



KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:25 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

7:25 PM EVENING SERVICES

SHABBAT DAY

7:30 AM HASHKAMA

9:00 AM SHACHARIT

10:30 AM COOKIE MINYAN



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

7:10 PM MINCHA

8:23 PM HAVDALAH

WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

8:00 AM SUNDAY, MONDAY
LABOR DAY

7:15 AM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
FRIDAY

7:05 AM THURSDAY

MINCHA/MAARIV

7:25 PM SUNDAY

7:20 PM MONDAY-THURSDAY

SEPHARDI SELICHOT

6:15 PM SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY

NEXT SHABBAT

7:14 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

7:15 PM EVENING SERVICES

7:15 PM SEPHARDI QABBALAT
SHABBAT

8:12 PM HAVDALAH

Have something to share in the
SAP?

Send an email to:
announcements@keshet.org
by Wednesday at 5 PM.

SHABBAT SHALOM



We extend a warm welcome to all who are sharing this Shabbat with us. Please join us following Shabbat morning services for a Kiddush sponsored by **Ben Huisman** in honor of his aufruf and upcoming wedding to **Vidhi Rami**. Kiddush will follow immediately after davening!

OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an 'Open Beit Midrash' starting at **6:10 PM** on **Shabbat afternoon** in the **Social Hall**.

NOSH AND LEARN - TUESDAY

Join us **Tuesday night at 8:30 PM** in the Social Hall for for a weekly parsha study, with good company and dinner! **Maddie Weiss** will be leading the parsha study in Rabbi Shafner's absence.



IYUN FROM THE PARSHA CHABURA - WEDNESDAY



Join us for a weekly dive into a halachic topic from the week's parsha, with good company and dinner! **Wednesday, September 3 at 6:45 PM**. Contact [Amitai Diamant](#) for more info.

TORAH ON TAP - THURSDAY

On **Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 PM**, Join Keshet Israel, and Moishe Houses Columbia Heights, Arlington, Admo, and Bethesda this month for a Happy Hour at **Sudhouse!** This is a great way to meet other Jewish YPs in the DMV area. Your first drink is on us. Please note the change in location.



PRE ROSH HASHANAH CLASS WITH RABBI SHAFNER

Join **Rabbi Shafner** for a class over zoom to learn Rabbi Menachem HaMeiri's Chibur HaTeshuvah, a book which had been hidden for 700 years. This class will take place over [Zoom](#) on **September 4, 11, and 18 at 8:30 PM**.

NEW! PEOPLE'S PULPIT: TOMER DROR OF LEV ECHAD-NEXT SHABBAT

We're excited to welcome **Tomer Dror** of Lev Echad (One Heart) to give the People's Pulpit on **September 6th**. Tomer is the CEO and Co-Founder of Lev Echad, a father of four children, social entrepreneur, and strategic consultant. He established Lev Echad in 2005, and since then has mobilized tens of thousands of civilian volunteers and dozens of programs. During the Iron Swords War, Tomer served both as a reservist soldier and as the leader of Lev Echad, which has so far activated over 95,000 volunteers.



NEW! FIRE AS A WEAPON - SECURITY AWARENESS - 9/7

Please join us for training on fire safety & evacuation with practical fire extinguisher skills provided at Keshet by regional safety professionals. Open to all, on **Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 AM**. No previous experience necessary. Visit <https://www.keshet.org/event/FireTraining25> for more information and to register.

HIGH HOLIDAY PORTAL

Spending the high holidays at Keshet? The **High Holiday Portal** is your one stop shop! The portal contains all the important details regarding spending the chagim at Keshet. Be sure to visit <https://www.keshet.org/high-holiday.html>. You'll be able to find the full programming schedule and service times, class schedule, and relevant halachot. You'll also be able to purchase seats through the portal. Early bird deadline to purchase seats is **Monday, September 8**. Final deadline to purchase seats is **Monday, September 15**.

THIS WEEK AT KESHER

AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

[visit kesher.org/calendar for details](https://www.kesher.org/calendar-for-details)

SUNDAY

8:30 AM | Bagels and Parsha in the Social Hall

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

MONDAY - LABOR DAY

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

TUESDAY

8:30 AM | Mysteries of Jewish History via [ZOOM](#).

8:30 PM | Nosh and Learn in the Social Hall

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

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM | Mysteries of Jewish History via [ZOOM](#).

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

THURSDAY

8:30 AM | Mysteries of Jewish History via [ZOOM](#).

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

FRIDAY

8:30 AM | Mysteries of Jewish History via [ZOOM](#).

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

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

CONNECTJEW LIVE - 9/9

We're partnering with ConnectJew for a one-night showcase of Jewish life in the DMV! Join us on **Tuesday, September 9th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM** to discover all the ways young adults can connect - from happy hours to learning experiences. Meet the organizations shaping the community, make new friends, and even win prizes! Tickets are \$8. Register [here](#). This will be in downtown DC. The exact location will only be shared with those who are registered.

CLASS ON YONAH WITH YOETZET HALACHA RACHEL COHEN - 9/8, 15, 29

Yoetzet Halacha Rachel Cohen is teaching a class on Yonah on **Monday** evenings **September 8, 15, and 29 at 8:00 PM** on [Zoom](#). Click [here](#) to register.

NEW! STRAIGHT TALK: AN HONEST Q&A ON TAHARAT HAMISHPACHA - SUBMIT QUESTIONS BY 9/12

Join us for coffee and brunch on **Sunday, September 14** for a candid conversation with our Yoetzet Halacha, **Rachel Cohen**. This is your chance to anonymously ask anything about Taharat Hamishpacha. No topic is off-limits, and no question is too small. Honest answers, practical guidance, and a supportive space for women. Submit questions via the [Google Form](#) by **Friday, September 12 at 9:30 AM**. This event will take place at a private residence. [Register here to receive the address](#).

MOTI'S MARKET DELIVERIES - ORDER BY 9/12

Moti's is delivering monthly to Keshet! Order online at motismarket.com and select Pickup at Keshet Israel. Orders are to be picked up on **Sunday, September 14 at 12:00 PM**. Orders are due before **Friday, September 12**.

NEW! LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI MENACHEM PENNER - REGISTER BY 9/14

Join us for a communal Shabbat lunch with our Scholar in Residence, **Rabbi Menachem Penner** on **Shabbat, September 20, at 12:30 PM**. Lunch will include an appetizer of sushi from Oro Nami. The price is \$32 for members and \$40 for nonmembers. [Registration is required](#) by **Sunday, September 14**.

HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE WITH CAPITAL KOSHER PANTRY - 9/7-14

Keshet is partnering with **Yad Yehuda of Greater Washington** and the **Capital Kosher Pantry** to help stock their shelves before the chagim. From **Sunday, September 7 through Sunday, September 14**, a box will be available in the shul lobby to drop off donations. Please email Miriam Cleeman at chesed@kesher.org with any questions.

SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA - 9/27

Join **Rabbi Shafner** for the annual Shabbat Shuvah Drasha on **Shabbat afternoon, September 27 at 5 PM**. The topic will be: "Medieval Jewish Conceptions of Teshuvah"

SAVE THE DATE! SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Save the date for a Shabbat with Scholar in Residence **Rabbi Dov Linzer, November 14-15**.

OFFICE CLOSED

Laura Kamer-Israel will be away until **September 1 (Labor Day)** and the office will be closed until she returns.

KESHER EVENTS WHATSAPP

Members of the community are invited to join the [Keshet Events WhatsApp group](#) for updates on events during the week.