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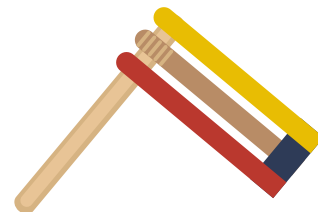
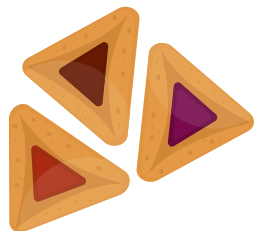
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PURIM SHPIEL 2025

11:30 am - March 16

(In person & broadcast on livestream)



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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Purim is No Joke

Rabbi Jonah Layman | RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org



Yes, *Purim* is a fun holiday for adults and kids alike. We dress up in costume, make noise in *shul*, imbibe a little too, eat *hamantaschen*, and exchange gifts with our friends and neighbors. It's an opportunity to forget our troubles and enjoy a holiday in which we celebrate being saved from the evil plans of Haman.

But, the antisemitic tropes contained in the book of Esther are still real 2,500 years after the events in the book may have taken place. Haman's disgust with the Jewish people residing in the Persian empire is still alive and well today. In fact, in an article in the *Times of Israel* in January about an ADL global report on antisemitism, the following was found:

"Nearly half of all adults worldwide hold significant antisemitic views and younger people are more likely to discriminate against Jews, according to an Anti-Defamation League survey released on Tuesday. The global survey asked 58,000 respondents in 103 countries and territories if they agreed with 11 antisemitic tropes,

such as "Jews' loyalty is only to Israel" and "Jews have too much power in the business world."

"If respondents believed that more than half of the statements were true, they were categorized as having "significant antisemitic beliefs," ADL chief Jonathan Greenblatt said in a briefing, calling the findings a "global emergency."

"Why do attitudes matter so much? Because attitudes lead to action. When antisemitic views are normalized, when anti-Jewish bigotry takes root, it creates an environment where Jews become more vulnerable," he said, tying the antisemitic views to incidents such as the attacks on Israelis in Amsterdam in November.

"In total, 46 percent of adults backed a majority of the antisemitic tropes, representing around 2.2 billion people."

We should be frightened by these numbers and we need to act. Mordechai convinced Esther to confront King Ahashverosh and we need to act today as well. Please get involved with the ADL and let's support their efforts to educate and to relieve the scourge of antisemitism and bigotry.

With wishes for a happy and meaningful *Purim*.

Message from the President

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February was the shortest month of the year and just like the month, my article this month will be short. It was great to see a large turnout for our annual event on the night before the Super Bowl, see more details as you continue reading further down in the *Shofar*. I am looking forward to March which means daylight savings time,

Purim, and the start of spring.

Speaking of spring, I ran across this regarding the transition from winter to spring and felt it most appropriate this year.

For many, it's a time of rejuvenation: a chance to shake off the heaviness of winter and embrace lighter, more playful energy. People tend to feel more motivated,

whether it's for spring cleaning, starting new projects, or just enjoying the outdoors more. The transition can be a little unpredictable, though—the back-and-forth weather, some lingering cold snaps, and sudden bursts of sunshine can be both a challenge and a joy.

As always, my monthly reminder, while financial support to our congregation is important there is also there is a non-financial support needed for our community by way of **VOLUNTEERING!** I again encourage everyone to commit to pick at least a single event to volunteer to help. If you are unsure of who to contact, please reach out to a Shaare Tefila officer or to our Executive Director Jerry Kiewe.

As president, I appreciate all of the feedback that I have been getting from everybody. Together, we will continue to create a meaningful, supportive, and enriching community for everyone.



On My Mind

By Jerry Kiewe, Executive Director | JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org



So, I want to start this article by underscoring that I pointedly set out to write something a bit more 'lighthearted.' It is, after all, *Adar* and *Purim*, so enjoy.

Of late I have had reason to think about misconceptions.

They are plentiful and wide ranging, covering a vast array of areas. And some are more consequential than others.

Some misconceptions are reflected in silly sayings about animal life that, if we bother to think about, we know to be inaccurate; e.g. – 'blind as a bat' or 'elephants never forget' ... though admittedly, who really knows what's going on inside the brain of an elephant? Others are embedded in clever little adages which again, don't really hold up. A watched pot never boils? That is true only if the watcher has no patience whatsoever.

Some misconceptions belong in the category of 'superstition' – e.g. – breaking a mirror will bring seven years of bad luck; or black cats are "unlucky." I currently have a black cat in my household, aptly named "Coal" but that doesn't seem to have caused any turn of fortune in our lives ... though I suppose that it could be argued that, without him, perhaps we'd have won the lottery? And yet, we allow superstition, or irrational fear, to become manifest in the world; case in point is the fact that most hotels that are tall enough 'pretend' not to have a 13th floor, purportedly to thereby avert tragedy.

Some misconceptions are created and perpetuated by the television and movie industries for dramatic purposes ... and bonus, some may have served the interests of law enforcement. To be sure, if anyone reading this has plans to kidnap someone and phone in a ransom request ... you go right on believing that it will take several minutes before that call can be 'traced' and if you hang up soon enough, you'll be safe.

Some common misconceptions are based on an overly simplistic 'logic' that just doesn't hold up. Heavier objects will, obviously, fall faster than lighter ones. Or the reason that it gets hotter in the summer is, naturally, because the Earth is 'closer to the sun.'

At the risk of offending those who subscribe ... I find it amusing that we have an entire 'pseudo -science' – astrology, that is built on the premise that our individual fates are connected to – and some would go a step further and say, "determined by," the movements of celestial objects.

But misconceptions – or to be blunt, ignorance about science, can potentially be dangerous. The common misconception that 'lightning never strikes the same place twice' is erroneous; it actually strikes many objects

repeatedly, especially tall ones. Though I don't think that there are many people who, having been struck once by lightning, are then inclined to boldly stand about in a lightning storm claiming to be safe from a second bolt. But misconceptions about health issues; vaccines, viruses, benefits of exercise, healthful eating habits, etc. can easily and frequently lead to serious consequences.

There are misconceptions that I'd categorize as 'historical inaccuracies' and they come in different types. There are the charming and relatively harmless tales told to children that aggrandize historical figures; e.g. – George Washington and the cherry tree. Others have more far reaching implications; 'Columbus was nearly alone in thinking that the earth is a sphere' or that he 'discovered America.' And there are some really big 'whoppers' that were purposely manufactured and then 'took root'; e.g. Abner Doubleday 'invented baseball.' I confess that I was shocked when I discovered that such a commonly known 'fact' was completely fabricated.

Alas, the purposeful manufacturing of false narratives - what I'll charitably call "misconceptions in the making," seems to be in evidence on a daily basis, upending 'facts' that we once regarded as 'self-evident truths.' No longer; the 'truth' is now incredibly malleable and murky.

As Jews, we should be especially concerned about this contortion of truth. We have been the victims of 'manufactured misconceptions' – branded as 'Christ-killers,' subjected to charges of blood libel, and are portrayed in a fraudulent but persistent work, "the Protocols of the Elders of Zion" as an insidious world-wide cabal, giving credence to utterly ridiculous claims, yes, even in modern times. Among my 'favorites' is the recent belief that Jews 'control the weather' or have developed 'space lasers.' My jesting response; I have attended all of the meetings of the JCCW - "The Jewish Committee to Control the World," and we never voted to approve either of those two proposals.

Finally, there are also some things that are commonly accepted as "facts" ... but which I nevertheless wonder about. For instance, 'no two snowflakes are alike.' Honestly, how much testing of this has ever been done – or could be? That one is pretty harmless, but how about the accepted 'fact' that no two people can have identical fingerprints? By the way, that apparently holds true even for 'identical' twins. But just because we haven't ever come across any instances is not, by itself, proof that it's not possible. So I think that one needs a qualification; either that is 'very, very, very statistically unlikely' ... or perhaps 'have never been found ... to date.' Imagine the turmoil that might occur if ever we DID discover an identical set of fingerprints? Oops!

And on that note, I wish all a Happy *Purim*!





Programming and Education

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"Mishenichnas Adar marbin b'simchah/When Adar enters, joy increases."
Tā'anit 29a

This month March 1 matches up with the Hebrew month of *Adar* 1, making this *Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Adar*/the head of the month for *Adar*. There will be special prayers recited during the *Shabbat* service to mark the occasion, as well as songs of *Hallel* or rejoicing.

In case you haven't noticed, the holiday of *Purim* takes place during the month of *Adar*, specifically on the 14th. The four *mitzvot*/commandments of the holiday include a missive to eat, drink and be merry! The story of Esther, Mordechai and the Jews of Persia is all about defeating the villain Haman, just another person in the long history of the Jews who wants to destroy us. We won (survived) and thrived, so we must celebrate the defeat of the bad guys!

The other *mitzvot*/commandments for the holiday include: giving *mishloach manot*/gifts of treats to friends and family; *matanot l'evyonim*/giving charity to the poor; and *megillah*/reading and listening to the book of Esther read aloud. **Our annual *Megillah* reading, led by the children of Shaare Tefila, will take place the night of Thursday, March 13 starting with the evening service at 7:00 pm, followed by the reading of the *Megillah* at 7:15 pm.**

Community Events

- **Come celebrate *Shabbat Across America* on March 7! Register Here for Dinner**
 - **6:00 pm** - The evening begins with a choice of worship experiences - the regular service in the Sanctuary or Mini *Minyan* for young families in the Chapel.
 - **7:00 pm** - A delicious *Shabbat* dinner will be served for those who register in advance. **Sign up here for the early adult price by Monday, March 3rd.**
- **Makers & Bakers: *Hamantaschen!***, Sunday, March 9, 12 noon – 2:00 pm, **Cost: \$18 - Sign up here by March 5th - space is limited!** Led by Karen Sussman, you will bake some delicious treats to take home and leave some to be sold at the *Purim* Carnival.
- **Tot *Shabbat*, Saturday, March 15, 11 am - 12 Noon** - Families with children thru age 7 are invited to celebrate *Shabbat* with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Moeller of Rhythm 'N Ruach!

- **Middle East Side Story *Purim Shpiel* & *Purim* Carnival! Sunday, March 16, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm**
 - **The Shaare Tefila Players Present "Middle East Side Story"** a *Purim Shpiel* based on the classic "West Side Story"! Who will prevail in the fight between the Jews and the Persians?
 - **Following the *Shpiel*, stick around for our annual Carnival**, this year including Life-size Tetris, Connect Four, Plinko, the Haman Toss, Esther's Salon & other surprises. **Once again, our 'play-all-day bracelet' costs just \$15.** Food will be available for purchase, including hot dogs/veggie dogs, *hamantaschen*, pickles, chips, popcorn and drinks. Cash, credit cards & checks will be accepted.

Activities for School Children & Families

The children of *Chavaya* had a busy time in February. ***Kitah Alef*** and ***Kitah Gimel*** classes worked together on a *Tu B'Shevat* buddy project to make pinecone bird feeders to hang in their trees at home. ***Kitah Bet*** has started their study of the Book of Exodus and even made bricks out of air dry clay when they learned about the Jews being slaves in Egypt. ***Kitah Dalet*** students and parents together met for a family session related to exploring their Jewish identity.

Gan Katan will meet on **Sunday, March 23 from 9:45 - 11:15 am.** *Morah* Mara will lead another class including crafts, music and fun with a Jewish connection! That same morning the children of *Chavaya* are going on a field trip to the Capital Jewish Museum for a special tour! **Parents are asked to RSVP on this form by March 21.**

Our next **Junior Congregation** will take place on **Saturday, March 29 at 11 am.** Remember, for school age children, Junior Congregation offers the opportunity to experience a worship service and if you arrive before 11 am, you can attend the main service as well. Our ***Kitah Na'ahroot (Teen class)*** will participate in **Part II of the Thrive program on March 30**, with facilitators from the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA). The focus of the effort is to work with teens on healthy relationships and healthy futures. **If you want to learn more about the work JCADA is doing with teens you can find it here.**



News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com



Well, it looks like winter is hanging on and, unfortunately, and it seems that warmer days are still far off in the distance. But, luckily for all of its families, Shaare Tefila provides us with a wonderful place to come in from the cold.

It was great to see that so many of you – along with invited guests – did exactly that on Saturday, February 8. Even Mother Nature held back and enabled our beautiful evening to go forward. It started with a delicious family-style Italian dinner, followed by an amazing tribute to Elton John/Billy Joel by Lee Alverson! Thank you to everyone, especially Cilla, who had a part in making this night happen!

The Membership & Religious Activities Committee are happy to co-sponsor the *kiddush* on Saturday, March 1, where we will honor the new members who have joined over the past year.

On Sunday, March 2, we will be participating in the 43rd Olney Community Day, held at Good Counsel and sponsored by the Olney Chamber of Commerce. This is an opportunity for us to spotlight Shaare Tefila, talk about the wonderful synagogue that we represent and promote the many engaging and creative programs that we offer.

Do you know anyone interested in Shaare Tefila? Please put them in touch with me or with anyone from the Membership Committee. Remember it takes a village and "It's OUR synagogue, OUR community, OUR future! It's in OUR Hands!"

MARCH SHABBAT DINNER: SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA MAR 7, 6 PM



This Month's Menu Includes:

Hawaiian Chicken
Hawaiian Tofu
Roasted Potatoes
Roasted Vegetables
Polynesian salad
Fruit Crisp
Chicken Nuggets for Kids

SIGN UP BY MONDAY, 3/3 FOR ADULT COST \$22; \$25 UNTIL

3/5. CHILDREN, AGES 5-14, COST \$14; UNDER AGE 5, FREE

FAMILY MAXIMUM COST, \$75

Questions? [Email Babette Cohn](mailto:Babette.Cohn@shaaretefila.org)
www.shaaretefila.org



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
YOU IN 2025!

Sign Up to Chant a *Haftarah*

An Opportunity for You in 2025!
Sign up to chant a Haftarah

Join our group of 30+ congregants
who regularly chant *Haftarot*.

NOW scheduling for late
April/May dates!

Contact me soon!
The dates go quickly....

Adriana (SandlerAA@gmail.com)
for available dates and questions





Purim Services

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:00 PM

- ▲ Evening *minyan* service at 7:00 pm and *megillah* reading, is due to begin at 7:15 pm, featuring many of our religious school students.
- ▲ The evening *minyan* service and *megillah* reading are In-person or via livestream
- ▲ All are encouraged to come in costume!
- ▲ Please bring a box of rice or pasta to use as a "grogger" during the *megillah* reading. Upon departure, we ask that you leave it in the bins by the front door to thereby donate it to Olney Help's food pantry.
- ▲ Refreshments, including delicious *hamantaschen*, will be available following the service.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 AT 8:00 AM

- ▲ Morning *minyan*, including the *megillah* reading; in-person or via Zoom



Happy Purim



JOIN US FOR MAKERS AND BAKERS

HAMANTASCHEN COOKIE CLUB!

Join Karen in the Kitchen to Bake Hamantaschen!



YOU'LL TAKE SOME AND LEAVE SOME FOR SYNAGOGUE CHESED AND PURIM EVENTS.



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12-2 PM, \$18 FEE
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QUESTIONS? ASK BABBETTE COHN
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REMINDER: PLACE YOUR ORDER TO SEND MISHLOACH MANOT BY MARCH 10

We encourage you to participate in our 14th Annual *Purim* fundraiser!!!!

If you have not yet placed your order, either thru the Happy *Purim* website or directly with Shaare Tefila, the deadline to do so is Monday, March 10.



You can still participate until then; if you need assistance, please contact Stephanie Buckberg at: pmjmine3@gmail.com or 301-873-8988.

The cost is \$3 per member/household or, if you would like to send *Purim* greetings to everyone in the congregation, a maximum of \$180.



Sisterhood

Shelley Rochester, Sisterhood President | shelleyrochester85@mail.com | 301-633-5515



Dear Sisters,

Chins up, heads held high, we are just about through the snow season. Sisterhood has some lovely plans for this month to brighten your outlook.

On March 23 we're again sponsoring our annual Women's Seder. Year

after year this has been a popular program and a rich experience. It is a wonderful opportunity for self-affirmation, mutual support and, per usual, Fun. Detailed information regarding registration will be sent out.

On a sober note, as we struggle to read and hear about the Hamas-induced horrors, we can find solidarity in sharing the pain and sorrow with one another. It is good to talk to friends and family. Somehow we must take hold of this massive tragedy in a way that will help us attain a

sane, rational comprehension of it all; an acceptance that will buffer the revulsion. Not that we should (or could) accept any of these events with passivity, but rather to be able to think about and talk about it all and still breathe easily and with a calm, strong heart. The important thing is we must continue to talk about it!

(Breathe.)

I am writing this column from Ixtapan, Mexico at the "Fran Kensky Spa." So, not having my notes with me, I am unable to sign off with a Jewish Haiku. THUSLY, I am sending a couple of rules of Jewish Living.

1. If you can't say something nice, say it in Yiddish.
2. According to Jewish dietary law, pork and shellfish may be eaten in only Chinese restaurants.
3. After the destruction of the Second Temple, G-d created Loehmann's

Annual Musical Women's Seder!

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Spring is coming and its almost time for our annual Women's Seder!

Each spring we look forward to celebrating the beginning of the Passover season with our Shaare Tefila Sisterhood. It's a wonderful tradition and it's always a pleasure to learn a few new songs and taste a new dish or two!

This year's event will be on **Sunday, March 23**. Our wonderful musicians from last year, Lisa Baydush and Audrey Katz, are returning to lead us in our musical seder experience. **Doors will open at 5:30 PM and the program begins at 6 PM.**

The cost is \$36 for adult members; \$40 for adult non-members; \$20 for young girls (ages 5-15). **Please note that the registration deadline is Tuesday, March 18.**

You are asked to register first at; <https://forms.gle/SRD67335LEyrhi9b6>

Payments can be made by:

- Mailing your check and completed **form (ON PAGE 11)** to: Ilene Mizrahi, 3117 Fairweather Ct, Olney, MD 20832. Make checks payable to "Shaare Tefila Sisterhood"
- Bringing payment on the day of the event; there will be a 5:30 PM Check-in at Shaare Tefila (checks payable to Shaare Tefila Sisterhood)
- If you would like to pay in advance via credit card – or charge this to your Shaare Tefila/ShulCloud account, you can do so at; <https://shaaretefilacongregation.shulcloud.com/event/sisterhood-women's-seder---march-23-2025.html>

Want to help out in other ways?

- Like to cook and shmooze? Please help us cook on Thursday, March 20, beginning around 5 PM.
- Like to set the tables and help with last minute tasks? Come on Sunday morning of March 23, at 10 AM!

Thanks in advance- many hands make light work!

- Questions? Contact Cathy: CathyP1130@gmail.com
- Need help with registration? Contact Valerie; Val@iglobal.com
- Need a ride? Contact Barbara: Beas_Fink@verizon.net



Scan this code to register online



Celebrating *B'nai Mitzvah*

Danica Feldmann will celebrate her *Bat Mitzvah* at Shaare Tefila at the *Shabbat* morning service on Saturday, March 15.

Danica is a 7th grade honor roll student at Wood Middle School. She's an accomplished artist, drawing at every opportunity, including fashion sketches that she hopes to turn into actual dresses one day.

Her artistic passions are wide. She crochets adorable animals and blobs, has been taking dance classes and voice lessons for years, enjoys the piano and even is self-taught on the ukulele, accompanying herself on vocals.

Danica enjoys skiing every winter and has a wonderful time on the slopes with her parents, her sister and her uncle and cousins. One of her happy places is the beach, with a particular joy in jumping under the waves. Some of her favorite vacation activities are sailing and kayaking. She's also looking forward to her 6th summer at Capital Camps.

Danica is an enthusiastic participant in the Linus Project, creating blankets for people in need, and continues this work as her *Bat Mitzvah* project.

Samuel Hirsch will celebrate his *Bar Mitzvah* at Shaare Tefila at the *Shabbat* evening service, followed by *havdalah*, on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

Sam is a 7th grade student at Glenwood Academy. While he has excelled in all his academic subjects, Sam has developed a particular fondness for history. Sam is an accomplished athlete who enjoys playing football and basketball. After playing just one season of recreation lacrosse this past spring, Sam discovered his love for the sport. He decided to try out for the year-round club lacrosse team, The Rebels, DMV. Sam's hard work and willingness to take a risk paid off. He currently plays both midfield and defense for the Club.

When Sam isn't on a field or on a court, he can be found enjoying time with his cocker spaniel, Molly, as well as spending time with his younger brother Teddy (though he may not readily admit it). This is especially true when they are in their shared happy place in the summer at Deep Creek. There, Sam loves to find new ways to stunt-ride tubes on the lake, fish, and explore and enjoy the outdoors.

Since Sam was very young, he has always found a kinship with older people. He loved his pre-school field trips to the Hebrew Home. He looked forward to spending time with his great-grandfather when he was little and has always enjoyed spending time with his grandparents throughout the years. As such, in memory of those who are no longer with us, and in honor of those who still are, Sam has chosen to raise funds for the Hebrew Home for his *mitzvah* project.



MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

MARCH

Anniversary Celebrations

- 3/3 Max Kantzer & Patricia Greene
- 3/4 Philip & Deanna Temkin
- 3/12 Joshua & Mara Lansky
- 3/26 Myron & Bernice Goldstein
- 3/26 Howard & Judith Rumerman

Birthday Celebrations

- 3/1 Danica Feldmann
- 3/1 Ronald Miller
- 3/2 Brianna Arnovits
- 3/3 Gayle Miller
- 3/3 Camilla Mauldin
- 3/4 Morris Berman
- 3/4 Shelley Rochester
- 3/4 Sheryl Tilles
- 3/6 Rachel Trachtman
- 3/9 Shirley Liberman
- 3/11 Michael Binder
- 3/11 Babette Cohn
- 3/11 Amanda Miller
- 3/13 Ricardo Kleiner
- 3/13 Evan Polisar
- 3/13 Sierra Polisar
- 3/13 Ron Rubloff
- 3/13 Bess Teller
- 3/14 Emily Fero
- 3/14 Ivy Konel
- 3/14 Sandra Stein
- 3/15 Rhona Byer
- 3/16 Thomas Krussman
- 3/17 Anne Zajicek
- 3/18 Leah Krantz
- 3/19 Jason Ellis
- 3/20 Mark Liberman
- 3/21 Eric Marshall
- 3/21 Rina Torchinsky
- 3/21 Burton (Dov) Zimmerman
- 3/22 Stuart Zitomer
- 3/23 David Polinsky
- 3/23 Craig Zucker
- 3/24 Julie Balin
- 3/26 Samantha Fero
- 3/26 Leah Lipsky
- 3/27 Rayna Orli Cohen
- 3/27 Adam Gross
- 3/27 Sammy Gurman
- 3/27 Cory Sepulvado
- 3/28 Sarah Levitt
- 3/29 Melvyn Kornspan
- 3/30 Susan Binder
- 3/30 Elisheva Layman
- 3/31 David Appel
- 3/31 Sharon Zitomer



Thanks for a Magical Night

Cilla Grosberg, Programming VP

What a magical night we had on Saturday, February 8, 2025 as our synagogue hosted our amazing annual fundraiser featuring professional entertainer Lee Alverson performing his "One Man, One Piano, One Night" Tribute concert to Elton John and Billy Joel. Thank you to all our congregants and friends of Shaare Tefila who came to support this wonderful event. We had over 180 attendees, even with the threat of some inclement weather that night. Your attendance and support helped raise more than \$8,500 that will go to sustain, grow and provide social, educational and spiritual programs.

To create an evening like that, and to have it be successful, there are so many people to thank. Special thanks to Shaare Tefila's Director of Education and Programming Babette Cohn, who designed and created our communications and marketing materials, and kept track of our RSVPs. In addition thank you to Sam Cohn who was our photographer for the event. Thank you to Rabbi Layman and Jeff Weiss for making all the announcements from the *bimah*, and Jeff for even trying to sing the Elton John song "Saturday Night" each *Shabbat* morning to help motivate our congregation to buy tickets. Thank you to Jerry Kiewe and Luis for setting up our room so beautifully that evening. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped at our sign in table - Dara Grosberg Kotra, Sam Cohn, and Ellen Beebe. Furthermore, thank you to Chef Lauren Kensky of "The Fiddlehead Chef" and her wonderful staff for presenting a beautiful dinner.

This evening could not have come together without the energy, love, and menu planning skills of congregant

Karen Sussman who helped us fulfill our vision of what the event could look like, helping it all come together. She also had the support of her cousin Jessica Eustace who decorated our stage and beautiful tables and centerpieces. Of course I want to thank my wonderful husband Hyman for all his love and support always. Special thank you to Ron Raich of Wine Loft liquor of Pikesville, Maryland for providing our lovely selection of Israeli and Italian wines for our wine bar. Lastly, thank you to Ira Kolmaister for tech support as well as Fran and Stan Kensky for their help with food preparation.

Again, thank you to all of our Friends of Shaare Tefila and congregants who attended and supported this beautiful evening of delicious food, friendship and entertainment while raising funds for our synagogue. Below is the list of congregants who gave extra financial support as sponsors of this event.

Long Island Sponsorship

Leslie and Karyn Gross
Stan and Fran Kensky

Rocket Man Sponsorship

David and Rhona Byer
Saul and Sherry Cohen
Jeff and Fran Weiss
David and Naomi Yadin-Mendick

Piano Man Sponsorship

Ben and Elissa Wolf



A Day in a Life of a Government Worker

By Benjamin Glass

I have trouble getting out of bed. Late night - board meeting, comforting(?) another civil servant, pouring anxiety into code — now I'm late to morning prayers. Morning is chaos; kids. While she drives me to the train station, I tell my wife my concern that being late could give someone a reason for me to lose my job. Left unspoken, it might not matter.

I get in after an eighty-minute commute. It's a *schlep*, but my reward is a stunning view. In my line of sight is the Washington Monument. To my left, the Treasury building. To my right, the White House — the President works from home. I don't think about my mortgage, my kids. I walk into Treasury.

Tech issues consume an hour. I reach out to overworked IRS experts about data issues. They get back to me to say they'll get back to me. Sure.

I meet with a team of experts, a collection of decades of PhD training and centuries of specialized experience. Only here is so much talent concentrated on doing what we do. We discuss tax issues that I couldn't explain to you if you gave me all day. Then we guess at White House plans.

Someone in my office is resigning. She's the person who works with OMB on the regulations on our regulations. We're asked who wants to take on her role. Hard pass.

Lunch, more code, prayers, more emails, we prepare for who knows. Sometimes the news tells us what leadership won't. Now, it just obsesses with power and purges. No, obviously we don't talk about it.

It's hard to leave the office - the building is buffeted by protesters. Some are *haredim* protesting that Israel shouldn't exist. Far more numerous are the chants and desperate cries of protesters afraid of what Musk is doing in there. They want us to stop him. If he was in today, I didn't see him.

It's a long commute home. I get another "Fork in the Road" email suggesting that I resign. Worse, an email from my own HR. My heart races - I know I'm being fired...oh! Just routine paperwork. Well, maybe later.

At the Metro, a kid runs by, says there's an active shooter. I panic a little, stand by a stone pillar. Another false alarm; I board the bus.

I need to see my kids.

And my kids need me.



The Havdalah Experience : Jewish A Capella!

Enjoy the musical stylings of local Jewish A Capella Group *Chai Dynamics! The evening begins with singing the *Havdalah* blessings in community, as we say farewell to *Shabbat* for another week. The concert will follow and a reception will take place upon its conclusion.

When: March 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

Where: Shaare Tefila, 16620 Georgia Ave

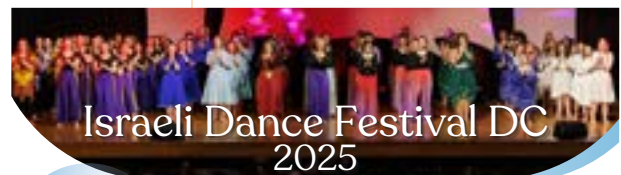
Who: People of all ages!

What: Chai Dynamics Concert!

Cost: FREE - Register Here

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30

3:30 PM

Doors open at 2:45 PM

Berman Hebrew Academy
13300 Arctic Ave.
Rockville, MD 20853

Pre-Festival Dance Party: March 29, 8:30 - 11:30 pm
B'nai Israel Congregation
6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852
Suggested Donation: \$5

Tickets:

Advanced purchase:

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\$20 adults | \$15 seniors | \$10 students

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Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the Chesed Committee

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It has been a busy month for the Chesed Committee. We are about to implement a new initiative: rolling out, rolling out.... The Meal Train! This initiative is being spearheaded by Karyn Gross. Through this program the Chesed Committee, with the help of congregants, will be able to provide vegetarian/dairy meals for congregants who, for a longer period of time, may need, for whatever reason, prepared dinners. This initiative is still in its experimental stage but should be in full swing by the beginning of April. Stay tuned!

If just a couple of dinners are needed, we still will order and deliver meals from local kosher establishments (see below).

In our attempt to reach some additional congregants, the Chesed Committee slipped a Dunkin Donuts gift card in the College Mom's Purim packages which will be sent off to college students soon. The Chesed Committee hopes that the college kids will enjoy a couple of nice hot drinks, compliments from us!

Remember!

The Chesed Committee has the financial means; (thanks to congregants' generous donations)

The Chesed Committee has the help of many people (Chesed Committee members and additional congregants)

AND

The Chesed Committee has the will to make (most) things happen!

Contact us if you would like or need one of the following:

- calls on an ongoing basis with one of our volunteers
- rides to Shabbat services or to Shaare Tefila events/programs,
- medical appointments, grocery stores and other destinations
- dinners prepared by The Kosher Kitchen, Moti's or Shalom, Sienna or our own kitchen
- cozy winter soups prepared by Soupergirl, a local, kosher & vegan company; ...

more initiatives to come in 2025.....stay tuned!

CHUG IVRIT An Invitation for You!

**Do you have children, grandchildren, other family members in Israel?
Are you planning a trip to Israel?**

The *Chug Ivrit* of Shaare Tefila is just right for you! We are a small group of people who like to engage with modern Hebrew, in a pleasant, no pressure class.

We are speaking, reading, writing and learning under the guidance of fellow congregants Ami Frydman and, at times, Ofer Zajicek. They not only teach us conversational Hebrew but also bring a wealth of knowledge and background information about Israel to each and every session.

We are reading fantastic short, but up-to-date news, science, and human-interest articles.

Do try *Chug Ivrit*: Conversational Hebrew via Zoom on Sunday mornings!

From the convenience of your home, 10:30 AM – 12 noon.

You too can join the Shaare Tefila's *Chug Ivrit* (Even if you can't make it each and every time, we are happy to have you when you can)

Do you want to make sure *Chug Ivrit* is right for your level of Hebrew?

Email Adriana at SandlerAA@gmail.com, to receive a sample of the articles we are reading right now.

להית ... perhaps?

2025 SISTERHOOD WOMEN'S SEDER REGISTRATION FORM

- Complete below and mail with payment to: Ilene Mizrahi, 3117 Fairweather Ct, Olney, MD 20832
- Make checks payable to "Shaare Tefila Sisterhood"
- Write "Women's Seder" on memo line.

Name: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Member Status: _____

Payment Included: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

OR, you can use this QR code to go directly to the registration form



Tribute to Sylvia Potash

By Deborah Brodie, Sylvia's daughter



Sylvia Potash was born in Baltimore on April 3, 1922. She had three brothers - two older - Sidney and Seymour and one younger, Allen. She was the only *maidel* (girl).

The family moved to Washington, where her father opened a butcher shop. The first shop was in Georgetown but after a time, her mother said they needed to move; she felt that Georgetown was not the place to raise Jewish children since there was no indoor plumbing. Sylvia said that her parents, both immigrants, only spoke English in the house because they wanted their children to be good American citizens.

They moved to Upshur Street where the apartment was upstairs and Adler's Kosher Butcher Shop was downstairs.

Story: Daughter Deborah went to Florida for a wedding and stayed with her Uncle Seymour and Aunt Barbara, who were in their 70's. Her uncle said to her in an uptight voice, "Growing up my parents had one bedroom and the three boys had the other bedroom. But your mother had the biggest room of all." Deborah could hear the angst in his voice. When Deborah came home and asked about this, Sylvia's reply was; "Oh, I didn't have a bedroom - I slept on the sofa in the living room and I didn't have a closet or a dresser for my clothes."

After the boys each had a *bar mitzvah*, Sylvia's mother thought it wasn't fair not to have a *simcha* for Sylvia. So her mother went to Adas Israel, which had confirmation for girls, spoke to the rabbi, and explained that she wanted Sylvia to join the class. The rabbi agreed. So Sylvia then took a bus to and from Adas Israel for a year. Since she started confirmation in the final year, she never really bonded with the other girls, but she did participate in the confirmation and had her *simcha*.

Sylvia said she was not the best of students. This was a time when girls were not encouraged academically. She then went to secretarial school after high school and during World War II, she worked for the War Department.

Sylvia was quite beautiful. Her mother was a seamstress and made her garments. They were one-of-a-kind-special, to hopefully meet her *besheret* at the Jewish dances that she attended. She became friends with Ethel Potash. One

day Ethel told her that she knew someone she wanted Sylvia to meet. But Sylvia had never gone on a blind date and was adamant on this principle. But Ethel chimed in, "No, he's not a blind date; he's my brother!" The introduction was made ... and it was *besheret*.

Joseph was in the Army. He was with the 10th Mountain Division, the only ski troop during World War II. He served in Italy, setting up the postal service and devised a system to deliver mail to those in the hospitals as well as in combat. His system was adapted by other divisions as well.

Their wedding was planned in a two-week window. They were married Saturday, August 24, 1945. They had to wait until the end of *Shabbos* and also for Uncle Shammai to drive in from Baltimore.

Two years later, Nancy was born, then Deborah, and then Judith. The girls are three years apart from oldest to youngest. When the girls were young, the family moved to Riggs Park, where there was a *shul* already established. But after a time, a rift began; half of the congregation wanted mixed seating; the other half wanted to keep separate seating.

Those who wanted mixed seating separated and that was the beginning of Shaare Tefila. Sylvia and Joseph were charter members. The first year, the congregation met in a church for the High Holidays. Sylvia brought toys and books for the children to play with while the adults were davening. During the rest of the year, daily services were held in an old house. Every Friday, Sylvia, along with her cousin, Rose Gordon, would walk tea kettles to the house on Fridays so that the men would be warm on *Shabbos* and Sunday. (This is before my mother drove and besides, the family did not have car.) Then on Sundays, after services, the two of them would walk back to retrieve them. And she still has her kettle!

When the new building opened on Riggs Road, there was a big parade. The road was closed and the Torahs were marched down the street into the new building. Movies were taken of this event.

Shaare Tefila was the Potash's second home. There were the services, the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, and DOTS. Their lives revived around the *shul* and its activities. Everyone knew each other and it was a very happy place to be. There were also other activities that took place in

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POTASH, *continued*

the building, e.g. — The American Cancer Society had their gala dinner there.

Each of the Potash girls had her *bas mitzvah* at Riggs Road. At that time there was no air conditioning in the building. Girls had a *bas mitzvah* on Friday nights. No reading *Torah*. The girls conducted the entire service and wrote a *Dvar Torah* on a Jewish person, place or thing. Girls also chanted the *Haftorah* for that week.

Holidays were always an important part of the rhythm of the family. New clothes, hats, and gloves were on the agenda for the High Holidays. Sylvia once saw a friend make a *sukkah* on her clothes line, so she went home, placed blankets and fruit onto her clothes line, and then invited friends to visit. When they moved to Malta Lane, they had a “fancy” *sukkah* made of wood that actually had a roof. *Chanukah* was always fun — making cookies and sometimes even *latkes*. Gifts were a silver dollar, a pair of socks and maybe pajamas. *Purim* was all about getting dressed up. All those Queen Esthers and *hamantaschen* — all kinds of yummy *hamantaschen*! *Pesach* tended to be a time of panic, what with trying to get the kitchen ready for the holiday. At the Potash *seders*, the kids hid the *afikomen* and the parents had to find the it. One year, Nancy gathered her sisters together and told them that they were going to ask for a baby brother or a horse! And that’s what they did. The parents could not find it — and the kids were not going to tell them where it was. But ultimately, the matter was settled; each girl was given a silver dollar. Needless to say, no one got a baby brother or a horse.

Like her mother, Sylvia has always been very creative. She was leader of a Jewish troop of the Girl Scouts. She sewed many of the girls’ outfits, and there was always food cooking in the kitchen and craft activities galore. When a baby doll needed a bed, it was made from a cigar box and spools, painted beautifully with sparkles. Stilts were made from Hawaiian Punch cans with ropes tied to them.

When her girls were in junior high, Sylvia went back to work for the government as a secretary and she enjoyed working. The family took trips — yes, like everyone else, to the beach. They also went to Niagara Falls on both the New York and Canadian side. Then they rented a Nimrod and expanded their ventures; they camped to Florida; the next year to Detroit, and took a big trip camping across the United States. The family kept kosher — tuna fish from cans was a frequent meal of choice. When the

family arrived in a city, Joseph called a local *shul* to ask if there was a place to buy kosher deli.

After the girls grew up, Sylvia and Joseph traveled across the United States — including Alaska and Hawaii. They went to conferences put on by the 10th Mountain Division and they also participated in Road Scholar tours. Most important to both Sylvia and Joseph was the family. All the siblings were close to each other and they considered themselves richer than the wealthiest people in the world.

Shaare Tefila has been a major component in Sylvia’s life’s journey. From being a founding member, to the various buildings; first on Riggs Road, then Lockwood Drive, and now Georgia Avenue, *shul* is her a second home. Life continues to change but the *shul* is a constant and the services it provides helps to keep Sylvia alive and happy. The family is grateful for all those who continue to care and nurture Sylvia with their kindness, especially those who drive her to and from *shul* and make sure she has plenty to eat at *kiddush*.

Monthly Discussion Group

Shaare Tefila offers a monthly opportunity for members to discuss topics of interest, ranging from politics, Israel, education, legal issues and many more. Sessions are open to all willing to engage in respectful dialogue and invites YOU to join in and share your own point of view.

The group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday (except Holidays). At present it is meeting via Zoom.

Shaare Tefila Monthly Discussion Group;

Every month on the second Wed. until June, per below;

Mar 12 10:00 AM	Apr 9 10:00 AM
May 14 10:00 AM	Jun 11 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting via the link:

https://bit.ly/ST_discussion

One tap mobile access; +13017158592,,85180032226#
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If you have any questions, please contact; Jack Teller:
JackTeller@verizon.net.



Remembering Manny Ginsburg

By Saul Cohen

Manny Ginsburg, z"l, who passed away on January 21, 2025, was a friendly, intelligent and generous member of Shaare Tefila. Many of you know of the distinguished Wiiliamowsky family into which he married, but I want to tell you about my personal experience with Manny. In one word, Manny was a *mensch*.

We have interacted over the years about both *shul* issues and our personal lives. Manny was a great person. He was philanthropic. He had lots of friends. And though his walking ability over the last few years diminished, he always seemed to be in a good mood.

Manny and I discussed our knee replacements, his friend who was a member of my larger family, his occupation, and his family, especially his wife Biddie (Miriam).

On a Shaare Tefila level, we discussed his ideas about our funds, our financial issues, and our Shaare Tefila programs. He was more than an ideas or advice person. He was willing to put his efforts and resources where his ideas and advice were. He "walked the walk."

I last saw Manny in late October, 2024. He was happy and seemed interested in what we discussed. I will never forget Manny and Biddie, two wonderful people.

I will really miss Manny.

Manny and Biddie had four daughters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May their memories be a blessing for all of us.

March 2025 Kiddush Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE	MARCH 1	DATE	MARCH 15	DATE	MARCH 29
Sponsored by the Shaare Tefila Membership & Religious Committees	Kitchen Captain Stacy Levine /Joy Salzman	Bat Mitzvah - Danica Feldmann	Kitchen Captain Val Kolmaister	Kitchen Captain	Jackie Benn
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DATE	MARCH 8	DATE	MARCH 22		
Kitchen Captain	Sheryl Tilles	Sponsored by by Lenore Layman, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Rabbi Jonah Layman's bar mitzvah.	Kitchen Captain Shelley Rochester		
Volunteers	Adam & Rachel Glaser Adriana & Alan Sandler Freda & Jay Krosnick Gabe & Valentina Romano Jodi & Sonny Goldreich Joyce Torchinsky Mara & Josh Lansky Rita & Ami Frydman	Volunteers	Abigail & William Mauldin Cilla & Hy Grosberg Ivy Konel Jaclyn Vincent Leslie & Karyn Gross Marty & Sue Leshin Sandy & Joel Friedman Stephanie & Hal Epstein		



SUNFLOWER BAKERY PURIM MENU 2025



Masquerade Cookies



Cookie Dough

Purim begins on Thursday, March 13th!
DEADLINE for online & pre-orders is Thursday, March 6th at NOON
 Menu items available as of February 10th

Special area pick up locations are available March 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

TRADITIONAL HAMANTASCHEN

Sold individually at our retail locations.
 \$1.25 ea, \$7.50/half dz, \$14/dz

**Apricot (NF), Chocolate (NF), Raspberry (NF),
 Prune (NF), Poppy, & Almond**

SPECIALTY HAMANTASCHEN

Sold individually at retail locations.
 \$1.75 ea, \$10/half dz, \$19/dz

Triple Chocolate (NF)

Chocolate pastry, fudge brownie filling, dark chocolate drizzle

Cookie Dough (NF)

Chocolate pastry with a chocolate chip cookie dough center, dark chocolate drizzle

Coco Caramel

Traditional pastry filled with chewy caramel coconut, dark chocolate drizzle

Strawberry Funfetti (NF)

Traditional pastry filled with strawberry jam, decorated with icing and sprinkles

Dipped Hamantaschen

Flavors include: Almond, Apricot (NF), Chocolate (NF), Raspberry (NF), dipped in Callebaut semi-sweet chocolate

*SPECIAL HOLIDAY SHIPPING:

- Package #1** - 1 dz Traditional Assortment \$35
- Package #2** - 1 dz Specialty Assortment \$40
- Package #3** - 1 dz Allergen Friendly Assortment \$40
- Package #4** - Combination Pack Assortment \$57
 1 dz Specialty & 1 dz Traditional.

**All orders include 1 package of Mishloach Manot (candy, fruit wrap, tea). Nationwide Holiday shipping is FedEx 2-day, orders are scheduled to arrive by March 13th.*

NF=Nut-Free, GF=Gluten-Free, V=Vegan

Sunflower Bakery is Kosher Pareve, Dairy-free, Peanut-free facility.
 Please note: No menu alterations or substitutions.

ASSORTMENTS

Traditional Assortment (NF) \$15/dz

Our most popular flavors: Apricot, Raspberry, Chocolate, and Prune.

Specialty Assortment \$20/dz

Triple Chocolate, Cookie Dough, Coco Caramel, and Strawberry Funfetti.

Allergen Friendly Assortment (NF, GF, V) \$20/dz

Our traditional Hamantaschen flavors, Apricot & Raspberry, prepared Gluten-free, Vegan & Nut-free

FAVORS & PARTY PLATTERS

Masquerade Sugar Cookies (NF) \$3

3 colorful rolled sugar cookies

Traditional Favor Bag (NF) \$2.75

1 Apricot & 1 Raspberry

Dipped Favor Bag (NF) \$3.75

1 Chocolate & 1 Raspberry

Specialty Favor Bag (NF) \$3.75

1 Strawberry Funfetti & 1 Cookie Dough

Allergen Friendly Favor Bag (NF, GF, V) \$3.75

1 Apricot & 1 Raspberry

Mishloach Manot (NF) \$10

2 Traditional & 2 Dipped Hamantaschen, candy, tea and a fruit wrap.
 Festive and ready for gifting!

Traditional Hamantaschen Platter (NF) \$65

4 dz of assorted Apricot, Raspberry, Chocolate, and Prune garnished with 5 Masquerade Sugar Cookies

Specialty Hamantaschen Platter \$85

4 dz of assorted Triple Chocolate, Cookie Dough, Strawberry Funfetti & Coco Caramel garnished with 5 Masquerade Sugar Cookies



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Chocolate Dipped



Coco Caramel



Strawberry Funfetti



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Admission and parking are FREE and there is ample space to accommodate all.

This premier event—the longest-running business expo in Montgomery County—is a celebration of our vibrant Olney community.

It's a unique opportunity to connect with local residents, businesses, and organizations for a day of collaboration and fun. Last year, over 100 exhibitors participated, drawing an impressive crowd of 3,000–4,000 attendees.

Shaare Tefila will have a display table there so please stop by and visit.

The event also features live performances, food vendors, giveaways, and children's activities.

(Please note that there will NOT be any access to the Performing Arts Center this year.)





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TAUGHT BY RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

SUNDAYS – 9:30 AM – TALMUD

This 1500-year-old text serves as the foundation for Jewish practice today. Join us as we study the section that deals with civil laws that deal with property ownership. No prior study of *Talmud* is required.

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Join us for a discussion of current events from a Jewish perspective after the evening *minyan*. This class will be recorded.

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We discuss the major topics and issues in the weekly Torah portion. This class will be recorded.

FRIDAYS – 9:30 AM – BIBLE CLASS

This class has been meeting for 26 years and was reading the Torah in English with the traditional medieval rabbinic commentaries. The class is now reading the *Books of Samuel*.

ALL CLASSES MEET ON ZOOM

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Weekday morning *minyan* services are conducted both in-person **AND** via Zoom on **SUNDAY, MONDAY** and **THURSDAY** at 8:45 AM.

Weekday evening *minyan* services are conducted **ONLY** via Zoom on **MONDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** evenings at 7:30 PM.

All Shaare Tefila events, week day services and programs are now available at this **Zoom link** unless otherwise indicated.



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