Shaare Tefila Congregation

The Shofar השופר

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Congratulations!

to the NEW Officers and Board Members for 2026-27:

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Fast of *Tisha B'Av*

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Our Jewish calendar, aside from having many holidays, also has several fast days. We of course are familiar with *Yom Kippur* but there are many others scattered throughout the year. Those fast days mostly have to do with the conquest of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple. The day after *Rosh Hashanah* is the fast of Gedalyah marking the date the last Jewish governor of Israel was assassinated at the time of the exile to Babylonia 2500 years ago. The 10th of *Tevet* marks the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. The 17th of *Tammuz* marks the fall of the walls of Jerusalem. And the 9th of *Av* (*Tisha* is Hebrew for 9), 3 weeks later, marks the destruction of the Temple by the Babylonians and the destruction of the 2nd Temple by the Romans 2000 years ago.

You may wonder why we observe these fast days. Aren't there more recent horrific events that would merit a fast day (*Yom HaShoah*, October 7, etc.)? Also, the State of Israel has been established for 78 years - why should we mark these past events when the city of Jerusalem is rebuilt and larger than it ever was?

A short answer first - The Conservative/Masorti movement agrees that these fast days may be obsolete because of the existence of the State of Israel. In fact, I don't fast on *Gedalyah*, 10th of *Tevet* or the 17th of *Tammuz* and I only fast half a day on *Tisha B'Av* for that very reason. And some in the Conservative Movement have suggested that *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Memorial Day) should be declared a fast day.

But the longer answer has to do with the enduring and abiding centrality of the land of Israel to our Jewish identity. Our identity as Jews can be defined as a triangle with God, Torah and Israel at each of the points. Judaism is all about the interconnectivity of all three points of the triangle. God gave the Torah to the people of Israel to be observed ideally in the land of Israel. Israel was traditionally chosen by God to be the homeland of the Jewish people. All three points are necessary to explain who we are. Admittedly there are Jews who define themselves without one or two points of the triangle (e.g. Jews who are atheist, Jews who don't observe the *mitzvot*, Jews who are antizionist) - but a normative expression of Jewish identity has always included all 3 points of the triangle. To deny any point - God, Torah or Israel - is to deny our 4,000 year old Jewish identity.

Ultimately, these fast days allow us to reflect upon our identity - who we are in relation to our history. These days hopefully also serve to remind us that despite those traumatic events we are still here. We are proud and blessed to be Jewish.

Message from the President

Jeff Weiss, President | President@ShaareTefila.org

As I reflect on the past year serving as President of our congregation, I am filled with gratitude and deep appreciation for this remarkable community. It has been a year of both challenges and blessings—one that has continually demonstrated the strength, compassion, and resilience that define Shaare Tefila.

Over the past year, we accomplished a great deal together. We successfully leased the lower level of the building to improve the congregation's cash flow for the next 15 years, launched new programs while continuing beloved traditions, supported one another during times of need, and welcomed new members into our community. None of these achievements happened alone—they were made possible through the dedication, generosity, and collaborative spirit of so many people who care deeply about our congregation.

I am especially grateful to our clergy, staff, board members, and volunteers who work tirelessly—often behind the scenes—to ensure that Shaare Tefila remains a vibrant, welcoming, and meaningful place for all. Your commitment and support truly make all the difference.

On a personal note, Fran and I are looking forward to spending time this summer at our beach house in Lewes. Our dog George is excited to be there as well and has put his paw down, insisting that he isn't coming back to Maryland until September. We are already anticipating visits from friends and family, and when I am not busy hosting guests or tackling house projects, I hope to spend plenty of time relaxing at the beach and enjoying some fishing.

As always, I would like to offer my monthly reminder about how important volunteering is to making our

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On My Mind -

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Pirkei Avot is a Jewish text which offers an abundance of good advice. Among its many missives is encouragement to "acquire a friend." (*Pirkei Avot 1:6*) The related commentary typically implies that this is for the purpose of having a study partner, but of course, it extends beyond that.

There are many types of friendships – and nearly as many attempts to classify them. Some say there 4 types, others 7 types, and there is the ever popular "10 types" – an otherwise random number heavily influenced by the number of fingers we have to count with. I speculate that, had we evolved from octopi, all of our "top 10" lists would have to be reduced by 2. But I digress …

I will offer some "common sense" wisdom of my own and suggest that it's probably impossible to draw bold lines and describe clear categories … and that, even if you could, the relationships themselves wouldn't fit neatly into the categories you created. Relationships are circumstantial, change over time, and tend to blend. But that said, here are some "generalized" descriptions.

Most of us probably have a lot of "casual friends" – people that we run into periodically, or maybe even frequently, with whom we are "friendly." We may not actually know a lot of details about their lives, and vice versa. People that we see at the gym, or neighbors that we see in the course of our comings and goings – or maybe only after the big snow, when we all have to get out and shovel our sidewalks.

Similar, but also somewhat different, we may have "contractual friends" – people with whom we interact with regularly for particular purposes, that are typically mutually beneficial. The doctors, dentists, accountants and other "white collar" professionals, the many teachers that we or our children have had, or the many "blue collar" people we rely upon – plumbers, landscapers, etc. If you are yourself employed by others, it's the same dynamic in reverse; you may have may "clients" that you serve and hopefully care about.

If we are in a work environment, we often have "work friends." As we sometimes spend more time with fellow employees than we do with our members of our immediate families, these can often be very strong friendships … and these can extend into our personal lives (hopefully in healthy ways).

We might be lucky enough to have relatives – cousins, siblings, and surely our spouses, that we also consider to be our "friends."

The most cherished friendships are with the people we deem as our "best friends." Some of those come easily, others you might actually have to work to maintain. Distance, time, and other priorities of life take over and relationships can fade. That's can sometimes be sad … but can also be balanced by the wonderful experience of reconnecting, sometimes after decades, and picking up right where you left off, as if not a day has passed.

If you are fortunate – or worked at it, you will have maintained some long-term friendships. There are some individuals that I have known and remained friendly with since way back in my early teens; some I play softball with, others of us have played together in a weekly card game for decades. The latter activity used to be in-person, but now, via the advances of technology, we play virtually and have thereby reconnected with mutual friends from across several states.

We all need friends; friendships are vital to our personal well-being. Per an old Irish proverb (also a great pub toast) … "There are good **ships** and wood **ships**, **ships** that sail the sea, but the best **ships** are **friendships**, may they always be!"

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community thrive. Repeating from my State of the Congregation speech, I will use these words of Pirkei Avot: "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." Meaning, you don't have to do it all—but you do have to do your part. It reminds us that every contribution matters, even if we don't see the end result.

I encourage everyone to commit to helping with at least one event or activity during the coming year. Even a small amount of time can make a meaningful impact. If you are unsure where to get involved, please reach out to a Shaare Tefila officer or our Executive Director, Jerry Kiewe.

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful start to the summer season, taking advantage of the warm weather, longer days, and opportunities to spend time with family and friends.

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

Programming and Education

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Blessed are You, Adonai our God, ruler of the cosmos, who has made the great sea.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה אֶת הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל

Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam she'asa et hayam hagadol.

Many of us enjoy spending time on the water when the warmer weather begins. Some people spend time on the beach, basking in the sun; some like to go on cruises for vacation, whether on the sea or river; and others (myself included) enjoy taking in the views offered off the rocky coasts of New England and other parts of the world. Wherever your travels take you this summer I hope you take the time to appreciate the beauty around you and pause for a moment of peaceful reflection.

Children's Education

Our *Gan Katan* & *Chavaya* classes finished the year in May with a celebration of *Shavuot* on May 17. Mark your calendars now for September 20, when we will have our *Tashlich* Community Program and first day of *Chavaya*.

Registration for the 2026-27 school year will be sent to the community next week. 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 June

- **June 5, Annual BBQ Dinner, Register Here by June 1:**
  - **6pm -** The evening begins with our regular service for all in the Sanctuary.
  - **7pm** - Stay for our annual BBQ of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, A delicious *Shabbat* dinner will be served for those who register in advance.
- **June 12, Jews & Brews, 5pm -** Come a little early before our 6pm Friday service, have a drink and some refreshments, and catch up with your friends! Co-sponsored by Men's Club & ST Programming.
- **June 12, *Shabbat Ruach* Tefila: Our Voices Together in Prayer & Song, 6:30pm -** Stay after you enjoy social time at Jews & Brews (or come at 6:30pm) for our *Shabbat* evening service, led by Stacey Lynch & the Shabbos Sound Squad, including Scott Kaplowitz, Stuart Zitomer & Friends. An *oneg* follows the service in the Winer Family Gallery.

Scenes From the End of the School Year

News from the Membership Committee

Stephanie Buckberg, VP Membership | pmjmine3@gmail.com

As mentioned in my last article, Perry and I were headed to Portland, Oregon for our niece's wedding! We went a week early to sightsee and were in awe of the beauty of this state. The wedding was amazing and being with family and friends is always the highlight.

We have concluded the beautiful holiday of *Shavuot*, our celebration of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, and we should think about what it means to be part of a community that grows, learns, and supports one another through each season.

Each time we gather, welcome someone new, and show up for each other, that spirit is what carries us forward as we begin to step into the slower, sun-filled days of summer. Some of us travel, some may enjoy quieter routines, and some finally find time to reconnect; however, our shul community remains vibrant. We will continue to welcome any new families, reach out to prospective families, and strengthen the connections that make our shul feel like home.

It's your warmth and hospitality for anyone who walks through our doors that can make all the difference!

As summer approaches, we will carry the spirit of *Shavuot* with us continuing our desire to connect and the joy of being part of something larger than ourselves.

Wishing you sunny days ahead full of rest, meaningful moments, and rejuvenation.

CHUG IVRIT

SUMMER IS A PERFECT TIME TO JOIN US SPEAKING 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 small group of people who like to learn Modern Hebrew, in a pleasant no pressure class.

We are speaking, reading, writing and learning under the guidance of fellow congregants Ami Frydman and 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?

Contact Adriana at SandlerAA@gmail.com if you are interested in attending a class.

להית … perhaps?

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, **in-person at Shaare Tefila, on the 2nd Wednesday** (except Holidays).

Monthly Discussion Group Dates 2026-2027:

- **June 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM**
- **July 8, 2026 at 10:00 AM**
- **Aug. 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM**
- **Sept. 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM**
- **Oct. 14, 2026 at 10 AM**
- **Nov. 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM (coincides with Veteran's Day)**
- **Dec. 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM (coincides with *Chanukah*)**
- **Jan. 13, 2027 at 10:00 AM**
- **Feb. 10, 2027 at 10:00 AM**
- **Mar. 10, 2027 at 10:00 AM**
- **Apr. 14, 2027 at 10:00 AM**
- **May 12, 2027 at 10:00 AM (coincides with *Yom HaAtzmaut*)**
- **Jun 9, 2027 at 10:00 AM**

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

Sisterhood

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Dear Sisters,

This column is my last for this (program) year. I'm taking a break and either spending the summer sailing around the world or having lunch in Hyattsville. I haven't decided yet. I know many of you have plans for travel and I wish you bundles of "Have Fun!" My vacation advice is: If they serve it, eat it! If it catches your eye, buy it! If you're curious, do it! And if you've never done it before, try it! That's why we're here!

Sisterhood has enjoyed a very busy year with excellent speakers. Bill Peyser spoke to us about cyber-safety and we walked away with some vital and beneficial information. We presented some top-notch entertainment. Seth Keibel provided a Klezmer-Jazz concert that wowed our socks off! Also, the afternoon at Olney Theater and "Hello Dolly" was very popular. We have offered some marvelous meals. Everyone waddled out of the December 25 Pizza Party and Debbie Yedlin's Kosher Chinese Dinner, to name just two. 2025-26 Has been a grand success and the plan is to make 2026-27 even more exciting.

On May 17, we celebrated Spring with an encore of a Mr. Omelette Brunch. George, our chef, confided in me that he made us extra large omelets this time. The spread was sumptuous and lively chatter filled the house and the deck! Val Kolmaister led the door prize drawing and everyone walked out with something. And if you couldn't make it, we missed you! (Better mark it on your calendar for next year!)

Our last event of the year is a **Pot Luck and Planning Meeting** to be held on **Monday, June 15** at Bess Teller's house. Val Kolmaister has started sending out information regarding sign-ups. As per the title, everyone is encouraged to bring a dairy dish, dessert, salad. After an hour or so of *fressing,* we will brainstorm ideas for events for next year. Some suggestions so far are Afternoon High Tea, an evening of Line Dancing, another trip to Olney Theater, and Yiddish classes. Is one of these enticing? Do you have some ideas of your own? Then the "PL & PM" is waiting for you! We need your ideas. We need your input! Your voice is important. Whether you are a Sister now or a "to-be", join us. You don't want to miss out on one of the most important (and funnest) Sisterhood get-togethers of the year.

So, stay indoors when it hits 90+, use sunscreen, wear a hat, have plenty of water and ice cream. I'll miss you.

JEWISH HAIKU
No egg and no cream,
just syrup, seltzer, and milk–
Zen of the egg cream.

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Life Line Screening at Shaare Tefila Congregation

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

Life Line Screening will be here at Shaare Tefila Congregation on Thursday, July 9, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today.

Members of Shaare Tefila can receive a discount on the price of screenings for:

1. Carotid Artery disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

To register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458**
- **Online:** https://www.llsa.social/habc

T.G.I. SHABBAT

It's Time to Get Fired Up for Our Annual BBQ Dinner

June 5, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a Great Evening at the Last Community Dinner of the 2025-26 Program Year

Enjoy Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers, plus Salads & all the fixings.ADULT COST $22 (register by May 29th, $25 by June 1st); $14 for children age 5-14 & Free for age 0-5.

REGISTER AT https://bit.ly/4ugqWOp by June 1

NNIA (New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance)

Shaare Tefila is a member organization of the NNIA, which helps to resettle refugees who fled from dangers in their countries of origin. To heighten awareness of these efforts, Shaare Tefila invited Zabi Shirzad to speak at Shaare Tefila's Shabbat service on Saturday, May 16. Below is his speech.

My name is Zabiullah Shirzad. I was born in Balkh, one of the ancient provinces of Afghanistan, into a large family. I have three brothers and four sisters. My father and brothers are civil engineers.

After graduating from high school, I enrolled at the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Balkh University. Upon successfully completing my degree, I served in several professional roles — as a defense attorney, a prosecutor, a legal advisor, and later as a professor of Law and Political Science at Badakhshan University. I also worked as a Correction Case Manager for an American company.

I am married, and my wife is also a graduate of the Faculty of Law and Political Science. Together, we have two sons and two daughters.

When the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, my family and I became eligible for relocation to the United States because of my work on a sensitive and classified project. We left Afghanistan two months after the fall of the government.

I cannot fully describe the terror we lived through. I still remember the night the Taliban came while we were staying at a hotel in Kabul — the fear was overwhelming. To spare you the details of those horrifying moments, I will only say this: we left everything behind — our home, our car, and all of our belongings.

When we arrived in the United States, we were placed in a hotel arranged by a social services organization. Everything was unfamiliar — the people, the culture, the environment. Leaving your homeland and starting over in a foreign country feels like being a lost child with no one around who knows you.

Despite all of this, we made a decision: we would rebuild ourselves.

The pain of being far from home, from family, and from friends was immense. But in those difficult times, two angels appeared in our lives — Joyce Menge and Joyce Feinstein. They helped us, supported us, and made sure we never felt alone. They are now like family to us, and we are deeply grateful to them and to everyone who helped us along the way. Finally, we bought a house in Rockville. I am working as a paralegal in a non-profit organization. My wife is also working full-time in daycare.

My prayer is simple:

May there be no war anywhere in this world. May no child ever lose their mother. And may no one ever be forced to lose their homeland.

The NNIA organization with its volunteers is proven to have positive outcomes with helping immigrants and their families'. Please consider volunteering. Thank you.

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Joyce Feinstein 301-466-4976

Volunteer Coordinator at NNIA: Sherry Nason 301-526-2721

AN OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE FOR YOU IN 2026!

Learn to Chant a *Haftarah*

Betsy Colbert will be teaching a Haftarah class.
Sign up to learn or refresh your trope,
or to learn to chant a Haftarah.
If interested, reply by email to
SandlerAA@gmail.com

Sign Up to Chant a Haftarah

If it is your 1st time … or your 18th time,
join our group of 30+ congregants!

NOW scheduling dates for Summer/Fall.
Contact Adriana regarding available dates.
(SandlerAA@gmail.com)

Chesed Matters!

Monthly column of the *Chesed* Committee

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TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED!

GUEST SPEAKER ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, IN THE AFTERNOON AT LEISURE WORLD.

TOPIC: "JEWISH RITUAL OBJECTS & MATERIAL CULTURE"

More info to follow. Hold the date!

TIP FOR SHAARE TEFILA MEMBERS AT LEISURE WORLD:

If you cannot get out to the supermarket and need some groceries, please contact Elaine Ross at 240-293-6160. She will happily do the shopping for you.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

The *Chesed* Committee supports The Farm at Our House (TFOH) CSA.

Pick up at Shaare Tefila starting on Thursday June 4

(Wednesday, June 3 at other locations)

More info and to sign up:
https://www.thefarmatourhouse.com/all-things-csa
or contact Adriana (SandlerAA@gmail.com)

The Farm at Our House

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 revalidating

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

SHAARE TEFILA MEAL TRAIN

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.

MAZAL TOV MILESTONES

JUNE - JULY

Anniversary Celebrations

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

7/5 Arnold & Shoshana Greenland
7/26 Lee & Lisa Hedgepeth

JUNE - JULY

Birthday Celebrations

6/1 Daniel Green
6/1 Andrew Stiller
6/2 Jodi Goldreich
6/2 Seth Resnick
6/3 Sandra Friedman
6/3 Milton Goldsamt
6/3 Jordan Goodman
6/3 Benjamin Ross
6/4 Michael Goldsamt
6/4 Laurence Goldstein
6/4 Adam Gottleib
6/5 Dylan Grosberg
6/5 Gary Levine
6/5 Jacob Teller
6/6 Sara Elson
6/8 Ilyssa Beebe
6/8 Logan Druxman
6/9 Jeffrey Weiss
6/10 Mitchell Buckberg
6/11 Cara Hedgepeth
6/11 Karen Kaufman
6/11 Valerie Kolmaister
6/11 Freda Krosnick
6/12 Ken Lefler
6/12 Susan Marder
6/13 Matt Kaufman
6/13 Meryl Trachtman
6/14 Avram Polinsky
6/15 Frankie Hedgepeth
6/15 Amy Schwartz
6/15 Taryn Schwartz
6/16 Samantha Levitt
6/16 Rhoda Sumner
6/16 Philip Temkin
6/17 Sam Cohn
6/17 Susan Gershowitz
6/17 Leah Marshall
6/18 Martin Leshin
6/19 Daniel Abramson
6/19 Josh Eiserike
6/19 Rachel Zarny
6/20 Stacey Lynch
6/20 Samuel Winkler
6/21 Michael Braun
6/21 Orli Marshall
6/22 Jackie Benn
6/22 Eric Greenberg
6/22 Micheline Rosenthal
6/23 Sharon Bender
6/23 Dan Sumner
6/24 Sam Leidman
6/24 William Sumner
6/25 Zella Shabasson
6/25 Eileen Weinstock
6/26 Sydney Miller
6/27 Brian Blicher
6/27 Ruth Gutstein
6/27 Sylvia Levy
6/28 Judith Bresler
6/28 Carl Levin
6/28 Daniel Levine
6/28 Gilda Radner
6/28 Sheri Sagall
6/28 Charlotte Shapiro
6/29 Perry Buckberg
6/30 Sara Goldreich
6/30 Scott Schenberg

7/1 Arnold Greenland
7/3 Philip Schneider
7/4 Fran Kensky
7/4 Marvin Kruger
7/4 Ann Landers & Abigal Van Buren
7/4 Jonah Lansky
7/4 Rebecca Morgenstern
7/6 Judith Rumerman
7/6 Jane Saphier
7/6 Holly Schotz
7/6 Anne Shuman
7/7 Gustav Mahler
7/8 Isaac Eber
7/8 Ricki Gottleib
7/8 Patricia Greene
7/8 Andrea Manchester
7/9 Margaret Bachrach
7/9 Talia Plotkin
7/9 Lewis Weinstein
7/10 Frances Abrams
7/10 Margie Eiserike
7/10 Mark Kaufman
7/10 Gary Mizrachi
7/10 Miriam Sandberg
7/10 Sam Yedlin
7/11 Heather Goldstein
7/11 Eytan Layman
7/11 David Torchinsky
7/12 Ascher Raucher
7/15 Lee Hedgepeth
7/16 Nicola Arnovits
7/16 Frances Futrovsky
7/16 Jennifer Solomon
7/17 Beth Hagler
7/18 Mark Federman
7/18 Justin Goldstein
7/18 Madison Kantzer
7/19 Daniel Hagler
7/19 Rachel Levine
7/20 Lauren Grossman
7/21 Joyce Feinstein
7/21 Nathaniel Glaser
7/22 Chloe Grosberg
7/22 Benjamin Mellman
7/22 David Ronis
7/22 Benjamin Zucker
7/23 Bradley Eisen
7/23 Alison Feldmann
7/23 Ian Krussman
7/24 Noah Fero
7/24 Stanley Kensky
7/25 Amy Byer
7/26 Tracy Eisen
7/26 Philip Goldman
7/26 Leora Jackson
7/26 Karen Weingart
7/28 Abby Marshall
7/30 Vivienne Auerbach
7/31 Rebecca Cohn
7/31 Max Kantzer
7/31 Mary Lewis
7/31 Jonathan Rubin

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Carl Levin – June 28 (1934)

Carl Milton Levin was born on June 28, 1934, in Detroit, Michigan, son of Saul Levin and Bess Rachel Levin. He graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School. He worked as the General Counsel of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission from 1964 to 1967, and as a special assistant attorney general for the Michigan Attorney General's Office. Levin was elected to the Detroit City Council in 1968, serving from 1969 to 1977, and was president of the City Council from 1973 to 1977.

In 1978, Levin ran for the United States Senate, defeating incumbent Republican Senator Robert P. Griffin. Levin was re-elected in 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. On March 7, 2013, Levin announced that he would not seek a seventh term. He retired 2015, the longest-serving senator in the state's history, and was ultimately fourth longest-serving incumbent in the U.S. Senate. He passed away on July 29, 2021, at age 87.

Gilda Radner – June 28 (1946)

Gilda Susan Radner was born on June 28, 1946, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Jewish parents Henrietta (née Dworkin), a legal secretary, and Herman Radner, a businessman. She grew up in Detroit with a nanny, Elizabeth Clementine Gillies, whom she called "Dibby" (and on whom she based her famous character Emily Litella), and an older brother named Michael. She attended the University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe and became a member of the renowned Toronto-based comedy troupe Second City, performing with Dan Aykroyd and John Candy.

Gilda was selected by producer Lorne Michaels to join the cast of a new late-night comedy program called "Saturday Night Live" in 1975. She stayed on the show for five

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years, creating such legendary characters as Roseanne Rosannadanna, the annoying newswoman, and Baba Wawa, a parody of Barbara Walters, and won an Emmy Award. She performed with many emerging comic stars, including John Belushi and Bill Murray, and married actor Gene Wilder.

In the late 1980s, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. And wrote about her experiences in her autobiography, "It's Always Something" (1989). She died on May 20 of that same year, only 42 years old. She was married to actor Gene Wilder. A women's cancer support organization, Gilda's Club, which encourages earlier detection and treatment, was established in her memory.

Ann Landers & Abigail Van Buren – July 4 (1918)

They were identical twin sisters, born 17 minutes apart in Sioux City, Iowa to Russian Jewish immigrants Rebecca and Abraham Friedman. At Morningside College, they wrote a gossip column for the college's newspaper. They became married to their husbands in a double-wedding ceremony on July 2, 1939, two days before their 21st birthday. There were 750 guests, and hundreds more who stood outside to watch.

Abigail Van Buren (left) and Ann Landers (right) at an awards dinner in Washington in 1997.

Esther Pauline "Eppie" Friedman, who would become better known by her pen name, Ann Landers, began writing the "Ask Ann Landers" column in Chicago in 1955 and continued for 47 years, by which time its readership was 90 million people. A 1978 World Almanac survey named her the most influential woman in the United States.

Starting only a few months later in San Francisco, Pauline Esther "Popi" Friedman, wrote the similarly popular "Dear Abby" advice column as Abigail Van Buren.

As competing columnists, they had a discordant relationship. They reconciled publicly in 1964, but acrimony between them persisted.

Esther, a.k.a. Ann, died on June 22, 2002, two weeks before what would have been her 84th birthday. Pauline, a.k.a. Abby, lived on until January 16, 2013, at age 94.

Gustav Mahler – July 7 (1860)

Born on July 7, 1860, Gustav Mahler, was regarded as one of the leading orchestral and operatic conductors of his day. Although the fidgety, nervous-natured virtuoso's artistic genius was slow to be recognized by the musical establishment of Vienna, since the mid-20th century, he has been acclaimed as among the most important of the late-Romantic/early-Modernist composers, equally as eminent as Beethoven and Wagner.

Mahler is primarily recognized for his symphonies numbered 1-9, as well as for his powerful symphonic poem, 'Das Lied von der Erde.' His approach to genre often blurred the lines between German orchestral 'Lied' (songs), symphony and the symphonic poem. His Symphony No. 10 was left unfinished, when the artist/conductor/composer died prematurely of impaired cardio function on May 18, 1911, at age 50.

June-July 2026 *Kiddush* Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

DATE **JUNE 6**
Kitchen Captain **Stacey Lynch**
Volunteers
Amy & Joe Federman
Arlynne Klein
Karen & Ken Lefler
Reva & Hal Norken
Ellen Radish & Seth Zarny
Elaine Ross
Laura & Steve Ross
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DATE **JUNE 13**
Sponsorship by Bess & Jack Teller in celebration of successful recovery by Bess and Jack's 85th birthday (June 5)
Kitchen Captain **Karyn Gross**
Volunteers
Sharon Fried
Louis Paley
Marilyn Pontell
Elliott Prissman
Karen & Shelly Radnor
Meryl Trachtman
Jaclyn Vincent
Karen & Jay Weingart

DATE **JULY 4**
July 4th Weekend
Kitchen Captain **Fran Weiss**
Volunteers
Janene & Steven Ellis
Adam & Rachel Glaser
Shira Gorin
Dara & Jonny Kotra
Sylvia Proger
Elaine Salter
Adriana & Alan Sandler
Jennifer & Joshua Solomon

DATE **JULY 11**
Kitchen Captain **Stacey Lynch**
Volunteers
Seth Cohen
Laurie Dubrow
Gabe Eber
Hal & Rebecca Fero
Lisa & Lee Hedgepeth
Howard & Marilyn Politzer
Karen & Jay Weingart

DATE **JUNE 20**
Kitchen Captain **Shelley Rochester**
Volunteers
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Margie & Steve Eiserike
Larry & Carolyn Goldstein
Karla & David Jones
Diane & Gershon Kieval
Ronald Kohanski
Susan & Dan Marder
David Mendick & Naomi Yadin-Mendick

DATE **JUNE 27**
Kitchen Captain **Sheryl Tilles**
Volunteers
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Stephanie & Perry Buckberg
Allegria Gelfand
Lita & Bert Katz
Cathy & Lanny Plotkin
Howard & Amy Schwartz
Laura & David Torchinsky
Stacey & Jeffrey Winkler

DATE **JULY 18**
Kitchen Captain **Marlene Sandberg**
Volunteers
Steven Franklin
Nina Gurman
Ben & Meghan Glass
Daniel & Chloe Grosberg
Sarah Katz & Erik DuBois
Sarah Nachlas & Michael Cohen
Ben & Elissa Wolf
Debbie & Sam Yedlin

DATE **JULY 25**
Kitchen Captain **Wendy Abraham / Sherry Cohen**
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Sharon & Dennis Kaye
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