



The Shofar

Shaare Tefila

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Celebrating our 67th year

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NOVEMBER AT SHAARE TEFILA

SERVICES

Shacharit: Monday & Thursday: 8:00 am;
Sunday & Federal Holidays: 8:45 am

Maariv: Sunday - Thursday: 7:30 pm

Rabbi Layman's Classes

Torah: Friday at 9:30 am ☆ Talmud: Sunday at 9:30 am
Beginning Hebrew Reading: Sunday at 10:30 am

Shabbat Services

Friday: 6:00 pm Saturday: 9:20 am (see below for special Shabbats)



Wednesday, November 1

7:45 pm Jewish Perspectives on Leadership w/**Rabbi Layman**

Saturday, November 4 - Sisterhood Shabbat

9:20 am Shabbat Service

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

10:00 am Gan Katan Play Group

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 am Men's Discussion Group

7:45 pm Jewish Perspectives on Leadership w/**Rabbi Layman**

Saturday, November 11

9:00 am Torah study w/**Rabbi Layman**

9:20 am Shabbat Service-aufruf of **Jesse Marder & Shannon Shaw**

6:30 pm Havdallah Experience 2 - Mizrahi Night

Sunday, November 12

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

12:00 pm Bonim/Machar - Laser Tag

Monday, November 13

6:00 pm Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner

Wednesday, November 15

7:45 pm Jewish Perspectives on Leadership w/**Rabbi Layman**

Thursday, November 16

1:30 pm JCC Coming of Age program

Saturday, November 18 - Birthday Shabbat and Challah & Schmeur

9:20 am Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle

9:30 am Torah study

10:15 am Shabbat Limud Service

10:45 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Chavaya & Café Shaare Tefila

10:30 am Hebrew Conversation Group

Tuesday, November 21

7:30 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, November 25

9:30 am Torah study

10:15 am Shabbat Shira Service



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

IS GUN CONTROL A JEWISH VALUE?

We awoke on Sunday October 1 to the news of the tragic and devastating mass shooting at the Country Music Festival in Las Vegas. Inexplicably the murderer had 23 weapons in his 32nd floor hotel suite, many rounds of ammunition and ingredients to make a homemade bomb in his car. Though we know his father was an armed bank robber and was on the FBI's most wanted list, we seem (as of this writing) not to know much if anything about the murderer himself. What we do know is that he had no problem purchasing all those assault weapons and accessories and somehow was able to bring all that weaponry into the hotel room without setting off any alarms.

Though there is nothing we can do to protect ourselves from individuals who want to perpetrate violence, there is much we can do to limit access to weapons. Gun Control is a hot topic with many seeing any kind of control as a threat to the 2nd Amendment. Though I don't want to use this space to debate the 2nd Amendment, I do want to share a thought about the Jewish perspective on gun control.

It is quite clear from our tradition, even in the Torah, that violence committed in self-defense is perfectly acceptable, if not justified. The 6th Commandment is properly translated as "do not murder" (not "do not kill") which the rabbis then understand as the right to kill in self-defense. As they say, "one who clearly is intent on murdering you, you kill him first." Killing can be done with all sorts of weapons, and if Jews had been autonomous in the time of the rabbis, they would have been allowed to have an army as well. The court of such an autonomous rabbinic Jewish state would also have the right to execute the perpetrator of a capital crime.

Though it seems that our tradition mandates the use of force in self-defense, it also seems clear that it would mandate limited access to weaponry. A society that promotes peace (we pray for it 3 times a day) would clearly enforce as many restrictions as possible (waiting period for a gun license, the type of weapon to be sold, background checks, etc.) on purchasing weaponry. Therefore it seems clear to me that not only should we support as many federal gun control measures as possible, we need to advocate for the passage of such measures.

As Rabbi Sharon Brous (of IKAR in Los Angeles) said on her Facebook page a day after the shooting, the time for praying for the victims and their families is over. We need to act. I hope we all find ways to lobby our congressmen and senators to fight as hard as possible for bi-partisan gun control. American lives depend on it.



FROM THE PRESIDENT STUART CARROLL

“SO LONG, BABE”

On Wednesday, October 11, a hole was ripped in the fabric of our Shaare Tefila community. Charlie Futrovsky died.

Charlie is not the first loss that we have suffered. Indeed, we have lost other, vital members in the past. My writing about Charlie is in no way meant to diminish the absence of others who have gone before him. They are sorely missed as well. We’ve lost too many good people of late. However, as with anyone who spent time with Charlie, he had a tremendous impact on me personally and by extension my role as President and on our community.

I had the great privilege to serve with Charlie on the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. Charlie was a person who was not afraid to let you know how he felt and where he stood on any issue – and Charlie always stood when he spoke – but he always did so with the utmost respect. While we never were in strong opposition, through the many years that we worked together there were issues upon which we didn’t agree. Irrespective of the issue, when all was said and done, we accepted one another’s point of view and moved on. Charlie was not one to hold a grudge. He was too much of a gentleman for that. We both knew that our infrequent differences stemmed from a love of Shaare Tefila and the desire to make ours a better community.

The thing about being with Charlie was that he always made me feel good about myself and what I was trying to accomplish. He had a way of making everyone feel respected and special.

For those of you who may not have been fortunate enough to know Charlie, he was a past president, pasr Chairman of the Board, Finance Committee VP, Men’s Club president, board member and Shaare Tefila fixture to name a few. Charlie loved Shaare Tefila and Shaare Tefila loved him back. He always had a smile and a kind word, no matter what might have been going on in his life. He was a gentle soul. But he could share a colorful story or joke.

Outside of Shaare Tefila, Charlie was a devoted family man, pillar in the local Jewish community and a man who seemed to know everyone. And everyone loved Charlie.

The main thing about Charlie is that he inspired me. Watching his devotion, honest dealings and humility – he was nothing if not humble – was a constant lesson to me on how I should try to conduct myself. Not that I ever came close to Charlie, but he showed me how it should be done. Charlie gave me the inspiration to do what I can to serve others, starting with our Shaare Tefila community.

So, “so long, babe.” I’ll miss you.

KALLAT TORAH, JOYCE FEINSTEIN CHATAN BEREISHIT, JEFF WEISS STUART CARROLL

This past Simchas Torah, I had the high honor of recognizing two members of our Shaare Tefila community:

Joyce Feinstein: Joyce chairs the committee of Shabbat greeters. She is one of our greeters on Shabbat morning. She is there with a smile on her face to provide a friendly welcome and start as we enter the building. She founded our Sunshine Committee decades ago which transformed into the *Chesed* Committee. *Chesed* serves one of the most vital outreach functions at Shaare Tefila by ensuring that mourners in our congregation who are sitting shiva receive a meal; providing rides to doctor appointments and providing meals for those in need. Thanks to Joyce and the *Chesed* Committee, our congregants are always cared for.

Jeff Weiss: Jeff is currently Finance Vice President. As such, he has devoted countless hours shepherding our resources to ensure that they are used in the best and most responsible fashion possible. Finance is not a highly visible position, but is one of our most vital since much of what we do requires financial diligence and oversight. Jeff is a past recipient of the Men’s Club Blue Yarmulke award and a fixture on the Shaare Tefila softball team. Most importantly, Jeff is the husband of Fran Weiss and is a fixture in the kitchen at our always successful Friday night dinners.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION STUART CARROLL

One of my favorite things is receiving a greeting call during the Holidays. It may seem like a simple thing to do, but it takes a lot of time and devotion. And it always makes me feel special and appreciated.

I’d like to recognize those who made calls this past Holiday season and extend thanks on behalf of our Shaare Tefila community.

Thank you to:

Ellie Alpert, Chairperson
Florence Polinsky and **Charlotte Potosky** who organized this effort

Callers included: **Barbara Axelrod, Jackie Benn, Hinda Exler, Don Helfer, Arlene Hoffman, Ellen King, Bernice Kisliuk, Marianne Kleiner, Bettyann Lansky, Shirley Liberman, Liane Lunden, Judy Peritt, Marilyn Politzer, Sylvia Potash, Jane Saphier, May Savage, Peggy Slade, Lionel Shapiro, Bill Sumner, Carol Waganheim, Carol Wendkos**



MORNING MINYAN

SPECIAL NOTE

Saying Kaddish?

Please inform Rabbi Layman a week prior to be assured a morning minyan.

Become a regular at minyan, you will be warmly welcomed



KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

The next *Enhanced Kiddush and Birthday Kiddush* will be on **November 18**.

Share your simchas with fellow congregants, send **Sara**, in the office, your checks and dedications. It is just a minimum of \$18 to be included.





YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

MISSY MANDELL, COORDINATOR

mmandell@shaaretefila.org
301-593-3410 X103

SHAKE IT UP

The High Holidays are a time to relax, recharge, and spend time with family and loved ones. It was a joy to see so many of you over the course of the Holidays and at our first Havdalah Experience of the year, the Sukkot Family Festival. (Check out the pictures below!)

Now that November has arrived, a lot of focus will shift to Thanksgiving. While it is not technically a Jewish holiday, it has a lot of potential to include Jewish values in celebration. *Hakarat Hatov* (gratitude), *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests) and *ma'achil re'evim* (feeding the hungry) are just a few Jewish themes that come to mind that are central to Judaism and to Thanksgiving.

How else can we shake it up this month to bring some more Jewish values into Cheshvan, the Jewish month which has nothing extraordinary happening?

See the flyer on page 4 for the exciting events happening at Shaare Tefila and in the community and let us know how you shake it up!

Feel free to contact me with any questions:
mmandell@shaaretefila.org or 301-593-3410 X103

The Havdalah Experience at Shaare Tefila



Join the Havdalah Experience:

Mizrachi Night

When: Saturday, November 11; 6:30-8:00PM

Where: Shaare Tefila

Who: For families and friends— all are welcome!

Cost: Free of charge!

Come to Shaare Tefila for Mizrachi Night!

Fill your own pita with delicious *salatim* (salads) and dips, get an all-natural henna hand tattoo, enjoy Mizrachi music and bring your own drums to play along, and spend Havdalah with your Shaare Tefila community!

All are welcome.

RSVP via Chaverweb by 11/7 to ensure enough supplies

SUKKOT AT SHAARE TEFILA



Upcoming Shaare Tefila Youth & Family Events



Havdalah Experience at Shaare Tefila!

When: Saturday, November 11; 6:30-8:00 PM

Where: Shaare Tefila **Cost:** Free; Please bring a non-perishable food item

Who: For families and friends– all are welcome!

Fill your own pita with delicious *salatim* (salads) & dips, get an all-natural henna hand tattoo, enjoy Mizrahi music & bring your own drum to play along, & spend Havdalah with your Shaare Tefila community. RSVP by 11/7.

Machar/Bonim Laser Tag

When: Sunday, November 12; 12:30-2:00PM

Where: Shaare Tefila **Cost:** \$9

Who: K-5th graders

All K-5th graders are invited to an afternoon of Laser Tag at Shaare Tefila! Tactical Laser Tag is transforming Shaare Tefila into a laser tag party zone! Bring a friend & a parve or dairy lunch & be ready to have a blast! Snacks are included. RSVP by 11/7.



Ramah Day Camp Open House

When: Sunday, December 3; 1:30-3:30PM

Where: Ramah Day Camp Site at Wellspring Conference Center
11411 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown, MD 20876

Cost: Free **Who:** Current Pre-K- 4th graders and their families

Spend an afternoon at camp! Prospective Camper families are welcome for a short time or stay for a while. A formal welcome by Rabbi Rami Schwartzer, Camp Director, at 2:15PM. RSVPs to Assistant Director Sharon Rosenberg are appreciated- sharons@campramahne.org.



**RAMAH DAY CAMP
OF GREATER WASHINGTON, DC**

Fish your wish!

When: Sunday, December 3; 4:30-6:30PM

Where: Target (5700 Bou Ave, Rockville)

Cost: Free **Who:** 6th-12th grades

Come to Target in Rockville to make a registry and “fish your wish” for a youth lounge housewarming! Bring a friend & have some fun making the Schneider Family Youth Lounge the place to be! We will be walking over to Siena’s Pizza after our Target activities for dinner. Please bring money for pizza. RSVP by 11/30.



For more information or questions, email Missy Mandell, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, at Mmandell@Shaaretefila.org.



VP MEMBERSHIP
STACEY LYNCH

We have just finished celebrating our fall holidays!

I heard stories and saw pictures of many of you celebrating Sukkot! It seemed so lovely watching people come together to build the Sukkahs and to eat together in them! That sense of coming together is one of my favorite things about shul!

I always want Shaare Tefila to feel that way to you! If you have any suggestions, (how to attract members, retain members,) potential members, questions, or concerns, I want to hear from you!

I am also looking for volunteers to help in recruitment/outreach, retention and welcoming new members. If interested, please contact me, Stacey Lynch at 301-275-0286 or membership@shaaretefila.org

I look forward to seeing you at shul!



CONTRIBUTOR:
MARA LANSKY

The first Gan Katan Preschool Playgroup of this school year was a blast!

Our Sukkot-themed class included:

Visiting the sukkah and shaking the lulav and etrog, building a sukkah with large stick-and-ball builders and also small wooden blocks, reading a Sukkot book, singing *G-d is Everywhere*, plus playing with tons of puzzles, play-doh and Jewish-themed toys.

Bring your preschooler and join us next time on Nov. 5, 10:00 am.

RSVP to drgmrs@aol.com



SISTERHOOD
FRAN WEISS,
PRESIDENT



I hope everyone had a wonderful and meaningful High Holiday! I can't believe we are looking at November! I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sisterhood Happenings! **November**

- 7 - **Sisterhood Board Meeting** at 7:45 pm in the library
- 13 - **The Paid-up Membership Dinner (see below)**
- 18 - Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle

Buy Scrip

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, please remember to purchase scrip for your holiday shopping needs. See p. 8 for more information.

Paid Up Membership Dinner ***"Back by Popular Demand"***

When: Monday, November 13

Guest Speaker: **Dahlia Levin**

Topic: "Working with the National Center for Children and Families"

RSVP by Thursday, November 3 to Bess Teller

\$18 plus paid up membership dues

Special Note: **Judy Beiser** will be selling scrip at the dinner and will be taking orders for the Holidays.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKET PROJECT **SISTERHOOD**

Donate a basket in support of needy families in Olney. Baskets range from \$25 to \$35 dollars each and should include a grocery store gift card which can be bought through our scrip program.

Baskets must be at the shul no later than **November 19**.

Jeff & Fran Weiss will do the shopping for you.

Contact **Fran** for more information at faoweiss@gmail.com.



SHAARE TEFILA SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

Paid Up Membership Brisket Dinner

Speaker: **Dahlia Levin**

National Center for Children & Families

**Date: Monday November 13, 2017 TIME: Meet & Greet: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.**



Place: Shaare Tefila. 16620 Georgia Ave. Olney

Send Dues & Reservations: BESS TELLER, 21321 Ridgcroft Drive, Brookeville MD 20833 by Nov. 3.

Dues: Check membership level

\$45.00 Regular Membership _____ \$60.00 Patron Membership _____
\$36.00 Senior Membership (ages 70+) _____ \$55.00 Senior Patron (70+) _____
** \$18.00 Cost of Dinner

Can't make it to the dinner, but want to join Sisterhood - PLEASE send in your dues at this time.

Cut along the line and mail to BESS TELLER.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Level Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Cost of dinner \$18.00  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF YOUR CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

If we need to contact you: home phone (H), office phone (O), cell phone (C) \_\_\_\_\_ or  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ With whom would you like to be seated? \_\_\_\_\_

Table accommodation will be on a first reservation/first placement basis. Since each table will seat 10 people, it is suggested that checks be sent in the same envelope for the same table seating.

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Need a ride \_\_\_\_\_

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

### MARIE ITO

**Marie Ito** is a long-time resident of the DC area. She says it is a great blessing to be part of the congregation at Shaare Tefila! Marie's husband, Yoshi, is from Japan. Their daughter and son-in-law live in Florida. Marie has joined Minyan Team #10 and is interested in the many social activities and service groups at Shaare Tefila. Marie and Yoshi recently participated in the assembly of the Sukkah in front of Shaare Tefila, and they wish everyone blessings for the New Year and the season!



### LANCE & JUDY SIMON

**Lance & Judy Simon** were introduced to Shaare Tefila by **Susan Rubenstein**. They were looking for a congregation to join and have been pleased with their decision to join. The Simons have three grown sons all living in the area. Lance has worked in technology his entire career and is currently head of sales and marketing for a software company headquartered in California. The Simons love to dance and Lance is involved with Citizens Climate Lobby.



### HARMONY HILLS TOY DRIVE CONTRIBUTOR: CATHY PLOTKIN

Each year families at my school in Aspen Hill, struggle to provide a holiday for their families. A large church and our congregation are the only sources of help for these families. It's hard to believe that less than five miles south of us there is a large pocket of people making less than \$24K a year. 90% of the students are on free or reduced lunches. These families are very grateful for the gifts that we provide. Each child gets one gift, valued between \$18 and \$25. We also give each family a \$25 gift card from Giant, through our scrip program. We help between 10 and 15 families, based on the amount of donations we receive. Let's meet our goal this year once again.

Donations of \$10, \$20 and \$36 really add up. Of course we are grateful to accept larger donations as well. Sisterhood members donate their time and do the shopping. We no longer wrap gifts- the current theory is that we help parents best by providing them with the holiday wrapping paper (which Michael's store in Aspen Hill donates each year) and the bag of presents, and they wrap the gifts themselves.

Please put your donation in an envelope (checks made out to **Cathy Plotkin**) and drop it off at the shul office, or mail it directly to my house at 18028 Bilney Drive, Olney, MD 20832. Please make your donations before Thanksgiving as we begin shopping just after the holiday. Some people prefer to buy the \$25 Giant gift cards- that would be awesome, too. Your check is your tax-deductible receipt. Finally, if you prefer that your donation be used for a different purpose, such as funding field trip opportunities or helping to purchase coats, please make a note and I will make sure that the guidance counselor gets these funds to address those critical needs as well.

Thank you so much.



SAVE THE DATE

### NIGHT OF SWEET LAUGHTER 7 SHAARE TEFILA'S COMEDY NIGHT

WHEN: SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 3, 2018, 7:30 PM

\$35 PER SEAT INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS

SIGN UP ON [CHAVERWEB](#)

MORE INFORMATION TO COME....

### THE GREATER COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017, 7:30 PM

AT SANDY SPRING FRIENDS SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

16923 NORWOOD RD. SANDY SPRING, MD

"THANK A FARMER"

DONATIONS OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED IN  
SUPPORT OF OLNEY HELP



## ROSE AND GEORGE TELLER PRESCHOOL GATES OF DISCOVERY

Beth Adler, Preschool Director

### SEWING

In my last article, I spoke about our detailed planning for the current school year. In particular, I explained our chosen value and intention, *Masa Bain Sipurim*, Journeying Through Stories. This month, I will discuss the final parameter for the year, our material.

Each year we choose an art material or process to focus on. Of course in the classrooms we expose the children to many different materials, but, as a staff, we explore one to deepen our understanding and knowledge so that when we use that material with the children, we have a clarity of thought and purpose.

This year, we chose sewing. In our school, materials are carefully selected for their potential to enhance learning and discovery. The way we perceive and think about materials is shaped by the children. How will they approach the material? How will they manipulate the material?

Materials are also chosen for their aesthetic qualities. What do they look like? Feel like? Smell like? What qualities are unique to them?

There are so many things about sewing that adults take for granted, but it is actually a very complex activity. You need to keep track of the needle, the thread and the material you are sewing. You can only see one side at a time of a two-sided project. You need to balance all the materials in your hands while you are also coordinating large arm movements, all without dropping the materials.

At its most basic, sewing is a way to attach things together. This distinguishes sewing from weaving or knitting, which also use needles and thread, but are separate activities.

Sewing, like other processes doesn't live alone, but includes other, related skills. You can create fabrics or papers to sew onto, cut objects to attach, spin or dye yarn. Natural materials, found on nature walks, can be incorporated into sewing activities as well.

Scissors as a tool have no meaning to children if we only give them scissors to cut a material that they can tear just as easily. Why would you need the scissor? But cutting the yarn at the end of a sewing session cannot be done without scissors or a similar tool. Many of the objects that we cut for our sewing activities are great for children who are still working on their cutting skills because they offer physical feedback when cut – they may feel bumpy when you successfully cut them, for example.

If you would like to share your sewing experiences with our students, please let me know! We'd love to hear from you!



Adding a social element to sewing



Concentrating



## CHAVAYA

Aviva Janus, Education Director

### NOVEMBER AT CHAVAYA

Hands-on learning is a central tenet at Chavaya and November brings many exciting opportunities for our students. Parents of the youngest students are invited to join their child for *tefila* and experiential learning on Parent Participation Days - Kitah Alef parents on November 5 and Kitah Bet parents on November 11. Morah Emily's class is involved in a Shabbat project based on the book "The Shabbat Box" by Leslie Simpson. The students will produce some of the items they learned about in "The Shabbat Box" as keepsakes for their families to use.

Chavaya teens will spend a day at The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington participating in **Talk Israel**, a one day conference with the goal of helping teens build personal relationships with Israel as they learn about the complexities of discussing Israel as American Jews. Shaare Tefila is proud to co-sponsor this event with the JCRC and many other local congregations. **Talk Israel** grew out of **Israel Engagement Fellowship** which has impacted over 500 teens who have been prepared to discuss Israel on campus and beyond. **Talk Israel** gives teens the opportunity to explore big questions about the Jewish state, while enjoying the best of Israeli culture and the opportunity to connect with peers in an interactive setting. Topics include, Zionism and Me, BDS Myths & Facts, #Israel – Online Activism, Israel and Intersectionality, and more.

Kitah Dalet will visit Arlington National Cemetery as part of our theme of service and heroism. Included in this visit is a stop at the gravesite of President John F. Kennedy whose famous saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," will be a jumping off point for discussion. Students will experience the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, carried out continuously since 1937 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Infantry Regiment, the oldest active duty infantry unit in the U.S. Army.

Skype Hebrew tutors Eytan Layman and Eli Rashti will visit students in the month of November. Both teachers are first year tutors and we look forward to meeting them in person at the synagogue.



Chavaya Students in the Sukkah

## DONATIONS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT SERVICES

Please consider donating a book *in memory of* or *in honor of* a loved one or *in recognition of a special life event*. Contact Sara in the office.

**Siddur** \$54

**Machzor** \$36

**Large Type Machzor** \$54

## SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING JCC COMING OF AGE EVENT



**Cantor Jason Kaufman, of  
Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia  
"A Melting Pot of Music"**

Hebrew music, musical theater, Jewishly themed pop

**When: Thursday, November 16, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm**

**RSVP by November 9 to JCC 301-348-3809**

Cost \$7, \$8 at door



**COME CELEBRATE YOUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY  
AT SHABBAT KIDDUSH FOLLOWING SERVICES  
NOVEMBER 18**

Recognize a person or event in your life or  
remember a loved one.

**Donate to the Enhanced Kiddush,  
"CHALLAH & SCHMEAR " TODAY**

CONTACT SARA IN THE OFFICE      SMILLER@SHAARETEFILA.ORG

## THE MONTH OF KISLEV IN JEWISH HISTORY

### Kislev 8

The date of the death of **Golda Meir**, former Prime Minister of Israel. Born in Kiev, Russia, moved with her family to Milwaukee at age 8 following pogroms in her home town. She made Aliya ten years later and became involved in politics at age 24. She is one of the signers of Israel's Declaration of Independence. Golda became the first Ambassador to the Soviet Union and served as Prime Minister during the Yom Kippur War in 1973. She once said, "Peace will come when the Arabs love their children more than they hate us."

## NEED ASSISTANCE?

If a family member or another congregant is hospitalized or needs help from The Shaare Tefila Community, please notify the office or Rabbi Layman as soon as possible.

**Contact the office or Rabbi Layman**

(301) 593-3410

## BUY SCRIP



## IT'S NOT JUST KOSHER MARKETS & GROCERY STORES CONTRIBUTOR: JUDY BEISER

### SHOP BEFORE THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS!

Order and receive your gift cards in less than a week. Support Shaare Tefila!

The list of stores is extensive:

### **JUST ADDED:**

Princess Cruise Lines - \$100,

Royal Caribbean - \$100, \$500

### **WE CONTINUE TO CARRY:**

Bed Bath & Beyond, TJ Max, Home Goods, Marshalls, CVS, L.L. Bean and hundreds more...

Contact **Judy Beiser** for more information:

[judy.beiser@verizon.net](mailto:judy.beiser@verizon.net).

### **Special Selling Date for your convenience:**

**Monday, November 13** at the Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner.

### **Active vendors:**

Giant Food - \$100, \$50, \$25, \$10

H Mart - \$20

Moti's Market - \$50

Shalom Kosher Market - \$100, \$50

Shopper's Food Warehouse - \$100, \$50, \$10

ShopRite - \$100, \$50

Starbucks - \$25, \$10, \$5

Safeway - \$100, \$25

To buy scrip, contact the office or call:

**Judy Beiser** 301-598-2082

**Barbara Fink** 301-438-3149

**Rita Rubinstein** 301-816-9686

**Ethel Levine** 301-593-7041

## LOOKING TO JOIN SHAARE TEFILA?

Contact:

**Stacey Lynch**, Membership VP  
[membership@shaaretefila.org](mailto:membership@shaaretefila.org)

**Jill Goldwater**, Executive Director  
[jgoldwater@shaaretefila.org](mailto:jgoldwater@shaaretefila.org)  
301-593-3410 X 101

## REMEMBERING CHARLIE FUTROVSKY

CONTRIBUTOR: SAUL COHEN

**Charlie Futrovsky** was a mentor and a person who was devoted to Shaare Tefila; who helped other congregations and their leaders; helped Jewish organizations, charities and community organizations; and was an accountant and a friend to many of them.

In my pre-surgery room in October, a surgical assistant stopped by. He told a story about asking his 93 year old grandfather how he felt. The response was "did you ever see a 17- year old riding in a 1973 Dodge?" The grandson responded "yes". "Well" his grandfather said, "I'm that 17- year old kid who looks like the 1973 Dodge." That was Charlie, a 17- year old kid in a 1973 Dodge body. He was charming, had a great wit, and wanted to participate in everything he could. Charlie loved and devoted himself to his family. He left a legacy as a family man, a loyal, dedicated and generous person.

Personally, he was a sounding board as I served this congregation. I spent many a day walking from my office on Colesville Road to his office on Cameron Street seeking advice and consultation. Charlie always had time for me. His advice was always in the best interest of the congregation. Sometimes he told me what I did not want to hear, but I always seriously considered it.

Charlie was a Renaissance man without the ego. He was a friendship link to our older members. If Frances ever wondered where his Shaare Tefila papers were after many years of telling Charlie to throw them out, a couple of years ago he gave me some of his Tower monthly newsletters, flyers and address books.

I last saw Charlie at High Holiday services. Although his frailty was evident, his mind was clear. He was still asking insightful questions about Shaare Tefila and my family, and still telling jokes. In our last Finance Committee meeting on September 28th, he participated by phone, asking excellent questions and providing excellent advice.

Charlie's five most important priorities in his life were one, his family; two his family; three, Judaism; four, Shaare Tefila and Ezras Israel; and five, his clients and work.

I personally will miss speaking and seeing him and giving him a hug and kiss. I will miss his friendship and good counsel.

Many Rabbis, Cantors and other Jewish professionals will miss him. Business professionals and people he befriended will miss Charlie's charm, wit and knowledge.

We will all miss Charlie. May his memory be a blessing for us all.

## CONTRIBUTOR:

**ETHEL LEVINE**



The Social Action Committee's Toiletries Drive, now in its sixth year at Shaare Tefila, had another successful campaign of "cleaning-up!" Thanks to your help, we received soaps, shampoos and conditioners, lotions, tooth brushes, flosses and mouth wash, laundry detergent pods, feminine hygiene items, make up and nail polishes, paper goods for meals to be eaten in the shelter, and various interesting miscellaneous items which the women residents no doubt will use during their stay in the Rockville shelter.

All totaled, we collected over 245 pounds of items, which were delivered to the shelter in mid-October, just in time for cooler evenings when bed space in the facility becomes more in demand.

It is obvious that the congregants practice Tikkun Olam, safeguarding those who may be at a disadvantage.

On behalf of the Social Action Committee, we thank you for your generosity and caring attitude, as we do our small part to help repair the world!

## NEWS FROM THE WINER FAMILY GALLERY

CONTRIBUTOR: FRAN ABRAMS

Beginning Tuesday, October 31, the Winer Family Gallery presents *In the Neighborhood*, an exhibit of serigraphs — original, limited edition, silkscreen prints, created by artist **Joseph Craig English**. Each of the scenes depicted has personal significance to the artist, whether it's a restaurant where he eats, a local gas station, a neighbor's house in the snow, or an evening shared with friends at a ballgame. He works to capture the essence of these everyday things and infuse them with the vivid colors in his mind.

English's silkscreen process presents special challenges. He embraces hand cutting the stencils for each color of the designs and prints all of his own work. On average, 28 stencils are required to create one original print. He custom mixes the oil-based inks to achieve the desired colors.

Over his 45-year career as a full-time professional artist, he has created more than 500 hand-printed original limited edition serigraphs. His work can be found in more than 100 corporate and museum collections. For more information about the artist, please visit [josephcraigenglish.com](http://josephcraigenglish.com).

The exhibit *In the Neighborhood* continues through January 1, 2018.



Red Tin Roof



Garden Grove



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH RABBI LAYMAN

When we announced the new month of *Cheshvan* in synagogue on Shabbat, October 14, we called it *Mar Cheshvan*, bitter or sad *Cheshvan*. The title alludes to the fact that there are no Jewish holidays observed that month and, the rabbis thought, the month must be sad. Though historical events occurred in November when *Cheshvan* usually falls, for example, Kristallnacht and the UN vote in 1947 creating the Jewish state, none of these dates has become an official Jewish holiday. Many of us may wonder though why it's necessary to call the month sad.

We just had 4 weeks of holidays and a fast day in the month of *Tishrei*. Frankly I'm all "holidayed" out and always look forward to a month with regular full work weeks! But perhaps the rabbis were sad because they wanted Judaism to be celebrated in as many ways as possible. Holidays allow for extra moments of jubilation and spirituality and without holidays it's more difficult to find those moments. Our job then is to find moments this month to celebrate the blessing of life. Find time to spend with your family and friends. Just take time off to enjoy an hour or two just because. If you can then we can all help transform *Cheshvan* into a happy, sweet month.



## PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

### TOT SHABBAT

**WHO:** YOUNG CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
**WHAT:** MORNING SHABBAT PROGRAM  
**WHEN:** SHABBAT, 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

**November 18**      March 10  
**December 9**      April 21  
**February 24**      June 2

### GAN KATAN PLAYGROUP

**WHO:** CHILDREN PRESCHOOL AGE AND THEIR PARENTS  
**WHAT:** PLAY, STORY TIME, CRAFTS, AND SNACK - FREE  
**WHEN:** SUNDAYS , 10:00 AM

RSVP to Cilla Grosberg: drgmrs@aol.com

**November 5**      March 18  
**December 3**      April 22  
**January 21**      May 6

### FAMILY SHABBAT *INCLUDES:*

CANTOR REBECCA, SHABBAT DINNER, FAMILY SERVICE, TOT SHABBAT, BIRTHDAY SHABBAT

PROGRAMS FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SATURDAY

JOIN IN AT ANY POINT

FRIDAY EVENING: 6:00 PM  
 SATURDAY MORNING: 10:15 AM

December 8-9      February 23-24      April 20-21

Questions? Contact **Missy Mandell** mmandell@shaaretefila.org - 301.593.3410 X 103



### WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE

LED BY: SUSAN RUBENSTEIN

**9:20 am - 10:10 am**

**Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Shabbat, November 18**

Rosh Chodesh Shevat - Shabbat, **January 20**

Rosh Chodesh Nissan - Shabbat, **March 17**

Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Shabbat, **May 12**

**10:15 am - 11:15 am**

Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Shabbat, **December 16**

Rosh Chodesh Adar - Shabbat, **February 17**

Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Sunday, **April 22**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS November - December



### SAVE THE DATE

#### November

Saturday, November 4 - Sisterhood Shabbat  
 Saturday, November 11 - Havdalah Experience  
 Monday, November 13 - Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner  
 Tuesday, November 21 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

#### December

Sunday, December 3 - Sisterhood Adult Coloring  
 Friday, December 8 - Shabbat/Chanukah Dinner  
 Sunday, December 17 - A Taste of Chanukah





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