



Shaare Tefila Congregation

The Shofar השופר



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It's Time to Get Fired Up for Our Annual BBQ Dinner June 6, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a Great Evening at the Last Community
Dinner of the 2024-25 Program Year

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

How I Hope Israel Will Help Me

Rabbi Jonah Layman | RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org



God willing, Lenore and I will be traveling to Israel in July. Lenore will work remotely and participate in three volunteer projects, and I will be studying at the Shalom Hartman

Institute in Jerusalem. The State of Israel is under tremendous pressure - while continuing to wage war against Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon and trying to retrieve the hostages in Gaza, the people of Israel are terribly divided. There are protests in the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem every week to advocate for the hostages or to protest judicial reform or to protest other policies of the government. It is a fraught time, to say the least.

Yet, I continue to gain spiritual rejuvenation by walking the streets of Jerusalem and studying Torah in Judaism's holiest city. I find that I need to be in Israel to reset my moral and ethical compass. Studying in Jerusalem with rabbinic colleagues from all denominations in America who not only believe in Israel's right to exist but who all want to see Israel fulfill its biblical mission to be a light unto the nations is uplifting.

Being in Israel also helps me better understand how to respond to the challenges to social justice we face here in America. I was brought up to believe in an America that would provide opportunities for all Americans to achieve their goals. I was brought up to believe in an America that would be a haven for those seeking refuge and asylum from abroad. I was brought up to believe in an America that promotes respectful political discourse no matter which side of the political aisle we may be on. Somehow, traveling to my eternal Jewish home helps me to reflect on my American home and reinforces my commitment to Jewish ethical and moral values.

I hope to return home in August with faith restored. I pray that the hostages will be freed and that Israel can then begin to heal. I pray for the strength to advocate for social justice and human rights. I pray all of us can continue to support one another and strengthen one another.

With blessings...

Message from the President

Jeff Weiss, President | President@ShaareTefila.org



As I reflect on the past year serving as President of our congregation, I am filled with gratitude and deep appreciation for our community. It has been a year of both challenges and blessings—one that has shown me, time and again, the strength, compassion, and resilience of our community.

Over the past year, we've been able to refinance our mortgage to improve our cash flow, launched new programs and restarted old ones, cared for each other during times of need, and welcomed new members. These accomplishments weren't mine alone—they were made possible by the collaboration, generosity, and spirit of everyone involved.

I'm especially grateful to our clergy, staff, board members, and volunteers who work tirelessly—often behind the scenes—to make sure our congregation remains a vibrant, welcoming, and meaningful place. Your support has made all the difference.

Personally, I am looking forward to spending time this summer at our beach house in Lewes, DE. We are already anticipating visits from friends and family. When not busy hosting or working on house projects, I plan on spending my time at the beach or fishing.

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.

I hope everyone has a great start to their summer and can enjoy the warm weather along with the longer hours of daylight.

I look forward to continuing to serve our community during my second year as President of Shaare Tefila.



On My Mind

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



Last month I wrote about my enjoyment of visiting cemeteries ... and if you thought that was a bit peculiar, just wait until you hear this one.

First, a bit of added context. Perhaps like many of you (?), I have a bit of wanderlust and natural curiosity about a wide variety of random matters. Books are an inexpensive way to feed that interest and I am usually in the middle of two or three at any one time. When I visit a library or a bookstore, I DO gravitate towards certain areas of particular interest, but I also peruse the aisles and can usually find books of interest almost everywhere. Okay ... admittedly, no romance novels for me, but just about anything else.

Travel is another means of satisfying this interest. While we don't have the time or means to be world travelers, my wife and I have taken to an increasing number of "day trips" and we are always on the lookout for new places to go. Fortunately, the East Coast has an abundance of sites of major significance ... but we also like to explore places that might be referred to as "B-side" locations. Like cemeteries. And while some can be a bit disappointing, others can provide delightful surprises.

Which brings me to our latest exploration. We decided to go to Philadelphia, a location that we admittedly haven't explored all that much. And given that, you'd think that we might opt to visit the historic district or one of the many museums. But at the top of my wife's suggestions – and there were many, was ... The Eastern State Penitentiary. Neither of us knew anything about it nor did we do much advance research; for some reason, it just struck us as worth a look. Truthfully, I think we both expected it to be one of those disappointments, and then we'd move on to something else. And so off we went.

First surprise; there was a bit of a line to get in. Not long and moving nicely ... but unexpected. We chalked that up to it being Memorial Day Weekend and that may have been right? Next surprise; while visitors could sign up for guided tours, a self-guided tour seemed the norm, so we went with that.

What a treat! We went in thinking that it might take an hour, maybe two ... and we ultimately spent nearly four hours there and had to be escorted out at closing time, with a couple of exhibit rooms still left unexplored.

What did we find so fascinating? Let me count the ways! First, we learned that this was the very first true "penitentiary" in the world – a prison designed to inspire "penitence"

and hoping to reform its inhabitants. Alas, that didn't seem to pan out for the vast majority, but still, I give all due credit to its colonial American founders for this noble goal. It was architecturally amazing, had a couple of famous inmates in Al Capone and Willie Sutton, a brief prison riot, and an actual escape worthy of a movie. And its well-restored areas HAVE served as film locations for several movies that I'd seen (e.g. – "Twelve Monkeys"). It also housed, in prison cells, a number of interesting exhibits about general prison conditions and about more current issues related to the prisons at Guantanamo Bay (GITMO) and U.S. and world-wide policies and statistics related to incarceration. Oh, and for the pet lovers a charming story about an "incarcerated" dog – who was ultimately exonerated of his purported crime. Something for everyone.

But the best surprise of all; the prison had a synagogue! Mind you, the fact that there were Jews who were incarcerated was NOT a surprise to me – and hopefully not to you either. Yes, Jews commit crimes and end up in prisons. In fact, this supports a view, forcibly put forward by Theodore Herzl, that Jews, if given full freedom, would become just like everyone else in the world. (only more so?).

What WAS a surprise was that, although the prison itself had been left fully abandoned for decades and had become an urban jungle, the restoration effort included the area that had served as a synagogue. And the information offered there was well-presented and interesting. It served to honor the efforts of the rabbis and volunteers who devoted time and energies to addressing the needs of the most marginalized members of the community. Due credit goes to the local Jewish community of Philadelphia for respectfully offering insight into this dimension of prison life ... and another thread in the overall fabric of Jewish life in America.

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 summer dates!

Contact me for available dates and questions.

The dates go quickly....

Adriana (SandlerAA@gmail.com)





Programming and Education

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*We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe,
who makes the works of creation.*

*ברוך אתה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרָאשִׁית
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam, oseh maasei v'reishit.*

During the next couple of months many of you will take time to appreciate warmer weather and being outside, experiencing nature. The blessing above applies when you see wonders of nature, such as mountains, deserts, lightning, and the sky. I wish you all many moments of wonder this summer.

End of *Gan Katan & Chavaya* Until September

The children of Shaare Tefila finished the school year with their own *Lag B'Omer* celebrations! Our *Gan Katan*/Preschool class created blessings bracelets and *keshet*/rainbow pictures to take home, while the school age/*Chavaya* students participated in a program called "*Lag B'Omer* Outta Here!". The station activities included: balloon shaving; roasting marshmallows for s'mores over a firepit/bonfire; target shooting arrows; creating Jewish Pride posters (which will be displayed this fall); and filling a bottle with "*Omer* of Knowledge" sticks, sharing something children learned during the past school year. Here are some of their answers:

- About Jonah and the Whale
- About Passover
- Stopping antisemitism
- The Torah
- Alef Bet Letters - א and ה
- דג = Fish
- כלב = Dog
- The Jews stayed in the desert
- Jewish learning is cool
- The 10 plagues
- Jewish holidays
- That we love God
- Bonfire for *Lag B'Omer*
- People judge Jews no matter what
- Judaism is in everything
- We are grateful to God for all

Our registration for the 2025-26 year will be live by the time you read this; early bird tuition rates end on August 1st. [You can take care of your registration here.](#) PLEASE invite people you know to join your children for our engaging Jewish education program! If you know someone who is interested, please give them my email, BCohn@shaaretefila.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 6, Annual BBQ Dinner, Register Here by June 3:

- 6pm - The evening begins with our regular service for all in the Sanctuary.
- 7pm - Stay for our annual BBQ of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, A delicious *Shabbat* dinner will be served for those who register in advance.

At the *Shabbat* service on May 17 children of Shaare Tefila helped lead the morning prayers. We recognized **Will Berman** and **Jacob Lansky**, both high school seniors who attended *Chavaya* for their formal Jewish education through 12th grade. Other children in attendance both joined me for an *aliyah* and helped lead the congregation in other prayers. We look forward to including our students in services more in the near future.

CHUG IVRIT

An Invitation for You!

**Are you planning to go to Israel with Rabbi Layman?
(and even if you are not)**

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
from all over the world.**

Conducted on Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon, via Zoom, you too can learn with the Shaare Tefila's *Chug Ivrit*. from the convenience of your home. (Even if you can't make it each and every time, we are happy to have you when you can)

**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.

להיות ... perhaps?



Shaare Tefila Officers and Board of Directors for the 2025-26 year:

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Join Us for Services on *Shavuot* - 5785/2025

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 - 1ST NIGHT OF SHAVUOT

8:00 PM Evening *Minyan* & Study Session - In-person or via Livestream

8:10 PM Candle Lighting

MONDAY, JUNE 2 - 1ST DAY/2ND NIGHT OF SHAVUOT

9:30 AM Shavuot Holiday service; will include *Hallel* & the blessing of the *kohanim* - In-person or via Zoom

7:30 PM Evening *Minyan* - via Zoom [possibly in-person – TBD!!!]

9:11 PM Candle Lighting

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 – 2ND DAY/LAST NIGHT OF SHAVUOT

9:30 AM Shavuot Holiday service; will include *Hallel*, reading of the *Book of Ruth*, *Yizkor* & the blessing of the *kohanim* - In-person or via Zoom

9:12 PM Holiday of Shavuot concludes

9:15 PM Evening *Minyan* and *Havdalah* - via Zoom



News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com



How can it already be the end of May with summer approaching! I feel like it was just the start of the New Year!

As summer does approach, we find ourselves balancing the slower pace of the season with maintaining the ongoing vibrancy of our synagogue. As we all know, membership is not always just about numbers, but the connection, engagement, and the warmth of our community, no matter the time of year.

The past months have brought many new faces into our congregation, wonderful conversations, and moments of meaningful togetherness. It always brings a smile to my face seeing everyone at our *Shabbat* dinners, holiday celebrations, or the other wonderful programs provided by

our shul. Speaking of *Shabbat* dinners, we hope to see you at our end of year BBQ on June 6.

We always want Shaare Tefila to be a place of comfort and growth for all. While our schedules may shift and travel may take us away, I encourage you to stay connected. If you know someone new to the area who may be seeking a Jewish community, a simple invitation to join us can make all the difference. If you have ideas on how we can further strengthen our community, we would love to hear them.

Always remember, "It's OUR synagogue, OUR community, OUR future! It's in OUR Hands!"

Wishing you restful, joyful, and meaningful days ahead.



Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the Chesed Committee

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Revitalization of Congregant Calling Congregant: Reach Out!

PART 1 OF 2

A story: I remember my late mother visiting, or inviting to our house, what I then considered, an elderly lady. Every couple of weeks or so, they would get together for a cup of tea, some cookies and conversation. This went on for a long time and was beneficial for both. They enjoyed each other's company and conversations. I recently reflected on these visits, and thought how personal interactions have changed since that time in the 1960's.

Even in our own congregation, with people's busy lives, including jobs & families, with our services and classes over zoom and live streaming, the one-to-one connection is sometimes missing, especially for congregants who are not able to get out a lot.

Of course, at Shaare Tefila, there are a good number of people who on their own reach out to fellow congregants, but perhaps some of our members do not have that connection and would enjoy receiving a call or visit.

The *Chesed* Committee noticed this situation when livestreaming started in 2018. We realized that there are congregants who physically cannot come to our building. We made connections between a member and a fellow member, then mainly with visits, until the start of covid.

It is time now to revitalize this initiative. We seek people who would like to make a call to a fellow congregant 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.

To be continued in the next issue of the *Shofar*.



Sisterhood

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



Dear Sisters,
(And all of you are dear to me.
I sit here gazing out at my grassy,
leafy yard, the birds are compet-
ing with the squirrel mafia to get at
the feeders, the sun is shining and
I am musing over the fact that all
of you truly are dear to me. I am so
fortunate to be connected with so
many delightful women. I am always

assured of multiple hugs, kisses and smiles...not to mention
some occasional gossip...whenever I am at Shaare Tefila.)

OK, on to business. For many years now, (15?), **Rita Hagler** had been our dedicated Recording Secretary. She has taken copious notes at every Board meeting and written them into cohesive, lucid sentences. She has performed this task ten times a year and neither snow, nor sleet, nor rain has deterred her or slowed her. Rita, we all thank you for all your effort and diligence! Rita has decided that this year will be her last in her capacity of Scribe. She is being succeeded by **Agnes Ida**...think about it...who is promising to do an equally efficient, if not some-
times quirky, job. In gratitude, Rita, there is a set of keys to a newly refurbished Edsel waiting for you at the **JUNE 9 SISTERHOOD POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING**.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Marlene Sandberg**, our chair of the Torah Fund. She, too, has decided to move on to greener pastures and devote more time to her long-time hobbies of brick-laying and electrical rewiring. (Well, that's according to Agnes Ida, who as I said, can be "quirky.") Marlene has attended every Board meeting, sharing her updates on the fund and the accomplishments achieved through our donations. Marlene, we thank you for your constant enthusiasm and dedication and, in gratitude, there is another hat donated by Marjorie Furman waiting for you at the **JUNE 9 SISTERHOOD POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING**.

At the same time, I am most happy to announce that **Margie Eiserike** has (willingly!) stepped up to take over Marlene's position and will be our new caretaker of the Torah Fund. Margie, I couldn't be more pleased. I have tremendous faith in you. Your background and high regard for Shaare Tefila make you highly qualified for the job! Thank you. (Unfortunately, you will receive neither an Edsel, nor hat at the **JUNE 9 SISTERHOOD POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING**.)

Have I mentioned yet that we are having a **SISTERHOOD POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING on June 9**? It will be held at Bess Teller's house at 5:45 pm. All Shaare Tefila women are invited! Val Kolmaister is sending out notices

with details, so don't forget to register. I am encourag-
ing everyone to bring any ideas, suggestions, wishes
for future events that we can present. There will be a
Groaning Board of good eats, lots of fun chatter and an
opportunity to be more involved in Sisterhood.

Have a great summer, don't forget to use sunscreen and
drink plenty of water.

JEWISH HAIKU

The sparkling blue sea
beckons me to wait one hour
after my sandwich.

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 magician), 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
Sun., in November*	Show at Olney Theater; "Hello Dolly"
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
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
Tues., February 3	Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Tues., February 10	Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sat., February 22	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 Seder, 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
Thursday, April 17	Board Meeting, 7:45PM - Conducted via Zoom
Sat., April ?? (TBD)	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
Tues., June 9	Pot Luck Dinner & Planning, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

*Details TBD





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When: Friday, 7/18/2025



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Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

JUNE - JULY

Anniversary Celebrations

6/2	Daniel & Lisa Akman	6/18	Eric & Melissa Druxman
6/5	Stephen & Freda Resnick	6/18	Harold & Reva Norken
6/9	Marjorie & Mark Fuhrmann	6/18	Jonathan & Marci Rubin
6/10	Joseph Kraut & Rhea Siers	6/18	Howard & Amy Schwartz
6/13	Michael & Vivienne Auerbach	6/19	Robert & Ruth Layman
6/14	Hillel & Frances Abrams	6/26	David & Lee-Ellen Ronis
6/14	Barry & Susan Katz	6/29	Carl & Ricki Gottlieb
6/14	Carl Sabbath & Susan Rubenstein		
6/15	Gershon & Diane Kieval	7/5	Arnold & Shoshana Greenland
6/15	Martin & Susan Leshin	7/26	Lee & Lisa Hedgepeth

JUNE - JULY

Birthday Celebrations

6/1	Andrew Stiller	6/20	Stacey Lynch	7/10	Sam Yedlin
6/2	Jodi Goldreich	6/20	Samuel Winkler	7/11	Heather Goldstein
6/2	Seth Resnick	6/21	Michael Braun	7/11	Eytan Layman
6/3	Sandra Friedman	6/22	Jackie Benn	7/11	David Torchinsky
6/3	Milton Goldsamt	6/22	Eric Greenberg	7/12	Ascher Raucher
6/3	Jordan Goodman	6/22	Micheline Rosenthal	7/15	Lee Hedgepeth
6/3	Benjamin Ross	6/23	Sharon Bender	7/16	Nicola Arnovits
6/4	Michael Goldsamt	6/23	Dan Sumner	7/16	Deborah Brodie
6/4	Laurence Goldstein	6/24	Sam Leidman	7/16	Frances Futrovsky
6/4	Adam Gottlieb	6/24	William Sumner	7/16	Jennifer Solomon
6/5	Dylan Grosberg	6/25	Zella Shabasson	7/17	Justin Goldstein
6/5	Gary Levine	6/25	Eileen Weinstock	7/17	Beth Hagler
6/5	Jacob Teller	6/26	Sydney Miller	7/18	Mark Federman
6/6	Sara Elson	6/27	Brian Blicher	7/18	Madison Kantzer
6/8	Ilyssa Beebe	6/27	Ruth Gutstein	7/19	Daniel Hagler
6/8	Perry Buckberg	6/27	Sylvia Levy	7/19	Rachel Levine
6/8	Logan Druxman	6/28	Judith Bresler	7/21	Joyce Feinstein
6/9	Jeffrey Weiss	6/28	Daniel Levine	7/21	Nathaniel Glaser
6/10	Mitchell Buckberg	6/28	Sheri Sagall	7/21	Orli Marshall
6/11	Cara Hedgepeth	6/28	Charlotte Shapiro	7/22	Chloe Grosberg
6/11	Karen Kaufman	6/30	Sara Goldreich	7/22	Benjamin Mellman
6/11	Valerie Kolmaister	6/30	Scott Schenberg	7/22	David Ronis
6/11	Freda Krosnick			7/22	Benjamin Zucker
6/12	Ken Lefler	7/1	Arnold Greenland	7/23	Bradley Eisen
6/12	Susan Marder	7/3	Philip Schneider	7/23	Alison Feldmann
6/13	Daniel Green	7/4	Fran Kensky	7/23	Ian Krussman
6/13	Matt Kaufman	7/4	Marvin Kruger	7/24	Noah Fero
6/13	Meryl Trachtman	7/4	Jonah Lansky	7/24	Stanley Kensky
6/14	Avram Polinsky	7/4	Rebecca Morgenstern	7/25	Amy Byer
6/15	Frankie Hedgepeth	7/6	Judith Rumerman	7/26	Tracy Eisen
6/15	Amy Schwartz	7/6	Jane Saphier	7/26	Philip Goldman
6/15	Taryn Schwartz	7/6	Holly Schotz	7/26	Leora Jackson
6/16	Samantha Levitt	7/6	Anne Shuman	7/26	Karen Weingart
6/16	Rhoda Sumner	7/8	Isaac Eber	7/28	Abby Marshall
6/16	Philip Temkin	7/8	Ricki Gottlieb	7/29	Alycia Levy
6/17	Sam Cohn	7/8	Patricia Greene	7/30	Vivienne Auerbach
6/17	Susan Gershowitz	7/8	Andrea Manchester	7/31	Rebecca Cohn
6/17	Leah Marshall	7/9	Talia Plotkin	7/31	Max Kantzer
6/18	Martin Leshin	7/10	Frances Abrams	7/31	Mary Lewis
6/18	Michael Levy	7/10	Margie Eisericke	7/31	Jonathan Rubin
6/19	Daniel Abramson	7/10	Mark Kaufman		
6/19	Josh Eisericke	7/10	Gary Mizrachi		
6/19	Rachel Zarny	7/10	Miriam Sandberg		

Celebrating a Bat Mitzvah



Michelle Gluckman will celebrate her *Bat Mitzvah* at Shaare Tefila at the *Shabbat* morning service, on Saturday, June 14.

Michelle is a 7th grade honor roll student at Rosa Parks Middle School. She enjoys each of her classes and has a natural affinity for languages, as she has excelled at English and Spanish. In addition, to the delight of her family members, Michelle has played basketball since preschool age - participating in multiple summer and winter camps.

Michelle also enjoys travelling and visiting family members in both New Jersey and California. She has loved, especially, visiting her Aunt Shana's chocolate store, where she learned how to be a chocolatier and make her own tasty treats. She has also delighted in visiting the Basketball Hall of Fame. When she's not playing basketball or travelling, Michelle hangs out at home with her Bengal cat, Simba.

Lastly, Michelle has enjoyed her *Bat Mitzvah* project, which supports the Linus project by creating blankets for people in need.

An Awesome *Lag B'omer* and End of School Year



In The Mailbox



Rabbi Jonah Layman
Shaare Tefila Congregation
16620 Georgia Ave
Olney, MD 20832

May 3, 2025

Dear Rabbi Layman,
On behalf of Olney HELP, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation to our food pantry in March 2025.

Thank you for your generous support of Olney HELP. Your contribution directly impacts the lives of neighbors in need, helping us provide essential food and assistance to families throughout our community.

We are truly grateful for your continued support and kindness.

Sincerely,
Christine Nesbitt, Olney HELP

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MAZON A Jewish Response To Hunger

Dear Rabbi Layman,

Thank you for your synagogue's generous donation of \$760.00 supporting MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger on April 28, 2025. We appreciate your decision to support MAZON as an expression of your community's commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam.

Tragically, millions of Americans and Israelis struggle every day to put food on the table. It does not have to be this way.

Our Jewish values compel us to fight for the most vulnerable among us - to strive to repair the world by pursuing justice. At MAZON, that means taking the lead to find real solutions to the challenges of hunger that plague too many of our neighbors. As part of the MAZON family, your congregation's generosity provides invaluable support for those in need.

I cannot thank you enough for being our partner in the fight to end hunger. With your help, we will bring about lasting change.

Together we will transform how it is into how it should be.

L'shalom,
Abby J. Leibman President & CEO



June-July 2025 Kiddush Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JUNE 7

Jackie Benn

Carol Fendler
Monica Friedman
Arnie & Shoshana Greenland
Leslie & Karyn Gross
Michael Gross
Mark & Karen Kaufman
Ivy Konel
Marty & Sue Leshin
Beth Schapiro

DATE

Sponsored by Rabbi & Lenore Layman in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Rabbi Robert & Ruth Layman

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JUNE 21

Shelley Rochester

Sharon Fried
Louis Paley
Marilyn Pontell
Elliott Prissman
Karen & Shelly Radnor
Meryl Trachtman
Jaclyn Vincent
Karen & Jay Weingart

DATE

Bat Mitzvah - Michelle Gluckman

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JUNE 14

Wendy Abraham / Sherry Cohen

Amy & Joe Federman
Karen & Ken Lefler
Reva & Hal Norken
Ellen Radish & Seth Zarny
Elaine Ross
Laura & Steve Ross
Craig & Jen Zucker
Jamie Schwartz

DATE

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JUNE 28

Stacey Lynch

Betsy Colbert
Margie & Steve Eiserike
Larry & Carolyn Goldstein
Karla & David Jones
Diane & Gershon Kieval
Susan & Dan Marder
David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick

DATE

July 4th Weekend

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JULY 5

Fran Weiss

Vivienne & Michael Auerbach
Stephanie & Perry Buckberg
Ann Hamlin
Lita & Bert Katz
Cathy & Lanny Plotkin
Howard & Amy Schwartz
Laura & David Torchinsky
Stacey & Jeffrey Winkler

DATE

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JULY 19

Stacey Lynch

Seth Cohen
Laurie Dubrow
Gabe Eber
Hal & Rebecca Fero
Lisa & Lee Hedgepeth
Jamie Schwartz
Karen & Jay Weingart

DATE

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JULY 12

Karen Sussman / Marlene Sandberg

Janene & Steven Ellis
Adam & Rachel Glaser
Shira Gorin
Dara & Jonny Kotra
Elaine Salter
Adriana & Alan Sandler
Jennifer & Joshua Solomon

DATE

**Kitchen Captain
Volunteers**

JULY 26

Shelley Rochester

Ben & Meghan Glass
Daniel & Chloe Grosberg
Sarah Katz & Erik DuBois
Sarah Nachlas & Michael Cohen
Ben & Elissa Wolf
Debbie & Sam Yedlin



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Philip Gilbert Berman, father of Morris Berman, by Morris Berman
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Alan Letow, husband of Lila Letow, father of Deborah Letow, by Steven & Margie Eiserike
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Alan Letow, husband of Lila Letow, father of Deborah Letow, by Joyce Feinstein
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Alan Letow, husband of Lila Letow, father of Deborah Letow, by Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann
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