



# The Shofar

## השופר

Celebrating our 69th year

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### FEBRUARY 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.: 9:30 am

#### 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



### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

#### VOTE FOR ISRAEL

**Though American Jews don't have the opportunity** to vote in Israeli Knesset elections (unless they are Israeli citizens), we do have an opportunity to vote in a different way. As we know, the global Jewish community is diverse. Jews in different countries are organized in very different ways. In France, for example, the Jewish community gets funding from the government and therefore the community is organized around that. In America we have the Federation system that supports communal organizations, we have Hillel that supports Jews on the college campus, we have the ADL that advocates for our protection and many other organizations. So, it seems that we are a multifaceted and unorganized community.

**However, there is one organization** – the World Zionist Congress (WZC) – that unites the global Jewish community in support of Israel. Every 4 years, we have the opportunity to vote for delegates to represent our interests at the Congress at which decisions are made regarding funding of educational and charitable organizations and initiatives in Israel. The WZC is the place where Jews from around the world gather in Jerusalem to meet, to show support of Israel and to disburse millions of dollars. It is a powerful organization.

**As members of a Conservative synagogue,** one aspect of the funding should be important – pluralism. As we know, Judaism in Israel is supported and funded by the State. It is an ultra-Orthodox funding institution and only ultra-Orthodox rabbis and institutions are funded by the Israeli government. Every non-Orthodox institution in Israel has to raise money on its own – a truly daunting task.

**The elections for the next WZC begin at the end of January** and run through March. You can vote and I strongly encourage you to do so. It's easy to register – I did it already. From your cell phone simply text the word "vote" to 917-336-1162. You'll get an automatic response and then another response saying you're all set. You'll then receive instructions when voting begins on how to cast your ballot.

**Register to vote, make your voice count and support our Movement and pluralism in Israel.**

*Rabbi Jonah Layman*

#### Saturday, February 1

9:30 am Shabbat Services

8:00 pm Comedy Night (Doors open 7:30 pm)

#### Sunday, February 2

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

#### Wednesday, February 5

8:00 pm First Wednesday with the Rabbi

#### Friday, February 7

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, February 8

9:30 am Shabbat Services

#### Sunday, February 9

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

9:45 am Gan Katan

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

#### Wednesday, February 12

10:30 am Men's Discussion Group

#### Friday, February 14

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, February 15

9:30 am Shabbat Services

6:30 pm Havdalah Experience - Chocolate Tasting

#### Sunday, February 16

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

#### Friday, February 21

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, February 22 - Birthday and Challah & Schmear Kiddush

9:30 am Shabbat Services

5:30 pm MIIncha/Havdalah - **Emily Fero becomes a Bat Mitzvah**

#### Sunday, February 23

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

9:30 am Makers & Bakers - Hamantashen Bake

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

#### Thursday, February 27

1:30 pm JCC COA

#### Friday, February 28

6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Service

#### Saturday, February 29 - Jacob Lansky becomes a Bar Mitzvah

9:30 am Shabbat Services

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**PRESIDENT**  
**JUDY BRESLER**

In 2018, a lone gunman attacked the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. In 2019, there was an attack on a synagogue in California, a kosher grocery store in Jersey City, and at the home of a chasidic rabbi in Monsey, N.Y., during a large Chanukah party.

The news is upsetting and we, at Shaare Tefila, and synagogues throughout the United States, are taking the safety of congregants, guests, and staff seriously. We have had a Montgomery County Police Officer evaluate our facility and talk with a number of members about being alert and paying attention to “red flags” – something that doesn’t look right or feel right – so the police can be called *before* something happens. **We have a special Safety and Security Committee, headed by Jesse Stiller, investigating and evaluating options for increasing security at Shaare Tefila.** Its report and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. Safety is not being ignored, but increased safety is not as simple, as some have suggested, as hiring an armed guard. There can be serious ramifications and unintended consequences. [A young armed security guard was shot and killed by police in Illinois on November 11, 2018, because the police reacted to a man with a gun.]

We will be scheduling a second training session with the Montgomery County Community Service Police Officer for our district. We have begun implementing more limited entrance to the building at services. **Mike Binder** is working with the Men’s Club and other members of our community to set up a schedule for volunteers to be an extra set of eyes and ears with our greeters as people enter for services (p.5). With Mike’s assistance we are in the process of purchasing walkie talkies, as previously recommended by Officer Hidayat, for faster communication among those positioned in and around our building to communicate and warn of an emergency, if necessary.

Much is left to be done, but we are taking steps to increase safety in ways that are effective, sustainable, and compatible with the role of Shaare Tefila as a *bet ha-tefilla* (“house of prayer”), *bet ha-kneset* (“house of assembly”), and *bet ha-midrash* (“house of study”).



**BABETTE COHN,**  
**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &**  
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**Happy Winter! There is lots going on at Shaare Tefila** to warm you up in February. Between joyous Shabbat services and upcoming programs, there is something for everyone!

**Over 40 people, children and adults,** learned how to and improved their challah baking skills at our Makers & Bakers program, Challah Bake! in early January. All participants made the dough and took loaves home to bake. In addition to the recipe they used, everyone received two other variations to consider for the future. Want to get in on the fun? Sign up on [ChaverWeb](#) for Makers & Bakers: Hamantaschen Bake! on February 23; cost is \$18.

**It is not too late to buy a ticket(s) for Sweet Night of Laughter 9 - Comedy Night** on February 1. Tickets are \$36 until January 29; \$42 after and at the door; Along with the great line up of comedians, your ticket includes a free drink plus refreshments and desserts. Contact me if you have any questions.

**Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles** - you are invited to bring your preschool age child to the next Gan Katan meeting on February 9. Led by **Mara Lansky**, the morning will feature a focus on Tu B’Shevat.

**The theme for the Havdalah Experience** on February 15 is *Taste of Chocolate* AND *ST’s Got Talent* (delayed from January). Get some friends together and show us what you’ve got! Be sure to contact me by February 2 and let me know you are participating.

**Calling all performers for “Middle East Side Story”** a Purim Shpiel! Will you be our Maria (Esther), Tony (Mordechai) or Bernado (Haman)? The Shpiel will be on the morning of March 8, before our annual Purim Carnival. Contact me by February 2 and let me know you want to be involved in this groundbreaking performance. L’Shalom.



*Hands on fun at the January Makers & Bakers: Challah Bake!*



**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**

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## SHAARE TEFILA AT THE NEW YORK CITY & TAKOMA PARK NO HATE NO FEAR RALLYS



*From left: Zella Shabbason Rosenberg, Julian Rosenberg, Rabbi Layman, Sharon Fried and Rita Frydman*



*Rabbi Layman on the Brooklyn Bridge with 25,000 other marchers*

### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

CONTRIBUTOR: LISA HEDGEPEETH

#### VIGIL IN TAKOMA PARK

On January 5, in conjunction with the event in Brooklyn, NY, several of our congregants attended a vigil in Takoma Park, “**Stand Up To Anti-Semitism - No Hate, No Fear.**” Hundreds of people braved the cold January air to come together in solidarity against the recent increase of anti-Semitism. We were inspired by speeches from many of our local representatives and songs from interfaith clergy. We look forward to continuing to have our voices heard. We will not remain silent.



*Stuart Zitomer, Renee Zitomer, Wendy Abraham, Stefanie Levy, Sharon Kaye, Sharon Zitomer*



*Tina Levin's sister, Tina Levin, Wendy Abraham*

#### HIAS VERSUS TRUMP

On Wednesday, January 8 at the District Court in Greenbelt, Maryland, about 120 people showed their support and solidarity for refugee families. **Adriana and Alan Sandler** represented Shaare Tefila Social Action Committee. That day, the court heard oral arguments in the case brought by HIAS, Church World Service (CWS) and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) against Executive Order 13888 that would allow states and localities to block refugee resettlement in their jurisdictions by not consenting to such resettlement. This is an attempt by the Administration to enact a state-by-state, city-by-city refugee ban. The judge's ruling should be made public in the next couple of weeks.

#### MLK DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Monday, January 20, 2020, Shaare Tefila was the host site to a Community Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Our incredible partners were Leadership Montgomery and MedStar Montgomery General Hospital. More than 300 volunteers participated in a variety of activities. We made soup kits for Nourish Now, fleece blankets for Project Linus, placemats for the Children's Inn at NIH and collected clothing for Success in Style. Our participants ranged in age from newborn to 97!! It was an amazing day!

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## B'NAI MITZVAH AT SHAARE TEFILA



**Jacob Nathan Lansky** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat February 29, *Parshat Terumah*

Jacob has grown from that little kid running around the synagogue to the Bar Mitzvah boy you know today. We thank you all for enhancing his Jewish identity by allowing him to be at home at shul, knowing his village surrounds him. Currently, Jacob is a 7th grade student at Sandy Spring Friends school and a student in the Chavaya Religious School at Shaare Tefila. His love of nature and animals is honored in his Mitzvah Project. He will be making blankets for local animal rescue organizations. You can support this endeavor with donations of Joann Fabrics gift cards, so he can buy discount remnants to create the blankets.

**Emily Fero** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at the Shabbat Mincha/Havdalah Service on Shabbat, February 22



*Sylvia Potash enjoying the day*



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Shaare Tefila January 2020**



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## SECURITY AT SHUL IS ON EVERYBODY'S MIND - EXTRA EYES AND GREETERS WILL HELP

**MIKE BINDER: PRESIDENT, MEN'S CLUB  
SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER  
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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 1/2 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](mailto:Michael.Binder@comcast.net)) 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.

**January 18, 25,**

**February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28**

**April 4, 11, 18, 25**

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

**A total of 96-144 assignments need to be filled for these dates.** (24 dates X 2 Shifts X 2 or 3 Volunteers = 96-144) 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.

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS, SHAARE TEFILA STYLE

**STEFANIE SANDERS LEVY, ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND CHAIR**

On the weekend of December 7 and 8, 2019, Shaare Tefila celebrated a milestone. The Anniversary Gala Weekend, honoring **Rabbi Jonah Layman** on his 25 years of dedication and service to our congregation, was a resounding success! We started with a special Shabbat service on the 7<sup>th</sup>, organized by **Saul Cohen**, who presented an exceptional and humorous D'var Torah, followed by a sit down luncheon, chaired by **Wendy Abraham** and **Sherry Cohen**, with invaluable assistance from **Ethel Levine**. The sanctuary was nearly full and the social hall and Winer Gallery were abuzz with congregants and family and friends of Rabbi Layman.

The celebration continued with the Anniversary Gala on Sunday evening, attended by over 170 people. **Cilla Grosberg** was instrumental in procuring Catering by Alan Weiss and DJ Karl Hunt to enhance the evening. Decorations were provided by Balloons and Décor by Pattie. The social hall and Winer Gallery were transformed from functional spaces into places filled with a celebratory atmosphere, with seating organized by **Bess Teller** and decorative touches added by **Janene Ellis** and **Stacey Lynch**. I presented gifts to Rabbi Layman; a Havdallah Spice Box made in Poland, which I purchased at the Polin Museum in Warsaw, and a Kiddush cup I purchased in Israel; the inscription "25 Years" – L'Chaim" was added with the help of **Richard Abraham**. A wonderful collection of photos was taken by **Ira Kolmaister** and **Ira Levine**.

On Sunday evening, we displayed a number of items in tribute to Rabbi Layman. These included: a paper mache statue, made by the youngest students at the Gates of Discovery Preschool, depicting a child "high fiving" Rabbi Layman, a common occurrence when he visits the school on Friday morning; framed notes from the Chavaya Religious School students in response to the question, "What do you like about Rabbi Layman?"; Proclamations and Letters of Congratulations from elected officials and secular and Jewish community organizations, collected by **Milt Goldsamt**; and a scrolling video of Tributes, prepared by **Mark Kaufman**, to Rabbi Layman submitted by congregants, friends, and family – which was actually running on three screens at the Gala.

Tremendous support was provided by **Stuart Carroll**, obtaining sponsorships and managing our budget.

The entire weekend was flawlessly managed by **Babette Cohn, Shaare Tefila Director of Education and Programming**.

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate with Rabbi Layman and to those who generously supported the weekend's events.

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Purim  
is coming!!

## PURIM SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 8** - Purim Shpiel followed by  
Purim Carnival - 11:30 am

**Monday, March 9** - 6:30 pm - evening service and  
Megillah reading

**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 FREDMAN**  
**ETHEL LEVINE**

**It's that time of year again already, and our wonderful**  
**Mishloach Manot fundraiser, through Happy Purim, is in**  
**the planning stage. Watch for more information!!**

For more details contact  
**Stephanie**  
**Buckerg** at [pmjmine3@gmail.com](mailto:pmjmine3@gmail.com)



**PERFORMERS  
NEEDED**

Come be a part of our Purim Shpiel this year —“**Middle East Side Story**”— There are 13 performers needed and you could be one of them. Contact **Babette Cohn** ([bcohn@shaaretefila.org](mailto:bcohn@shaaretefila.org)) by February 2 to be a star on March 8.



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**SISTERHOOD**  
**FRAN WEISS, PRESIDENT**

**Winter is now more than half over.** It is time to think about spring. We are planning on having our very popular **Women's Seder** on Sunday, March 29. It is always lots of fun.

We could also use some help from some men for serving and cleaning up too.

**We are trying to setup a walking group.** Beginner's and intermediate walkers are welcome. It would be great to have two separate sessions for both groups but can also arrange for one group too. Times can be on the weekends or even at night when it is light enough. If interested please contact **Jackie Benn** at 301-512-0694.

## A Musical Women's Seder

Celebrating Passover through Song, Dance, and Dinner

**Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 5:00 PM**

Featuring Sally Heckelman and Lisa Baydush

Sisterhood Members--\$30 per adult

Non-Sisterhood Members--\$35

\$10 per child (ages 16 and under)

\*\*\*\*\*Contact Fran Weiss for more information [faoweiss@gmail.com](mailto:faoweiss@gmail.com)\*\*\*\*\*

## MEN'S CLUB

**MIKE BINDER, PRESIDENT**



## Blue Yarmulke Award

**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.

**Congratulate 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.



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**ROSE AND GEORGE TELLER PRESCHOOL  
GATES OF DISCOVERY**

**BETH ADLER, PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR**

## A DAY OF LEARNING

Last month, our faculty gathered with over 750 local educators to attend the Jewish Federation's Early Childhood Conference. It was an amazing day of learning and connecting. In addition, for the past several years, we have taken the following day as a professional day for our staff to consider the learning that occurs at the conference and what it means in our specific context.

I wanted to share some of my highlights and key takeaways from both days.

Each year there is a theme to frame the conference sessions and this year we were fortunate that the theme was "Gathering," the same intention we have been researching as a staff. Alex Band, our pedagoga, and I both served on the conference planning committee, doing our part to ensure a day of meaningful learning and inspiring speakers.

In Rabbi Aderet Drucker's keynote speech, she framed the day by having us think about the ways in which we gather. She posed questions such as: Who will be gathering in this space? What are they concerned about? What is their background? This led me to think about the way in which we gather throughout the day with the children. Do all of the children understand what their individual role is in within our school?

For the second session of the day, we heard from Sandy Lanes, pedagogical consultant with the JCCA, and Dr. Naama Zoran, developmental psychologist and Israel's representative to the Reggio Emilia International Network. We used this time and the next day to consider two aspects of our work: 1. How can we elevate our curriculum? 2. How does a school system take itself further?

We looked at our intent of "gathering" and thought about the anchors, concepts, and values that are connected to it. We spoke about the idea of becoming a system, specifically looking at the developmental stages of children and an ongoing process of becoming as children consider their individuality and how it relates to a larger group. We also discussed the idea that our goals for gathering involve coming together with a purpose. Although the intent of gathering is communal, each teaching team spent time searching for its own connection to this theme. As the year progresses, we continue to gather all of our explorations under the same communal umbrella.

We ended our two days together as a faculty by asking the question: Where are we headed and what is really important for us? We look forward to continuing to explore this question as a faculty.

*Keynote speaker,  
Rabbi Aderet Drucker*



*Starting the conference with inspiring musical selections.*



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

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It was great to see all our friends back at Shaare Tefila again after the long winter break! On January 5 we reconvened with a delicious back to school bagel breakfast. All the students learned about the mitzvah of *tza'ar ba'alei chayim*/ kindness to animals, and created animal toys, blankets and bowls to help the [Lost Dog and Cat Foundation](#).

Our first Junior Congregation Shabbat service on January 18 was a fun, camp-style experience for all the children who attended. Led by Eytan Layman, everyone got to sing, reflect and make each other laugh with the parsha play of the week. Mark your calendars for the next one on March 28 - you won't want to miss it!

On February 9 all of Chavaya will focus on Tu B'Shevat. *Kitah Alef* will consider what they can do to help the earth and learn about the beginning of spring in Israel; *Kitah Bet* will use the lessons of Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* to consider why it is important to take care of the earth and how doing so is an act of *g'milut chasadim*/loving kindness; *Kitah Gimel* will wrap up their study of community responsibility and help *Kitah Alef* students make bird feeders; and *Kitot Dalet, Hay & Na'ahroot* will enjoy a Tu B'Shevat seder.

Both children and parents are invited to be a part of our Purim Shpiel, *Middle East Side Story*. Whom will you be? Maria (Esther), Tony (Mordechai) or Bernado (Haman)? The Shpiel will be on the morning of March 8, before our annual Purim Carnival. [Contact me by February 2](#) for details and let me know you want to be involved in this groundbreaking performance. L'Shalom



*Kitah Bet Creating  
Watercolor Paintings  
on Emulating God in  
Their Lives*



*Kitah Gimel learns  
a new Israeli dance*







## 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.**



**"Gan Katan Gets Ready For Tu B'shevat!"**



Our Gan kids had a wonderful class learning about the Birthday of the Trees!

We read books and crafted our very own blossom pictures to decorate for Tu B'shevat.



**JOIN US for the play group on February 9**

RSVP to **Babette Cohn** [BCohn@shaaretefila.org](mailto:BCohn@shaaretefila.org)

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



**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*



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

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

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

*JOIN US for our next event on April 24*

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

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

**LED BY: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN**



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

**Rosh Chodesh Shevat - February 15 \*\*NEW DATE\*\***

**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 9:30 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.

### **FEBRUARY 2 - 6**

#### **Team #1**

**Al Kliman 301-438-1588**

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**Julian Leidman Co-Captain**

Daniel & Lisa Akman

Morris & Christie Berman

Jay & Joyce Feinstein

Hal & Rebecca Fero

Barbara Fink

Sharon Fried

Jay Hagler

Marc & Tanya Heyison

George & Marilyn Kessler

Ken & Karen Lefler

Karen Leighton

Mark & Shelley Levitt

Carl Sabath & Susan Rubenstein

Marvin Schneider

Alan & Beverly Weinstein

### **FEBRUARY 9 – 13**

#### **Team #4**

**Saul & Sherry Cohen**

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**Dennis Kaye Co-Captain**

Hillel & Fran Abrams

Stuart Carroll

Seth Cohen

Michael & Anita Froehlich

Sumner Katz

#### **Team #4 Continued**

Sharon Kaye

Abigail Mauldin

Howard & Judy Rumerman

Myron & Judy Sagall

Bill Sumner

Sharon Zitomer

### **FEBRUARY 16 – 20**

#### **Team #2**

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**Manny Ginsburg Co-Captain**

Steven Franklin

Michael & Marlene Goodman

Marvin Kruger

Lisa Krussman

Shelly & Karen Radnor

Steven Radnor

Gabriel Romano

Stewart & Jane Saphier

Susan Schwartz

Ted & Elizabeth Fischer

Audrey Frank

Ruth Gutstein

Don Helfer

Miriam Peska

David & Florence Polinsky

Elaine Schenberg

Steve & Holly Schotz

### **FEBRUARY 23 – 27**

#### **Team #5**

**Paul Tilles 301- 570-4388**

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**Ken Libby Co-Captain**

David & Sharon Appel

Michael & Susan Binder

Marjorie Fuhrmann

Hyman & Cilla Grosberg

Dara Grosberg

Harold & Reva Norken

Jack & Bess Teller

Sheryl Tilles

Zelick & Carol Waganheim

Joslyn Wolfe

To all our Chesed Friends,

Thank you for all you did to make our lives easier during such a difficult time. The rides, meals, care, gorgeous and sumptuous deli platter during shiva, and your prayers at shul are so appreciated. Everyone greeted Sid and checked in with him about his health. When we couldn't make it to shul, we watched streaming together. Sid was a fighter and he fought until his last days with us.

Fondly,

Sue, Debra, Anna, Jeff, Taryn, Max, Barry, Jenny, Geena, and Ethan



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

Until March 20, 2020, The Winer Gallery is pleased to present *Warm It Up*, an exhibit of original watercolors created by artist Barbara Bell, a resident of Rockville, MD. Barbara's paintings bring the vibrant colors and light of the natural world to the winter months. Her watercolors attempt to capture elements of the natural world often overlooked by the casual observer, sometimes in remote places, but more often in our own backyards. In this exhibit, she takes us to warmer climes and brighter seasons inviting the viewer to explore the rhythms and cycles of nature as it moves toward regeneration and renewal.

Barbara worked in studio art at Montgomery College, Rockville, in the 1980s concentrating on lithography. Before she re-entered the workforce as a teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools, her work hung in numerous local exhibitions. Twenty years later, retirement afforded her time to return to artwork. She took up watercolor painting, studying first with the late Leroy Lawson and then, for the past eleven years, with David R. Daniels. Barbara is a Signature Artist of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. She has been a Resident Artist at Artists & Makers Studios since September 2015. Her work is held in private collections in Washington, Baltimore, New York, New Haven, Palm Beach, Indianapolis, Portland (ME), and London.

Don't miss this opportunity to own an original watercolor before the show closes on March 2, 2020. A portion of each sale benefits Shaare Tefila. To see more of Barbara's work, please visit [bellslessons.com](http://bellslessons.com).



*Papaya*



*Florida*



## CATERING COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTORS: ETHEL LEVINE FRAN KENSKY

Shaare Tefila members are reminded to send in their \$18 (or more) to the office to help promote the monthly CHAL-LAH and SCHMEAR that helps encourage an excellent Shabbat Kiddush and wonderful camaraderie as you take part in our sumptuous luncheon together. You may be celebrating an anniversary, promotion, birth of a grandchild, special birthday, upcoming graduation, completion of medical treatment, or anything special that is going on in your life that you'd like to share with the synagogue congregation. Your names will be acknowledged in the Shabbat Sheet for that week, along with your reasons for your donation.

We welcome your generosity and look forward to your participation in this *heimish* and yummy endeavor, once a month. We also celebrate birthdays held during that month, with a delicious cake and several types of ice cream, accompanied by "the works." Hope to see you there.

## TU B'SHEVAT: THE NEW YEAR FOR THE TREES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The name of the Hebrew month is Shevat and Tu (which means 15) is the Fifteenth day of the month of Shevat. Even though it may be cold where we live, by mid-January in Israel, almond trees are blossoming. Tu B'Shevat is a way to mark the beginning of Spring in Israel.

One of the ways that some Jews celebrate the holiday is to eat fruit that grows in the Land of Israel. The Bible mentions Seven Species, so many people enjoy them on Tu B'Shevat. They are: barley, dates, figs, grapes, olives, pomegranates, and wheat.

The meaning of the holiday has changed over time. Originally, people took portions of the fruit they had grown and brought them to the Temple in Jerusalem. But, once the Temple was destroyed in the year 70, Tu B'Shevat took on new meaning. For some, Tu B'Shevat is connected to the rebirth of the Land of Israel and is a symbol of hope. Today, for many Jews, Tu B'Shevat has taken on importance as a holiday connected to ecology and the environment. We all remember that we have a responsibility in protecting nature.

Today some people have a Tu B'Shevat seder, which is similar to a Passover seder (a meal with a special order of events). So whether you plant a tree, or eat some fruit, or help clean up your neighborhood, or have a seder,



**Happy Tu B'Shevat!**

# The Shofar

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February - March

### SAVE THE DATE

#### FEBRUARY

February 1 - Comedy Night FUNdraiser  
 February 5 - First Wednesday with the Rabbi  
 February 23 - Makers and Bakers - Hamantashen Bake

#### MARCH

March 6 - Shabbat Dinner  
 March 8 - Purim Shpiel & Carnival  
 March 9/10 - Purim  
 March 29 - Havdalah Experience



**“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.

#### HARMONY HILLS TOY DRIVE

CONTRIBUTOR: CATHY PLOTKIN



This year your contributions to Harmony Hills ES resulted in gifts for 18 students - 7 families. In addition, several congregants generously donated coats (8 students), hats, and gloves (for 40-plus students) that helped make it easier for them to stay warm this winter. We also received new clothing for another five students. I want to also thank my toy shoppers for doing a fantastic job and going out to shop at a time when one can get the most bang for their bucks!

I am humbled by your continued support of our needy students. I recently learned that Harmony Hills is the 9th poorest school in the state of Maryland. These are truly needy students who are benefitting from our support. You have made a big difference! **Thank you SO MUCH!**

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CONTRIBUTOR: ADRIANA SANDLER



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## 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



### HEALTHY AGING: LESSONS FROM JAPAN

Speaker: **Natasha Sacks**

Director of Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute

**When: Thursday, February 27, 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



## COME CELEBRATE YOUR FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY AT SHABBAT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES FEBRUARY 22

Recognize a person or event in your life or remember a loved one.

**Donate to the Enhanced Kiddush,  
"CHALLAH & SCHMEAR" TODAY**

Contact **Audrey** in the office [ahaber@shaaretefila.org](mailto:ahaber@shaaretefila.org)

## MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30 am

**This meeting is at the Hebrew Home  
Wasserman Building**

6121 Montrose Rd., Rockville

Discussion will be led by **Rabbi Layman**



**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**

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# The Shofar

## TRIBUTES

December 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019

**Andrea Z. Tilles**

### Memorial Chesed Fund

#### In Honor Of:

**Gilda Kuritzky's 90th birthday**

Ira & Ethel Levine

**Andy & Marlene Sandberg's granddaughter**

Gershon & Diane Kieval

#### In Memory Of:

**Maurice Potosky**

Alan & Adriana Sandler

Charlotte Shapiro

Marvin & Diane Schneider

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Shabasson

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Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann

Marvin & Sylvia Levy

Michael & Anita Froehlich

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Peggy Slade

Judith Beiser

Elaine Ross

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Rabbi Robert & Ruth Layman

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Rita Rubinstein

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Stephen Prenskey & Jill Goldwater

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**Sam Slotnick**

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Barbara Harkaway

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Lois Seigel

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Phyllis Burka

**Ralph Shapiro**

Ann Loeb

Elaine Stein

George & Marilyn Kessler

Harold & Henny Steinman

Stephen Prenskey & Jill Goldwater

Bernie & Susan Janiger

The Dagen Family

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Audrey Frank

**Blanche Frank**

Audrey Frank

**Larry Kahn**

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**Herbert Samuel**

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**Mona B. Gabry**

Judith Beiser

**Sidney Schwartz**

Stephen Prenskey & Jill Goldwater

### Building Fund

#### In Honor Of:

**Rabbi Jonah Layman**

Elaine Schenberg

#### In Memory Of:

**Maurice Potosky**

Michael Gross

Audrey Haber

**Abraham Krosnick**

Phyllis Lavin

Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene

**Charles Futrovsky**

### Endowment Fund

#### In Honor Of:

**Sherry Cohen's 70th birthday!**

Gordon & Sophie Novinsky

**Rabbi Jonah Layman's 25th**

**Anniversary**

Michael & Marian Newman

Mark and Robyn Futrovsky

Mark Futrovsky

### General Fund

#### In Honor Of:

**Rabbi Jonah Layman**

Daniel & Susan Marder

Michael & Anita Froehlich

David & Lee-Ellen Ronis

**Manny Ginsburg's Bar Mitzvah**

**Anniversary**

Renee & Michael Lessans

**Michael & Vivienne Auerbach's**

**grandson**

Hyman & Cilla Grosberg

Jack & Bess Teller

**Sharon Kayes' Birthday**

Jack & Bess Teller

**Michael Rosenberg's Marriage**

Jack & Bess Teller

**Grandfather's Yartzeit**

Egon & Inge Guttman

**Marilyn Kessler's 87th birthday**

George Kessler

#### In Memory Of:

**Robert Green**

George & Marilyn Kessler

**Leon Lunden**

Liane Lunden

**Samuel Friedman**

Lila Rosloff

**Sylvia Coffee**

Louis & Joan Coffee

**Selma Shachter**

Barbara Harkaway

**Daniel Scher**

Ila Swartz

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Rose Halpern

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**Frances Cohen**

Robert & Ruth Cohen

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Ruth Newhouse

**Maurice Saposnekoo**

Sophie Cozier

**Leon Bomberg**

Zisel & Lydia Sansanowicz

**Maurice Potosky**

Anne Shuman

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Ruth Newhouse

Saul & Sherry Cohen

**Ralph Shapiro**

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Rabbi Robert & Ruth Layman

**Leon Burka**

Sheldon & Denise Iskow

**Harold Fink Israel**

### Quest Fund

#### In Memory Of:

**Abraham Krosnick**

Barbara Fink

# The Shofar

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### **Machzor Dedication**

#### **In Honor Of:**

**Rabbi Jonah Layman**  
Rita Rubinstein

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Maurice Potosky**  
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Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene  
**Ralph Shapiro**  
Judy Klotzman  
**Sidney Schwartz**  
Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene

### **Martin S. Halpern Adult Education Fund**

#### **In Honor Of:**

**Michael Froehlich's Birthday**  
David & Rhona Byer

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Ralph Shapiro**  
Joseph & Margaret Gitelman

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

#### **In Honor Of:**

**Rita Rubinstein's Birthday**  
Cindy Schechter  
**Ila Swartz's Birthday**  
Cindy Schechter  
**Adina Ackerman**  
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Michael & Anita Froehlich  
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**Irving Torchinsky**  
Joyce Torchinsky  
**Jerome H. Rothenberg**  
Yehuda Ben-Israel & Rona Gail Rothenberg  
**Sidney Schwartz**  
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### **Siddur Dedication**

#### **In Memory Of:**

**Sidney Schwartz**  
Sue Schwartz

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