



The Shaare Tefila Congregation

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Celebrating our 74th year

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

The Annual Meeting of Shaare Tefila Congregation will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, following the evening *minyan* service that will begin at 7:30 PM. Both will be conducted IN-PERSON and will also be accessible via Zoom; at the congregation's regular Zoom link for services;

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

The congregation will elect Officers and Board Members and will vote on the dues and fees for the upcoming 2025-2026 year. Information regarding both of these matters will be provided in a subsequent notice, once finalized by the Board of Directors.

Each adult member in good standing; i.e. – whose financial obligations are up-to-date, is entitled to a vote. [If you have made payment arrangements and/or have been making regular payments, that is deemed to be satisfactory.] Questions about your status? Contact Jerry Kiewe, Executive Director, JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org or 410-294-3205 – cell.

Note that any Installation of Shaare Tefila's officers and board members will take place later this same evening immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. A dessert reception will follow.

AGENDA:

- 7:30 PM - Evening Minyan; IN-PERSON and via ZOOM
- 7:50 PM - Annual Meeting; IN-PERSON and via ZOOM
- Vote on Election of Officers and Board Members
- Report on State of the Congregation
- Vote on Membership Dues and Fees for the upcoming Fiscal Year; July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- AFTER the Meeting concludes, we will install new officers and board members and offer desserts



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Support for Our Federal Workers

Rabbi Jonah Layman | RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org



Without getting into partisan politics, it is definitely a stressful time for Federal employees. Many have been laid off and many members of our shul are on pins and needles about whether their federal job is still secure. It is a terribly anxious time and unnecessarily so. People have dedicated their careers to government work because it serves a higher purpose — helping the country, making lives better for fellow Americans, etc. But to be summarily dismissed, often without cause, makes a mockery of that very idealistic mission.

Though it's not enough, Montgomery County has created a web page that offers many resources. I urge you, if you haven't done so already, to go to this link and check it out. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/fed-worker-resources.html> Our local Jewish Federation (the umbrella organization that supports local Jewish non-profit agencies) also has a web page which may be helpful to you. <https://www.shalomdc.org/navigating-federal-layoffs/>

Please know that your *shul* is here for you. Please don't hesitate to speak to our executive director, Jerry Kiewe; JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org, if you need some reprieve from your financial obligations. Please be in touch with me, RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org, if you'd like to talk. Perhaps I can suggest resources for you, and I can also be a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on.

Perhaps Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) can inspire us. At the beginning of April, he took the podium and spoke for just over 25 hours about his opinion of the state of American democracy, the crisis with federal workers, and other impacts DOGE has had on American lives. He quoted from his mentor, Congressman John Lewis at the beginning and end of his speech that we should "make good trouble" — we should protest peacefully against injustice and rally for social justice.

Let's support one another and work together to ensure that we are loved, that we are safe, and that we are proud of our country.

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



Message from the President

Jeff Weiss, President | President@ShaareTefila.org



I hope that your Passover was filled with joy, meaning, and maybe a few crumbs of *matzah* here and there! No matter if your gathering was large or small, hopefully you were able to celebrate with family and friends. And, whether your kids asked the Four Questions for the first time or the tenth, I know these moments help build memories that stay with

us — and them — for a lifetime. As we return to our post Passover routines, let's carry the spirit of freedom, gratitude, and togetherness forward. I'm excited for the upcoming programs and opportunities for our congregation to stay connected and grow together.

As we journey from Passover to *Shavuot*, we count the *Omer* — the 49 days between Passover and *Shavuot*, we're reminded that important things take time. Just like our ancestors walked through the wilderness on their way to Mount Sinai, we too are on a journey, from freedom to purpose, from leaving Egypt to receiving the Torah. Counting the *Omer* is a beautiful way for us to **slow down and connect**. It can be as simple as taking a moment each evening to say, "Today is the ___ day of the *Omer*," and maybe adding one small reflection: What was one kind thing we did today? How did we show patience or courage? What's something we're learning or looking forward to?

On a personal note, our family is looking forward to celebrating our daughter Hope's graduation from the University of Maryland College Park later this month. She has worked hard to achieve this goal and we are very proud of her.

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 want to reiterate from the weekly *Shabbat* announcements that we are putting together special focus groups to gather your thoughts and feedback on potential modifications to our synagogue's membership dues structure. Your input will help guide decisions moving forward. We encourage you to join us for this important discussion. Your voice matters, and together we can ensure that our synagogue continues to thrive and serve our community's needs. Please reach out to Shawn Miller, Elissa Wolf, or Jerry Kiewe if interested in participating.

Additionally, I'd like to provide advance notice about the upcoming Congregational Meeting that will occur near the end of May. A more formal announcement will be forthcoming. Please plan on attending as everyone's input regarding our community is important.

News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com



The Membership Committee hopes that all of you had a Passover filled with spiritual warmth, time with family, and reflection. As we enjoy the days of spring, it's also a wonderful time to reflect on the ties that bring us together as a synagogue community, reminding us of the strength found in our togetherness and connectedness.

As we move forward, we can take this spirit of connection and focus on growth and renewal within our congregation. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our community, Shaare Tefila welcomes you to engage more deeply. From participating in upcoming events like *Shabbat* dinners and educational programs to volunteering with our committees, every involvement adds richness to our shared experience.

Looking ahead, we are all encouraged to explore opportunities to strengthen our bonds. Consider introducing a friend or family member to our synagogue or simply reaching out to someone new during services. Together, we can ensure that Shaare Tefila continues to be a thriving home for all.

I'm here to support and collaborate with you. If you have ideas to enhance our membership experience or know someone interested in joining, please don't hesitate to connect with me.

I know we will continue to thrive as a community as a result of our faith and friendship and embrace this season with rejuvenation.



On My Mind

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



My wife and I recently took an afternoon to walk the grounds at Loudon Park cemetery, the largest cemetery in Maryland, which prompted this article. While it may strike some as odd – maybe even morbid, I enjoy

cemeteries. And that's true of cemeteries of all kinds; old and new, huge and small, military cemeteries; cemeteries that include my own family members, others that are full of "celebrities" ... and those that are off the beaten track and seemingly forgotten.

Notably, I like visiting cemeteries in broad daylight, not because I am frightened by a night-time cemetery and certainly not by prospect of encountering ghosts. For a whole host of reasons, and much to the consternation of my daughter, who loves "Ghost Hunters" and the like, I firmly reject that as preposterous. But for two very practical reasons; 1) many cemeteries are formally closed and inaccessible at night, and 2) I want to be able to clearly see and appreciate what's there.

Of course, there is a degree of sadness associated with cemeteries, especially certain elements; grave sites for children who never had an opportunity to live and grow, people whose lives were cut short due to illness, military cemeteries that serve as a reminder of the huge numbers killed in conflicts. For some, that might generate despair.

But I find that cemeteries inspiring. I can't help thinking that behind every name on a headstone or grave marker, there is an entire life that was full of family, career, hopes, dreams, accomplishments, etc. Most lived for decades, each the center of his/her universe, and each was both a witness to, and a participant in, but a slice of human history. Taken together, that IS human history. In any cemetery, the endless stories behind the people there could fill encyclopedia-sized volumes – or, in today's vernacular, a whole lot of Wikipedia entries. I find myself wishing that I could take the time to explore the lives of any and all, appreciate the insights, and absorb the wisdom that they have to offer. It is overwhelming ... and it is surely humbling.

And G-d knows that I appreciate being humbled ... and I think that, often, a good dose of humility is just the medicine we need to treat one of the primary ailments of our lives. Assuming that we haven't become so jaded that we ignore the news altogether, so much of the time we are consumed by the headlines; the state of the economy, the latest political machinations, the latest weather disaster, etc. And, by its nature, the news subjects us to reports about the doings of people who have out-sized impact on our lives ... and who typically have equally out-sized egos to go with. Cemeteries serve as good reminder that life is fleeting, and that time and history reduce so much of what is considered as "important" in our daily lives to mere footnotes.

For some, that takeaway might seem depressing; a sort of "nothing matters anyway" outlook. I think the opposite because, oddly; cemeteries also serve to remind me that the elements that make life worth living are in the footnotes. The time spent with family and friends, engaged in activities that we find meaningful. Life is all of those small moments. May all YOUR moments be meaningful.

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 summer dates!

**Contact me; Adriana (SandlerAA@gmail.com)
for available dates and questions.
The dates go quickly....**





Programming and Education

Babette Cohn, Director of Education & Programming | BCohn@ShaareTefila.org

"If you will it, it is no dream. – Im tirtzu ein zo agadah."

Theodor Herzl

I am writing this while we are in the middle of the three *Yamim*, or modern-day holidays, of *Yom HaShoah*/Holocaust Remembrance Day, *Yom HaZikaron*/Israel Memorial Day and *Yom HaAtzmaut*/Israel Independence Day. This year for *Yom HaShoah* we gathered to remember the six million Jews who were lost in the *Shoah* and watched the "October 8" documentary, which is a sobering look at what modern day antisemitism looks like in America. It is now 18 months since the terrorist attacks of October 7, 2023, with 59 hostages still in captivity. When we reflect on the words of Theodor Herzl, we may ask ourselves how we can turn the current nightmare situation for our brethren in Israel and all Jews in the diaspora, back into a hopeful dream? Certainly, 77 years ago the dream Herzl wrote of came true, when Israel was declared a democratic, independent state. Now we can ask ourselves what we can do to rekindle Herzl's vision of a State of Israel where all are welcome and have a voice. All these years later it is up to Jews all over the world to keep the dream alive.

Community Events

- [May 9 Shabbat Dinner, Register Here by May 2 for Early Pricing](#)
 - **6pm** - The evening begins with our regular service for all in the Sanctuary.
 - **7pm** - A delicious *Shabbat* dinner will be served for those who register in advance. [Sign up here by May 2 for Early Pricing!](#)
- [Tuesday, May 6, 7PM, Vision the Future of Jewish Education at Shaare Tefila, sign up here](#) - Join me as we consider what education for all members can look like in the future. The results of our discussions will affect everyone in our community, from cradle to grave.
- **Tot Shabbat, Saturday, May 17, 11AM** - Families with children thru age 7 are invited to celebrate *Shabbat* with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Moeller of Rhythm 'N Ruach!

Activities for School Children & Families

This Sunday, May 4 at 10:30AM we welcome families for a Taste of *Chavaya* Open House! Visitors will have the opportunity to meet other parents, learn about our wonderful school and children can sit in on classes. **If you know someone who would like to come, or if you are interested, please email Babette to RSVP, bcohn@shaaretefila.org**

Gan Katan will meet on **Sunday, May 18 for the last session of the year**. Join *Morah* Mara one more time before the summer program break!

On **May 17 children of Chavaya, from grades K-12**, will have the opportunity to participate in leading the *Shabbat* service in our Sanctuary. Details for various ages will be coming soon. This will be in lieu of the regular Junior Congregation for May.

CHUG IVRIT An Invitation for You!

Are you planning to go to Israel with Rabbi Layman?

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.

Try Zoom *Chug Ivrit*: Conversational Hebrew on Sunday mornings!

On Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon, from the convenience of your home, you too can learn with 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)

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?



Sisterhood

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"Spring has sprung,
The grass has riz.
I wonder where the birdies is?"
"The bird is on the wing."
"Don't be absurd. The wing is on
the bird!"

What a happy relief to look out the
window and see that strange light.

Someone called it...sunshine! The tulips and daffodils made a glorious entrance and a too-soon departure, but the trees get greener. And if all the blossoms on my trees come to...fruition...please stop by with a bag and gather some apples, cherries or pears!

The annual Rita Rubinstein Memorial Sisterhood *Shabbat* was held on Saturday, April 26. It was an extremely gratifying experience, being part of an all-women service. Many of our sisters received an *aliyah*. All who contributed to the success of the *Shabbat* celebration, including those who joined in from their seats, acknowledged the importance of the event and the pleasure it generated. And thank you, Fran Weiss, for all the hard work you put into organizing this event.

The Progressive Luncheon was on Sunday, April 27. This event hasn't been held in several years, but many of the Sisters raved about how much fun they'd had in past years. So, under the guidance and organization of Sharon Kaye, Fran Kensky, Val Kolmaister, Bess Teller (and all the other usual suspects...forgive me for not including your names!) 16 women cooked, baked, saran-wrapped and served a 5-course meal. It was "progressive" in that it was rather avant-guard: everyone drove to Bess' house and just stayed. So ladies, it's up to you who attended to report in to me: yea or nay, shall we bring it back on an annual basis? But perhaps with more "driving-to-other-houses" involved.

Activities are slowing down this May and we only have one event planned. **On Sunday, May 18, we will sponsor a Spring Brunch.** Last year's brunch was so popular that we decided to bring it back. Mr. Omelette will return to offer an omelet station with a choice of a dozen extra ingredients. The menu will also include bagels (we ordered about 1,000), breakfast cake loaves and rugelach so do not forget to sign up! It'll be good eats and good fun.

Heads up for our June event, which will be on **Sunday, June 9. Bess Teller is hosting our Pot Luck and Planning meeting.** She confided in me that she plans on

providing napkins and plastic forks, so kudos to you, Bess. But this will be a great opportunity to show off your best "portable food." Bess will undoubtedly be in charge of "menu registration," so we won't have too many jello molds. Besides eating and drinking, we will have some important business issues to cover, and I promise to get you home by midnight. Among the items to be discussed will be how to improve communication and organization between *Kiddush* captains and their crews and hopefully get better responses from them. We will also talk about next year's events and getting them up and running before the next year begins.

As my term as Sisterhood President draws to a close, there has been a mad scramble to fill the seat. It was a rough campaign with lengthy debates on the best recipe for brisket, some mudslinging regarding the best way to fold fitted sheets, and campaign promises of a chicken in every pot. But after the smoke cleared, it was determined that I will continue on as Prez for the simple reason that...I was the only one to volunteer.

Please feel free to contact me with how delighted you are that Sisterhood has been presenting great events and activities. Please feel free to contact me even if you have an issue with something.

The following is a list of Sisterhood events scheduled for the 2025-26 calendar:

Sept. 2025 Paid-up Membership Dinner and a magician

Oct. 2025 Patron event, TBD

Nov. 2025 *Hello Dolly* at Olney Theater

Dec. 2025 Movie, pizza and ice cream

Jan. 2026 Craft Class: glass fusion

Feb. 2026 *Tu b'Shevat Seder*, Bingo

Mar. 2026 Women's *Seder*

Apr. 2026 Rita Rubinstein Memorial Sisterhood *Shabbat*

May 2026 High Tea, Fashion Show and Silent Auction

June 2026 Pot Luck Dinner and next-year planning session

JEWISH HAIKU

Scrabble anarchy
after 'putzhead' is placed on
a triple-word score.





Sign Up Now for Our May 9th *Shabbat* Dinner

Adult Cost \$22 (register by May 2, \$25 by May 6)

Children Ages 5-14 Cost \$14,

Under Age 5 Free, Family maximum \$75

- Gefilte Fish Loaf
- Apricot Chicken
- Vegetarian Dish: Vegetarian
- Sweet and Sour Meatballs
- Oven Roasted Potatoes
- Roast Vegetables
- Purple Cabbage Salad
- Home Baked Dessert



<https://bit.ly/4jwpTnb>





Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the Chesed Committee

Adriana Sandler

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THURSDAY, MAY 29 - 1:30 - 3:00 PM COMFORT, MEMORY & LOVE – GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE In-person at Shaare Tefila

Mourning the death of a spouse, whether a relationship of many years or fewer, can be uniquely challenging for the survivor, leaving us feeling not only sadness, but a range of other emotions. This kind of loss can also create new questions about identity and continuity.

On Thursday, May 29, from 1:30 – 3:00 PM, the Chesed Committee is sponsoring a supportive gathering to learn and to share about how we navigate this transition. Our facilitator will be Rabbi Rachel Hersh, MSW, JSSA Director of Jewish Enrichment & Engagement.

Members of Shaare Tefila who are mourning the death of a spouse or life partner, either a recent loss or not so recent loss, are invited to attend.

For additional information and to register, please contact Adriana Sandler: SandlerAA@gmail.com or call 240-593-5792.



Tikvat Israel Congregation



A Time to Sing

Celebrating Cantor Rochelle Helzner

Sunday, May 18 at 7:00 PM

at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville, MD



Join Tikvat Israel Congregation in celebrating Cantor Rochelle Helzner's 41 years of dedication at its annual cantor's concert. Cantor Helzner has provided inspiration with her voice, enriched Jewish lives with her warmth and grace on *Shabbat* and holidays, and has been a source of strength during sorrows and *simchas*. This concert will honor her transition to Cantor Emeritus status this summer.

The concert will feature [Joey Weisenberg](#) and the Rising Song Ensemble. Weisenberg, founder of Hadar's [Rising](#)

[Song Institute](#), is known for his original *niggunim*, wordless melodies drawn from ancient traditions and the American soundscape. His masterclasses and singing circles regularly sell out.

At the May 18 concert, Weisenberg will be joined onstage by Rabbi Yosef Goldman, Shawn Hennessey, Dan Blacksberg and Yoni Avi Battat. Come for the power of communal singing, spontaneous harmonies, and spirituality that sometimes asks that we leave the words behind and allow the music to transport us!

Tickets are on sale at: <https://tikvatisrael.ludus.com/>

MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

MAY

Anniversary Celebrations

- 5/8 Morton & Ina Goldstein
- 5/16 Steve & Holly Schotz
- 5/16 Ira & Valerie Kolmaister
- 5/18 David & Jessica Rosenberg
- 5/20 Dennis & Sharon Kaye
- 5/29 Steven & Laura Ross
- 5/30 Robert & Lois Freedman

Birthday Celebrations

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| 5/1 Carol Brody | 5/14 Ofer Zajicek |
| 5/1 Adam Glaser | 5/15 Samuel Friedman |
| 5/1 Naomi Kieval | 5/15 Morton Goldstein |
| 5/2 Annie Hirsch | 5/15 Liane Lunden |
| 5/2 Marci Rubin | 5/16 Heather Auerbach |
| 5/3 Eric Schwartz | 5/16 Mitchell Katz |
| 5/4 Marlene Goodman | 5/16 Robyn Maslan |
| 5/5 Barbara Reich | 5/17 Ben Glass |
| 5/6 Michael Cohen | 5/18 Martha Witebsky |
| 5/7 Wendy Abramson | 5/22 Joshua Weingart |
| 5/7 Dina Eber | 5/23 Lisa Akman |
| 5/7 Ethel Levine | 5/23 Russell Paley |
| 5/7 Shelley Levitt | 5/24 Will Berman |
| 5/7 Ben Sumner | 5/25 Marguerite Mauldin |
| 5/8 Annette Tobin | 5/25 Harold Norken |
| 5/10 Ben Doyle | 5/25 Erica Zoren |
| 5/10 Hal Fero | 5/26 Eric Druxman |
| 5/10 Jay Krosnick | 5/26 Barry Katz |
| 5/10 Solomon Teller | 5/27 Randy Binder |
| 5/11 Dara Grosberg | 5/27 Barry Schenberg |
| 5/11 Elaine Salter | 5/28 Jacob Akman |
| 5/12 Jemma Porter | 5/28 Barbara Fink |
| 5/13 Dylan Hysen | 5/28 Seth Zarny |
| 5/13 Stuart Kliman | 5/29 Gershon Kieval |
| 5/13 Lee Sepulvado | 5/31 Ian Kolmaister |
| 5/14 Melissa Druxman | |





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

**Celebrate Another Great Year of Children's
Education at Shaare Tefila - Special Recognition of
Students Will Take Place During the Evening**

**Enjoy Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers, plus
Salads & all the fixings.**

**ADULT COST \$22 (register by May 30th, \$25 by June
3rd); \$14 for children age 5-14 & Free for age 0-5.**

REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/4IBJBjq> by June 3





A Look at Gan Katan Shalom Day Program and Passover



May 2025 Kiddush Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE Kitchen Captain Volunteers

MAY 3
Sheryl Tilles
Christie & Morris Berman
Ben & Ashley Doyle
Amy & Joe Federman
Alan & Arlene Heine
Margo & Ed Porter
Stephanie & Adam Krantz
Abigail & William Mauldin
Burt & Relinde Zimmerman

DATE Junior Congregation Kitchen Captain Volunteers

MAY 17
Wendy Abraham/Sherry Cohen
Lisa & Dan Akman
Emily & Michael Blicher
Judy & Stuart Carroll
Rona Eisen
Anita & Mike Froelich
Marlene Goodman
Barry & Susan Katz
Rhea Siers & Joe Kraut
Lee & David Ronis

DATE Kitchen Captain Volunteers

MAY 31
**Karen Sussman/
Marlene Sandberg**
Jessica Boredo
Karin Leff & Howie
Horowitz
Marvin Kruger
Tina Levin & Mary Lewis
Jeff Schwartz
Carole Sepulvado
Bill Sumner

DATE Kitchen Captain Volunteers

MAY 10
Fran Weiss
Lois & Bob Freedman
Stephanie Green
Karen & Barry James
Eric & Lori Marshall
Heather & Shawn Miller
Susan Rubenstein & Carl
Sabath
Jamie Schwartz

DATE Memorial Day Weekend Kitchen Captain Volunteers

MAY 24
Ken Libby
Mike & Susan Binder
Judy Bresler
Susan Gershowitz
Ilene & Gary Mizrachi
Micheline Rosenthal
Perry Sandler
Jack & Bess Teller



Contributions

Thank you to our many donors

(From March 29 through April 30, 2025 but may not include recent contributions sent via regular mail)

ANDREA Z. TILLES MEMORIAL CHESD FUND

Contributions In Honor Of:

Sylvia Potash, on the occasion of her 103rd birthday! By Ruth Gutstein
Mel Kornspan, on the occasion of the anniversary of his *bar mitzvah*, by Ruth Gutstein
The marriage of Maya Arber to Bosco Nshimiyumukiza, by Freda & Jay Krosnick
Lisa & Dan Akman, on the occasion of the birth of their granddaughter, Lucy Josephine, by Freda & Jay Krosnick
Debbie & Sam Yedlin, on the occasion of the birth of their granddaughter, Josephine Simone, by Freda & Jay Krosnick
Hope Weiss, on the occasion of her college graduation, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Melissa Felzenberg & Barry Solomon, on the occasion of their marriage, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Gary Levine, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Sylvia Potash, in honor of her 103rd birthday. Wishing Sylvia a very happy birthday! By Charlotte Potosky

Contributions In Memory Of:

Norman Alpher, by Deanna Alpher
Manny Ginsburg, by Freda & Jay Krosnick
Andrea Tilles, by Ravid Tilles
Andrea Tilles, by Paul & Sheryl Tilles

Contributions Wishing a Speedy Recovery To:

Sheryl Tilles, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

Contributions In Thanks To:

Shelley Rochester for leading the Sisterhood, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Marilyn Pontell for Mahjong selling, by Ethel & Ira Levine
Chesed, for its upcoming bereavement presentation on May 29, by Adriana & Alan Sandler

GENERAL FUND

Contributions In Honor Of:

Sylvia & Marvin Levy, on the occasion of becoming great grandparents - again, and in celebration of their granddaughter Dani's marriage, by Deanna Alpher
Sylvia Potash's 103rd birthday, by Nina Gurman
Lisa & Danny Akman; Mazal Tov on the birth of your granddaughter! Wishing her a long, healthy and happy life and may she bring much joy to all of you. By Nina Gurman
Freda & Jay Krosnick on the occasion of your sweet granddaughter's naming. Wishing Maya a long, happy and healthy life and may she bring much joy to all of you. By Nina Gurman

GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

Contributions In Honor Of:

Robert Haber, husband of Audrey Mellner Haber, by Audrey Mellner Haber
Sylvia Potash, on the occasion of her 103rd birthday! By Zella Shabasson & Julian Rosenberg
Rita & Jay Hagler, on the occasion of the birth of their newest granddaughter, Madelyn Gemma, by Zella Shabasson & Julian Rosenberg
Sylvia Potash, on the occasion of her 103rd birthday! By Diane & Marvin Schneider
Fran Weiss; congratulations upon your retirement! By Bess & Jack Teller

Contributions In Memory Of:

Paul Katz, father of Eleanore Alpert, by Larry & Ellie Alpert
Joan Gurevich, by Hal & Stephanie Epstein
Israel Schlaffer, father of Joyce Feinstein, by Joyce Feinstein
Lowell P. Fried, husband of Sharon Fried, by Sharon Fried
Otto Ullmann, father of Monica Friedman, by Monica Friedman
Irene Ullmann, mother of Monica Friedman, by Monica Friedman
Guido Ullmann, brother of Monica Friedman, by Monica Friedman
Yisrael Frydman, father of Ami Frydman, by Ami & Rita Frydman
Marjorie Levinson, sister of Rita Frydman, by Ami & Rita Frydman
Clara Mellner, mother of Audrey Mellner Haber, by Audrey Mellner Haber
Mary Haber, mother-in-law of Audrey Mellner Haber, by Audrey Mellner Haber
William "Bill" Kraut, brother of Joseph Kraut, by Joseph Kraut & Rhea Siers
Samuel Leidman, father of Roanne Leidman, by Roanne Leidman
Louis Winer, father of Anne Shuman, by Anne Shuman
Joseph G. Stein, father-in-law of Elaine Stein, by Elaine Stein
Pearl Salem, mother of Sheryl Tilles, by Paul & Sheryl Tilles
Ila Swartz, mother of Bruce Swartz, Dana Swartz, Cindy Schecter & Ellin Woland, by her children

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Olney Days 2025 is an annual community celebration – below are highlights of this year’s schedule

Friday, May 2; 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Olney Days Flix @ the Field Family Movie Night

Come watch Despicable Me 4 outside on the big screen

OBGC Freeman Fields (4501 Olney Laytonsville Road)

Saturday, May 3; 7:00 am-10:00 am

Ride Towards Hope @ Oakdale Church (3425 Emory Church Rd)

MasonStrong Village is honored to carry on Joe’s Ride’s annual tradition with a 10k Family Ride, 5k Run/Walk and children’s Bike Rodeo. Join us for an inspirational morning to remember our heroes and raise critical support for our little warriors courageously fighting childhood cancer. Proceeds from the ride, walk or run benefit organizations providing essential resources to affected children and their families. [Click here](#) to donate or to register to ride, walk, or run.

Saturday, May 3; 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Olney Days Free Paper Shred, Household Donations, Lightbulb Exchange, & Electronic Recycling

FREE but cash donations are appreciated to offset costs at Sandy Spring Bank (17801 Georgia Ave.)

For complete details of what will be accepted, please go to:

<https://www.olneycivicfund.org/entire-schedule.html>

A SHORT list of general categories is below:

- *Paper shred* - 3 boxes or 3 large bags of paper. No newspapers.
- *Household Donations* - Project B Green will accept household donations include clothing, shoes, hand bags, housewares, toys, bed & bath, media, holiday decorations, kitchenware, small electronics (working), sporting goods, books, small furniture (no larger than 4ft by 4 ft).
- *Lightbulb Exchange* - The Department of Environmental Protection will be there to swap out your old incandescent and compact fluorescent bulbs for energy efficiency LED bulbs. Bring as many lightbulbs as you have and receive up to 3 LEDs per person.
- *Electronic Recycling* - Montgomery County will accept many electronic items; for a complete list of accepted items [click here](#) to go to the county’s electronics recycling page.
- *Terracycling* - Green Olney will be collecting hard to recycle things that cannot be placed in the household blue bins picked up by the county. Details can be found [here](#).

Saturday, May 3; 12:00 - 3:00

Rec Regatta @ Olney Swim Center (16605 Georgia Ave)

Time to get creative. Build a boat that can hold 2 PEOPLE using only clean cardboard and duct tape. Bring your completed boat to the Olney Swim Center at noon to add any final touches and to check in. Google cardboard boat races for ideas. Awards will be given for Fastest Boat, Best Design, Team Spirit, and even Most Spectacular Sinking. All are welcome to watch but you must pre-register to race.



Saturday, May 3; 3:00 pm - Dark
Olney Days Party in the Park
 Olney Manor Park (16601 Georgia Ave).

Click [HERE](#) to see all the available parking options. Click [HERE](#) to get your reserved parking spot today.

- Live music [performed](#) by great local bands on TWO stages.
- Jazz Concert by the [Olney Big Band](#) (7:00 - 8:30 pm) on the Olney Civic Fund Stage.
- Olney Concert Band and Encore Singers in front of the Swim Center.
- Corn Hole and Giant Jenga available and FREE to play thanks to Olney Civic Fund
- Can you Win It in a Minute? [Games](#) designed for age 10+ (wristband for unlimited play)
- Do you have aim? GIANT Slingshot. Send 15 balls 200 feet into targets (tickets required).
- 48 ft long Inflatable Obstacle Course and Moon bounce - FREE thanks to [Empire Inflatables](#)
- 25 ft tall rock wall - FREE thanks to Boy Scouts of America
- Fun on the Field: Frisbee & Football throw, Soccer Fun, Run the Bases, Tug of War. FREE to participate.
- The Beer & Wine Garden Cash and credit cards accepted. Must be age 21+; bring ID.
- Food Trucks - [lots of choices](#)
- **Fireworks** (at dark, about 8:30 pm) from [Zambelli Fireworks](#). **For everyone's safety, please no driving during the fireworks.**



Sunday, May 4; 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

28th Annual Olney Days Car and Truck Show, Sponsored by Fletcher's Service Center (18001 Georgia Ave)

Sunday, May 4; 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Bikes for the World at Oakdale Church (3425 Emory Church Rd)

Donated bikes will be prepared to ship to a specific village in Sierra Leone that suffered tremendous losses from an Ebola outbreak right before COVID hit. This orphaned many children who are now teens and young adults. They want to work but cannot get a job without transportation. Your donated bike will make a **HUGE** difference in the lives of these young people who have lost so much. In addition to donated bikes, cash donations are needed in order to pay the \$7,000 for shipping the container. [Click here](#) to make a donation. Once you are on that page, make a one time donation to "Missions - Specific" and indicate in the Note that this is for "Bikes for the World". Thank you.

Sunday, May 4; 1:30 pm

Olney Days Concert Performed by the [Olney Concert Band](#)
 Spartan Rd just east of Georgia Ave, near the Reviewing Stand

Sunday, May 4; 2:00 pm

Olney Days Parade - Join your neighbors on Georgia Ave or Spartan Road and enjoy the music, the Scouts, and all the other representatives of our community.





Lifelong Learning

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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are now available at this
Zoom link
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