



The Shofar

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Celebrating our 72nd year

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
RABBI JONAH LAYMAN

The Paradox of the Sukkah

I always find the holiday of Sukkot to be the most beautiful and satisfying of all our Jewish holidays. Five days after the spiritual intensity of the High Holidays, we take the time to commune with nature. We build an intentionally precarious structure with flimsy walls and an even flimsier roof and we spend a week enjoying meals - often between raindrops - and perhaps even sleeping in the sukkah. If the weather is right - not too hot, not too cold - it can be a relaxing and rejuvenating experience.

A lesson we are supposed to learn about the Sukkah is how precarious and flimsy our life is. By building the sukkah, we recognize how dependent we are on God to sustain life. Often my sukkah is blown away by wind and rain. Often I have to rebuild it during the holiday, and sometimes if the damage is too severe, I have no choice but to take the sukkah down before the holiday ends. And yet, we build the sukkah year after year.

The sukkah is an apt metaphor for our lives. We live our lives knowing that we will encounter both joy and sadness. Some years our happiness will outweigh our despair, but there will be years when the reverse will be true. Yet we maintain our determination to go through with the rituals knowing they will provide comfort and maybe even hoping that they will be a harbinger for change.

If you've never built a sukkah - why don't you give it a try? Many websites provide easy-to-build sukkot in a variety of sizes. Most are meant for amateurs and should be relatively easy to erect. You can try this website - <https://www.sukkot.com/> - or try these creative ideas on this website here - <https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/september-2017/build-a-sukkah-with-your-family> Whatever you decide to do, may the Sukkot holiday help us recognize that with our resilience and with the help of family and community we can overcome the fragile nature of our lives. With our efforts, we can build toward a happy and healthy new year.

With Blessings,

Rabbi Jonah Layman



PRESIDENT
ERIC MARSHALL

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur allow me to reflect on the past year and think about how I want the next year to be different. It is a very personal reflection on what I want to change to achieve a more enriching year to come.

The biggest change in my life over the pandemic has been the lack of spending time with others. I want to be out in the community with friends and family socializing, working together, and just enjoying each other's company.

I also want people in my life to know how much I appreciate them and enjoy their company. It's important not to take people for granted.

I hope everyone will reflect on what they want to change in their life, and that they can take steps to make changes. We can all improve ourselves. Whatever you feel is important, make the changes you think are needed.

From my entire family to yours, I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and sweet 5783. May your next year be filled with more joy and less heartache.

Shana Tova

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BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, SWEET NEW YEAR

*L'SHANA TOVA UMETUKAH
FROM OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES*



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**CHAVAYA
BABETTE COHN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION &
PROGRAMMING**
BCOHN@SHAARETEFILA.ORG

September was a busy month at Chavaya. We had an exciting opening day on the 11th with music, games both inside and outside the classrooms, plus everyone went home with their very own Shaare Tefila Chavaya tote bag! We have welcomed new students to our school, and it feels like they have been here for years. Check out the pictures below and on the next page for an idea of what has been happening in our building.

Coming Up in October

- **Tashlich Community Program, 10/2, 10:30am-12:30pm** - This Sunday the Chavaya program will be part of our larger Tashlich celebration. Bring your family, join Rabbi Jonah and me for a tashlich service at our storm drain pond, eat some brunch, and enjoy each other's company while your kids spend time with their teachers for special activities.
- **Erev Sukkot morning, 10/9** - Children will create decorations to beautify the synagogue's sukkah!
- **On 10/16 team ST Youth Rocks! will be participating in a Community Playhouse Build in support of Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland** - **If you would like to support the efforts of our community's children please donate on our team page here.** Each team is asked to raise \$2400 in sponsorship of a playhouse; one member of the team has already raised \$1000! The money raised provides critical funding to help build affordable homes for lower-income families in our local community. The children's playhouses created at the project site (BenderJCC) will be given to families who live in Habitat homes to brighten their children's lives.

Junior Congregation: Mark your calendar and join us on **October 22 in the Grosberg-Baumgart Chapel**. Morah Ilana will be back with me to co-lead this service designed primarily for children in grades 3 and up. **2022-23 Dates:** 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/25, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20

B'Shalom,
Babette



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Chavaya—Religious School





KOSHER FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Your food donations supplement our operations and decrease our costs.

ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED

Food

Sealed, Shelf Stable, &
Well-Within the Use By Date

- Nuts/Dried Fruit
- Pizza/Pasta Sauces
- White Tuna/Sardines
- Mayonnaise
- Olive Oil/Black Olives
- Spices (not blended)
- Nature's Bakery Products
- Near East Rice Mixes
- Almond Milk
- Microwave Popcorn
- Yeast

Acceptable:



Household Items

- Food Storage Bags
- Aluminum Foil
- Cleaning Products
- Laundry Detergent
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Dishwashing Soap
- Dishwasher Detergent

Self-Care Products

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Soap
- Skin Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- First Aid Items
- Pain Relievers (OTC)

Shaare Tefila Social Action Committee October Collection

Donations will be accepted throughout October.
There will be a collection bin outside in front of the main entrance.
Questions? Contact Lisa Hedgepeth, ST Social Action Chair, at lisahedge@gmail.com



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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING
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This edition of our monthly publication arrives in your email while we are in the midst of the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, known as the Days of Awe/Ten Days of Repentance or in Hebrew, *Aseret Yemei Teshuvah*. After hearing the call of the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah we are expected to use this time to reflect on who we have been in the past year, make amends with those we

have wronged, and consider who we can be in the year ahead, “returning” to who we truly are. My holiday wish for all of us is that we continue to reach for our perfect selves and do not give up. Ken Yehi Ratzon/ May it Be God’s Will.

Perhaps during this program year you will find opportunities to support your journey. I invite you to try something new - attend a lecture, Makers & Bakers experience, zoom in on Rabbi Layman’s classes, donate to the Social Action collections each month, or join the community for Shabbat dinner. If you [look at our program calendar linked here](#) you may find something that piques your interest.

Programs in October include:

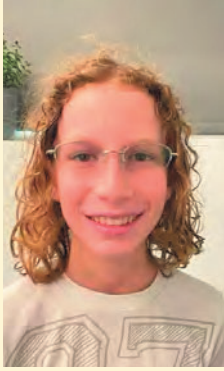
- **Tashlich at Shaare Tefila, 10/2** - join us at 10:30 a.m. for the first of our annual holiday programs.
- **Gan Katan led by Morah Mara Lansky, 10/9, 9:15-10:45 a.m.** - our monthly preschool Jewish education experience continues, now meeting in Room 103. [Registration is available on ShulCloud here; just select ‘Gan Katan’ when picking your child’s grade for the year.](#)
- **On 10/16 team ST Youth Rocks! will be participating in a Community Playhouse Build in support of Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland.** [If you would like to support the efforts of our community’s children please donate on our team page here.](#) Each team is asked to raise \$2400 in sponsorship of a playhouse; money raised provide critical funding to help build affordable homes for lower-income families in our local community. The children’s playhouses created at the project site (BenderJCC) will be given to families who live in Habitat homes to brighten their children’s lives.
- **Lunch in the Hut, 9/16, Noon** - Come sit in our beautiful sukkah for a little learning, good food, & time with good friends. [Register now on ShulCloud!](#)
- As always, we count on volunteer support to help our programs be successful. Feel free to contact me if you can offer your time, knowledge and/or skills to lead a program, or share your ideas for speakers and other programs. **It will soon be time to plan for our annual Chanukah community program, coming up on December 18. Please consider sponsoring the event!**

B’Shalom,

Babette

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B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH AT SHAARE TEFILA



Jonah Lansky will become a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, October 29, Parashat Noach

Jonah Noah Lansky is thrilled to become a Bar Mitzvah on October 29, 2022! It is wonderful that so many of you have watched him grow over these past 10 years at Shaare Tefila.

Jonah is an 8th grader at Sandy Spring Friends School. If you ever have a tech question, he's your guy. He enjoys playing clarinet, making stop motion movies, being on his school's baseball team, and swimming with his summer swim team.

Jonah is thankful for his schooling and tutoring at Shaare Tefila as well as support from Rabbi Layman and Cantor Adina. You'll continue to see him in his bow ties during services.

For his Mitzvah project, Jonah will be raising money for refugees through the HIAS foundation. Be on the lookout for a link to donate.

Volunteers Needed!

Sisterhood's Catering Department is looking for 1-2 volunteers who will work with **Fran Kensky** in coordinating the weekly Shabbat kiddush. **Ethel Levine** has been doing this for over 12 years and the time has come to pass along the baton.

She has been compiling a list of jobs that you'll be responsible for doing throughout the year, as they occur to her, so that you'll be ready for most situations. But, she'll also be showing you things in the kitchen with which you should become familiar, so that you can be aware of what will need to be done each season. That way you won't feel blindsided.

Please call Ethel at your earliest convenience. She's really looking forward to speaking with you as she says goodbye to this job, which has been near and dear to her heart for all of these years.

Fran Kensky



Shaare Tefila's GAN KATAN!

LED BY: MARA LANSKY



Children up to 5 years old and a grown up are welcome for this monthly Jewish-themed class with Morah Mara Lansky.

Our wonderful preschool class, Gan Katan, started up this month!

We are getting to know each other, making Tzedakah boxes and talking about the High Holidays!

We meet once a month on a Sunday. If you have the little one, preschool aged 2-5, and would like to join us, sign up on [ShulCloud](https://shulcloud.com).

Questions? Contact Babette Cohn BCohn@Shaaretefila.org.



Sisterhood and Men's Club are giving Shaare Tefila members a heads'-up that there will be a shuk/ marketplace in the Social Hall on November 13 from 10am-12pm. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Sisterhood will be sponsoring this event, with an assist from the Mens' Club. There will be vendors there who will be selling jewelry, Judaica, pottery and wood crafted items, stationery, engraved glass items, aprons and potholders, candles, and much more. With Chanukah and the Holidays coming up, this would be an ideal place to shop for all of your gift giving. Plus, why not think of yourself, while you are at it? The vendors are both "home-grown" and local, so come to say hello, and see what's new in crafts' offerings. You'll be amazed how wide of a variety you will find at our shuk. Tell your friends to meet you at this marketplace!

See you there.

Questions? Contact [Ethel Levine](#).

A Schmear Is Not Just A Schmear

First, according to Google Dictionary "Schmear": verb; "the bagel so perfect with a schmear of low-fat cream cheese"

The Shaare Tefila definition of "Schmear" : noun; a light snack served by the **Shaare Tefila Sisterhood and volunteers** after Shabbat services.



Currently, when we don't have a sponsor providing a kiddush after Shabbat services, the Sisterhood serves some sweets, coffee, hot tea, lemonade, and water. Everyone seems to look forward to gathering after services to schmooze and catch up with each other; this greatly enhances our sense of community. It also contributes to making Shaare Tefila the "haimish" place we always strive to be.

We would like to be able to provide a little more than a few modest sweets. These Schmears do come at a financial cost. Therefore, we are requesting those who are able, please contribute to our "Schmear Fund"; if you can send \$180 -- or any amount would be appreciated --so we can provide a kiddush about 40 Saturdays throughout the year. This will greatly defray the costs incurred and will benefit everyone.

If you are planning to contribute, please send your donation to Shaare Tefila and include a note "For Schmear" or [donate online](#). We would be grateful for any amount you can provide for this program. Your contribution will be recognized in the *Shofar*.



Lisa Hedgepeth
Social Action Chair
lisahedge@gmail.com

The Season of Tikun Olam continues. In September, our members responded to the call once again to provide a variety of items to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Ethel Levine delivered our donations and they were much appreciated. Thanks for continuing to provide for those in need.

Our October collection will support Yad Yehuda of Greater Washington. Yad Yehuda (<https://www.yadyehuda.org/#/>) is a volunteer organization that serves as the Jewish community's financial safety net serving hundreds of individuals from every Jewish neighborhood in the Greater Washington area every year. Yad Yehuda helps ease some of the financial strain on our friends and neighbors. Please see flyer (page___) for details on our October efforts.

An emergency request has come to us through the JCRC via Identity of Montgomery County <https://identity-youth.org/>. As governors from Texas and Arizona continue to send migrant families on buses to the DMV area, the immediate needs are critical! For us, the easiest request that we can help with is for gift cards to Target, Walmart, and grocery stores. If you are able to help, please bring gift cards to the synagogue office. Or, send me an email and I can arrange a pick up (lisahedge@gmail.com)

Our Jewish Response to Climate Change-Please join us on October 20th from 7-8:30 pm for a zoom presentation by Joelle Novey, Director, Interfaith Power & Light (ipldmv.org). As our world experiences a climate crisis, how are Jewish communities across our region bringing Jewish wisdom to this moment and joining with neighbors to respond? How can our synagogue community make a difference? **Be on the lookout for a registration link!**

Finally, our Social Action committee continues to work closely with NNIA (New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance <https://nnia-maryland.com/>) to provide assistance to Afghani families settling in Montgomery County. The need is great and we are proud to be a part of this effort. Our volunteers are tutoring, transporting food, helping navigate doctors' appointments, etc. We recently received a grant for this work and are very pleased to report that we were able to provide the financial assistance necessary for one of the families to make repairs on a vehicle which will now allow him to travel to a new job.

Lisa Hedgepeth, Social Action Chair



CILLA GROSBERG
VP MEMBERSHIP
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L'Shana Tova! How wonderful it was to see so many of you in the synagogue for ST Rosh Hashanah New Year services. After zooming for the past 2 years, our sanctuary was filled with many congregants and friends of Shaare Tefila. Rabbi Layman and Cantor Adina did a wonderful job leading meaningful and inspiring services. Our sanctuary was alive and glowing again with happy congregants sharing fist bumps, hugs, and greetings!

Speaking of greetings, many of you who saw me at shul thanked me for the lovely High Holy Day phone greetings you received from our community before Rosh Hashanah. Our thanks go out to membership chair Ellie Alpert and our High Holy Day volunteers for all the love and support they put into making these calls and setting the stage for a sweet, joyful, and healthy New Year for all of us at ST. Please take the time with me to thank congregants: **Ellie Alpert, Deanna Alpher, Barbara Firestone, Bernice Goldstein, Betty Freedman, Beverly Weinstein, Charlotte Shapiro, Don Helfer, Marjorie Eiskerke, Elaine Schenberg, Ellen Beebe, Frieda Krosnick, Iris Hyman, Jane Saphier, Judy Perritt, Liane Lunden, Jackie Samuel, Ann Schuman, Laura Torchinsky, Lenore Kelner, and Ina Goldstein.**

Rosh Hashanah, the New Year is a celebration of the creation of the world and marks making a fresh start for the New Year. Now that September is behind us and we are entering October and the day of reflection of Yom Kippur, start to think about what lies ahead for you this year. What new challenges and positive connections can you make with your loved ones, friends, and community. I hope you will feel re-energized and re-connect to your Shaare Tefila family and get involved.

Join in on one of the many wonderful programs that our Programming Director Babette Cohn has designed for us this year, get involved with our Social Action Committee headed by **Lisa Hedgepeth**, take a class with Rabbi Layman, and join a Chavurah/Friendship group to broaden your connection with new and seasoned congregants, volunteer on a committee (the membership committee has many areas that you can volunteer in/contact **Cilla Grosberg** at cgrosberg58@gmail.com, join ST Sisterhood or ST Men's Club, attend services and smooze afterward at one of our Shabbat kiddushes, attend a Shabbat dinner program or special Arts and Crafts program led by **Mara Lansky** and Babette Cohen, sit in on **Susan Rubenstein's** monthly Rosh Chodesh group; the potential is endless. By trying something new at ST and connecting to your community and Judaism, you will see how much joy and happiness it will bring to your life.

Wishing you and your loved ones a meaningful Yom Kippur an easy fast and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful, and Joyful New Year!

Continue to support your shul, and bring friends, relatives, and acquaintances to Shaare Tefila programs and services. Introduce them and invite them to be part of our warm and embracing Shaare Tefila community!

Cilla Grosberg, ST Membership VP

COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE

TO HELP YOU RECYCLE/BURY or BUY
ANY UNWANTED JEWISH/HEBREW BOOKS

November 1-30, 2022

Berman Hebrew Academy - 13300 Arctic Ave - Rockville

The goals of this community project are to help you clear out unwanted books, find some new ones, and ensure the proper disposal of unusable holy texts. Unwanted Jewish books may be dropped off inside the main entrance during school hours throughout November.

Titles fit for resale will be on display in the lobby for \$1-\$5. Volunteers to help sort books are welcome.

For more information, contact Kehilat Pardes at 301-962-1360 or office@KehilatPardes.org.

Thank you to our sponsors:





SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

JACKIE BENN

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Hello all Sisterhood members,

I hope everyone had a great Rosh Hashanah and was able to spend time with their family and friends. In September we were able to come together as a Sisterhood for our first in-person event since before the pandemic. Everyone who attended had lots of fun and good food. It was wonderful to see so many parts of the synagogue being used on that day too.

Now we are looking forward to our next in-person event. On October 24th we will have our very popular membership dinner which is free to those that have paid their dues. If you have not sent in your membership dues and dinner reservation, it's not too late to send both to **Amy Schwartz**. If you need a ride to and/or from the synagogue on the evening of the event, please contact me at 301-512-0694 and I will make sure that someone can provide you with transportation (this applies to *any* Sisterhood event.) This occurs for any in-person Sisterhood event. We have a great guest speaker for our dinner as well as a catered dinner. I hope to see many of you in person later this month.

When you do come don't forget to bring money not only for the 50/50 raffle but also to become a member of the Torah Fund. This year will be the 80th anniversary. Any donation of \$1.00 will allow you to be a member of this great organization. Torah Fund supports the Rabbinical Assembly in New York which is where Rabbi Layman graduated from and is still affiliated with to this day.

Lastly, I hope each of you has a meaningful Yom Kippur. If there is anything that I have done over the past year to offend you, I apologize and ask for your forgiveness.

Shanah Tovah G 'Mar Tov

Jackie Benn
Sisterhood President

Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle Discussions



Join us on Zoom!

The [Zoom Link](#) is, and will continue to be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84988020385?pwd=VUFGVndONmtkbVN1L2xIVVFvOUNNUT09>

All meetings to begin at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Zoom opens at 3:45 so we can greet and get started on time.

CHESHVAN: Sunday October 23rd

KISLEV: Sunday December 4th

TEVET: Sunday January 8th

SHEVAT: Sunday January 29th

ADAR: Sunday February 26th

NISAN: Sunday March 26th

IYAR: Sunday April 23rd

SIVAN: Sunday May 21st

Please check out our calendar for the most up to date events:

<https://www.shaaretefila.org/news-and-events/calendar/>

SHAARE TEFILA SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

Paid Up Membership Dinner

Date: Monday October 24, 2022

TIME: Meet & Greet: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.



Send Dues & Reservations: Amy Schwartz at 3917 Ashland Brooke Way, Olney MD 20832

*Please be advised that there are **NO** telephone reservations..*

Dues: Check membership level

\$55.00 Regular Membership _____

\$70.00 Patron Membership _____

\$40.00 Senior Membership (ages 70+) _____

\$60.00 Senior Patron (70+) _____

JOIN SISTERHOOD AND THE DINNER IS COMPLEMENTARY!

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Level Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attending dinner YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Each table will seat 8 people.)

Do not forget your checkbooks/cash for our 50/50 raffle and script.

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## High Holy Days Schedule

### Sukkot

Sunday Oct 9 - 6pm - Zoom or watch  
Monday Oct 10 - 9:30am - in person, Zoom, or watch  
6pm - Zoom or watch  
Tuesday Oct 11 - 9:30am - in person, Zoom, or watch  
7:20pm - Evening service and Havdalah - Zoom

### Shemini Atzeret

Sunday Oct 16 - 6pm - Zoom or watch  
Monday Oct 17 - 9:30am service includes yizkor - in person, Zoom, or watch

### Simchat Torah

Monday Oct 17 - 6:30pm service and sing and dance with the Torah scrolls - in person, Zoom, or watch  
Tuesday Oct 18 - 9:30am service and sing and dance with the  
Torah scrolls - in person, Zoom, or watch  
7:10pm - evening service and Havdalah- Zoom



**Makers and Bakers** hosted its first Cookie Club September 18th.

We gathered joyfully in the kitchen to make various versions of madelbrot for our own High Holiday tables and for Shabbat kiddushes coming up.

Are you interested in joining?  
Our next meeting is January 22nd! Sign up today!!!

Questions? Ask  
Babette [bcohn@shaaretefila.org](mailto:bcohn@shaaretefila.org) or  
Mara [maramarakay@aol.com](mailto:maramarakay@aol.com)





## LIFELONG LEARNING AT SHAARE TEFILA

Fall – 2022/5783

Taught by Rabbi Jonah Layman

### SUNDAYS

(Starting September 11)

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 relations between Jews and their non-Jewish neighbors. No prior study of Talmud is required.

### WEEKDAYS

(Beginning September 19) **1st & 3rd Mondays of the month** – 11 am – Join us for a discussion of current events from a Jewish perspective. This class will be recorded.

(Beginning September 7) **Wednesdays** – 11 am – Torah Study – We discuss the major topics and issues in the weekly Torah portion. This class will be recorded.

(Beginning September 9) **Fridays** – 9:30 am – Torah Class – This class has been meeting for 28 years and has been reading the Torah in English with the traditional medieval rabbinic commentaries. After all that time we are a few chapters away from the end of the Torah!

ALL CLASSES MEET ON [ZOOM](#)

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



# Explore Israel! With Shaare Tefila

**MARCH 12-23, 2023**  
**SHAARE TEFILA**  
**LED BY RABBI JONAH LAYMAN**



## — CELEBRATE AND EXPLORE ISRAEL IN ITS 75TH YEAR —

### THE JEWISH PEOPLE'S PAST AND PRESENT IN THE LAND AND STATE OF ISRAEL

- Explore your connections to the land, people and state of Israel
- Encounter a variety of Israel's cultures
- Experience Tel Aviv's trend-setting arts scene
- Learn from Israel's thought-leaders
- Encounter the Negev Desert's wonders
- Shabbat in the Holy City of Jerusalem



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOURNEY

- Walk through Old Jaffa, Jonah's port
- Celebrate Shabbat at the Kotel/ Western Wall
- Meet the Jewish and Arab leaders of Roots, a co-existence project
- Enjoy Israeli wine at a winery where grapes are grown in the desert
- Experience Tel Aviv's contemporary art scene
- Eat authentic Middle Eastern cuisine in chefs' restaurants
- Explore the Ramon Crater in Jeeps
- Meet community leaders in Bethlehem
- Visit the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation
- Descend to the City of David to see Jerusalem's oldest-newest archeology





## COST INFORMATION

### PRICE PER PERSON

\$4,575  
(in double-occupancy; based on 20 participants)

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$1,350

(Prices do not include flights)

### HOTEL INFORMATION

2 nights, Market House Hotel,  
Tel Aviv  
5 nights, Bezalel Hotel, Jerusalem  
2 nights, Ramon Inn,  
Mitzpeh Ramon

### LAND PRICE INCLUDES

- Assistance upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport for one group flight
- One transfer from and one transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for one group flight
- Licensed Israeli Government Tour Educator and trained by Makor – 10 days
- All group transportation in Israel on a private luxury bus – 9 days
- Hotel accommodations per above, *or similar, pending confirmation*
- All Site Admissions and programs as per the itinerary
- Source Materials, Hat, Bag, Map

- Water on bus daily – 3 bottles per person per day
- Porterage at hotels
- Credit Card fees
- Tips for guide and driver

### MEALS

- Breakfast daily
- 2 Lunches
- 5 Dinners

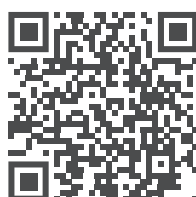
### NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Meals on own and out-of-pocket expenses
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## Sisterhood 2022-2023 Calendar

### 2022

September 11: Schmooze and Schmear at Shaare Tefila

October 24: Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner at Shaare Tefila

November 13: 10am –12pm: Shuk at Shaare Tefila

December 11: Learning about and making olive oil at [JCrafts of Rockville](#)

### 2023

February 5: Chocolate Seder with Kehilat Shalom

March 13: Women's Musical Seder

April 16: Virtual Bingo via Zoom

May 7: Spring Event

June 12: potluck and planning meeting in person  
TBD



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### October

October 9, 9:15am: Gan Katan

October 12, 10:00am: Men's Discussion Group

October 20, 7:00pm: An Evening on Climate Change

October 22, 10:30am: Junior Congregation

October 24, 6:00pm: Sisterhood Membership Dinner

October 23, 3:45pm: Women's Rosh Chodesh Circle

### November

November 9, 10:30am: Men's Discussion Group

November 11, 6:15pm: Shabbat Dinner

November 12, 9:30am: Taryn Schwartz will speak about her experience in Israel playing lacrosse this past July

November 13, 9:15am: Gan Katan

10:00am: Sisterhood Shuk

November 14, 8:00pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

November 18, 5:15pm: Mini Minyan

November 19, 10:30am: Junior Congregation

November 20, 10:00am: Makers and Bakers:  
Cookie Club

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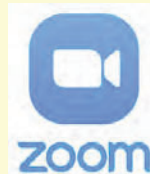


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**Dara Grosberg's engagement**

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**Charlotte Potosky's birthday**

Rona Rothenberg

**Charlotte Potosky's special birthday**

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**Stan and Fran Kensky's new granddaughter, Iona**

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**Charlotte Potosky on her 90th birthday**

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