



# The Shofar

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In continuing our caution, and with the consideration for the safety of our membership, **Shaare Tefila will continue to require face coverings regardless of vaccination status.** This policy will continue to be reviewed over time. Thank you for continuing to help us protect everyone at Shaare Tefila.

Celebrating our 71st year

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**FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY**  
**RABBI JONAH LAYMAN**

## Past & Future

This year, Shaare Tefila is 71 years old. It is remarkable how our congregation has survived and thrived over the years despite great upheaval in our demographics. In 1951 a group of Jewish families living in NE Washington DC got together and formed our synagogue. They met in temporary quarters - Chillum Castle - until funds were raised to build a modest building on Riggs Rd. (The building is still there - Mt. Jezreel Church). Our congregation grew and thrived there for 10 years. Then the community began to move to Silver Spring - mainly in the White Oak section. Again temporary quarters were found to house our religious school (Cresthaven Elementary School) until our building was built on Lockwood Dr. Around 1964, we moved into that location and we stayed until 2006. For a time we had 600 members and we had 4 b'nai mitzvah every weekend - 2 girls on Friday night and 2 boys on Shabbat morning! Remarkably, despite declining membership, we decided to move once again. Many of you know that it took 5 years, several rental locations, 2 construction contracts, and 18 permits to build our building in Olney which we moved into in August 2011.

As a student of history, I think our story is remarkable. We are unique in the greater Washington area in that we have had three buildings in 3 very different locations. (Adas Israel has had three buildings but they've all been in DC.) Our community has a special story. A story of people who wanted to create a community that feels like family. A community that welcomes everyone without pretense. A community that simply wants to learn, pray, celebrate and simply be Jewish.

And there is this interesting historical tidbit. All of our shul presidents have had a connection either to Riggs Rd. or to Lockwood Dr. or even to both (like our outgoing president **Perry Sandler**). But for the first time in our history,  
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**PRESIDENT**  
**PERRY SANDLER**

I'm pretty sure that this is my last column for the Shofar (unless someone asks me to ghostwrite one)! (Highly unlikely)! And it also marks the closing weeks of my presidency of Shaare Tefila. What an honor! I've written before about my family's long history with Shaare Tefila, which started with its founding. Who would have imagined!

As you read this column, the Annual Congregational Meeting (2022) was recently held; and we elected a marvelous group of members who agreed to serve as officers and board members of our congregation. Please continue to support each and every one of them as you have done through the years.

For the entire 24 months of my presidency, we have been in the Covid-19 pandemic. It has significantly altered the way that we have done things - but we rose to the occasion - meetings on ZOOM, services on ZOOM, board meetings on ZOOM, etc. Yes, we have had some in-person services and the like, but we always opted for the safety of our congregants, and I thank you so very much for being understanding.

I also want to give thanks to Rabbi Layman, Briana Porter, Babette Cohn, each and every board member, and the many volunteers and committee chairmen and committee members.

Everyone has made it so much easier for me to serve. Many, many thanks.

So, what about the future?

Shaare Tefila has something very special. There's a special aura that exists in our walls. That can be demonstrated by our ability to attract new members at a time when the number of members at other Conservative synagogues is declining. We should be very proud. But we can't be complacent. In the future, we need to continue to work to make Shaare Tefila the go-to place. As our community,  
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**CELEBRATE THE SHAARE TEFILA COMMUNITY  
BBQ DINNER & BOARD INSTALLATION SERVICE  
JUNE 17 - 6:30 PM**

**Come Together and Welcome Our New Leadership for Shaare  
Tefila!**

Please join us on June 17th as we bring our program year to an end and kick off summer with a delicious BBQ dinner cooked by members of our Men's Club!

Dinner will include: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Impossible Burgers for Vegetarians, Veggie Dogs, Chips, Salads, Pickles & more!

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child under age 12

**[Register Here on ShulCloud by June 14th](#)**

Questions? Contact [Babette Cohn](#) for the answers!!



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## Gan Katan May 2022

Our wonderful preschool group ended the school year creating gorgeous artwork for Yom Ha'atzmaut!



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

If you have a little one and are interested in next years Gan Katan Preschool group, contact Babette Cohn [BCohn@Shaaretefila.org](mailto:BCohn@Shaaretefila.org).

## B'NAI/B'NOT MITZVAH AT SHAARE TEFILA



**Jemma Porter** became a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat, May 21.

Jemma is a 7th grader at Briggs Chaney Middle School. Her parents, Margo & Ned Porter and her grandparents, Joyce & Gil Leader are overwhelmingly proud of hard work to reach this momentous milestone.

Jemma chose her mitzvah project since it directly assists needy students and their families who go her my middle school. The Bear Necessities store at BCMS collects a variety of non perishable foods, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies to distribute to the middle school families in need.

Jemma attended planning meetings to discuss the needs in the store; visited the store to help organize & categorize supplies; filled boxes with products for needy families to pick up; and created donation bins to collect the needed supplies.

Donations received for her mitzvah project will help others in her own neighborhood. This is the meaning of her Torah portion, to teach us to treat our fellow human beings respectfully.

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



Being back in our building for Chavaya this year has been quite a journey. When I look back on all that we have learned and accomplished since reopening in September I am grateful to all of you for your patience with me, your children's teachers, and each other, allowing us to have a successful year of Jewish learning and identity building at Shaare Tefila.

**We wrapped up Chavaya on May 22 with a fun-filled Lag B'Omer End of Year Picnic Celebration.** Activities included a drum circle, balloon shaving (to remember the traditional day for men to shave and first 3-year-old haircuts), bow & arrow target shooting, sharing what they learned this year in the omer of knowledge collection, and roasting marshmallows over a bonfire.

**On May 8 Kitah Na'ahroot/Grades 8-12,** took a long-planned trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The experience gave everyone another perspective on the atrocities committed by Hitler's regime. All the children demonstrated great respect for the setting and the memories of those who were lost.

**Also on May 8, in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Israel Independence Day,** grades K-6 had the opportunity to learn more about the geography of Israel using the big floor map provided by the Jewish National Fund.

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## We Need You!

**Do you have a passion for Jewish life & enjoy being with children?** You could make a great addition to our Chavaya teaching staff! We are hiring to fill some open positions for this fall and I would love to speak to you. There is curricular support as well as classroom teaching techniques, planning support, and classroom management help. [Feel free to contact me by email at any time and we can set up a time for a conversation.](#)

**You are the best advertisement we have to grow our education program.** If you know anyone who is interested in a great Jewish education for their children please refer them to me. I am available this summer to speak with families at their convenience. [Feel free to share my email address or contact me by email at any time.](#)

**Plans are underway for Chavaya 2022-23 already, and our opening Sunday is on September 11.** Information to register for the fall will be sent to families by the end of June. The year will include more trip experiences for all ages, guest speakers to enhance the children's learning, and lots of class projects connected to weekly topics.

**Mark your calendar for September 17 when we resume Junior Congregation 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. A list of other dates for the year will be sent later this summer.

Enjoy Your Summer,

*Babette*







Kitah Na'ahroot Trip to the Holocaust Museum on  
5/8



5/8 Map of Israel Activities for Yom Ha'atzmaut/Israel  
Independence Day



## 5/22 Lag B'Omer Picnic Celebration

Bow & Arrow Target Shooting



Hands from Balloon Shaving



Drum Circle with Moreh Lev





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## Chavaya Year in Review





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## Kehilla Community

The last full month of programming was a busy one:

- ⇒ **The FIRST TGI Shabbat dinner**, celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, was attended by over 70 members! Everyone enjoyed sharing an Israeli-style dinner of shawarma and falafel provided by Moti's, but most of all, after an absence of over two years, everyone was filled with joy at being able to come together once again to celebrate the beginning of Shabbat.



- ⇒ **Morah Mara Lansky wrapped up Gan Katan** with a fun-filled morning of stories, songs and crafts focused on Israel.
- ⇒ **Our last Junior Congregation service** was held for school age children. Everyone received recognition prizes for their level of attendance during the past year. These camp-style Shabbat services will return this fall, with the first being on September 17.
- ⇒ **We offered transportation** to the Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice, which was presented by the National Council of Jewish Women and took place on the west side of the Capitol reflecting pool. I was able to attend, joined by 1500 fellow Jews, all of us gathering to show our opposition to the potential overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court. It was awesome to be surrounded by our community as we were inspired by a powerful line up of speakers, including rabbis from across the spectrum of Jewish practice and many members of Congress, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.



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## Join Us in June!

- **Tikkun Leil Shavuot, All Night Study Sessions** - It is a tradition for us to observe Shavuot with a late night of learning. This year Shaare Tefila is joining with the offerings of the Conservative movement, beginning at 10pm on Saturday, June 4. The program ends at 1:30am on June 5, but each session meeting has separate start and end times.

You can watch all the classes here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G573YVMCFtg>

Time (EDT)	Teacher	Subject
9:30-10:15pm	Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, Rabbi Lauren Henderson, and Dr. Keren McGinity	We Are All Ruth: Commitment, Connection, and Community
10:15-10:45pm	Rabbi Michael Knopf and Rev. Hollie Woodruff	Shavuot/Pentecost: An Interfaith Exploration
10:45-11:15pm	Jewish Young Adults with Rebecca Weisman	Choosing Torah: The Balance of Self & Community
11:15-11:45pm	Rabbi Adam Greenwald & Darrell M. Blocker	The Power of Relationships w/ The (Jewish) Spy Whisperer
11:45pm-12:15am	Rabbi Amy Eilberg	Reparations: Jewish Wisdom on Repairing Collective Harm
12:15-12:45am	Rabbi Reuven Kimelman	Why Are the Books of Esther and Ruth So Alike? (pre-recorded)
12:45-1:15am	Rabbi Michael Klayman	How Far Should We Go For Shalom Bayit/Keeping Peace Among Partners: The Extraordinary Lesson of Rabbi Meir (pre-recorded)

- **BBQ Shabbat Dinner, 6:30pm, June 17 (outside, weather permitting)** - Join the community for the last TGI Shabbat Dinner of the year. The meal will follow the evening service, which will include the installation of our new Board of Directors. Come at 6:30pm for some Shabbat prayer and inspiration, then stay to celebrate with a delicious BBQ dinner, including both meat and vegetarian options!! Registration is live on Shulcloud and can be found [here](#).

**Do you have ideas for the new programming year?** If you know of an interesting speaker you could help us secure, or would be interested in being a sponsor, I am available for a conversation anytime.

B'Shalom,  
*Babette*

(Rabbi's article cont'd)

we will have a president - **Eric Marshall** - who only knows Olney. On Simchat Torah in 2011 the Marshalls (Eric and Lori and their 4 children), along with their friends from Clarksburg, came to services. They danced with the Torah scrolls, did the chicken dance and the limbo, and had a great time. They must have liked what they saw that night because they joined our shul and quickly became actively involved. And now Eric has been installed as our president.

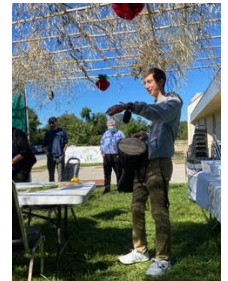
This is what our charter members envisioned 71 years ago. They knew that Shaare Tefila should always be a place where everyone can feel like part of a family. No matter where we are, we are home. Everyone is welcomed, and everyone can participate. As our newsletter takes a summer break, we look forward to beginning our 72nd year and another high holiday season. Good luck to Eric and the new officers and board members and may we continue to grow from strength to strength.

With blessings,

*Rabbi Jonah Layman*

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## Shaare Tefila Programming—Year in Review





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## UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS

**Are you ready for some in-person 'Schmoozing', accompanied with a 'Schmear' of your choice?** Well, that's just what Sisterhood is planning - our first, face-to-face get together in two years!

Please put the 'Sisterhood's 2022 Schmooze and Schmear' on your calendar for **Sunday, June 12, from 10:00am-12:00pm**. We will be meeting at the **Olney Square Neighborhood Park, 18501 Bowie Mill Road, at the intersection of Bowie Mill Rd and Geding Lane**. Park link: <https://montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/olney-square-neighborhood-park/>

It will be a chance to resume some much needed normalcy, giving us a chance to connect again with everyone, bringing the breakfast, brunch and/or snack of your choice to munch on while catching up with one another (after WAY-TOO long!).

Please send an email to **Jackie Benn, our great Sisterhood President, by Thursday, June 9**, to let her know if you are planning to come, so she knows how many to expect (Jackie is planning a little something special for attendees...don't tell her you know !). Jackie's email is relaybenns@gmail.com

By the way, if you are not a Sisterhood member yet and have been thinking about it, please feel free to join us, as well, and get to know our great members! When you email Jackie, let her know you are not currently a member (yet!).

Looking forward to seeing everyone and it will be wonderful to be together again with our sisters!

Hope to see you at the park on June 12th!!

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It's time to plan for a new year of Sisterhood events and programs at our **Potluck Dinner Planning Evening**, which is coming up, and we'd love to have you join us!!

**WHO'S INVITED:** You (our terrific Sisterhood members!)

**WHEN:** Monday, June 13, 2022, 5:45pm - 9:00pm

**WHERE:** At the home of our gracious host, Bess Teller

21321 Ridgcroft Drive, Brookeville, MD

The Sisterhood Board would love you to join us, schmooze with a potluck dinner and bring your great ideas for an exciting year of events and programs hosted by your very own Sisterhood (a VERY dynamic group of ladies, I might add!). If you can make it, and so that we can plan accordingly, please contact **Valerie Kolmaister** to let her know you can come and what you would like to bring. Val can be reached at val@iglobal.com. If you can't make it, but have an idea for a great program, please send your thoughts and suggestions to Jackie Benn, SH President, and she will be happy to present your ideas to the Board on June 13. Jackie can be reached at relaybenns@gmail.com.

If you are not currently a member but want to join the Sisterhood and be involved in the planning on June 13, please let Val know.

Hope to see you on Monday, June 13!

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**CILLA GROSBERG**

**VP MEMBERSHIP**

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June is here, the feeling of summer is upon us, and we have so much to celebrate and be grateful for. Graduations are happening in person for many of our congregant families. Mazel Tov to all the high school and college students who are graduating, may your futures be filled with hope and promise and good health, and may you know that your Shaare Tefila family is proud of your accomplishments and always here for you. Thank you to our Sisterhood-run College Mom program that sends Judaic care packages throughout the year to our college students.

We had our annual congregation meeting on May 24, 2022, and voted in our new President, Executive Board, and Board of Directors. We thank our previous lay leaders and board members. **Eric Marshall** will be our new president and we wish him much success in his new role at our synagogue. Eric and his wife, **Laurie Marshall**, along with their four children have been members of our community since we moved into our current building. They have all been an instrumental part of our Shaare Tefila family and have supported many of our shul programs.

Thank you to **Perry Sandler** (current president) for his 2 years of service and support to our synagogue. He was instrumental in guiding our synagogue during one of our community's most challenging times, Covid! Yasher Koach and my we continue to see Perry at shul and being part of our wonderful synagogue family.

I would like to take this time to thank my amazing Membership Committee volunteers for all their support and dedication this past year. They are **ELLIE ALPERT, SHERRY COHEN, and BESS TELLER**. Yes, this small group has helped keep our community together with ZOOM get-togethers for our Chavurah groups, phone calls for the Holy Days, and daily/weekly calls to our congregants to make sure they are doing well. I could not be prouder of the work all three of these women have done and continue to do to keep our synagogue family together. They truly make my role as Membership VP a joy. Also, a special thank you to **Rabbi Layman, Mara Lansky, Babette Cohn** (Programming Director), and **Briana Porter** for all their support in helping maintain and grow our current membership. Lastly, I would like to thank **Ellie Alpert** and her "Holiday Greeter" volunteers who reach out to our community during Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah, and Passover with holiday wishes from our synagogue. Their act of kindness to our congregants is priceless and we all look forward to receiving those phone calls and check-ins. Those volunteers are **DEANNA ALPHER, ELLEN BEEBE, HELENE BRAUN, BARBARA FIRESTONE, BETTY FREEDMAN, BERNICE GOLDSTEIN, INA GOLDSTEIN, DON HELFER, LENORE KELNER, FRED KROSINICK, LIANE LUNDEN, IRIS HYMAN, SHIRLEY LIBERMAN, JUDY PERITT, JANE SAPHIER, CHARLOTTE SHAPIRO, ANNE SHUMAN, JACKY SAMUEL, LAURA TORCHINSKY, AND BEVERLY WEINSTEIN**. Yasher Koach to all of you for your dedication and support of this program.

Are you feeling inspired to get involved with your synagogue as a volunteer, but you're unsure what to do or

how to help? The membership team has a list of ways that you can help your community and its mitzvah of outreach.

Interested?

Please contact Cilla Grosberg at [cgrosberg58@gmail.com](mailto:cgrosberg58@gmail.com) to learn about these new programs and projects. By becoming involved with your synagogue family you will feel inspired, enriched, and help support your community!

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful summer! Continue to come to shul during the summer months...in-person or on ZOOM! Stay healthy, I hope you get a chance to get away for some great vacations/get-aways, and make wonderful memories with family and friends.

B'Shalom,

**Cilla Grosberg, ST Membership VP**



**Lisa Hedgepeth**

**Social Action Chair**

[lisahedge@gmail.com](mailto:lisahedge@gmail.com)

More than a dozen Shaare Tefila members recently met via ZOOM with three leaders from the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance. They shared details about the work of NNIA and how we can become involved, both individually and representing our synagogue. NNIA is an informal network of volunteers working in alliance under the umbrella of 20+ diverse faith communities. They help individual families with resettlement via education, health, employment, and emergencies with the goal toward independence.

Our team is motivated and ready to get involved. If you are interested in joining us, please email **Lisa Hedgepeth** at [lisahedge@gmail.com](mailto:lisahedge@gmail.com). NNIA relies on donations of both money and goods to assist the families. To inquire about donations, please go to their website, <https://nnia-maryland.com/>, and click on the "Give" tab.

**Lisa Hedgepeth, Social Action Chair**





## LIFELONG LEARNING AT SHAARE TEFILA

Spring – 2022/5782

Taught by Rabbi Jonah Layman

### SUNDAYS

9:30 am – **Talmud** – This 1500-year-old text serves as the foundation for Jewish practice today. Join us as we study the section that deals with relations between Jews and their non-Jewish neighbors.

10:30 am – **Prayer Book** – Our liturgy inspires us to spiritually connect with God. Let's learn about the Shabbat morning service and how the vocabulary, structure, and choreography help us make Shabbat more meaningful.

### WEEKDAYS

**NEW CLASS: Mondays** – 11 am – Join Rabbi Jonah in this weekly class as he explores current events from a Jewish perspective. We'll learn together what Judaism has to teach us about issues in the world today.

**Wednesdays** – 11 am – Torah Study – We learn about the weekly Torah portion focusing on concepts, events, and issues that arise.

**Fridays** – 9:30 am – Torah Class – This class focusses on the Torah, line by line with the traditional medieval rabbinic commentators. This year we are nearing the end of the book of Deuteronomy.

ALL CLASSES MEET ON [ZOOM](#)

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



## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

**JACKIE BENN**

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### Hello all Sisterhood members,

I hope you are all doing well and are having an enjoyable spring. Sisterhood is in full swing although we are getting close to the end of the fiscal year. Our first in-person indoor event took place on May 1st and was enjoyed by all. We are hoping to have other events with the same organization next year. Please pay attention to both the Shofar and the synagogue's weekly newsletter for details. We have not made any plans with them yet, but are hoping to do so in the future.

Our next meeting is going to be another in-person event. This will be in person at **Bess Teller's** house, on Monday, June 13th. We will start with an in-person pot lock and then finish with a planning meeting. If you have any suggestions on an event that you would like to be a part of Sisterhood next year this will be an opportunity to share those ideas. This event is open to all current Sisterhood members. If you have joined the synagogue within the last 12 months you are entitled to one-year free membership to Sisterhood. In this instance, you are also welcome and encouraged to come to our potluck planning meeting. Please email **Val Kolmaister** at val@oglobal.com and let her know that you will be coming. We want to make sure there is plenty of food for all. If the weather is nice we are hoping to have this event outside. The only requirement that is being asked of all attendees is you must have your last vaccine or booster within 5 months before the meeting. We want everyone to feel as safe as possible.

Please send an email to me at relaybens@gmail.com and include as many details as possible. We can only come up with so many new activities on our own. I would be very interested to know if more events are preferred outdoors when the weather is nice, indoors, or via ZOOM. If the Board does not know what you want to participate in then we can not plan for the event.

Our next membership event, **Schmooze & Schmear**, will take place on Sunday, June 12th at Olney Square Neighbor Park. The park is located at the intersection of Bowie Mill Road and Gelding Lane. The address is 18501 Bowie Mill Road, Olney, MD 20832, and will take place from 10 am until noon. This event is free and the only requirement is that any food you bring with you is dairy or parve. If you can not make it to

the planning meeting the next evening, please write down your thoughts and give me the paper that Sunday. I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the springtime weather.

Sincerely,

Jackie

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/86076367965?pwd=ZkMwZzl0bVVIUkRhS3YxcWQ2RmNjdz09>

Upcoming dates can be found at:

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

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state, country, and the world change, we will need to adapt to changing conditions. We've done it in the past, and I know that we can do it in the future.

I look forward to many more happy years for our Congregation, and I have the utmost confidence in our clergy, staff, officers, and board members. And speaking of aura, you the members of the congregation are responsible for that, and I thank you as well.

Thank you.

Perry





Rabbi Jonah Layman  
Shaare Tefila Congregation  
Olney, MD 20832

April 29, 2022

*RE: Thank you for your March 2022 donation*

Dear Rabbi Layman and the entire Shaare Tefila Congregation:

We'd like to thank you for your donations to Olney HELP during the month of March 2022. We're so grateful!

What are we up to right now? Well, we've been busy fulfilling our clients' requests, keeping our pantry stocked, and welcoming spring. We've also been supplying food to the Little Free Food Pantry that St. John's Church established at the start of the pandemic in an effort to feed the homeless.

We can't do this work without you, and we thank you for that! Have a wonderful spring, and please know that we're so grateful for all that you give us. Please share this message of thanks with all the children and their families who participated in this giant collection drive.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Filbert  
Director, Food Services  
Olney HELP  
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*Olney HELP is a non-profit charity recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3).  
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[www.olneyhelp.org](http://www.olneyhelp.org)  
[help@olneyhelp.org](mailto:help@olneyhelp.org)

## 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 blind-sided.

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**

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## Calling all congregants!

***Speaking about calling:*** would you like to be the recipient of a fellow congregant's call once a month or so? Just to catch up, talk, be in touch?

***Speaking about calling:*** are you interested in being a congregant who calls a fellow congregant once a month or so? Just to catch up, talk, be in touch?

If one of the above is to your liking, you are in luck!

The Chesed Committee has re-instituted its friendly calling initiative.

Currently, there are 15 volunteers who are contacting 36 fellow congregants for a monthly chat.

Can we count on you to be either a recipient or a caller?

Please contact Adriana ([sandleraa@gmail.com](mailto:sandleraa@gmail.com)) or 301-871-1164 to sign up or for additional information.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### June

June 1, 1:00pm: Scholar Stream - Israel: Models of Resilience

June 4, 9:00pm: Evening Shavuot Service & Study Session

10:00pm: All Night Study Sessions with Rabbinical Assembly

June 5, 9:30am: Shavuot Services

6:00pm: Shavuot Evening Service

June 6, 9:30am: Shavuot Services Including Yizkor

9:15pm: Evening Service & Havdalah

June 8, 10:00am: Men's Discussion Group

June 12, 10:00am: Schmooze & Shmear Sisterhood Event

June 13, 5:45pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting & Dinner

June 17, 6:30pm: Board of Directors Installation Dinner & Shabbat Services

### July

July 11, 8:00pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

July 13, 10:00am: Men's Discussion Group

August 8, 8:00pm: Sisterhood Board Meeting

August 10, 10:00am: Men's Discussion Group

More event information can be found on the [Shaare Tefila Calendar!](#)



**MINI MINYAN**  
AN INTERACTIVE, PRE-SHABBAT EXPERIENCE  
LED BY MARA LANSKY & BABETTE COHN

**WHO:** AGES 0-7 AND THEIR ADULTS

**WHAT:** EARLY SHABBAT PRAYERS, STORIES, AND SONGS

**WHEN:** KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FUTURE MINI MINYANS

Have Questions? Contact [Babette Cohn](#)



### Support Toby's Trip to the 21st Maccabiah Games!

Toby Barnett, son of Francine and Tony Barnett, is a junior at Rockville High School. He is a Scholastic All-American and nationally ranked age group swimmer in the USA. He recently verbally committed to Indiana University-Bloomington to study and swim in the fall of 2023. **Even more exciting, he has been selected to swim in Israel representing the USA in the 21st Maccabiah Games in July of 2022.** If you would like to support him in his fundraising efforts for his Israel trip, please follow this [link](#).



## **חוג עברית**

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**We meet every Sunday,**

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