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*Rosh Hashanah Begins the
Evening of Monday, Sept. 22 through Wednesday, Sept. 24*

*Yom Kippur Begins the
Evening of Wednesday, Oct. 1 through Tuesday, Oct. 2*

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REGISTRATION
COMING SOON!



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Hoping For Change While Living In Troubling Times

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I find it very difficult and saddening to read the news every day. I am a person who is guided by my deeply rooted Jewish values. My love of Judaism and passion for Jewish text and rituals have helped me understand how I am so supposed to live a life of meaning. Those Jewish principles have taught me that all of humanity is created in the image of God and that we are supposed to love our fellow human beings as we love ourselves. Everything else we do — how we conduct our affairs all day and every day — derive from those two foundational principles.

Those values are not unique to Judaism. All religions teach that humanity contains a Divine spark, and all religions teach social justice. Yet, I see that we are living in an age when these very basic, core principles of western civilization are under attack. And as a result, I find myself living in a fog - overwhelmed by the news of antisemitic attacks, Israel being isolated, climate change being denied, immigrants cowering in fear, and the list can go on and on - and I'm not sure how to find hope.

Our tradition — developed by the rabbis who lived 1500-2000 years ago — provides a spiritual path for us living in dark times. We must remember that no matter

how bleak we think life is today, it was worse in rabbinic times. The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, the people of Israel were exiled and/or enslaved. Jewish life seemed to be coming to an end. Even in the midst of the what, until the Holocaust, was the darkest time in Jewish history, the rabbis found hope.

In these weeks leading up to the High Holidays - 7 weeks from the fast day of *Tisha B'Av* (commemorating the destruction of the Temple) to *Rosh HaShanah* - the rabbis have us read prophetic selections from the latter chapters of *Isaiah*. These "*haftorot*" chanted after the *Torah* reading on *Shabbat* morning provide hope in the midst of despair. Scholars believe that Isaiah lived in exile in Babylonia after the 1st Temple was destroyed and he claimed that despite ample evidence to the contrary God still loves us. He claimed that God wants us to be good people, to continue to follow the *Torah* and to be examples of righteous living. The way to overcome hopelessness, Isaiah teaches, is to remain a part of the community, to continue to be guided by Jewish principles and to know that God loves us.

Yes, these are difficult times. Yes, Jewish and social justice values are being threatened. But our community is strong. Our values are Good and eternal. And our faith is resilient. Together we pray that the year 5786 will be one of change and blessing.

Message from the President

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I hope everyone is having a nice summer. Fran and I have been busy with our beach house in Lewes. We are anticipating another fun beach week with family from New York state at the beginning of August. We also have/will host friends for stays with us as we explore a bit of a change in our lives.

Another change that will happen before my next article will be the change of season. While summer is often a time of movement—of travel, rest, and open schedules; fall invites us back into a different rhythm and the start of the High Holiday season. The High Holidays offer us a unique opportunity for introspection, renewal, and connection—with ourselves, with our community, and with the Divine.

This past year has brought both challenges and blessings. Together, we have continued to grow as a community; showing up for each other in times of need,

celebrating milestones, and finding new ways to live our values. Whether it's through worship, learning, social justice, or simply being present for one another, the strength of our congregation lies in the relationships we build and the spirit we bring.

As we enter this new year, I'm thrilled about the fresh opportunities ahead—new initiatives, renewed learning, expanded engagement, and joyful celebrations that will deepen and strengthen the fabric of our community. I encourage everyone to attend an additional program this year and volunteer to support one additional event this year; as without our volunteers, most events couldn't happen.

As your president, I am filled with gratitude—for your trust, your participation, and your presence. None of this happens without you. And everything we do is richer because of the diverse voices, identities, and stories that make up our community.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and *l'shanah tovah tikatevu*.



On My Mind - A “Trashy” Piece

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



When my children were young, we used to take frequent walks around our neighborhood. I made it a habit to always make sure that we brought some small plastic bags, and along the way, we would pick up various trash

and recycling items that we found lying about along the way. There was almost always something, and more after trash and recycling pickup days, when, inevitably, some items didn't get fully transferred from the bin to the truck. And windy days could really leave an added mess.

I also taught them to pay attention to the sewer grates and, when necessary, we would use a nearby stick to clear away any accumulated debris. This was especially necessary in autumn, lest, come winter, fallen leaves would clog the grates, thereby impeding the melt of snow and ice and the flow of water.

They delighted in these efforts, and we all took pride in “cleaning up the neighborhood.” It didn't hurt that neighbors frequently noticed and expressed their appreciation. And the neighborhood DID thereby remain noticeably pristine.

All of my children are now grown, but my habit persists. My wife and I take periodic walks in the neighborhood and a couple of plastic bags always accompany me. Also, when we travel about, in parking lots everywhere I often see and pick up loose bottles and cans.

More significantly, at least once each week, I make it a point to walk the grounds of a nearby elementary and high school and armed with my plastic bags, I pointedly pick up much of what I find at each. During the school year, it's noticeably horrible in the aftermath of a Friday night football game, but even in recent weeks, while the schools are in recess, I typically manage to fill, no exaggeration, 4-5 kitchen garbage bags with plastic bottles, caps and other assorted items. A bag full on the tennis courts, a bag full on the basketball courts at each of the two schools, a slew left by the softball fields, and even on the playground (!) ... and always a large number of water and Gatorade bottles left on the track/playing field. This despite the fact that there ARE trash and

recycling bins on the premises. Evidently, people who play sports can't muster up the energy to bend down, pick up their plastic bottles, and walk 25 yards to the recycling bins?

Why bother? I know that my cleanup at only two public school sites will hardly make a difference. I am also aware that there is a lot of potentially valid critique of what actually happens to all of the bottles and cans that are collected. But I have seen photos of the ‘plastic islands’ in the oceans ... and I know that every bottle and cap that I don't pick up stands a higher likelihood of ending up there. So, I do my part as I recall this quote by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, “Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean.”

But this weekly exercise also runs deeper. It's about attitude. There are so many problems in this world of ours that are overwhelming ... and we can easily just throw up our hands in despair, defeated by the sheer enormity of it all. Why bother, indeed. My weekly recycling vigilance offers a reminder of missive offered by Rabbi Tarfon; *Pirkei Avot* 2:16, “It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it.” Wise words indeed. Let's all rededicate ourselves to do our part ...

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU IN FALL 2025!

Sign Up to Chant a *Haftarah*

**Whether it is your first time or 18th time,
join our group of 30+ congregants!
(If needed, an audio of the *haftarah* is available)**

NOW scheduling for FALL dates!

**Contact me! The dates go quickly....
Adriana (SandlerAA@gmail.com)**



Upgrades at Shaare Tefila

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

You may think that the summer months are “slow” ... and yes, the level of programming is reduced as school is on recess, monthly dinners take a pause, and many people go on vacation. However, summer is also a time to try to take advantage of the reduced activity and tackle some other types of projects. Here are some of our undertakings:

- Over the summer, we engaged ZeroDraft to replace ALL of our existing lighting with more energy-efficient fixtures. This included ALL areas of both the inside and outside, including the parking lot lights. You may notice that the new lighting is a bit brighter and whiter. In the process, they have also repaired a few lights that weren't fully working - some parking lot lights and some running lights along the walkways in our playground. Roughly 85% of the cost was covered by energy savings incentives and a small remaining portion will be paid out over the next 2 years, presumably offset by reduced usage and savings.
- Earlier this year, the bridge-walkway leading from the parking lot to our office area was fully refurbished and the deteriorated concrete was replaced. More recently, the accumulated rust was fully removed, and the metal areas were re-coated and re-painted.
- We caught up on a long-standing task of placing a backlog of orders for new bricks for the walkway outside of the main entrance. A total of seven bricks were ordered and delivered in July and sometime in August we will see that they are installed. I note that, while we will accept orders for new bricks year-round, installing them will remain a once-each-summer task.
- In late July we installed two “replacement” banners; a replacement for our Israel banner, that was defaced in June, and a replacement for the “Hate Has No Home Here” banner, as the wording on the original banner had faded significantly.

- Finally, while it will take some months to complete, we have contracted with Shul Solutions and have begun the effort to replace our existing website with one that will be fully integrated with our existing ShulCloud system. Here is a short list of reasons why integrating our website into the ShulCloud database will be beneficial:

- 1. Real-time Data Updates and Customer Access:** The ShulCloud-based website will not involve publishing. Content can be easily updated, saved, and will then ‘go live’ almost instantly. This helps to ensure that the content on our website will be up-to-date.
- 2. Personalized User Experience ... and Enhanced Security:** We will be able to use customer ‘tagging’ to personalize content and offers, improving user engagement. We will thereby be able to easily show certain content to certain people, or hide content as needed; restricting access of certain areas only to members, school families, or board members (and only when they are logged in).
- 3. Tailored Promotions:** The new website can be set to automatically feature upcoming events in various categories, display *Shabbat* times, etc. This will improve the staff’s ability to prioritize activities and should enhance the user experience.
- 4. Improved Analytics:** Access to detailed insights into user behavior and website performance.

This effort is headed up by Ira Kolmaister and Ofer Zajicek, with staff guidance provided by Babette Cohn. Once the framework of the new site has been built out, we will be seeking input and (new) content from various arms of the congregation, which can each have devoted pages of their own.

We hope that you will be pleased with the improvements.





Programming and Education

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Master of the Universe, grant me the ability to be alone. May it be my custom to go outdoors each day among the trees and the grasses, among all growing things and there may I be alone and enter into prayer to talk with the one that I belong to. Know that every shepherd and shepherdess has a unique nigun (melody) for each of the grasses and for each place where they herd. For each and every grass has its own song and from these songs of the grasses the shepherds compose their songs.

– Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, *Lekutai Moharan Tanina* 63

This summer has certainly presented challenges with spending time outdoors in the DC area. At times the heat has been difficult for everyone, and especially people with health conditions affecting their respiratory system. As summer nears its end and we soon enter the month of *Elul*, I wish you relief from the heat and the ability to “go outdoors each day among the trees” and take the time to “enter into prayer” in whatever way fulfills your heart.

Plans for Children's Education

[Gan Katan and Chavaya registration for the 2025-26 year is available, and planning is going on for all ages.](#) There will be a **Welcome Back Open House on September 7** and the **first day of classes will be on September 14**.

[PLEASE register your child\(ren\) as soon as possible at this link.](#) Of course you are invited to tell your friends about our welcoming, engaging Jewish education program! We are always interested in growing our school. **If you know someone who is curious, please give them my email, BCohn@shaaretefila.org.** I will be happy to speak with them!!

High Holiday Youth Program Update

NEW THIS YEAR - Shaare Tefila will offer **childcare on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings for children in preschool (ages 2-4) through 4th grade** to help students engage with the High Holidays in a fun and educational environment. **Children in 5th grade and above** are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary service, as well as participate in our Family Service in the Chapel each day. **You will find information on the High Holidays schedule on page 9.**

Lots Going On - Community Events

We have been working hard this summer to plan for community programs in the coming year. Be sure to take a look at the program pages with information on our new Sunday afternoon film series, dates for Makers & Bakers, *Shabbat* dinner dates, and much more!

You do not have to wait for September to spend time with your Shaare Tefila family. Join us for one or both

Shaare Tefila Palooza opportunities, and/or the Pop Up *Shabbat* service on Friday, August 8. Be sure to contact me with any questions.

- [Shaare Tefila Palooza Midweek - Happy Hour & Games, August 6, 5-6:30pm - Free - RSVPs Requested Here](#) - Join us for the first of our informal summer socials in August! Stop by Shaare Tefila, see some friends, play games & enjoy some refreshments while you cool off!
- [Pop Up Summer Shabbat Evening Service & Oneg, August 8, 5:45-7:30pm - Free - RSVPs Requested Here](#) - Welcome *Shabbat* in person on a warm summer evening. A delicious *oneg* including dairy, Indian style food will be served after services.
- [Shaare Tefila Palooza Sunday Afternoon - Fun in the Sun! August 17, 4-5:30pm - Free - RSVPs Requested Here](#) - Join us for another informal summer social in August! Come play on a lazy Sunday with your Shaare Tefila friends! Reconnect before September madness begins!!
- [Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner! September 5, 6pm - Register Here by September 2](#)
 - ▶ **6pm** - The evening begins with our regular service for all in the Sanctuary.
 - ▶ **7pm** - Join the community for our first dinner of the program year!



EXPERIENCE, ENGAGE & CELEBRATE WITH SHAARE TEFILA 2025-26



*New
this
year*

Sunday Afternoon Film Series: Focus on Israel

Experience, watch & discuss a series of films by Israeli creators or related to Israeli stories. Refreshments will be served throughout. 2PM on the following Sunday afternoons:

**Sunday afternoons at 2 pm:
10/19, 12/7, 1/25, 3/22**



Gan Katan Preschool Class

Shaare Tefila's Monthly Jewish Preschool Experience for Up to Age 5 & A Grown Up! Playtime, story time, crafts, & more! Led by *Morah Mara Lansky* \$54 for the year - \$10 drop in fee

**Sunday mornings, 9:45-11:15 pm:
9/14, 10/19, 11/16, 12/7, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12
& 5/17**



Tashlich & Picnic at Lake Needwood

Short service led by Rabbi Layman, followed by activities for children & adults alike! Shaare Tefila will provide light snacks.

Sunday, 9/28, 10 AM-12 PM



Save the Date:

**Saturday, February 7,
ST Annual FUNdraiser event**

Dinner & a Concert, featuring international recording artist Daryl Davis & his band. Enjoy the great sounds of Jazz, Blues & Rock!

Saturday, February 7



Join Us As We Welcome *Shabbat* At Our Monthly *Shabbat* Dinners

Sept 5 * Oct 3 * Nov 7 * Dec 5 * Jan 9 * Mar 6 * May 1 * June 5

Makers & Bakers



Hands-on learning for adults! Some months you will create something beautiful; others you will make a delicious delicacy. Details will be announced & no experience necessary!

Sept 7 * Sept 21 * Oct 22 * Dec 14 * Jan 11 * Apr 26

Purim Shpiel & Carnival

Purim Fun for the whole community! Games, costumes, lunch, prizes, & more!

Sunday, March 1

HAPPY PURIM

Shaare Tefila Sisterhood

Sisterhood offers programming for women of all ages. Contact **Shelley Rochester** to find out more (shelleyrochester85@gmail.com)

See calendar on page 9

Shaare Tefila Men's Club

Men's Club give ST members opportunities to help the community & play softball & basketball together.

Contact **Mike Binder** to find out more (mjbinder@comcast.net)

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CELEBRATE *SHABBAT* AT SHAARE TEFILA 2025-26



Mini Minyan with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Moeller

Engage in Joyful Judaism as we welcome *Shabbat*! This program is designed for children ages 0-7 and their families.

Friday evenings, 6-7pm:
Sept 5 * Nov 7 * Jan 9 * Mar 6 * June 12



Tot Shabbat with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson

A fun, musical service geared towards families with young children ages 0-7.

Saturdays, 11am-12pm:
Oct 25 * Feb 28 * Apr 25 * May 16



Flavors of Shabbat



Friday Evening Service, 6-7pm

Monthly Shabbat Dinners - join us for a night of *ruach*/spirit & a delicious Friday night meal.

Sept 5 * Oct 3 * Nov 7 * Dec 5 * Jan 9 * Mar 6 * May 1 * June 5

Shabbat in Song with Sally Heckleman: Dates TBD

Shabbat Learning with Rabbi Jonah

Monthly Judaism: Then & Now - after the service, join Rabbi Jonah for a lively discussion on a topic related to Judaism and how it has changed over time. The discussion will be followed by *kiddush*. **Service: 9:30am-11:30am; discussion: 11:30am; kiddush 12pm** - Dates TBD

Monthly Lunch & Learn - Engage with Rabbi Jonah to discuss a topic from that morning's Torah reading. **We will meet after kiddush at 12:30pm.** Stay to participate in a *mincha* (afternoon) service - Dates TBD



Junior Congregation

A spiritual experience designed for school age children, Junior Congregation offers a chance to practice service participation in a more comfortable setting. We meet regularly in the Grosberg-Baumgart Chapel.

Saturdays, 11am-12pm:
Oct 25 * Nov 22 * Dec 13 * Jan 24 * Feb 28
* Mar 21 * Apr 25 * May 16



Havdalah Experience

For families and friends looking for a festive, *ruach*-filled way to start the week.

After sundown - times & programs to be determined:
Nov 1 * Dec 20 (*Chanukah* Program) * Jan 31 * Feb 21





HIGH HOLIDAY 2025 - 5786 INFORMATION

- Shaare Tefila conducts Conservative-style services on both *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, in its Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Jonah Layman and Cantor Adina Ackerman.
- Plentiful seating is available and seating is OPEN; there are no assigned seats, but arrangements CAN be made for any special needs upon request!
- Shaare Tefila utilizes the *Lev Shalem Machzor* and provide these for attendees, along with Torah books.
- A Family Service (parents and children together) will be conducted in the Chapel, from 10 – 11 AM on both days of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur*
- Youth programming is offered each day for school-age children, Kindergarten thru 4th grade from 11 AM – 12:30 PM.
- Babysitting is offered, beginning at 10 AM each day for children ages 2-4 years, by advance request,
- Shaare Tefila has 100 parking spaces and there is additional parking available on the nearby access road on Georgia Avenue. If anyone has need of reserved parking, that can be provided upon request.
- All High Holiday services and programming is free to our members and available to extended family, guests and non-members on a fee basis. If anyone feels that ST's requested fees are beyond their means, they are strongly encouraged to contact ST's Executive Director, Jerry Kiewe, JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org or 301-593-3410 ext. 101, or via cell: 410-294-3205, to engage in a confidential discussion.
- The basic schedule for this year is below and order information will be available soon on our website.
- Please feel free to direct any questions to ST's Executive Director.





HIGH HOLIDAY 2025 - 5786 SCHEDULE

Pre-High Holiday - *Selichot*

Saturday, September 13 – 8:30 – 10:30 PM

Hosted this year by Bnai Shalom of Olney: 18401 Burtfield Dr, Olney, MD 20832

– available **in-person or via Zoom** – using links provided by Bnai Shalom

Will consist of havdalah, a program led by Rabbi Avi Strausberg of HADAR, and a service led jointly by the clergy of Shaare Tefila, Bnai Shalom, Kehilat Shalom and Tikvat Israel.

High Holiday Services – 5786/2025

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 22 - Evening Service - 6:00 PM – **In-person, via Zoom or Livestream**

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - Holiday service - 9:00 AM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Babysitting provided for children ages 2-4 years - 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Family Service in the Chapel – 10:00 - 11:00 AM - **In-person**

K-4 th Gr. Childrens' programming in classrooms – 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - **In-person**

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - 6:00 PM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Holiday service - 9:00 AM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Babysitting provided for children ages 2-4 years - 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Family Service in the Chapel – 10:00 - 11:00 AM - **In-person**

K-4 th Gr. Childrens' programming in classrooms – 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - **In-person**

Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Evening Service & *Havdalah* - 7:45 PM – **Via Zoom**

Tashlikh

Sunday, Sept. 28 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

At Lake Needwood: 15700 Needwood Lake Cir, Rockville, MD 20855

Join Rabbi Layman for a reflection activity, followed by *tashlikh*, a symbolic discarding of the sins we have committed and a renewal of our commitment to atonement. Light refreshments will then be served. In lieu of regular *Chavaya* classes, students will meet in groups for special outdoor activities.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Oct. 1 - *Kol Nidrei* - 6:30 PM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Thursday, Oct. 2 - Holiday service, including Torah reading and *Yizkor*

9:00 AM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Babysitting provided for children ages 2-4 years - 10 AM – 12:30 PM

Family Service in the Chapel – 10:00 - 11:00 AM - **In-person**

K-4 th Gr. Childrens' programming in classrooms – 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - **In-person**

Study session - 4:00 PM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Thursday, Oct. 2 - *Mincha & Neilah* - 5:00 PM - **In-person or via Livestream**

Final Shofar blowing - 7:45 PM

News from the Membership Committee

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By now everyone is probably deep into the summer heat, traveling, and reconnecting with friends and family. We are driving to Boston in August for a wedding and plan to stop along the way to take in other sites and enjoy the history Boston has to offer.

Summer may be quieter in the building, but we continue

to reach out to prospective members and before you know it, the High Holidays will be upon us. If you know someone curious about *shul* life or looking for spiritual community, please send them my way. As we all know, word of mouth is powerful!

The membership committee continues to wish you sunny days, some shade when needed, and memorable moments filled with kindness and joy.



Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the Chesed Committee

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Revitalization of Congregant Calling Congregant: Reach Out!

PART 2 OF 2

In last month's *Chesed* column, we spoke about congregational in-reach to connect person to person, with the help of the *Chesed* Committee.

This month we are focusing on three "neighborhoods" Riderwood, Charles E. Smith Life Communities and Leisure World.

Residents of both Riderwood and Charles E. Smith Life Communities received summer greetings from the *Chesed* Committee including a list of fellow Shaare Tefila members who live in their "neighborhood".

In the later part of August, the *Chesed* Committee will be travelling to.... Leisure World!

We are looking forward to an in-person gathering at Leisure World in one of the community rooms, for Shaare Tefila members living at Leisure World.

Invitations have gone out. This will be an opportunity for the 30 or so LW members to meet and greet. Transportation can be arranged.

Our Executive Director, Jerry Kiewe, will be at the meeting for a short talk. There will be an opportunity to ask Jerry any synagogue related questions. He will know or find the answers!

Again:

We are looking for members who would like to make a call to a fellow member every week/every other week or so, AND we seek congregants who would like to receive these calls. Not much more is being asked.

We all have phones, let's use them! Reach out!

Contact me: 240-593-5792, or by email: SandlerAA@gmail.com



Sisterhood

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Dear Sisters,

As we ease out from the blazing heat of July to the blasting heat of August, I am reminding you that the first Sisterhood Board meeting will be on Monday August 4 at 8:00 pm. We will be diving into our discussing and planning for Jewish

Book Club, Mah Jongg Club, Paid-up Membership Dinner, and the Patron Event (which will be a doozy - and we'll open up limited tickets to all). There will be full agenda requiring discussion and voting.

Our Pot Luck and Planning Meeting on June 9 was a major success on several levels. First of all, the pot luck part was terrific. We had a "groaning board" (Bess' kitchen island) of delectables. With their permission, I'd like to share some of our chef's recipes in future *Shofar* columns. The heart of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing our schedule of events for 2025-26 - **our updated schedule is included here**. My profound thanks to all the "brave and stalwart" women who volunteered to work on the various committees next year. We have chairwomen for all but two activities (Yay!) and signed up Sisters for nearly all the tasks. In the meantime, I will be button-holing the rest of you to press you into service. As I assured Marilyn Pontell, I would love it if you "only" made three phone calls or bought paper napkins. (Marilyn, you can put away the garlic and crucifix now. I ... am ... stepping ... back.)

And while we're on the subject of this year's activities, I am asking all of you to mark your calendars NOW: Paid-up Membership Dinner on September 15! (**See sign up on page 14.**) "Hello Dolly" at Olney Theater on January 4! Spring Brunch with Mr. Omelette on May 17 (by popular demand)! And though I know it seems like a long way off, note the year-end Pot Luck and Planning on June 8! We want you, we need you to show your interest and support of Sisterhood, and we like to see you!

JEWISH HAIKU

Today, mild *shvitzing*.
Tomorrow, so hot you'll *plotz*.
Five-day forecast — feh

Zie Gezunt!

2025-26 SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Tues., August 5	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Mon., August 11	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Mon., September 15	Paid-up Membership Dinner (with speaker), 5:30-8:30 PM at Shaare Tefila
Sun., October 5	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Thur., October 16	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sun., October 26	Patron Event*
Tues., November 4	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Mon., November 17	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., December 2	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Mon., December 8	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Wed., December 24	Movie w. Pizza & Ice Cream, 6:00 PM at Shaare Tefila
Sun., January 4	Show at Olney Theater; <i>Hello Dolly</i> , 1:00 PM
Tues., January 6	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., January 13	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sun., January 18	Craft Program; Glass Fusion* at Shaare Tefila
Sun., February 1	<i>Tu B'Shevat Seder</i> * at Shaare Tefila
Tues., February 3	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., February 10	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sat., February 21	Bingo, 7:00 - 9:00 PM - at Shaare Tefila
Tues., March 3	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sun., March 8	Women's <i>Seder</i> , 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Shaare Tefila
Tues., March 10	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., April 14	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Thurs., April 16	Board Meeting, 7:45PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sat., May 2	Sisterhood <i>Shabbat</i> - at Shaare Tefila
Tues., May 5	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., May 12	Board Meeting, 7:45PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sun., May 17	High Tea, Fashion Show & Silent Auction, 11:30 AM at Shaare Tefila
Mon., June 8	Potluck Dinner & Planning*, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

*Details TBD



ARE YOU EXPECTING... to deliver A LITTLE CUTE NEW MEMBER OF SHAARE TEFILA?



The *Chesed* Committee is also ready to deliver:
some delicious healthy and tasty dinners
for the new parents!

Contact Zella at Zella@joethecat.com (preferred)
or 301-384-1231 when the time is right

CHUG IVRIT INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AND LEARN A LITTLE HEBREW!

***Also, great in preparation to upcoming travel to Israel!**

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

להית ... perhaps?

Celebrating B'nei Mitzvah



Isaac Eber will celebrate his *bar mitzvah* at Shaare Tefila at the morning service on Thursday, August 21.

Isaac is an 8th grade student at Earle B. Wood Middle School where he excels at math and plays the trumpet. Isaac enjoys swimming, making toys on his 3D printer, and playing video games. He has a strong interest in aviation and knows a great deal about different types of airplanes. Isaac loves animals, particularly his cats Teddy, Pearl, and Ruby.

For Isaac's *bar mitzvah* project, he is using his 3D printer to print *groggers* for the Shaare Tefila Congregation to use during *Purim*.



Nate Glaser will celebrate his *bar mitzvah* at Shaare Tefila on *Shabbat* morning, September 6, 2025.

Nate is an 8TH grade student at Eastern Middle School where he is an active member of the drama club. He has taken on both on stage and crew roles, most

recently serving as stage manager for a beatnik-inspired *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Nate is also involved in the school's Model UN club.

Outside of school, Nate enjoys figure skating and summer swim team. Nate has a strong appreciation for Japanese culture and history. He can regularly be found with headphones on, immersed in Japanese pop music. This spring, he traveled to Japan on a school trip to see all the sights, and this summer, he saw his favorite Japanese artist, Ado, in concert closer to home. An avid reader, he devoured *Shogun* and loves anime graphic novels.

Nate is a dedicated gamer, playing video games online with his friends and strategic board games with his brother. It was his love of chess that inspired his *bar mitzvah* project. After regularly besting his Nanni, he decided to take his talents on the road and volunteered his time, sharing his love of chess and checkers, with residents at the Brookdale Retirement home where he also helped run their carnival games.



MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Anniversary Celebrations

6/8/5 Hal & Stephanie Epstein	8/29 Bradley & Joy Salzman
8/7 Ken & Karen Lefler	8/30 Joseph & Andrea Manchester
8/10 Saul & Sherry Cohen	8/31 Alan & Beverly Weinstein
8/10 Mark & Karen Kaufman	
8/11 Jeffrey & Susan Hysen	9/1 Eric & Kathleen Greenberg
8/13 Bryan & Laurin Goodman	9/2 Joseph & Carolyn Bonnett
8/13 Sarah Nachlas Cohen & Michael Cohen	9/2 Jesse & Deborah Stiller
8/15 Burton (Dov) Zimmerman	9/2 Stuart & Judy Carroll
8/16 Gary & Stacy Levine	9/3 Robert & Helene Braun
8/17 Jay & Freda Krosnick	9/3 Steven & Janene Ellis
8/18 Ronald & Gayle Miller	9/3 Carole & Gary Sepulvado
8/18 Anne & Ofer Zajicek	9/5 Daniel & Jackie Benn
8/20 Hyman & Cilla Grosberg	9/6 Laurence & Carolyn Goldstein
8/20 Joe & Amy Federman	9/8 Ricardo & Marianne Kleiner
8/22 Zisel & Lydia Sansanowicz	9/9 Perry & Stephanie Buckberg
8/24 Jonah & Lenore Layman	9/10 Karen & Michael Sussman
8/25 Adam & Stephanie Krantz	9/13 David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick
8/25 Erik DuBois & Sarah Katz	9/14 Joel & Sandra Friedman
8/27 Michael & Anita Froehlich	9/16 Ron & Jamie Rubloff
8/28 Richard & Wendy Abraham	9/18 Marvin & Diane Schneider
8/29 David & Laura Torchinsky	

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Birthday Celebrations

8/1 Susan Goldsamt	8/15 Lita Katz	9/6 Alexis Gurman
8/1 Karyn Gross	8/15 Jonathan Leshin	9/6 Elliott Prissman
8/1 Jeremy Weinstein	8/16 Mayrav Bond	9/7 Rachel Reilly
8/2 Sharon Fried	8/16 Mark Kaye	9/7 Karen Sussman
8/2 Audrey Haber	8/18 Elizabeth Fuhrmann	9/8 Ellen Beebe
8/2 Jerry Kiewe	8/18 Daniel Goldsamt	9/8 Elana Plotkin
8/2 Zachary Plotkin	8/18 Seth Kolmaister	9/9 Alex Schotz
8/2 Steve Schotz	8/19 Abraham Fuhrmann	9/9 Victoria Yedlin
8/2 Michael Sussman	8/19 Frances Weiss	9/11 Carolyn Goldstein
8/2 Deanna Temkin	8/20 Nathan Lefler	9/11 Iris Hyman
8/3 Nora Helfgott	8/21 Daniel Weiss	9/11 Eric Hysen
8/4 Eleanore Alpert	8/22 Wolf Kotra	9/15 Carolyn Bonnett
8/4 Florence Polinsky	8/23 Laura Ross	9/15 Daniel Froehlich
8/5 Erik DuBois	8/25 Adam Abramson	9/15 Benjamin Green
8/5 Samantha Heyison	8/25 Leon Green	9/17 Rebecca Shah
8/6 Molly Rochester	8/25 Hyman Grosberg	9/17 David Temkin
8/7 Joshua Akman	8/26 Lori Marshall	9/18 Jonathan Glass
8/7 Robert Braun	8/27 Elaine Ross	9/19 Aaron Gross
8/8 Karen Leighton	8/27 Myron Sagall	9/19 Donald Helfer
8/8 Hedi Sandberg	8/28 Benson King	9/20 Jonas Buckberg
8/10 Sarah Rubin	8/29 Arlynn Klein	9/21 Mark Levitt
8/11 Karla Jones	8/29 Lee-Ellen Ronis	9/21 Rella Zimmerman
8/11 Dennis Kaye	8/29 Scott Sandler	9/22 Jonathan Cohn
8/11 Shelly Radnor	8/30 Seth Haber	9/23 Beverly Weinstein
8/12 Ilene Mizrahi		9/24 Mark Fuhrmann
8/12 Amy Patten	9/1 Karen James	9/24 Gabriella Mendick
8/13 Ira Kolmaister	9/1 Elaine Stein	9/25 Emily Green-Blicher
8/13 Hailey Sepulvado	9/2 Michael Gross	9/25 Perry Sandler
8/14 Monica Friedman	9/2 Sarah Katz	9/26 Michael Blicher
8/14 Marjorie Fuhrmann	9/4 Charlotte Potosky	9/26 Ann Hamlin
		9/27 Brian Kaye

*You Are Invited
To Attend ...*

*Lenore and Rabbi Jonah
Layman
invite all in the
Shaare Tefila community
to attend the aufuf
of their children,
Aliza Layman
and
Ari Friedman,
on Saturday October 11,
which will be included as
part of that morning's
Shabbat services.*

*A kiddush luncheon in
their honor will follow.*

*All are asked to
please RSVP
by Thursday Sept 25 to
RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org*

Thanks in advance!

BRICK PAVER DEDICATIONS

We are pleased to report that the bricks below, ordered over the past two years, have arrived. They will be installed amidst the existing bricks on the front entrance pathway – also shown below – sometime in August.



If you would like to order a brick, the form for that can be found at:
<https://www.shaaretefila.org/donations-old/brick-paver-program/>
and a hard copy form is helpfully included in the next page.





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"Paving The Way To Our Future Together"

Through this ongoing fundraising opportunity you can place your name, company or personal message engraved on a permanent 4" x 8" brick paver.

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Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

_____ Total # of Bricks _____ Total enclosed

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Payment in full is required at the time of order

Check or credit card accepted

We accept Visa and Mastercard

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Shaare Tefila
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Olney, MD 20832

Questions? Contact

Jerry Kiewe * JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org * 301-593-3410, ext. 101





Shaare Tefila Sisterhood Presents:

Paid-up Membership Dinner

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2025

TIME: Meet & Greet: 5:30 p.m., Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Harriette Wimms will talk about the importance of belonging, diversity, equity, inclusion, effective communication, and joy as resilience.

Send Dues & Reservations to **Ilene Mizrachi, 3117 Fairweather Court, Olney, MD 20832**, or Sign up through Shul Cloud **NOTE:** Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept 10.

Dues: (Check Membership Level)

- ☐ \$55 Regular Membership
- ☐ \$40 Senior Membership (ages 70+)
- ☐ \$70 Patron Membership
- ☐ \$60 Senior Patron Membership
- ☐ \$18 Daughter/Granddaughter (< 18 yrs) of paid-up Sisterhood member.

JOIN SISTERHOOD AND THE DINNER IS COMPLIMENTARY!

☐ Not a member, or any friends who want to attend: Cost: \$35

Can't make it to the dinner but want to join Sisterhood? Please send your dues to Ilene Mizrachi at this time.

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Home Phone (h) _____ Cell © _____

Membership Level Dues Enclosed: _____ Attending Dinner: YES _____ NO _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____





SAVE THE DATE!
Shaare Tefila Sisterhood
Presenting:

HELLO DOLLY

Olney Theater, Jan 4, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Everyone welcome, ticket price: \$65 person
- a **GREAT family** experience -
Mark your calendars and join
your Shaare Tefila family at this event!
More information to follow!

Aug. - Sept. 2025 Kiddush Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

AUGUST 2
Stacy Levin /Joy Salzman
Anita & Leon Green
Annie & Daniel Hirsch
Barry & Susan Katz
Sharon & Dennis Kaye
Shelley & Mark Levitt
Florence & David Polinsky
Judith & Howard Rumerman

DATE
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

AUGUST 16
Stacey Lynch
Judy Bass
Riki & Carl Gottlieb
Marc & Tanya Heyison
Ellen & Benson King
Lisa & Tom Krussman
Rhoda Sumner
Deanna & Phil Temkin

DATE
Labor Day Weekend
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

AUGUST 30
Shelley Rochester
Phil Goldman
Rita & Jay Hagler
Susan & Jeff Hysen
Ethel & Ira Levine
Roni & Barry Polisar
Holly & Steve Schotz
Zella Shabasson &
Julian Rosenberg
Debbie & Jesse Stiller
Jack & Bess Teller

DATE
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

AUGUST 9
Stacey Lynch
Stephanie & Hal Epstein
Rita & Ami Frydman
Jodi & Sonny Goldreich
Freda & Jay Krosnick
Mara & Josh Lansky
Gabe & Valentina Romano
Joyce Torchinsky

DATE
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

AUGUST 23
Jackie Benn
Hal & Rebecca Fero
Lois & Bob Freedman
Karen & Barry James
Eric & Lori Marshall
Heather & Shawn Miller
Susan Rubenstein & Carl Sabath
Jamie Schwartz



DATE
Bar Mitzvah - Nathaniel Glaser
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 6
Sheryl Tilles
Lisa & Dan Akman
Emily & Michael Blicher
Judy & Stuart Carroll
Rona Eisen
Sarah Elson
Anita & Mike Froelich
Marlene Goodman
Barry & Susan Katz
Lee & David Ronis
Rhea Siers & Joe Kraut

DATE
Pre-Rosh HaShana
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 20
Wendy Abraham/Sherry Cohen
Ellie Alpert
Diana Alpher
Ellen Beebe
Laura & Alan Burnstine
Joyce Feinstein
Stephanie Green
Sumner Katz & Martha Witebsky
Sandra & Melvyn Kornspan

DATE
Co-sponsorship by Saul & Sherry Cohen and Mark & Karen Kaufman in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversaries!
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 13
Shelley Rochester
Betty & Randy Balin
Debbie Finch
Mort & Ina Goldstein
Myron & Bernice Goldstein
Cilla & Hy Grosberg
Sarah & Thomas Jackson
Andi & Joe Manchester
Marci & Jonathan Rubin
Bev & Alan Weinstein

DATE
(Middle of High Holidays)
Kitchen Captain
Volunteers

SEPTEMBER 27
Karen Sussman/ Marlene Sandberg
Ben & Ashley Doyle
Adam & Rachel Glaser
Bryan & Laurin Goodman
Annie & Daniel Hirsch
Jackie Samuel
Jane & Stewart Saphier
Jeff Schwartz



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Gary Levine, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, by Steven & Margie Eiserike
Diane & Gershon Kieval, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, by Joyce Feinstein
The Chesed Committee, by Patricia Greene
Fran Kensky, on the occasion of her 70th birthday. May you have a wonderful day and a 70th year of joy, peace, and good health.
From Charlotte Potosky

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The marriage of Dylan Hysen and Sarah Dolman, by Howard and Kim Dolman
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Gary Levine, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, by Cilla & Hyman Grosberg
Diane and Gershon Kieval, *mazel tov* and best wishes for many happy and healthy years of celebrating life together...Happy 50th Anniversary! With love, Nina Gurman
Diane & Gershon Kieval, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Ruth & Rabbi Robert Layman, on the occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary, by Florence & David Polinsky
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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, via Zoom, on the 2nd Wednesday (except Holidays).

Shaare Tefila Monthly Discussion Group Dates:

Every month on the Second Wed, until June, per below;

Sept. 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

October – TBD due to Jewish holidays

Nov. 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Dec. 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Jan. 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Feb. 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Mar. 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Apr. 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM (delayed to 3rd Wed. due to Passover)

May 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM

June 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting via the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85180032226?pwd=RGwyMmhnQd3QvcS85SE16emJMZ2lDUT09>

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If you have any questions, please contact; Jack Teller:

JackTeller@verizon.net.

Sunflower Bakery

Reminder that this year Shaare Tefila is supports Sunflower Bakery and encourages you to place orders and, whenever the holidays make it possible, to select Shaare Tefila as a pickup site. Shaare Tefila thereby receives a portion of the proceeds based on sales, so win-win all around. See next page for the *Rosh Hashanah* menu.

You can place orders at: <https://www.sunflowerbakery.org/> or CALL Sunflower at 240-361-3698.



Sunflower Bakery Rosh Hashanah Holiday Menu 2025

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Monday, September 22.

Rosh Hashanah pre-order DEADLINE is Tuesday, Sept 16th at NOON.

Menu available beginning Sept. 2.

Special pick-up locations are throughout the DMV area Sept. 18, 19, 21, 22.

(NF) = Nut-Free, (GF) = Gluten-Free*, (V) = Vegan *Please note: Sunflower Bakery is not a gluten-free facility.

Classic Rosh Hashanah Holiday Desserts

- Apple Cake (NF), 8"** – \$16
- Bubbie's Apple Bundt (NF), 10"** – \$30
- Honey Cake (NF), 1 lb** – \$10
- Upside-Down Apple Torte (GF,NF), 9"** – \$34
- Honey Cookies (NF), 1 lb** – \$12
- Rolled Sugar Cookies (NF), 1 lb** – \$16
- Pomegranate Pink Fudge Cupcakes (GF,NF), dozen** – \$16
- RH Sugar Cookie Favor Bag (NF)** – \$2.50
- Shana Tova Logo Cookie (NF,V)** – \$5

Rosh Hashanah Holiday Platters

12" platters, serve approximately 15 people

- RH Tea Bread Platter (NF)** – \$35
- RH Cookie Platter (NF)** – \$35
- RH Cookie & Bar Platter (NF)** – \$35

Holiday Pies & Tarts

- Dutch Apple Pie (NF,V), 10"** – \$24
- Almond Apple Tart, 8"** – \$30
- Salted Caramel Chocolate Tart (GF,NF,V), 8"** – \$30

Holiday Cakes & Breakfast Pastries

- Cranberry Scones (NF), 1/2 dozen** – \$18
- Vegan Coffee Cake (NF,V)** – \$18
- Chocolate Bundt Cake (NF)** – \$18
- Glazed Lemon Poppy Cake (GF,NF)** – \$20



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Lifelong Learning Resumes After Labor Day

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.

MONDAYS – 7:45 PM – JEWS & THE NEWS

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

WEDNESDAYS – 11 AM – TORAH STUDY

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3026500395?pwd=QktRaUlqYzdqUDhJdVlkZG9BdDZMQT09>

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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
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