



# 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**

**9:01 PM HAVDALAH**

*Have something to share in  
the SAP or the Tuesday  
Digest? Send a 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!

### 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 Keshet 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 Keshet 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

Keshet 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.



### SEFIRAH SERIES WITH RABBI SHAFNER



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 **Keshet**! 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](#)

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

## 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 SHAVUOT 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!