



KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES

8:02 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

SHABBAT DAY

7:30 AM HASHKAMA

9:00 AM SHACHARIT

10:30 AM COOKIE MINYAN

 our kids' song and story groups in the Bayit (Shabbat Club with Alicia)

7:50 PM MINCHA

9:08 PM HAVDALAH

WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

**8:00 AM SUNDAY, MONDAY
MEMORIAL DAY
YOM YERUSHALAYIM**

7:15 AM TUESDAY, FRIDAY

**7:00 AM WEDNESDAY
ROSH CHODESH**

7:05 AM THURSDAY

MINCHA/MAARIV

8:10 PM SUNDAY-THURSDAY

NEXT SHABBAT

8:08 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES

9:15 PM HAVDALAH

Have something to share in
the SAP or the Tuesday
Digest? Send an email to
announcements@kesher.org

SHABBAT SHALOM



We extend a warm welcome to all who are sharing this Shabbat with us. Please join us for Kiddush following Shabbat morning services, sponsored by the **Mollye and Lou Shapiro Kiddush Fund**. Kiddush will follow immediately after davening, and will feature plenty of snacks and drinks, along with great company!

THIS WEEK! SEFIRAH SERIES WITH RABBI SHAFNER



WITH RABBI HYIM SHAFNER

SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS DURING SEFIRAT HAOMER

1 HOUR BEFORE MINCHA | MAY 9 • 10 • 17 • 24

Join Rabbi Shafner for a special Shabbat afternoon class during the **Sefirat HaOmer** period, between **Pesach and Shavuot**. This

Shabbat, May 24, join Rabbi Shafner at **6:50 PM** for "Too Much Stuff! What has to go in the Geniza (shamot)?"

OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an 'Open Beit Midrash' starting at **6:50 PM** on Shabbat afternoon in the Social Hall.

COMING SOON! GRADUATION KIDDUSH



If you, a loved one, or a Kesherite you know is graduating, fill out this online form so that we can recognize them in the SAP on **June 20**. And, help us celebrate with a community kiddush by contributing online as well! The deadline to fill out the form is **Friday, June 13**.

THIS WEEK! TORAH ON TAP

Join Kesher Israel, and Moishe Houses Columbia Heights, Arlington, Georgetown, and Bethesda on **Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00 PM**. for a Happy Hour at **The Admiral!** This is a great way to meet other Jewish YPs in the DMV area. Your first drink is on us. Click [here](#) for more information.



IYUN FROM THE PARSHA CHABURA

Join us for a weekly dive into a halachic topic from the week's parsha! We'll have a rotation of presenters. This class will take place on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**. Dinner will be included. Contact Amitai Diament for more info.

LAURA AWAY

Laura Kamer-Israel, our Director of Operations, is taking a well deserved vacation from May 27 through June 5. The office will be closed, and responses to emails and other communications will be delayed. Please contact Alicia if you need anything urgently.

THIS WEEK AT KESHER

MAY 25 - 30, 2025

[visit kesher.org/calendar for details](http://kesher.org/calendar)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM | Bagels and Parsha

9:00 AM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

TUESDAY

8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

8:30 PM | Nosh and Learn

9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

7:00 PM | Iyun from the Parsha chabura

9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

THURSDAY

8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

8:30 PM | Basic Judaism via [ZOOM](#)

9:00 PM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#)

FRIDAY

8:00 AM | Daily Daf Yomi via [ZOOM](#).

8:30 AM | The Long Lasting Heretical Messianism of Shabbetai Tzvi via [ZOOM](#)

All classes made possible through the Dr. H. Harold Gelfand Memorial Institute of Adult Education.

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Shavuot 5785

The **Shavuot portal is live!** View the Shavuot portal [here](#) to see the schedule as well as upcoming events.

LEIL SHAVUOT COMMUNAL DINNER

All are invited to a **dairy Shavuot dinner** before the Tikkun Leil Shavuot on **Sunday, June 1**! [Registration is required](#) by **Tuesday, May 27**.

Pricing:

- Members: \$20
- Non-members: \$30

TIKKUN LEIL

Join us on **Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 PM** for all night learning, Tikkun Leil Shavuot, headlined by Rachel Cohen. Cheesecake at Tikkun Leil Shavuot is sponsored by **Jonathan Mansfield, Ariel Lelchook, and Eitan Aaron Mansfield** in commemoration of Jonathan's grandfather, **Aaron Mansfield**, who smuggled cheesecake into the Polish (Czestochowa) concentration camp for Jews to celebrate the first night of Shavuot in 1944. He passed away erev Shavuot 5759. Full schedule coming soon.

SHAVUOT SECOND DAY MIX AND MATCH LUNCH

Join us on **Tuesday, June 3 at 12:30 PM** for our Shavuot second day Mix and Match Lunch. Meet new people, eat food, and savor the last meal of yontif together! Register [here](#) by **May 27 at 5:00 PM**.

KIDS AND FAMILY ICE CREAM PARTY

Kids and their families are invited to the **Shafner's backyard** on **Tuesday, June 3 at 4:00 PM** for our **Kids and Family Ice Cream Party** for some sweet fun!