Shaare Tefila Congregation

# The Shofar השופר

Celebrating our 75th year | SEPTEMBER *ELUL* 5786 - *TISHREI* 5787 | Vol. 75 #8

## High Holiday Schedule 2026/5787

- **On both *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*, Shaare Tefila will conduct** Conservative-style services in its Main Sanctuary, led by Rabbi Jonah Layman and Cantor Adina Ackerman.
- Plentiful seating is available and seating is OPEN; there are no assigned seats, but arrangements CAN be made for any special needs upon request!
- Shaare Tefila utilizes the *Lev Shalem Machzor* and provides these for attendees, along with Torah books.
- Shaare Tefila has a 100-space parking lot, and there is additional parking available on the nearby access road on Georgia Avenue. If anyone has need of reserved parking, that can be provided upon request.
- The basic schedule for 2026 is below:

### *Rosh Hashanah*

**Friday, Sept. 11** - Evening Service - 6:00 PM – In-person and via Livestream
**Saturday, Sept. 12** - Holiday service - 9:00 AM - In-person and via Livestream
**Babysitting Service for children ages 2-4 years** – 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
**Family Service** in the Grosberg Baumgart Chapel– 10:00 - 11:00 AM - In-person
**Childrens' programming for K thru 4th Grade** in classrooms – 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - In-person
**Saturday, Sept. 12** - Evening Service - 7:00 PM – In-person and via Livestream
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**Sunday, Sept. 13** - Evening Service & Havdalah- 8:05 PM – Via Zoom

### *Tashlikh*

**Sunday, Sept. 20** - *Tashlikh* - 9:30 AM - In-person only
**At Shaare Tefila and nearby stream, in conjunction with 1st day of Chavaya Religious School**
Join Rabbi Layman for a reflection activity, followed by *tashlikh*, a symbolic discarding of the sins we have committed and a renewal of our commitment to atonement. Light refreshments will then be served. In lieu of regular Chavaya classes, students will meet in groups for special activities.

### *Yom Kippur*

**Sunday, Sept. 20** - *Kol Nidrei* - 6:45 PM - In-person and via Livestream
**Monday, Sept. 21** - Holiday service, including Torah reading and *Yizkor*
9:00 AM - In-person and via Livestream
**Babysitting Service for children ages 2-4 years** – 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
**Family Service** in the Grosberg Baumgart Chapel– 10:00 - 11:00 AM - In-person
**Childrens' programming** in classrooms – 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - In-person
Study session - 4:30 PM - In-person and via Livestream
**Monday, Sept. 21** - *Mincha & Neilah* - 5:15 PM - In-person and via Livestream
Final *Shofar* blowing - 7:50 PM

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

# A Prayer for the New Year

Rabbi Jonah Layman | RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org

The year 5786 was a challenging one for me personally. As you know, my father died at the end of May after having suffered from congestive heart failure for the previous 7 months. The end of October 2025 was supposed to be joyous for my family — my daughter Aliza was getting married — but it was impacted by my father being admitted to the hospital. My father was in the hospital for a week and he and my Mom couldn't attend Aliza's wedding. Subsequent to that hospital stay, my father was in the hospital two more times.

On February 3, my father entered hospice and the congregation allowed me the time every day to take my Mom and visit with my Dad. One week later, as my father was still getting settled into the Landow House and the routine, all the *shul* signs at the front of our property were defaced with antisemitic and anti-Israel graffiti. As I was helping my father, I had to also field calls from local, state and federal elected officials and conduct a few interviews with local news outlets as well. It was a trying time to say the least.

My story though, I know, represents what all of us have gone through this past year. Many of us experienced a death in the family. Many of us felt how our lives were impacted by the passing of our loved one — the time we spent with caregiving, visiting, paperwork, etc. — and the emotional toll it took on our lives.

And concurrent with our personal grief we also had to face attacks on our Jewish identity. As a result of our signs being defaced - in February and in July — I no longer feel comfortable wearing just a *kippah* in public. I always have a cap on top of it. Our lives have been impacted — both personally and communally — and it has been challenging to face those challenges with strength and resolve.

Which is why psalm 27 - the psalm we add to the end of the morning and evening service from the month before *Rosh Hashanah* through the end of the holiday of *Sukkot* - helps us. It contains a beautiful line which expresses our deep, personal expression of help and support:
אחת שאלתי מאת ה' אותה אבקש, שבתי בבית ה' כל ימי חיי – "One thing I ask of God, of it I pray, let me dwell in God's house all my days."

This request may sound like a plea to escape the rigors and hardships of life on earth. It may sound like we want to find an easy way out. But I read it as a plea to have God's protection and enveloping love here with me on earth. I want to know that I'm not alone in dealing with my tzurris - my troubles. I want to feel God's love, and I want that love to revive me.

Saying *kaddish* everyday has helped. Being with my wife, children, and grandchildren has been a blessing. Feeling the support of the Shaare Tefila community has been special. All of that together helps me feel that I am not alone. I hope and pray that you feel the same way too. May the year 5787 be a year of peace and joy for all of us.

## Saturday, September 26

### (1st day of Sukkot)

## You Are Invited!!!

**Lenore and Rabbi Jonah Layman are pleased to welcome you for *kiddush* lunch in their home *sukkah* on *Shabbat*, Saturday, September 26, the first day of *Sukkot*.**

**Services should conclude shortly after noon and you're welcome after that.**
**Please RSVP to RJLayman@ShaareTefila.org for the address and directions.**

# Message from the President

Jeff Weiss, President | President@ShaareTefila.org

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. Fran and I have spent a good part of ours at our beach house in Lewes, where we've had the opportunity to welcome family and friends, enjoy the beach, and spend some time thinking about what the future may hold for us. As always, summer seems to go by much faster than we expect.

With September approaching, life at Shaare Tefila is about to get much busier as well. The High Holidays will soon bring many of us together, including some people we see every week and others we may see only a few times during the year. There is something special about having so much of our congregation together at one time and being reminded of the community we have built.

One thing I have come to appreciate even more during my time as president is that a congregation doesn't happen on its own. It happens because people show up. They come to services and programs. They check in on someone who is going through a difficult time. They celebrate with one another. They serve on committees, help set up an event, make a phone call, share an idea, or simply take the time to welcome someone they don't know.

Not every contribution has to be a major commitment. In fact, sometimes the small things make the biggest difference.

So, as we begin 5787, I'd like to offer a simple challenge. Find one new way to be part of Shaare Tefila this year. Attend a program you haven't attended before. Come to an extra service. Volunteer at an event. Join a committee or help with a project. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. If each of us does just one more thing, the collective impact on our congregation can be tremendous.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year, and I'm excited about the opportunities we will have to learn, celebrate, worship, and simply spend time together. More importantly, I hope we continue to strengthen the sense of community and connection that makes Shaare Tefila such an important part of our lives.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy, ideas, and support to our congregation. I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president and look forward to seeing many of you in the weeks ahead.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and Fran and I wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year.

*L'shanah tovah tikatevu.*

# News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com

As we leave the month of August and summer vacations behind us, we enter September, where our community begins the introspection and connection of the High Holy Days. This is a time when many of us return to familiar rhythms—services, learning, volunteering, and just enjoying being together in our synagogue home.

It's also a very exciting time for Perry and myself as we await the birth of our 1st grandchild!

For the Membership Committee, we welcome new families who are seeking a place to grow spiritually and socially, and we reconnect with long-time members who may be returning after time away. Every greeting, every *Shanah Tovah* strengthens the fabric of our congregation.

If you see new faces, or even familiar ones, at services or programs, please take a moment to introduce yourself. A warm welcome can make all the difference. And if you know someone looking for a Jewish community, now is the perfect time to invite them to join us.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, meaningful, and peaceful New Year.

# On My Mind -

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

In this time of year, when we are challenged to engage in deep and meaningful introspection, I'm going to go against the grain and offer something trite.

First, a bit of admittedly convoluted context to explain how I stumbled across this arcane bit of trivia. This summer, while on a very lengthy solo drive, I passed much of the time listening to a 16-CD reading of Bill O'Reilly's book, *Confronting the U.S. Presidents*. Never mind any sentiment you may have about the author, a once popular pundit on Fox TV, now reduced to promoting late night ads for sleeping pills. The book WAS an interesting rendition of the lives and key political decisions of each successive U.S. President, from Washington to Obama. Among them was a chapter on Martin van Buren, our 8th president, who served from 1837-1841, which contained a nugget of obscure history that I was unaware of and still find fascinating. It concerns the word, "okay."

First, ponder this bit of trivia; "Okay" is reportedly the single most widely recognized word in the world. From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, no matter the country or native language, virtually every person on the planet shares a common understanding of this one word. Imagine that. This is rare territory.

It is all the more amazing when you consider that the "word" first came into use less than 200 years ago, and was initially offered up merely as an obscure, subtle bit of commentary.

Here's where it started … and try to follow the bouncing ball. In the course of producing the March 23, 1839 edition of the *Boston Morning Post*, editor Charles Gordon Greene, opted to include "OK" next to the words "all correct." It was intended to be a shortening of "oll korrect," itself an intentional misspelling of "all correct" – and that was meant to be a light-hearted jab at a rival newspaper's use of then commonly used abbreviations of the day – much like making fun of modern-day usage of LOL (Laughing Out Loud) or IMHO (In My Humble Opinion). Admittedly, it's dry criticism that doesn't strike my funny bone … but apparently some astute readers of the day got the joke.

Three days later, the term appeared a second time in another *Boston Morning Post* article … and then gradually began to gain footing. By the end of the year, newspapers in other prominent cities were also using it.

But that alone doesn't explain its widespread use; true fame was launched via a heated U.S. presidential campaign.

In 1840, incumbent Martin Van Buren was running against William Henry Harrison, popularized by one of the most famous campaign slogans in American history; "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too," which succinctly promoted Harrison's reputation as a war hero, and his choice of John Tyler as his running mate. The latter would prove consequential.

Van Buren, meanwhile, was born and raised in the upstate New York town of Kinderhook, and had been tagged with the nickname "Old Kinderhook." His campaign soon made convenient use of the new term with variations of, essentially "Van Buren is Okay" in slogans of their own. To further reinforce the association, Van Buren began signing documents with "O.K." This apparently fascinated officials in Europe, further cementing a more universal understanding of the term's meaning; to verify acceptance.

Ultimately, the voters didn't buy it; Harrison won the 1840 election, but the expression had caught on, and its legacy lives on today.

Ironically, Harrison's fame and influence was more limited. He took the oath of office in cold, wet weather, chose not to wear an overcoat or a hat, and took two hours to deliver the longest inaugural address in American history. Three weeks later, he took his daily morning walk, again without a coat or hat, was caught in a sudden rainstorm, and became seriously ill. He died several days later … thereafter providing fuel for every mother's admonishment to her children to "bundle up before venturing out in the cold, lest you catch your death of it!" Harrison's term was thus the briefest of all of our presidents, and Tyler's abrupt assumption of the role and title served as a precedent that would continue to be followed seven times thereafter, though it was only formally adopted into the Constitution in 1967 via the Twenty-fifth Amendment.

One final irony, and yet another tidbit of presidential trivia. Martin Van Buren, whose campaign popularized "okay" as the most universally recognized (English) word in the world … was the only U.S. President for whom English was NOT his first language; Kinderhook, New York was a mostly Dutch community; he grew up speaking Dutch and learned English as a second language.
Go figure.

# Programming and Education

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

*Though the righteous one may fall seven times, he will arise.*

*King Solomon (Proverbs 24:16)*

*In Jewish thinking, a great person isn't one who never fails; it's one who fails and keeps trying. You can only become a truly great person through the crucible of failure and perseverance.*

Last month I announced the year of celebrations ahead as we begin our 75th year as an organized Jewish community. In Judaism, the number 75 has multiple significance:

- **Age at Calling:** According to *Genesis* 12:4, Abraham was 75 years old when God told him to leave his homeland and go to the land of Canaan.
- **In *Gematria***, the number 75 is represented by the letters ע and ה

  Together, they form the acronym עה or עליו השלום, "may peace be upon him" the blessing we use when remembering someone who has passed away.
- **There will be a Kick Off Celebration *Kiddush* on *Shabbat* morning, October 17** - make sure you mark your calendar now!

## Children's Education

**Our *Gan Katan* & *Chavaya* classes will open on September 20 at 9:30am,** when we will have our *Tashlich* Community Program, including a light breakfast, at our building. **The morning will include an informational meeting for parents and time for the children to meet their teachers. See the full schedule below.**

## Special Opportunities for Holiday *Chavaya* Educational Programs:

**September 27, 10am** - Families will begin their time together when they join the main *Sukkot* service during the *Hallel*/songs of praise portion. We will be part of the *hakafot*/procession for the holiday, then exit the Sanctuary for a hands-on program for parents and children together.

**October 4, 10am** - Families will begin their time together when they join the main *Simchat Torah* service during the *Hallel*/songs of praise portion. The *Hakafot*/procession and dancing with the Torah, will be led by Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson that morning. There will also be a time when there will be programming to engage children while anyone who is post-*b'nai mitzvah* age can receive an *aliyah*/going up to the Torah.

**Registration for the 2026-27 school year is open and can be found here**. PLEASE tell your friends about our warm and welcoming education program - the best way for us to grow as a community is with your help!!

## Spiritual & Community Events in September & Beyond

- **9/11-9/21 - High Holidays 5787** - Schedule details can be found on page 1.
- **9/20, 9:30am - *Tashlich* Community Program & Breakfast** - Come to Shaare Tefila on Sunday morning, September 20, as we continue to observe the holiday period. All are welcome!!
  - 9:30am - Begin with a welcome back breakfast and time to *schmooze*.
  - 10:00am - Our group will walk across Georgia Avenue to the Olney Rec Center's Pond for our *Tashlich* ceremony.
  - 11:00am - The group will be back in our building. Children will have learning activities with their teachers and adults will have more time to socialize.
- **9/27 - Second Day *Sukkot* Experience Family Program** - Join Morah Babette for an engaging program as all ages learn together!
- **10/4 - *Simchat Torah* Family Jam Celebration** - Come to Shaare Tefila for a *Rhythm 'n' Ruach* service, led by Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson, as we sing and dance with the Torah on a Sunday morning!

## *CHUG IVRIT*

### HAVE SOME FUN AND LEARN SOME HEBREW!

Do you have basic Hebrew reading and writing skills?

The *Chug Ivrit* at Shaare Tefila might be just right for you!

We are a nice, easy-going small group of people who like to read and speak Modern Hebrew, in a no pressure class.

We are speaking, reading, writing and learning under the guidance of fellow congregants Ami Frydman and sometimes 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.**
Contact me for a sample article.

***Chug Ivrit meets* Sunday mornings via Zoom, 10:30 AM – 12 noon**

**Why not give it a try?** תיהל … perhaps?

Contact Adriana at SandlerAA@gmail.com for more info.

# EXPERIENCE, ENGAGE & CELEBRATE WITH SHAARE TEFILA 2026-27

## SHAARE TEFILA 75th Diamond Jubilee Gala & Monthly Anniversary Events: SAVE THESE DATES

**Oct 17** - 75th Anniversary Kick Off Celebration Kiddush
**Oct 17-18** - Evening Give a Hoot Comedy Club Fundraiser
**Nov 14** - 75th Anniversary Presidential Weekend Honors Shabbat
**Dec 12** - 75th Anniversary History & Remembrance Shabbat
**Jan 9** - Havdalah Experience: 75th Anniversary Sip, Savor, Support (Silent Auction)
**Feb 19-20** - 75th Anniversary Musical Shabbaton
**Feb 20** - Havdalah Experience: 75th Anniversary Niggun Circle
**Mar 6-7** -Evening Give a Hoot Comedy Club Fundraiser
**Mar 20** - 75th Anniversary: Dor L'Dor: Honoring Our Teachers and Leaders

**SAVE THE DATE: April 4, 2027**
**Shaare Tefila 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Gala Celebration!**

## Flavors of Shabbat

**Friday Evening Service, 6-7pm**
**Monthly Shabbat Dinners** - join us for a night of *ruach*/spirit & a delicious Friday night meal
Oct 9 * Nov 6 * Dec 11 * Feb 5 * Mar 12 * May 7 * June 4

***Shabbat Ruach Tefila*: Our Voices Together in Prayer & Song** - led by Stacey Lynch & the *Shabbas* Sound Squad; Oneg Shabbat/Refreshments to follow.
Oct 16 * Dec 18 * Feb 19 * Apr 16 * June 11

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

### Mini Minyan with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson

Engage in Joyful Judaism as we welcome Shabbat! This program is designed for children ages 0-7 and their families.
**Friday evenings, 6-7pm:**
**Oct 9 * Nov 6 * Dec 11 * Feb 5 * Mar 12 * May 7 * June 4**

### Tot Shabbat with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson

A fun, musical service geared towards families with young children ages 0-7.
**Saturdays, 11am-12pm:**
**Oct 24 * Jan 23 * Feb 20 * Apr 24 * May 22**

# EXPERIENCE, ENGAGE & CELEBRATE WITH SHAARE TEFILA 2026-27

## Tashlich & Breakfast at Shaare Tefila

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

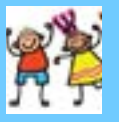
**Sunday, Sept 20, 9:30-11:30 AM**

## Gan Katan Preschool Class

Shaare Tefila's Monthly Jewish Preschool Experience for Up to Age 5 & A Grown Up! Playtime, story time, crafts, & more! Led by Morah Mara Lansky

$72 for the year - $10 drop in fee

**Sunday mornings, 9:45-11:15 pm: 9/20, 10/18, 11/8, 12/6, 2/7, 3/7, 4/11 & 5/23**



## Sukkot & Simchat Torah

**Sept 27, 10 AM** - Sukkot Family Program

**Oct 4, 11 AM** - Simchat Torah Family Jam with Adrienne 'Auntie A' Suson

## Purim Celebration & Carnival

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

**Sunday, March 21**

## Shaare Tefila Sisterhood

Sisterhood offers programming for women of all ages, including:

**Oct 12 Dinner**
**Dec 24 Pizza & Movie Night**
**Mar 14 BRCA Program**
**Contact Shelley Rochester to find out more (shelleyrochester85@gmail.com)**

## Shaare Tefila Men's Club

Men's Club sponsors community events during the year, & ST members opportunities to play softball & basketball together.

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

**Jews & Brews Dates: Oct 16 * Dec 18 * Feb 19 * Apr 16 * June 11**

## Shaare Tefila Makers & Bakers

Hands-on learning for adults! Some months you will create something beautiful; others you will make a delicious delicacy. More dates will be added soon!

**Dates: Nov 21 * Feb 7 * Apr 11**

## Shaare Tefila Havdalah Experience

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

**After sundown - times to be determined:**

**Nov 21: Maker Candle Painting**
**Dec 19: PJ Party with Auntie A**
**Jan 9: Sip, Savor, Support**
**Feb 20: Musical Niggun Circle**

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# Sisterhood

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

Dear Sisters,
Our year has started off beautifully with a delightful surprise. We have received a special honor from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Through our own diligence, we have been awarded the "Jewels in the Crown Award." We have met the criteria by providing activities that focus on environment, Torah Fund and programming. In addition, we received a mazel tov on achieving Jewels in the Crown each time it's been offered! Let us pat ourselves on the back for being a consistently active, successful Sisterhood! The award certificate (and making sure that the League was aware of our accomplishments) is totally due to the persistent and devoted work of Marjorie Fuhrmann. She has been assiduous in her dedication to not only our Sisterhood, but Shaare Tefila as well. (For those who may not be aware, Marjorie moved to Massachusetts two years ago but remains on our Board as an active member.) So, congratulations to Shaare Tefila Sisterhood and Thank You to Marjorie!

And speaking of Sisterhood activities, pencil-mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 13** and another **Trip to Olney Theatre**. This year we are reserving matinee seats, discounted, for "Les Miserables." Bess Teller is making arrangements and Val Kolmaister will be ~~bombarding~~ sending us information. Do join us - we had so much fun last year!

On **January 17,** Marlene Sandberg will again organize and lead the ***Tu B'shevat seder***. But this year we will invite Sisterhoods from other congregations. We know for sure that the ladies of Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt are very excited to be joining us.

And on **March 14**, we will have a **speaker on BRCA**. I know many of you are aware of what this is: the gene that carries the DNA for breast cancer. This gene is carried by and infects both women and men, so it is of interest to our whole congregation. Many women who know they are carriers have made a dramatic proactive choice and have opted for mastectomies before receiving a cancer diagnosis. This program will be of vital importance for/to the health of all of us.

On a lighter note, while "the rest of the world" is shedding pine needles on their floors, on T**hursday, December 24**, we will be celebrating our *yiddishkeit* with **Pizza, Ice Cream & a Movie**. Last year we watched "The Frisco Kid", a movie about a rabbi in the wild west. Does anyone have a favorite movie to suggest that is; a) family friendly, and; b) Jewishy. I was thinking "The Band's Visit" – a fading Egyptian band arrives in Israel to play at the Arab Cultural Center. But they board the wrong bus and find themselves in a desolate Israeli village. With no option other than to spend the night with the local townspeople, adherents of the two distinctly different cultures come to realize the universal bonds of love, music and life. (In Hebrew, with English subtitles.) Give me feedback, please!

And while you're giving, we are planning a High Tea for the spring and are in need of teacups and saucers. Got 'em? Give 'em! Thanks.

AND! **Monday, October 12** is our **Paid-up Membership Dinner**. This is always Sisterhood's grand opening for the year and you don't want to miss it. Val K. has already been spreading the word. Don't forget to register; you have until October 7, but it will be here before you know it.

**JEWISH HAIKU**

Mom, please! There is no
Need to put that dinner roll
In your pocketbook.

*Zie gezunt,* see you in *shul*.

## SHAARE TEFILA SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2026-27

(No Events scheduled in September due to the Jewish High Holidays)

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| Tuesday, Oct. 6 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, Oct. 12 | Paid-up Membership Dinner, 5:30-8:30 PM at Shaare T. |
| Sunday, Nov. 1 | Patron Event - Slave Museum & Art Gallery 12:00 Noon |
| Tuesday, Nov. 3 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, Nov. 9 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Tuesday, Dec. 8 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, Dec. 13 | Show at Olney Theater; "Les Mis" - 1:00 PM |
| Monday, Dec. 14 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Thursday, Dec. 24 | Movie w. Pizza & Ice Cream, 6 PM at Shaare Tefila |
| Friday, Dec. 25 | Shelter Brunch (Details TBD) |
| Tuesday, Jan. 5 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, Jan. 11 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, Jan. 17 | *Tu b'Shevat Seder*, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at Shaare Tefila |
| Tuesday, Feb. 2 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, Feb. 8 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Saturday, Feb. 20 | Sisterhood *Kiddush* - at Shaare Tefila Congregation |
| Tuesday, Mar.9 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, Mar. 14 | BRCA Presentation, 11:00 AM at Shaare Tefila |
| Monday, Mar. 15 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, Apr. 4 | Shaare Tefila 75th Anniversary Gala Event (Details TBD) at Shaare Tefila Congregation |
| Tuesday, Apr. 6 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, Apr. 11 | Women's *Seder*, 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Shaare Tefila |
| Monday, Apr. 12 | Board Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Tuesday, May 4 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, May 10 | Board Meeting, 7:45PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Sunday, May 16 | High Tea (Details TBD) |
| Saturday, May 22 | Sisterhood *Shabbat* - at Shaare Tefila Congregation |
| Tuesday, June 1 | Executive Meeting, 7:45 PM - Conducted via Zoom |
| Monday, June 14 | Pot Luck Dinner & Planning Meeting, 6:00 - 8:30 PM – at the Teller residence |

# Shaare Tefila Sisterhood Presents:

## Paid-up Membership Dinner

**DATE: Monday, October 12, 2026**
**TIME: Meet & Greet Check-in: 5:30 p.m., Dinner, 6:00 p.m.**

**Send Dues, along with Reservation form below to Karen Sussman, 1610 Brighton Dam Road, Brookeville, MD 20833 or pay through Shul Cloud**
**NOTE: Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 7.**

**Dues: (Check Membership Level)**
**____ $55 Regular Membership**
**____ $40 Senior Membership (ages 70+)**
**____ $70 Patron Membership**
**____ $60 Senior Patron Membership**
**____ $18 Daughter/Granddaughter (< 18 yrs) of paid-up Sisterhood member.**

**JOIN SISTERHOOD AND THE DINNER IS COMPLIMENTARY!**

**____ Not a member, or any friends who want to attend: Cost: $35**

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

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**NOTE:** Even if you send this form and payment to Karen, or prefer to pay through Shul Cloud, you must complete your registration by clicking on this link: **shul.st/paid-up; or** the **QR Code** below, to add your information online.

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**SISTERHOOD'S PAID UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER REGISTRATION FORM**
(Mail form and payment to Karen Sussman at above address)
Name: _____

Home phone (h) _____ Cell (c) _____

Attending Dinner? YES_____ NO_____ Amount Due $_____

**Check one: ___ Dues enclosed ___Charge to my SHUL CLOUD acct ___ Will bring Check**

**Dietary Restrictions:**_____

# High Holiday Greetings to the Shaare Tefila community for 5787 from ...

**(The listing below reflects all contributions & HH order forms received thru Aug. 30, 2026; Contributions received AFTER this date will be printed in the October issue!)**

Ellie Alpert
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Ricardo Kleiner
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Liane Lunden
Ron & Gayle Miller
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The Stiller Family
Bill Sumner & Family & Nora Helfgott
Jack & Bess Teller
Alan & Beverly Weinstein
Ben, Elissa, Jason & Arielle Wolf
Sam & Debbie Yedlin

*The clergy and staff of Shaare Tefila also extends its best wishes and looks forward to working with all to make 5786 a great year!*

Luis Arias
Babette Cohn
Jerry Kiewe
Rabbi Jonah Layman
Cantor Adina Ackerman

# 75th Anniversary

## Seventy-Five Years of Faith, Community, and Light

**As you know, this year marks an extraordinary milestone for our congregation—our 75th Anniversary, our Diamond Jubilee. As we begin this celebratory year, we find ourselves reflecting on what it means to belong to a community with such deep roots, rich history, and a future filled with promise.**

**For seventy-five years, our synagogue has been a place where generations have prayed, learned, celebrated, mourned, volunteered, and grown together. It has been a source of strength in moments both joyful and challenging. This anniversary year gives us the chance not only to honor that legacy, but to recommit ourselves to building the next chapter.**

**Our 75th Anniversary Gala on April 4, 2027, will be the culmination of the celebration where we will gather as one community to celebrate all that we have built together. However, the spirit of the anniversary begins now. There will be special programs and commemorative events each month throughout the year to attend.**

**"Save the Dates" for these Pre-Gala Programs:**

- **Saturday, October 17** — Our first program to kick off this anniversary-year celebration is a special *Shabbat kiddush*!
- **November 14, 2026** — *Shabbat* Honoring our Past Presidents
- **December 12, 2026** — History & Remembrance *Shabbat*
- **January 9, 2027** — Silent Auction & Wine Tasting
- **February 19 & 20, 2027** — Musical *Shabbaton* Weekend
- **March 20, 2027** — *Shabbat* Honoring our Religious Leaders

**We invite you to join us in marking these special moments. Attend an event, bring a friend, reconnect with someone you haven't seen in a while, or simply attend. Every act of connection strengthens our community and honors the generations who came before us.**

**Let's make this a year of showing up, reaching out, and celebrating the community that has sustained us for three-quarters of a century.**

**Here's to a year of celebration, gratitude, and renewed commitment. May our 75th year shine brightly and inspire the next seventy-five.**

**Warmly,**
**Your 75th Anniversary Gala Committee**

Shaare Tefila Congregation

# FOOD DRIVE

## Operation Isaiah 2026

In the Haftarah on Yom Kippur morning, Isaiah declares, "Share your bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into your home; when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to ignore your own kin." (Isaiah 58:6-7) **Operation Isaiah** is our Movement-wide food drive, named for Isaiah's poignant message.

**Take Action to End Hunger this High Holy Day Season**

## Thru Friday, October 9, 2026

**Shaare Tefila is accepting donations of non-perishable foods**

## PASTA, CEREAL, CANNED GOODS, and OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS

**All items must be unopened and nonperishable.**

Make a tangible contribution for those in need in our local community. It's easy! Put your donated items in the collection box(es) that will be in our lobby and also just outside of our main entrance; we'll periodically bring in any donations that are left outside.

Thank you for helping to fulfill this important *mitzvah*.

***After the completion of the drive, all foods collected will be given to Olney Help, which in turn will distribute them to those in need.***

# Support Shaare TefilaThrough Scrip Gift Cards

Do you shop at Giant Food, Shalom Kosher or Moti's Kosher supermarket? If so, you can easily help raise money for Shaare Tefila … and at NO cost to you! Instead of making everyday purchases with cash/credit, purchase gift cards through our synagogue Scrip program. You'll receive full value for your purchase, and Shaare Tefila will realize 5% of each dollar you spend. It is truly that simple!

### Ways to order your scrip cards:

- Contact Barbara Fink at 240-447-4665 or email her at Beas_Fink@verizon.net. She will be happy to take down your order and arrange to deliver your Scrip cards or have you pick them up at the synagogue office.

OR

- Orders can also be placed with Executive Director Jerry Kiewe at 301-593-3410, X101, via cell at 410-294-3205, or email him at JKiewe@ShaareTefila.org.

Payment can be made by cash, check or billed to your synagogue account.

# *Chesed* Matters!

**Monthly column of the *Chesed* Committee**

Adriana Sandler | 240-593-5792 | SandlerAA@gmail.com

## A CONTEST!

In the last August *Shofar,* we invited you to enter a contest by submitting a list of Jewish Material Objects which are found in your/a Jewish home.

**We have a winner: Fran Kensky!** כל הכבוד!
Fran and family will receive a tasty Sunflower Bakery treat for Rosh Hashanah.

Now onto a more serious topic:
**The Chesed Committee needs your help!**
Do you have a little extra free time here and there and are you available and willing to drive a fellow congregant to their medical appointments, pharmacy visit, services or other?

Please contact Betty, Margie or Adriana and let us know that we can count on you occasionally for this very important mitzvah. See contact info below.
Thank you!

### Ride With Us:

To Doctor's/Dentists/Pharmacy appointments/Services at Shaare Tefila;
Groceries; and other destinations.
Contact Betty 301-437-9394 or Margie 240-997-0320 if you need a ride

### Dine With Us: (just for a short time)

Contact Adriana 240-593-5792 if you need dinner delivered when you have just left the hospital; are recuperating or are rehabilitating.

### Meal Train: (for a longer period)

Contact Karyn 301-233-4371 or Adriana 240-593-5792 if you are undergoing treatment or are recuperating over a longer period and want a Meal Train to be set up for you. See detailed info on the Meal Train.

## SHAARE TEFILA MEAL TRAIN INFORMATION

### By Karyn Gross, Coordinator Meal Train

An overview: What is a Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help you out?" Very often a meal would be greatly appreciated. That is where Meal Train comes into play: an online tool that makes organizing meals among a wide group easy and less stressful.

Details about the dietary needs of the family will be included on their Meal Train page, but with guidance from Rabbi Layman we are asking that meals are generally dairy or vegetarian/vegan to respect the varying levels of *kashrut* among our members.

If you have questions about a specific meal train, the whole process, or using the website, please contact Karyn Gross at 301-233-4371.

## 2026-27 Dates for our Monthly Friday Night Services & Dinners

The monthly in-person *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and the *Shabbat* dinners that follow are among the most popular activities that Shaare Tefila offers. If you want to be sure not to miss any, mark your calendars now …

Services begin at 6:00 PM, followed at approx. 7:00 PM by a delicious dinner, lovingly prepared and served by dedicated volunteers.

- Friday, October 9, 2026
- Friday, November 6, 2026
- Friday, December 11, 2026
- Friday, February 5, 2027
- Friday, March 12, 2027
- Friday, May 7, 2026
- Friday, June 4, 2026

# MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

## SEPTEMBER

### Anniversary Celebrations

9/1 Eric & Kathleen Greenberg
9/2 Joseph & Carolyn Bonnett
9/2 Jesse & Deborah Stiller
9/3 Robert & Helene Braun
9/3 Steven & Janene Ellis
9/3 Carole & Gary Sepulvado
9/5 Daniel & Jackie Benn
9/6 Laurence & Carolyn Goldstein
9/9 Perry & Stephanie Buckberg
9/10 Karen & Michael Sussman
9/13 David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick
9/14 Joel & Sandra Friedman
9/16 Ron & Jamie Rubloff

### Birthday Celebrations

9/1 Karen James
9/1 Elaine Stein
9/2 Michael Gross
9/2 Sarah Katz
9/4 Charlotte Potosky
9/6 Alexis Gurman
9/6 Elliott Prissman
9/7 Bobbie Goldman
9/7 Rachel Reilly
9/7 Karen Sussman
9/8 Ellen Beebe
9/8 Elana Plotkin
9/9 Alex Schotz
9/9 Victoria Yedlin
9/11 Carolyn Goldstein
9/11 Iris Hyman
9/11 Eric Hysen
9/15 Carolyn Bonnett
9/15 Daniel Froehlich
9/15 Benjamin Green
9/16 Peter Falk
9/17 Rebecca Shah
9/17 David Temkin
9/18 Joseph Glass
9/19 Aaron Gross
9/20 Jonas Buckberg
9/21 Mark Levitt
9/21 Relinde (Rella) Zimmerman
9/22 Jonathan Cohn
9/23 Beverly Weinstein
9/24 Mark Fuhrmann
9/24 Gabriella Mendick
9/24 Barbara Walters
9/25 Emily Green-Blicher
9/25 Perry Sandler
9/26 Michael Blicher
9/26 Ann Hamlin
9/27 Brian Kaye

# CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

## September 16 Peter Falk (1927-2011)

Peter Falk was born in New York City, the son of Michael Peter Falk, owner of a clothing and dry goods store, and his wife, Madeline (née Hochhauser), both Jewish. Falk's right eye was surgically removed when he was three because of retinoblastoma and wore an artificial eye for most of his life. Despite this limitation, as a boy he participated in team sports, mainly baseball and basketball. In a 1997 interview, Falk said: "I remember once in high school the umpire called me out at 3rd base when I was sure I was safe. I got so mad I took out my glass eye, handed it to him and said, 'Try this.' I got such a laugh you wouldn't believe."

Falk briefly attended Hamilton College and then tried to join the armed services, just as WWII was drawing to a close. Rejected because of his missing eye, he joined the US Merchant Marines, later explaining that: "There they don't care if you're blind or not. The only one on a ship who has to see is the captain. And in the case of the Titanic, he couldn't see very well, either." After a brief return to college, he signed up to go to Israel to fight the War of Independence. "I wasn't passionate about Israel, I wasn't passionate about Egypt—I just wanted more excitement ... I got assigned a ship and departure date, but the war was over before the ship ever sailed."

Falk traveled in and around postwar Europe, then returned to college, earning a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University in 1953. The program was designed to train civil servants for the federal government, a career that Falk said in his 2006 memoir, Just One More Thing, that he had "no interest in and no aptitude for."

He stumbled his way into acting via amateur theater, but found surprising success, ultimately appeared in numerous films and television guest roles. His big break came in 1968, when he starred with Gene Barry in a 90-minute TV pilot about a highly-skilled, but seemingly befuddled homicide detective, Lieutenant Columbo, a role he made his own. His signature rumpled raincoat and plodding approach disguised his brilliance as he sussed out the fiendishly clever plots devised by murderers who initially dismissed him, only to find themselves outwitted. It also didn't hurt that the first episode of Columbo as a series was directed in 1971 by a 24-year-old named Steven Spielberg, in one of his earliest directing jobs. The detective series stayed on NBC from 1971 to 1978, took a respite, and then returned occasionally on ABC from 1989 to 2003. Along the way, Falk won four Emmy awards for his portrayal.

He also appeared in a wide variety of films, including The Great Muppet Caper, The Princess Bride, Murder by Death, and The Cheap Detective.

Falk was diagnosed with dementia in late 2007 and died peacefully at his Beverly Hills home on June 23, 2011. He was posthumously awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on July 25, 2013.

## September 24: Barbara Walters (1929-2022)

Barbara Walters was born in Boston, a daughter of Dena (née Seletsky) and Lou Walters, who were children

of Russisan Jewish immigrants. During Walters' childhood, her father managed the Latin Quarter nightclub in Boston, which was owned in partnership with E. M. Loew. In 1942, her father opened the club's New York location. He also worked as a Broadway producer and as the entertainment director for the Tropicana Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. It was an unstable job and he reportedly made and lost several fortunes throughout his life in show business, which also forced the family to bounce between Boston, Miami Beach and New York City. One by-product; Walters said that being surrounded by celebrities when she was young kept her from being "in awe" of them.

Walters eventually earned a BA in English from Sarah Lawrence College and began her career at a small advertising agency in New York City and then a local TV station. In 1961, she was hired by NBC's The Today Show as a writer and segment producer of women's interest stories. She steadily moved up, and, in 1974, she became co-host, the first woman to hold such a title on an American news program. In 1976, she became the first female co-anchor of a network evening news program, alongside Harry Reasoner on the ABC Evening News. From 1979 to 2004, Walters worked as a producer and co-host on the ABC newsmaga-

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## BARBARA WALTERS, continued

zine 20/20. She also became known for an annual special aired on ABC, Barbara Walters' 10 Most Fascinating People.

Walters was known for "personality journalism" and her "scoop" interviews which read like a 'Who's Who' list of world leaders and celebrities. In 1976, she first aired her highly rated, occasional, primetime Barbara Walters Specials interview program. Her first guests included a joint appearance by President-elect Jimmy Carter and Rosalyn Carter, and a separate interview with singer-actress Barbra Streisand. In November 1977, she landed the first joint interview with Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and Israeli prime minister Menachim Begin, while they were working out the terms of the eventual Egypt-Israel peace treaty. Walters had sit-down interviews with the Shah of Iran and his wife, Russia's Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Putin, China's Jiang Zemin, the UK's Margaret Thatcher, Cuba's Fidel Castro, India's Indira Gandhi, Czechoslovakia's Vaclav Havel, Libya's Muammar al-Gaddafi, King Hussein of Jordan, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Iraq's Saddam Hussein and many others. Celebrities included pop icon Michael Jackson, Katherine Hepburn, and Laurence Olivier. And along the way, she interviewed every sitting U.S. president and first lady from Richard Nixon to Barack Obama and also interviewed both Donald Trump and Joe Biden, though not as presidents.

Walters created, produced, and co-hosted the ABC daytime talk show The View, on which she appeared from 1997 until her retirement in 2014. Thereafter, she continued to host a number of special reports for 20/20 as well as documentary series for Investigation Discovery. Her final on-air appearance for ABC News was in 2015.

Walters was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1989, and in 2007 received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2000, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Walters died at the age of 93 in her New York City home on December 30, 2022

## AN OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE FOR YOU IN 5787!

### Learn to Chant a *Haftarah*

**Are you interested?**

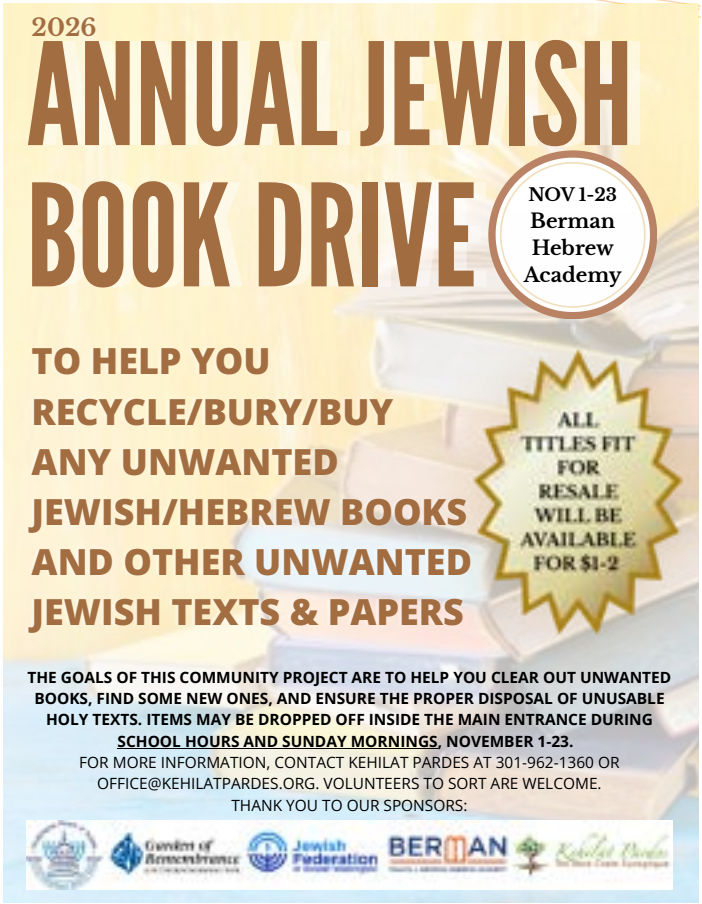
**Sign up for a *Haftarah* class to learn the trope and to chant a *Haftarah* or to refresh your trope and learn a new *Haftarah*. If interested, reply to SandlerAA@gmail.com**

### Sign Up to Chant a Haftarah

**Whether it's your 1st time … or your 18th time, join our group of 30+ congregants!**

**NOW scheduling dates after the High Holidays**

**Contact Adriana regarding available dates or special requests. (SandlerAA@gmail.com)**



## CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH SUNFLOWER BAKERY!

Whether you are looking for traditional dishes or innovative variations, Sunflower has it all. Our **Holiday Meal Packages** serve 12 and are a stress-free solution if you are hosting family and friends. Need to bring something to a gathering? Our flavorful à la carte menu items like **Green Beans with Crispy Shallots, Apricot Citrus Chicken** and **Holiday Harvest Salad** are sure to be a hit. These delicious dishes and the rest of Sunflower's *Rosh Hashanah* culinary menu are live on our website.

Have a sweet tooth? Our bakery Rosh Hashanah menu is now live. Check out our classic holiday desserts like **Bubbie's Apple Bundt, Honey Cookies, Upside Down Apple Torte** or our **Holiday Platters**. Our **Round Challah** will be available every day of the week throughout the holiday season - from September 8 through October 2.

**The deadline for Rosh Hashanah orders is NOON on Friday, September 4**. Pickup is available at Sunflower Bakery, Cafe Sunflower and select community locations throughout the DMV, view location options on our website (including ST - see below). Due to the busy holiday season, our *Rosh Hashanah* Meal Packages cannot be customized beyond the dish options that are listed. Please keep in mind that from **September 8 through September 11** we will ONLY be selling items from our *Rosh Hashanah* menus in our storefronts.

**Shaare Tefila Congregation will again participate in, and serve as a delivery/pick-up site for pre-holiday orders,** that will include 5 holidays; *Rosh HaShanah Sukkot* Thanksgiving *Hanukkah Purim*

**Sunflower Bakery Pre-Holiday Orders; *Rosh Hashanah***

Ordering for Rosh Hashanah will be available beginning on August 24. Order by Friday, Sept. 4 @12 noon and **indicate Shaare Tefila as your pick-up site**.

**Pickups at ST will be available on:**

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – (from time of delivery by Sunflower) until 8 PM, Thursday, Sept. 10 – 8 AM until 8 PM
Friday, Sept. 11 – 8 AM until 5 PM. (*Rosh Hashanah* begins at sundown.)

To see the full holiday menu and place your order, go to; www.SunflowerBakery.org
Questions? Contact Sunflower at info@sunflowerbakery.org, 240-361-3698.

To justify having Shaare Tefila as a pickup site, we need to achieve at least $350 in sales. Shaare Tefila also receives a portion of the proceeds based on sales, so win-win all around.

# SEPT. - OCT. 2026 *Kiddush* Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

**DATE** SEPT. 5
***Sponsorship by "a friend of the rabbi" in general appreciation for Shaare Tefila***

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| **Kitchen Captain** | **Sheryl Tilles** |
| **Volunteers** | Betty & Randy Balin |
| | Bev & Alan Weinstein |
| | Cilla & Hy Grosberg |
| | Debbie Finch |
| | Marci & Jonathan Rubin |
| | Myron & Bernice Goldstein |
| | Sarah & Thomas Jackson |

**DATE** SEPT. 12
***Rosh HaShanah - No Kiddush***

**DATE** SEPT. 19

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| **Kitchen Captain** | **Karen Sussman** |
| **Volunteers** | Lois & Bob Freedman |
| | Marlene Goodman |
| | Karen & Barry James |
| | Eric & Lori Marshall |
| | Heather & Shawn Miller |
| | Gary Morgenstern |
| | Susan Rubenstein & Carl Sabath |
| | Lew & Lynn Weinstein |

**DATE** SEPT. 26

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| **Kitchen Captain** | **Anne Zajicek** |
| **Volunteers** | Ellie Alpert |
| | Deanna Alpher |
| | Ellen Beebe |
| | Laura & Alan Burnstine |
| | Stephanie Green |
| | Joyce Feinstein |
| | Diane & Gershon Kieval |
| | Sandra & Melvyn Kornspan |

**DATE** OCT. 3
***Sukkot***

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| **Kitchen Captain** | **Wendy Abraham - Sherry Cohen** |
| **Volunteers** | Ben & Ashley Doyle |
| | Bobbie Goldman |
| | Bryan & Laurin Goodman |
| | Annie & Daniel Hirsch |
| | Jackie Samuel |
| | Jane & Stewart Saphier |
| | Jeff Schwartz |
| | Sandra Stein |

# Contributions

## *Thank you to our many donors*

**(*From July 30 - August 30, 2026 but may not include recent contributions sent via regular mail*)**

### ANDREA Z. TILLES MEMORIAL *CHESED* FUND

***In Honor Of:***

The Kaye Family, on the occasion of the engagement of Zack Kaye and Mel, by Steven & Margie Eiserike

Dennis & Sharon Kaye, on the occasion of the birth of their grandson, by Steven & Margie Eiserike

David Torchinsky's 50th *Bar Mitzvah* anniversary, by Steven & Margie Eiserike

David & Laura Torchinsky's 33rd wedding anniversary, by Steven & Margie Eiserike

All of the volunteer participants in the recent Meal Trains; thanks for your continued support of our community! By Karyn & Les Gross

Gary Mizrachi; thinking of you and wishing you all the very best! By Shirley Liberman

Adriana Sandler; you are a very special person and a good *neshama*! Best wishes for a Happy *Rosh HaShana*! By Shirley Liberman

***In Memory Of:***

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Gabe Eber

Israel Schlaffer, father of Joyce Feinstein, by Joyce Feinstein

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Adam & Rachel Glaser

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner. She was a sweet, wonderful, caring wife, mother, and so much more. By Milton & Susan Goldsamt

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Karyn & Les Gross

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Ruth Gutstein

Dr. William Heine, father of Alan Heine, by Alan & Arlene Heine

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Julian Leidman

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Gary & Stacy Levine

Rabbi Robert Layman, beloved father of Rabbi Jonah Layman; So sorry for your loss. By Shirley Liberman

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Ron & Gayle Miller

Robert Fishman, by Marilyn Pontell

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Adriana & Alan Sandler

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Adriana & Alan Sandler

***Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:***

Val Kolmaister, by Marjorie & Mark Fuhrmann

Bess Teller, by Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann

Ethel Levine, by Mark & Marjorie Fuhrmann

Best wishes for a gentle recovery to Ellen Beebe, by Karyn & Les Gross

Best wishes for a gentle recovery to Gary Mizrachi, by Karyn & Les Gross

Best wishes for a gentle recovery to Arlene Heine, by Karyn & Les Gross

Best wishes for a gentle recovery to Val Kolmaister, by Karyn & Les Gross

***With Thanks To/In Appreciation For:***

With thanks to the *Chesed* Committee for all of the help & support provided! By Ellen Beebe

The *Chesed* Committee's Meal Train, by Alan & Arlene Heine

In General appreciation for the *Chesed* Committee, by Adriana & Alan Sandler

### GENERAL FUND

***In Honor Of:***

David & Laura Torchinsky; *Mazal tov* on the occasion of your 33rd wedding anniversary and David's 50th *Bar Mitzvah* anniversary! By Bob & Helene Braun

Dennis & Sharon Kaye; *Mazal tov* on the addition of your new grandson! By Bess & Jack Teller

Julian Leidman; *Mazel tov* on your new home! By Bess & Jack Teller

David & Laura Torchinsky: *Mazel tov* on your 33rd anniversary, the 50th anniversary of David's *Bar Mitzvah*, and thank you for a wonderful *kiddush*! By Bess & Jack Teller

***In Memory Of:***

Nechemiah Kline, father of Ruth Cohen, by Ruth & Robert Cohen

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Sherry & Saul Cohen

Harry Levinson, father of Rita Frydman, by Rita & Ami Frydman

Marlene Cohn, mother of Jonathan (Babette) Cohn, by Bobbie & Mike Goldman

Ida Lipsky, grandmother of Philip Goldman, by Philip Goldman

Samuel Mellner, father of Audrey Mellner Haber, by Audrey Mellner Haber

Cliff Hagler, brother of Jay Hagler, by Jay & Rita Hagler

Lester Leonard Goldberg, father of Paula Katz, by Paula Katz

Helen Konel, mother of Ivy Konel, by Ivy Konel

Marianne Kleiner, wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Gilda Kuritzky

David Levine, father of Gary Levine, by Gary & Stacy Levine

Sylvia Levine, mother of Gary Levine, by Gary & Stacy Levine

Ruth Longo, sister of Liane Lunden, by Liane Lunden

Rose Marcus, mother-in-law of Barbara Marcus, by Barbara Marcus

Louis Zendel, stepfather of Sheila Marcus, by Sheila Marcus

Rachel Hirsch, mother of Jacky Samuel, by Jacky Samuel

Raphael Hirsch, father of Jacky Samuel, by Jacky Samuel

Beatrice Saphier, mother of Stewart Saphier, by Stewart & Jane Saphier

Abraham Shuman, father-in-law of Anne Shuman, by Anne Shuman

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, by Bess & Jack Teller

Marianne Kleiner wife of Ricardo Kleiner, by Paul & Sheryl Tilles

Ida Weiner, by her grandchildren

Jack Morton Weiner, by his grandchildren

***Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:***

Ken Libby, by Gary & Stacy Levine

Val Kolmaister, by Gary & Stacy Levine

Rita Frydman; Wishes and prayers for you to heal quickly! By Bess & Jack Teller

***With Thanks To/In Appreciation For:***

Jerry Kiewe; thanks for all your help since Mark and I left Maryland. By Marjorie & Mark Fuhrmann

### HIGH HOLIDAY FLOWERS

***In Memory Of:***

Flowers for YK, In loving memory of first husband, Irving Gastfreund, by Diane Gastfreund Schneider

### *KIDDUSH* CONTRIBUTIONS

***In Memory Of:***

Marlene Cohn, mother of Jonathan (Babette) Cohn
Karyn & Les Gross

### NATHAN RUBINSTEIN YOUTH FUND

***In Memory Of:***

Miriam Abramson, mother of Freda Krosnick, by Jay & Freda Krosnick

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

***In Honor Of:***

Lisa and Dovid Arber on the arrival of their granddaughter and becoming a Bubbe and Saba, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

Sharon & Dennis Kaye; *Mazal tov* on the birth of their grandson, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

Sharon & Dennis Kaye on the engagement of their son, Zach, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

Rabbi & Lenore Layman; *Mazal tov* on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, by Gary & Stacy Levine

***In Memory Of:***

Philip Gilbert Berman, husband of Toby Berman, by Toby Berman

My father, a gentle, good man, Irving Goldsamt, by Dr. Milton Goldsamt

Elizabeth Wolf, mother of Ben (Elissa) Wolf, with our sincerest condolences to the family, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

Rabbi Robert Layman, father of Rabbi Jonah Layman, by Dr. Jerome Leventhal

***Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:***

Valerie Kolmaister - Wishing you a speedy recovery/*refuah shelayma*, by Freda & Jay Krosnick

***With Thanks To/In Appreciation For:***

General appreciation, by Adriana & Alan Sandler

# Lifelong Learning

## Classes will resume 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 – 11 AM – JEWS & THE NEWS

Join us for a discussion of current events from a Jewish perspective. 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 and programs are now available at this Zoom link unless otherwise indicated.

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