

Celebrating our 74th year

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Join Us for To Hear These Two Important Speakers

Wednesday, November 12 – 7:45 PM State Senator Craig Zucker



We are honored to host Craig J. Zucker, the state senator from Maryland's 14th District, representing over 130,000 residents. State Senator (and Shaare Tefila member) Craig Zucker will discuss the upcoming legislative session. He has represented our area since 2016, and serves on the Budget and Tax Committee and chairs the Capital Budget Subcommittee. As chair, his top priority is to create a Capital Budget that equitably invests and supports community enhancement and revitalization projects across the State.

The presentation will be conducted in-person and via ZOOM and will follow the conclusion of the synagogue's regular 7:30 pm Evening Minyan service.

The presentation should begin by approximately 7:45 PM.

Sunday, November 23 – 10:30am Councilmember Evan Glass

Please join us in welcoming Councilmember Evan Glass for a community conversation.

In 2023, Councilmember Glass launched the Anti-Hate Task Force, bringing together six diverse cohorts to identify the strategies and resources needed to keep their communities safe. As an At-Large Councilmember, Councilmember Glass represents all 1.1 million Montgomery County residents and your voice helps shape his work.

We hope you'll join us for this important conversation.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

738 Days





On October 13, 738 days after they were brutally taken captive, 20 hostages were released. 20 men who were tortured and starved. 20 men, some of whom hadn't seen the light

of day in 2 years, were finally freed and returned home to Israel. The scenes of their reunions were moving beyond description. Parents hugging their child, hostages playing with their little children who barely remember them. A hostage just looking out the window and watching the sunset. The horrors they endured are unimaginable and yet the smiles on their faces and the joy in their hearts were truly remarkable to behold.

Since Hamas attacked and killed 1200 people on October 7, 2023 and took over 250 men, women and children captive, we have been praying fervently for their release. At every minyan and every *Shabbat* and holiday service I recited a prayer that asked God to speedily bring them home. We wore pins, we displayed posters, we wore necklaces. I shared poems and biographies of some of the hostages. We rallied, we gathered, we prayed. And thankfully they are home.

Eleven more bodies, of hostages no longer alive, are yet to be returned. We must advocate just as strongly that their bodies be found and returned so that they may be buried peacefully and respectfully in Israel. These 2 years have been traumatic for the hostage families, for the people of Israel and for all of us - the global Jewish community. We lived through the repercussions of the Israel-Hamas war - the rise of antisemitism and increase in attacks in America and around the world. We lived through Israel's increased isolation. And yet we witnessed the strength and ingenuity of Israel's army and Mossad as hundreds of Hezbollah agents were killed or injured by their pagers, as Israel waged war for 12 days against Iran, as Israel attacked Houthi targets in Yemen, as leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah were assassinated.

The accomplishments of Israel's army doesn't wipe away the immense failure of October 7 that threatened Israel's very existence. Not only should there be an honest investigation and reckoning of the actions of the government but even more so there has to be a reckoning of Israel's very soul. One thing is clear - the global Jewish community needs Israel. We need to remain strong in our support for the State of Israel and we need to ensure that Israel will recover from the longest war in its history knowing that it still is a bastion of Jewish democratic values.

May the memory of those killed on October 7 and those hostages who were killed in captivity always be a source of blessing and comfort.

CELEBRATING A BAR MITZVAH NOV. 15: JASON WOLF



Jason Wolf will celebrate his bar mitzvah at Shaare Tefila on Shabbat morning, November 15, 2025. Jason is a 7th grade student at Takoma Park Middle School, where he is the founder and president of the Beekeeping Club. He is also a member of the Rubik's Cube Club. Outside of

school, Jason enjoys all things beekeeping and is an active member of local, state, and beekeeping associations. Jason started his own company, Wolf's Bees LLC, to sell his honey.

In addition to his love of bees, Jason is an avid joke teller from a long line of amateur comedians on his father's side. And during his summers, Jason is a camper at Capital Camps. For his *bar mitzvah* project, Jason will be working to establish a native plant and pollinator garden at Shaare Tefila. Jason lives in Silver Spring with his parents Ben and Elissa, younger sister Arielle, dog Roscoe, and upwards of 100,000 of his honey bees.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU IN 2025-2026!

Sign Up to Chant a Haftarah

Whether it is your 1st time ... or your 18th time, all are encouraged to join our group of 30+ congregants!

(If needed, an audio of the haftarah can be made available.)

NOW scheduling winter dates...and they are snapped up quickly!

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

Message from the President

Jeff Weiss, President | President@ShaareTefila.org



Now that the High Holidays have passed, I find myself reflecting on the powerful days we have just shared. The High Holidays are always a time of introspection and renewal, but what moves me most each year is the strength and spirit of our community.

Over the past few weeks, we came together in prayer, song, and reflection. We filled our sanctuary — and our hearts — with meaning. Whether you joined us in person or online, your presence added to the sacred energy that makes our congregation feel like home. I want to thank our clergy, staff, volunteers, and so many of you who helped make these days beautiful — from greeting at the doors to reading *Torah*, preparing the sanctuary and social hall, managing *aliyot*, or simply offering a warm smile to a neighbor.

The rabbi's sermons over the High Holidays focused on what it means to him to be an American Jew in today's world and expressed some of his fears. While we are currently living at a time of some uncertainty and questions about the direction of our country; I want to remind our congregation that the High Holidays call us to live intentionally, to act with compassion, and to bring light into the world. As American Jews, that mission takes on a special form: to stand up for our community, to engage in honest dialogue, to build bridges, and to model the values of dignity, learning, and kindness that our tradition teaches.

On a personal note, at this time last year I discussed our 30th anniversary trip to Nicaragua, which included six days on Calala Island and two days exploring other cities. Currently we are starting our next big trip to Churchill, Canada to see polar bears, other arctic animals, and hopefully the Northern lights. Definitely a different weather scene and trip, but we are just as excited.

As a reminder from my *Kol Nidrei* speech, while financial support to our congregation is important, there is also non-financial support needed for our community by way of VOLUNTEERING! I again encourage everyone to commit to pick at least one event and volunteer to help.

News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com



I do believe fall is officially upon us and it has been wonderful to see all the leaves transforming into their beautiful bright colors. Watching them fall is not as inspiring since that only means raking will have to happen too.

It has been inspiring to see new faces and new members at shul. We

hope our new members enjoyed their bags of goodies that were delivered by the Membership Committee. It brought us great pleasure to connect with these families. We continue to receive inquiries and interest for Shaare Tefila which is always exciting.

As *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* have come to an end, I am very grateful for the joy, laughter, and strong sense of community we've shared over the past few weeks.

Perry and I were thrilled to have had meals in several *sukkahs* and it reminded us of the strength we find in togetherness. Being with these friends made our celebration richer.

For Simchat Torah, we all brought a burst of energy and positive spirit as we danced with the scrolls and celebrated the cycle of Torah anew, all united in joy.

These holidays and shared experiences bring us closer together, sparking new friendships, deepening old connections, and inspiring people to get more involved. I hope we can carry that spirit forward. A perfect way to do that is to join a committee, come to a class or invite someone new to have coffee.

And if you know someone looking for a Jewish home, tell them about Shaare Tefila. We're more than a congregation - we're a family.

On My Mind

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



The United Nations Turns 80 – Cause for Celebration?

The United Nations recently marked its 80th anniversary.

(The charter was signed in June of 1945, but it didn't begin to actually operate until October of that year.) So now would be an opportune time to ask a traditional question; "Nu, was it good for the Jews?"

I think that the answer is somewhat complicated. Coming shortly after the chaos of World War II, and the horrors of the Holocaust, most Jews at the time would have agreed that it was a fine idea. A place where the many problems of the day might be addressed by a world body certainly seemed like a welcome step in the right direction.

One of the first significant matters that was tossed into the lap of the U.N. was of particular interest for the Jews; the disposition of the lands and people inhabiting what was then Palestine. (Quaint side note; for decades during the British Mandate, both Jewish and Arab residents used "Palestinian" to describe themselves.) The fledgling U.N. made a valiant effort, putting forward a Partition Plan for Palestine that was celebrated by the Jews ... but which was quickly rejected by Arab states. Soon thereafter, the Jews of Palestine would take the bold step of declaring statehood ... and the fact that the new State of Israel was granted recognition by, and membership in, the United Nations, became a source of pride among Jews.

The U.N. also took other steps that seemed noble and were encouraging to the Jewish community; condemning atrocities and formally commemorating the Holocaust along with other generally good efforts to address poverty, famine, etc. that were universally applauded.

Alas, in the decades that followed, the U.N. became a place where the animosities of the Cold War played themselves out. Third World countries, that had strength in numbers, came to infuse the U.N. with sentiments that were unfriendly to Israel and condemnations of the Jewish State became routine. Especially pernicious was a 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism, eventually repealed, but not until 1991. Equally bothersome has been the U.N.'s continued rejection of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

And that's pretty much what continues to shape Jewish regard for the U.N. While there have been some bright spots in efforts to identify and condemn antisemitism, on the whole, that has been overshadowed by outsized anti-Israel bias and animosity. Since 2015, the U.N.'s General Assembly has passed 140 resolutions condemning Israel – more than the number of resolutions against all other nations combined! The UN Human Rights Council seems to be obsessed with the human rights record of Israel, while blind to the more blatant violations of other countries.

In short, the sentiment of much of the Jewish community is that the U.N., at age 80, has lost its way. Would we be better off without it? That's debatable, but I don't think that most would really wish the U.N. out of existence – just reformed. Or ... perhaps reconstructed?

Programming and Education

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

Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Jewish professionals who work in synagogues generally breathe a sigh of relief when our series of Fall holidays/chagim concludes. This also happens at a time when we have more secular concerns looming on our calendars as we get closer to the month of November and our American Thanksgiving holiday. Personally I am grateful to all of you for the privilege of serving you, supporting our educational programs at Shaare Tefila and being part of this thriving community.

Children's Education

Holiday lessons continued into October at *Chavaya*! Decorations created by students were hung in the *sukkah*, and every child got to experience being in it, reciting the blessings and shaking the *lulav* and *etrog*. For *Simchat Torah* the students in *Kitah Dalet/*5th & 6th grade learned about the choreography of an *aliyah/* going up to the Torah and spent time looking at the Torah.

All students in grades K-12 participated in the Jewish Braille Institute Library *mitzvah* project to create tactile *Chanukah* cards for people who have low vision or are blind. They listened to guest speaker Jonathan Cohn to hear about what it is like to adapt to using Braille and what kind of devices are available to read when you are blind.

Spiritual & Community Events in November

- TGI Shabbat Dinner: Honoring Our Veterans, November 7, 6pm - Register Here by November 3
 - **6pm** The evening begins with our regular service for all in the sanctuary.
 - 7pm Join the community for a delicious dinner!
- Mini-Minyan, November 7, 6pm Adrienne 'Auntie A' Moeller leads families with children ages 0-7 in welcoming Shabbat with Rhythm 'N' Ruach/Spirit! Grosberg-Baumgart Chapel

- Movember 8, 6pm Register Here Now Celebrate the end of Shabbat together as we sing Havdalah blessings together and bring light into a new week at a time when the hours of darkness are increasing. There will be a hands-on activity for everyone with something to take home that will help light up the night. If the weather cooperates we will make s'mores over our fire pit!
- November 12, Following Evening Minyan, In-Person & on Zoom Join the evening Minyan at 7:30 p.m. and stay to hear from our State Senator (and Shaare Tefila member) Craig Zucker to hear about the upcoming legislative session. Senator Zucker has represented our area since 2016. He serves on the Budget and Tax Committee and chairs the Capital Budget Subcommittee. As chair, his top priority is to create a capital budget that equitably invests and supports community enhancement and revitalization projects across the state.
- Junior Congregation, November 22, 11am-12 noon

 Join Morah Babette and Moreh Scott for another engaging Junior Congregation experience! This month we will join the main service for concluding prayers.
- Councilmember Evan Glass, Sunday, November 23, 10:30am, In-Person & on Zoom -

Please join us in welcoming Councilmember Evan Glass for a community conversation. In 2023, Councilmember Glass launched the Anti-Hate Task Force, bringing together six diverse cohorts to identify the strategies and resources needed to keep their communities safe. As an At-Large Councilmember, Councilmember Glass represents all 1.1 million Montgomery County residents and your voice helps shape his work. We hope you'll join us for this important conversation.

Sisterhood

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Dear Sisters,

All of a sudden, the mornings are darker, night comes earlier, the temperatures are turning downright nasty (although I confess I LOVE wearing sweaters) and it appears spring-fall has given up and left. But never fear, Sisterhood

has some plans for you that will warm the cockles of your hearts. (...can Jews have cockles?)

But first, an unbiased critique of the Patron Event of October 26. It was a smashing success! Seth Kibel (on clarinet, saxophone and flute), accompanied by Harry Appelman on piano kept our toes tapping and hands clapping to their concert of klezmer, jazz, Gershwin and Berlin. It was a marvelous distraction from CNN and The Post. They were nothing short of geniuses as they wittily manipulated classics ("Hava Nagila," "Summertime," "Bei Mir Bist du Sheyn") making the music both familiar and comforting and exciting and new. The performance was followed by a lovely array of nosh. To quote Ethel Levine's 'thank you' comments, "It's been a while since we've had such great sax!"

Coming up on **Sunday, November 16 at 10:00 AM is Game Day**, sponsored by Sisterhood (of course) and held at the Rochester Rec Center (my house): 15823 Thompson Road in Silver Spring. There is a \$5 registration fee, payable at the door. You will need to preregister with me (contact info above). There will be a cutoff at 12 participants. We'll be playing some of the old games, like Hang Mannie and Tsivya Trivia, but I'll be including a couple of new games. As before, there will be prizes (I LOVE Home Goods. And Five Below.) And, as before, the rules will be...fluid. Cheating is not encouraged but mildly tolerated. Don't worry, there will be light refreshments. (Would I let you go hungry?!) So, write down the date and come!

Several months ago, one of my Maj Mamas gave me and others a pair of little blue candles. We delayed lighting them until the hostages were returned home. This week, we met and lit our candles and offered a prayer that Rabbi Layman sent me. I am including it at the bottom of my column, if anyone would like to do the same. Then we lit a *yizkor* candle and recited *kaddish* for those whose bodies were returned home. Just a thought.

Reminder to Board Members: the next **Sisterhood Board Meeting** will be **Monday, November 17 at 7:45 PM**. Zoom invitations will be sent out soon.

One last item: Mike Binder (of Men's Club fame) has invited our Sisterhood to join them in sponsoring some very interesting activities. Among them are *Mitzvah* Days at senior locations, a Sock Hop, and a guided tour of Brookside Gardens. They will all be discussed at Sisterhood meetings and hopefully I'll be able share some juicy tidbits with you in my next column.

Jewish Haiku

Hard to tell under the lights—white yarmulke or male-pattern baldness?

The Shalom Hartman Institute's Ritual Center in Jerusalem wrote this prayer, translated into English by Levi Morrow:

May It Be

A Prayer Upon the Return of the Hostages

May it be, our brothers and sisters, that just as you showed strength and courage in the terrible inferno, so may you find the strength to heal upon your return and as you walk the path of recovery. May you be embraced by the tens of thousands of loving hearts that never stopped worrying, hoping, acting, and working for your sake.

May it be that we know how to serve as a support and a source of strength—material, emotionally, and spiritually—for you and your families. May we together weave the thread of the hope for salvation, so that your return will proclaim peace and herald good.

May it be that we preserve this shared home. May we honor the light revealed in the actions of all those who never stopped striving and crying out for your return.

May it be that the memory of those we could not bring back safely, and those who fell in battle, remain with us forever—an eternal flame of pain and hope, of sorrow and consolation.

May it be that just as the captives have returned today, so too will all captives return: the living to their homes and the dead to their resting places in the earth. We will not rest, nor will we be silent, until they find rest and peace.

May the verse be fulfilled through us: "To bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives" (*Isaiah* 61:1).



Register Now! November 7 Shabbat Dinner Welcome Shabbat at 6, Dinner at 7

Sign Up by Oct 31 for Earlybird Adult Pricing \$22; Nov 3 for Regular Adult Pricing \$25 Children's Pricing: Ages 5-14, \$14; Under Age 5, Free Family Maximum Cost, \$75

Join us for a fabulous Latin American-style Shabbat Dinner, including:

Picadillo (a savory ground meat dish)
Lentil Picadillo for Vegetarians
Mexican Black Beans
Vinegar Slaw
Chicken Nuggets for Children
Salad
Blondies for Dessert



<u>Register here:</u> <u>https://bit.ly/3ItEFhH</u>



MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

NOVEMBER Anniversary Celebrations

11/5	Milton & Susan Goldsamt
11/5	Annie & Daniel Hirsch
11/5	Jay & Karen Weingart
11/8	Daniel & Chloe Grosberg
11/13	Paul & Sheryl Tilles

11/22 Jill Goldwater & Stephen Prensky

11/24 David & Florence Polinsky

11/29 Benjamin & Elissa Wolf

11/30 Sam & Debbie Yedlin

Birthday Celebrations

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11/1 Gabi Cohn	11/16 Ste <mark>p</mark> hanie Epstein
11/3 Michael Kantzer	11/18 Barry Polisar
11/4 Judah Greenberg	11/18 Matthew Salter
11/4 Heather Miller	11/19 Michael Froehlich
11/5 Randall Balin	11/19 Melissa Green
11/5 Amanda Libby	11/19 Stacy Levine
11/6 Samuel Hirsch	11/20 Elena Berman
11/7 Shira Gorin	11/21 Steven Abraham
11/7 Aliza Layman 🥡	11/21 Laurin Goodman
11/7 Elana Rubin	11/21 Zachary Kaye
11/7 Jason Wolf	11/21 Karin Leff
11/8 Jonah Glaser	11/21 Lanny Plotkin
11/8 Jeffrey Hysen	11/21 Jesse Stiller
11/8 Michael Reinach	11/22 Ivy Stiller
11/10 Hariel Kensky	11/23 Jessica Borreda –
11/10 Shawn Miller	11/23 Leah Ross
11/11 Rachel Becker	11/24 Joel Friedman
11/11 Rita Frydman	11/25 Aliza Sandberg
11/12 Theodore Hirsch	11/26 Ina Goldstein
11/12 Arielle Wolf	11/26 Max Schwartz
11/13 Louis Brandeis	11/27 Myron Goldstein
11/13 Barry James	11/28 Samuel Becker
11/13 Michele Peck	11/28 Julia Kraut
11/13 Carl Sabath	11/28 Vincent Lynch
11/13 Irene Zitomer	11/28 David Mendick
11/14 Judith Peritt	11/29 Jonathan Bass
11/15 Marianne Kleiner	11/29 Adam Krantz
11/15 Lori Marks	11/30 Aaron Auerbach
11/16 Elana Abuelhawa	11/30 Cathy Plotkin

Marc Breslaw from NNIA to Speak Saturday, November 8



Please note that at the *Shabbat* service, November 8, we will have the honor of hearing from volunteer Marc Breslaw. Marc will share his valuable insights into his work supporting the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance (NNIA).

As many of you know, Shaare Tefila is a proud supporter of NNIA—a community-focused initiative that unites local congregations to assist newly arrived refugee and immigrant families in their transition to life in the U.S.

Marc brings a wealth of experience in the nonprofit sector and a deep commitment to humanitarian efforts. He

will discuss his impactful experiences working with families and the positive changes he has witnessed in their lives.

We look forward to your presence and hope you will join us for this inspiring session.

For more information on how you can get involved with NNIA please contact: Debbie Yedlin; 301-367-7838, Roni Polisar 301-535-3146, or Joyce Feinstein 301-466-4976



Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the Chesed Committee

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Podcast + Ping Pong brought to you by the Chesed Committee ... and we are planning a double header! Shabbat November 22, 2025.

Chesed will facilitate the first session of its new "Big Listen" during that day's kiddush. What is "The Big Listen?" It is similar to "The Big Read" - when a group of people reads and then discuss a designated book, only in this 2025 version, we will be designating a Chesed-related podcast! Congregants will be provided with a link to the podcast a couple of weeks beforehand and are encouraged to listen to it at home.

The first designated podcast will focus on the topic of "Wellness," a subject general enough to be discussed by both those who have listened to the podcast in advance, and those who may not have but wish to join our discussion anyway. The discussion will be facilitated by Zella Shabasson and Anne Zajicek, at a designated table(s) at the *kiddush*. Podcast info will be circulated at the beginning of November.

Ping-Pong: Coinciding with each *Shabbat* when our Junior Congregation convenes, we will set up a ping-pong table in the Gallery for ALL to use during/after *Kiddush*. We have even recently obtained new paddles and ping-pong balls! So don't be shy, get moving and try out and improve your ping-pong skills.

We are proud of our *b'nai mitzvah* students and gladly support their *mitzvah* projects!

Towards that end, a donation has been made by the *Chesed* Committee to the Humane Society of Frederick County (www.fchs.org), in honor of **Noah Fero**.

Please Join Us For "A Boogie-Woogie Benefit" for Shaare Tefila: Dinner & A Show Saturday, February 7, 2026 7:00-10:30 p.m.

JOIN: International Recording Artist Daryl Davis & his magnificent band & get ready to shake, rattle & roll for a cause! Come for an electrifying night of music featuring the timeless sounds of boogie-woogie, classic rock & roll, & soulful blues. BUT this is much more than just a concert - it's a celebration with a purpose. Every ticket & donation received will directly support educational program opportunities for all ages in our community.









All Inclusive Ticket Price \$90 Members \$100 Public

Table of 10 Discount: \$800 until 1/9/26

TAX DEDUCTIBLE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

\$180 - Includes ONE Free
Ticket

TICKET

\$360 - Includes TWO Free

Tickets

\$720 - Includes FOUR Free

Tickets

* PLUS for \$36 Receive a Personalized Bottle of Red or White Wine

IF YOU NEED CONSIDERATION REGARDING THE COST OF YOUR TICKET PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JERRY KIEWE, JKIEWE@SHAARETEFILA.ORG



Dear Friends,

Once again I am reaching out to ask for your support in helping a school community just down the road in Aspen Hill. Harmony Hills Elementary School is one of the poorest schools in our county. Each year families contact the guidance counselors, as they don't know where else to turn, to give their children a happy holiday. These are families that don't even fill out applications to groups that provide toys- a county wide initiative. Part of it is due to the language barrier- they are mostly new immigrants who do not speak English.

In the past we have typically raised \$500 and we send two "shoppers" to buy the gifts on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, when our funds go even further. If you would like to support our cause, please send a check to Cathy Plotkin, 18028 Bilney Drive, Olney, Maryland 20832 or you can Zelle me at 301-785-6276 or you can. Venmo me @Cathy-Plotkin-2. Any amount is greatly appreciated. I will confirm with you that I have received your contribution.

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

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

The Chug Ivrit at Shaare Tefila is a small group of people who like to engage with Modern Hebrew. It is 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 Chug Ivrit: Conversational Hebrew on Sunday mornings!

From 10:30 AM – 12 noon, from the convenience of your home, you can access the sessions via Zoom and learn with the *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.

... perhaps?



Crack, Bam, Birdie-

Sounds from an animated cartoon,or... *Mah Jongg* tiles!

The Shaare Tefila Sisterhood is again facilitating the sale of the

2026 MAH JONGG CARDS

Last year, our Sisterhood earned over \$665 from this effort! We thank all of you for your support, hope we can reach that same goal again ... and perhaps do even better!

The price of the cards has stayed the same.

The Standard card is \$14.00,
the Large Print is \$15.00.

Orders are due by January 30, 2026

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_____#of "Standard cards"you wish to order x \$14.00 = \$____

_____#of "Large Print cards" you wish to order x \$15.00= \$

TOTAL: \$_____

The cards that you order will be sent to you at:

Your Name: _____

Address:

City_____ST___Zip____

Please make checks payable to "Shaare Tefila Sisterhood" and send your order to:

Marilyn Pontell, 10101 Governor Warfield Pkwy #344, Columbia, MD 21044

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;

Nov. 12 at 10:00 AM Dec. 10 at 10:00 AM Jan. 14 at 10:00 AM Feb. 11 at 10:00 AM Mar. 11 at 10:00 AM Apr. 15 at 10:00 AM

(delayed to 3rd Wed. due to Passover)

May 13 at 10:00 AM June 10 at 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting via the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85180032226?pwd=RGwyMm hQd3QvcS85SE16emJMZ2lDUT09

One tap mobile access; +13017158592,,85180032226# ,,,,*923253726#

Dial-in ONLY access; +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 851 8003 2226 Passcode: 923253726

If you have any questions, please contact; Jack Teller: JackTeller@verizon.net.

NOVEMBER 1



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Shaare Tefila Congregation 16620 Georgia Avenue Olney, MD 20832

When: Tuesday, November 18

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Risk Screenings

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

Special Pricing for \$129

November Kiddush Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE Kitchen Captain

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Stacv Levine/ **Joy Salzman**

Volunteers Amy & Joe Federman Karen & Ken Lefler

> Reva & Hal Norken Laura & Steve Ross Laura & Steve Ross Ellen Radish & Seth Zarny

DATE

NOVEMBER 15

Stacey Lynch

Bar Mitzvah - Jason Wolf

Kitchen Captain

Volunteers Betsy Colbert

Sandy & Joel Friedman Larry & Carolyn Goldstein Arnie & Shoshana Greenland

Ann Hamlin Susan & Dan Marder

NOVEMBER 22

David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick

Marilyn Pontell

DATE **NOVEMBER 8**

Kitchen Captain Wendy Abraham/ **Sherry Cohen**

Volunteers Helene & Robert Braun Sharon Fried

> **Louis Paley** Cathy & Lanny Plotkin **Elliott Prissman** Karen & Shelly Radnor Mervl Trachtman

DATE

Co-sponsored by Deanna Alpher and Joyce Feinstein, in memory of their respective late husbands, Norman

Alpher, z'l, and Jay Feinstein, z'l.

Kitchen Captain Volunteers

Val Kolmaister Carol Fendler Monica Friedman

Michael Gross Mark & Karen Kaufman Diane & Gershon Kieval Beth Schapiro Anne & Ofer Zajicek

DATE

NOVEMBER 29

Thanksgiving Weekend: Co-Sponsored by 1) Debbie & Sam Yedlin IHO their 40th wedding anniversary AND in celebration of the baby naming of their granddaughter; 2) Joel & Sandy Friedman IHO the 55th anniversary of Joel's bar mitzvah.

Kitchen Captain

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Aliza Layman and Ari Friedman, by Joel & Sandra Friedman

Mazel tov to the Layman and Friedman Families on Aliza and Ari's aufruf and upcoming wedding. Wishing Aliza and Ari a long, healthy and happy life together. By Nina Gurman

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Barbara Smith, mother of Stacey Lynch, by Lana Grossman

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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 <u>AND</u> 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,
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