



KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:05 PM EVENING SERVICES

7:03 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

6:50 PM MINCHA

8:02 PM HAVDALAH

WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

8:00 AM SUNDAY

7:05 AM MONDAY, THURSDAY

**7:15 AM TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY**

MINCHA/MAARIV

7:10 PM SUNDAY - THURSDAY

NEXT SHABBAT

7:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

7:15 PM EVENING SERVICES

8:16 PM HAVDALAH

SHABBAT SHALOM



We extend a warm welcome to all who are sharing Shabbat with us. Please join us for Kiddush, sponsored by the **Diamond family** in honor of **Amalia Diamond** for completing her IDF training and being awarded **מצטיינת בפלוגה**. Kiddush is also sponsored by **Judah Rose and Lisa Schreier** in honor of **Amalia Diamond**.



Kiddush will follow immediately after davening, and will feature plenty of snacks and drinks, along with great company!

MISHPOCHA NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Avi Eskenazi** and **Madison Cowart** on their engagement this past Sunday!



Kesher Israel extends its **condolences** to **Shiraz Otani** on the passing of her father. His funeral was held on Monday and the burial and shiva will be in Israel. May Shiraz be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



THIS WEEK! OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an 'Open Beit Midrash' starting at **5:50 PM** on **Shabbat afternoon** in the **Social Hall**.

NEW! TORAH IN MOTION - PARASHAT HASHAVUAH

Join us this week on **Thursday, March 27, at 8:30 PM** for a class on the Torah portion delivered by Rabbi Shafner. This class will take place instead of Rabbi Shafner's regular Thursday night class. Sign up [here](#).

THIS WEEK AT KESHER

MARCH 23 - MARCH 28, 2025

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

7:30 PM | Rachel Cohen, "Courage, Faith, & Leadership: Women in Tanach"

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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 | Torah in Motion - Parashat Hashavuah sign up [here](#)

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COURAGE, FAITH AND LEADERSHIP: WOMEN IN

TANACH

Mondays, March 24, and 31 at 7:30PM on Zoom

Join Rachel Cohen for a Zoom series profiling women in Tanach - their stories and legacies. Each week we will delve into another powerful story and explore the remarkable lives of Esther, Rachel, Rachav, and Devorah. These women exemplified strength, leadership, and faith. From Esther's courage in the Persian court to Devorah's leadership as a judge and prophetess, Rachel's deep devotion and sacrifice, and Rachav's pivotal act of bravery during the conquest of Jericho, each session will highlight the unique contribution of one woman and the enduring impact she has had on the Jewish people.

Dates: 3/24 and 3/31

Time: 7:30 pm ET

Location: Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82909779322>

NEW! VOICES OF KESHER: DAVID EPSTEIN

Join us on **Sunday, March 30 at 7:40 PM** at Kesher Israel to hear from **David Epstein** on "**The Paradoxes of Historic Documents Defining and Affecting Jews: Positive, Negative and Horrific**" as part of our Voices of Kesher series, where we highlight our diverse community. The evening will include a presentation followed by drinks and dessert in the social hall. This event is free and open to all. Epstein dedicates his presentation in the memory of his brother, M. William Epstein, MD. This lecture will be available in person at Kesher and through [zoom](#).

NEW! PRE-PESACH FOOD DRIVE WITH CAPITAL KOSHER PANTRY

From **Sunday, March 30 until Sunday, April 6**, Kesher will be running a Pre-Pesach Food Drive for Capital Kosher Pantry, the area's only Kosher food pantry. As you clean out your chametz and shop for Pesach, consider donating either Kosher for Pesach or chametz items. A box will be available for donations in the shul lobby from Sunday, March 30 through Sunday, April 6.

NEW! LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI SHAFNER

Join us on **Thursday, April 24, from 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM** for a study session with **Rabbi Shafner**. The topic will be **Holocaust Theology, Trying to Make Sense of the Absurd**. Lunch will be provided and registration is required by **Monday, April 21 at 12:00 PM**. Registration is required and costs \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. Click [here](#) to register.

ARLINGTON ERUV VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Arlington Eruv is in need of volunteers. This will be a once a month commitment. Car or experience not required! Please reach out to BrettTanisBoren@gmail.com if interested.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please do not leave empty boxes out of trash cans. The garbage men will not pick them up unless they are inside of a trash can.

Please make sure to clean up after yourself. Do not leave bags, food, etc on the floor or table.

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

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