVENING MINYAN SCHEDULE
CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN

Our Minyan serves the Olney community every day of the year. Communal prayer is held mornings (Shabbat at 9:30 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.

MARCH 1 – 5
Team #6
Jeff Weiss 301-570-4347
jlweiss@gmail.com
Fran Weiss Co-Captain
Francine Barnett
Judy Beiser
Beth Elson
Milt & Susan Goldsamt
Mort & Ima Goldstein
Larry & Carolyn Goldstein
Bryan & Laurin Goodman
Michael & Stefanie Levy
Jeff Schwartz
Dorothy Stecker

MARCH 8 – 12
Team #7
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Lanny Plotkin Co-Captain
Michael & Vivienne Auerbach
Hal & Stephanie Epstein
Susan Gershowitz
Myron & Bernice Goldstein
Stan & Fran Kensky
Benson & Ellen King
Anita Okrend
Cathy Plotkin
Howard & Marilyn Politzer
Charlotte Potosky

MARCH 15 – 19
Team #8
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Aaron & Karen Becker
Gary & Hillary Feldman
Fran Futrovsky
Carl & Ricki Gottlieb
Arnie & Shoshana Greenland
Audrey Haber
Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
Jackie Samuel
David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick
Sam & Debbie Yedlin

MARCH 22 – 26
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Randy & Betty Balin
Michael & Sarah Nachlas Cohen
Steve Fink & Elaine Silver
Betty Freedman
Bob & Lois Freedman
Sam & Jodi Goldreich
Barry & Sandra Handloff
Iris Hyman
Rita Rubinstein
Bradley & Joy Salzman
Charlotte Shapiro

MARCH 29 – April 2
Team #10
Ethel Levine 301-593-7041
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Dan & Jackie Benn
Joe & Amy Federman
Miriam Ito
Gershon & Diane Kieval
Gilda Kuritzky
Ira Levine
David & Lee Ronis
Alan Sandler
Seth Zarny & Ellen Radish
“As we enter our 51st year of service to the greater Olney community we are so grateful for all of the support we receive.” (Ruth Filbert)

Olney Help continues to acknowledge donations by Shaare Tefila membership to its organization. It has been able to expand its 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 Williamowsky foyer.

**CORRECTION:**
An error was made in identifying the people in this photo in the February Shofar. They are:

Mary Lewis, Tina Levin, and Wendy Abraham
The 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 Audrey in the office.

Siddur $54
Machzor $36
Large Type Machzor $54

SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT

“A Fresh Approach to Passover: From the White House to Your House”

Susan Barocas, Chef and Food Writer

Barocas will share behind-the-scenes stories from three years as the guest chef for President and Mrs. Obama’s White House Seders. A special tasting included.

When: Wednesday, March 25 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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Contact Fran Weiss for more information: faoweiss@gmail.com

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Safeway - $100, $25

We continue sell scrip in the shul office or call:
Barbara Fink 301-438-3149
Fran Weiss 301-570-4347

MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00 am

Bill Sumner, Discussion leader
Topic: Presidential Candidates and Their Views on Israel

All Men Are Invited

LOOKING TO JOIN SHAARE TEFILA?

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"NIGHT OF SWEET LAUGHTER 9" COMEDY NIGHT FUNdraiser

Contributor: Cilla Grosberg, Programming VP

What a great show and turnout we had this year at "Night of Sweet Laughter 9" Comedy Night FUNdraiser, on Saturday, February 1, 2020. The room was filled with over 215 guests including Rabbi Layman and Lenore, many Shaare Tefila members, guests from our sister synagogue, Beth Shalom of Columbia, MD and friends of our community.

Our comic show was amazing! Thank you to Irwin Weinstein (stage name Irwin Loring) of Kaleidescope Comedy for putting together another great show. Comics Jeff Hysen, a Shaare Tefila member; featured comic, Tracy Locke; headliner, Lucas Bohn entertained us all. Our building was filled with so much laughter that you could hear it from our parking lot. After an amazing show members and guests enjoyed a delicious dessert reception.

Special thank you to the Shaare Tefila staff and volunteers: Saul & Sherry Cohen, Babette Cohn, Milt Goldsamt, Jill Goldwater, Dara Grosberg, Hyman Grosberg, Audrey Haber, Jay & Rita Hagler, Fran Kensky, Mara Lansky, and Bess Teller. Thank you to Ron Reich of the Wine Loft of Baltimore for supplying beverages for the Comedy Night bar.

In addition, “thank you” to all who attended this great Fundraiser event. Your support and attendance made this a wonderful evening of friendship and laughter.

Save the date for next year's Comedy Night which will be Erev Superbowl, Saturday, February 6, 2021!