



# KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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## SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

**7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES**

**7:30 PM SEPHARDI QABBALAT SHABBAT**

**7:50 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  
(no Shabbat Club)

**7:40 PM MINCHA**

**8:54 PM HAVDALAH**

## WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

**8:00 AM SUNDAY**

**7:05 AM MONDAY, THURSDAY**

**7:15 AM TUE, WED,  
FRI - LAG B'OMER**

MINCHA/MAARIV

**7:55 PM SUNDAY-THURSDAY**

## NEXT SHABBAT

**7:56 PM CANDLE LIGHTING**

**7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES**

**9:01PM HAVDALAH**

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

## MISHPOCHA NEWS

**Mazal tov** to parents **Jessica Levi and Thomas LeTrent** and to grandparents **Marilyn and Moshe Levi** on the birth of their baby girl, **Noa Carmel Ruth LeTrent**.

The Kesher community extends its **condolences** to **Zoe Baruch** on the loss of her grandfather, **Leonard (Shalom Leib) Simon**. May **Zoe and her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem**.

The Kesher community also extends its **condolences** to **Myra Gondos, Gary, and Dr. Brian Gondos, and the entire Gondos family** on the passing of longtime congregant, **Dr. Gordon Gondos**. May **Myra, Gary, Dr. Brian Gondos, and the entire Gondos family, be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem**.

## THIS WEEK! SEPHARDI QABBALAT SHABBAT

Kesher Israel's **Sephardic Minyan** will meet **tonight, May 9 at 7:30 PM** for **Qabbalat Shabbat** with melodies from across the Sephardi world.

## THIS WEEK! LUNCH WITH KOLOT RESTART

Join us for a meaningful communal lunch this Shabbat, **May 10** with our **Scholars in Residence, Kolot's Restart Group**! All are invited after Kiddush to hear from Kolot's Restart participants, 15 grassroots leaders from the Gaza Envelope rebuilding their communities following October 7. There are a few spots left for lunch. Email [Aliciar@kesher.org](mailto:Aliciar@kesher.org) if you would like to join.



## SEFIROH SERIES WITH RABBI SHAFNER



WITH RABBI HYIM SHAFNER

SHABAT AFTERNOON CLASS DURING SEFIRAT HAOMER

3 HOUR BEFORE MINCHA MAY 10 6:40-7:30

Join **Rabbi Shafner** for a special **Shabbat afternoon class** during the **Sefirat HaOmer** period, between **Pesach and Shavuot**. This **Shabbat, May 10**, join Rabbi Shafner at **6:40 PM** for "Opening the Doors of Power in Washington: The Halacha of Using Key Fobs on Shabbat".

## OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an '**Open Beit Midrash**' starting at **6:40 PM** on **Shabbat afternoon** in the **Social Hall**.

## THIS WEEK! YP LAG BAOMER PARTY WITH CHABAD

Celebrate **Lag BaOmer** under the stars with us this **Thursday, May 15** with **Chabad Washington DC** and **Kesher**! Connect with fellow young Jewish professionals in DC over unlimited **sushi**, an **open bar**, and a **cozy bonfire**. **Tickets are \$40** per person through **May 12** - join us!

## THIS WEEK AT KESHER

MAY 11 - 16, 2025

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

### SUNDAY

8:30 AM | Bagels and Parsha

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

8:00 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](#)

8:00 PM | YP Lag BaOmer party with Chabad

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

### FRIDAY

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

5:30 PM | Family Lag BaOmer celebration

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

## THIS WEEK! FAMILY LAG BAOMER CELEBRATION

Kesher kids and their families are invited to join us on **Friday, May 16 at 5:30 PM** for our **Lag Ba'omer family celebration!** There will be face painting, arts and crafts, and snacks. Early bird is **\$10 per family** by **Wednesday, May 14 at 12:00 PM**. Regular pricing is **\$20 per family**. Sign up [here](#).

## 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



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

## NEW! LEIL SHAHUOT COMMUNAL DINNER

All are invited to a **dairy Shavuot dinner** before the Tikkun Leil Shavuot on **Sunday, June 1!** [Registration is required](#) by **Sunday, May 25**. Pricing:

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

## NEW! TIKKUN LEIL

Join us on **Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 PM** for all night learning, Tikkun Leil Shavuot, headlined by Rachel Cohen. Full schedule coming soon.

## NEW! 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**.

## NEW! 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!

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