



# KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

**7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES**

**7:36 PM CANDLE LIGHTING**

SHABBAT DAY

**7:30 AM HASHKAMA**

**9:00 AM SHACHARIT**

**10:30 AM COOKIE MINYAN**



& Shabbat Club, our kids' song and story groups in the Bayit

**7:15 PM MINCHA**

**8:39 PM HAVDALAH**

## WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

**8:00 AM SUNDAY**

**7:00 AM MONDAY, TUESDAY  
ROSH CHODESH**

**7:15 AM WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
YOM HAZIKARON**

**7:05 AM THURSDAY  
YOM HA'ATZMAUT**

MINCHA/MAARIV

**7:40 PM MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**

MINCHA

**7:00 PM THURSDAY  
YOM HAZIKARON**

## NEXT SHABBAT

**7:43 PM CANDLE LIGHTING**

**7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES**

**7:30 PM NESHAMA MINYAN**

**8:46 PM HAVDALAH**

Have something to share in the SAP or the Tuesday Digest? Send a email to [announcements@kesher.org](mailto:announcements@kesher.org)

## SHABBAT SHALOM



We extend a warm welcome to all who are sharing this Shabbat Mevarchim with us. Please join us for:

- **Kiddush** following Hashkama, sponsored by **Andrew Cooper**, in memory of his mother **Annette Cooper (z"l)** on her Yahrzeit.
- 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! SHABBAT WITH GPATS SCHOLARS

Join us this week for a special Shabbat of learning and inspiration with our **Scholars-in-Residence Rivka Warner** and **Penina Marmon** from the **Graduate Program in Advanced Talmud Study (GPATS) at Yeshiva University**. GPATS is a unique program for women to engage in high-level Torah study, advancing their knowledge and skills in Talmud and Halacha.



**Rivka Warner** will give the drasha on **Shabbat morning following Shacharit** on, "Sinai, Sovereignty, and God's Hand in History". She will also give a shiur on **Shabbat afternoon at 6:15PM**: "From Man of Speech to Silent Sufferer: Aharon's Stunning Response to Tragedy".



**Penina Marmon** will speak during **Seudah Shlishit** on the topic of "בניהם לא היו Nadav and Avihu's Lost Legacy".

## SUNDAY! KESHER BOARD MEETING

Please join us this **Sunday, April 27 at 9:30 AM** for the next board meeting of Kesher Israel. All Board meetings are open to Kesher Members (in good standing), except when the Board goes into executive session. Please email the corresponding secretary at [board@kesher.org](mailto:board@kesher.org) for the Zoom link or to add to the agenda.

## NEW! TEKES MA'AVAR



Join Kesher on **Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 7:00 PM** for a **Tekes Ma'avar** to mark the transition from **Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day)** to **Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day)**. The evening will begin with Mincha, followed by reflections and recollections from Kesher members, including **Ambassador Alfred Moses** at 7:15 PM. We'll then shift into celebration with a Tefila Chagigit Maariv—a joyful and spirited service at 8:00 PM marking the start of Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Light refreshments will follow. The event is free.

## NEW! KIDS YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

Kesher invites **kids and their families** to come together to celebrate Israel's Independence Day on **Thursday, May 1** with an evening full of fun, creativity, and connection at Kesher Israel. Come enjoy a **BBQ dinner, music, and arts and crafts!** \$10/family. Registration required.

## THIS WEEK AT KESHER

APRIL 27 - MAY 2, 2025

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

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM | Bagels and Parsha

9:30 AM | Kesher Board Meeting via Zoom.

### MONDAY | ROSH CHODESH

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

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

### TUESDAY | ROSH CHODESH

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

8:00 PM | Nosh and Learn at Kesher

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

### WEDNESDAY | YOM HAZIKARON

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



7:00 PM | Tekes Ma'avar

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

### THURSDAY | YOM HA'ATZMAUT

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



5:30 PM | Kids & Families Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration at Kesher

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

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

## NEXT WEEK! NESHAMA MINYAN

Join Kesher Israel for a Kabbalat Shabbat full of ruach, singing and dancing. Neshama Minyan will take place next **Friday night, May 2 at 7:30 PM** in the upstairs sanctuary to welcome in a beautiful Shabbat!

### NEW! SEFIROH SERIES WITH RABBI SHAFNER



Join Rabbi Shafner for a special **Shabbat afternoon class** during the **Sefirat HaOmer period, between Pesach and Shavuot**. Next Sunday, May 3, join Rabbi Shafner at 6:35 PM for "Anti-Semitism and Palace Intrigue: Why was the Noda B'Yehudah, Rabbi Yechezkel Landau, so Good to Empress Maria Theresa?".

### POSTPONED: COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

The Community Town Hall scheduled for May 4 is **postponed**. A new date and more information is forthcoming. Please continue to email [renovation@kesher.org](mailto:renovation@kesher.org) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

### COMMUNAL LUNCH WITH KOLOT'S RESTART GROUP

Join us for a meaningful communal Shabbat lunch on **May 10** with our **Scholars in Residence, Kolot's Restart Group!** Kolot's Restart program is a transformative initiative that empowers 15 grassroots leaders from the Gaza Envelope to rebuild and reimagine their communities following the devastating events of October 7. Through regional leadership pods in the Gaza Envelope, northern Israel, and Jerusalem, the program promotes values-based leadership, social entrepreneurship, and cross-sector collaboration. Come and learn from these inspiring individuals. **Registration is required [here](#) by Sunday May 4.**



### SEUDAH SHLISHIT WITH KITOV

Join us for a special **Seudah Shlishit** on **Saturday, May 10, at 7:40 PM** featuring members of **KiTov**, a leadership initiative cultivating a new generation of reflective, strategic, and diverse Israeli changemakers. This cohort of 18 influential civil servants, educators, academics, and community leaders truly reflects the full spectrum of Israeli society. Over the course of the year, they've come together to explore one of the most urgent questions of our time: *What does it mean to live well together in a shared society?*

### SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: RABBI YITZ GREENBERG

Join Kesher during the weekend of **May 16-18** as we welcome Scholar-in-Residence **Rabbi Yitz Greenberg**. Hear from him at these opportunities:



- **Shabbat Morning Drasha:** Yiftach B'Doro: Cohanim in their Era and The Future of Modern Orthodoxy
- **Register! Shabbat Lunch and Learn** at 12:30 PM: "The Standing of Women in Orthodoxy: An assessment with Rabbi Yitz and Blu Greenberg" (\$25 Members/\$30 Nonmembers)
- **Seudah Shlishit:** "Reflections on Six Decades of Dialogue-Denominational, Inter-religious, and Political with Blu and Rabbi Yitz Greenberg"
- **Community Wide Lecture on Sunday**, May 18 at 11:00 AM: The Jewish Future and Israel's Future