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SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES
8:08 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, and Shabbat Club with Noah upstairs!

7:55 PM MINCHA
9:15 PM HAVDALAH



SHAVUOT TIMES

SUNDAY - EREV SHAVUOT

8:00 AM SHACHARIT
8:09 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
8:10 PM MINCHA/MAARIV

MONDAY - SHAVUOT I

5:20 AM SHACHARIT
9:00 AM SHACHARIT
10:30 AM COOKIE MINYAN
8:10 PM MINCHA
9:16 PM CANDLE LIGHTING

TUESDAY - SHAVUOT II

7:30 AM HASHKAMA
8:00 AM SEPHARDI MINYAN (BAYIT)
9:00 AM SHACHARIT
10:30 AM COOKIE MINYAN
8:10 PM MINCHA
9:17 PM HAVDALAH

WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

7:15 AM WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
7:05 AM THURSDAY

MINCHA/MAARIV

8:10 PM WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

NEXT SHABBAT

8:12 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES
7:40 PM SEPHARDI QABBALAT SHABBAT
9:20 PM HAVDALAH

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

MISHPACHA NEWS

Rabbi Shafner appeared on CNN's *Laura Coates Live* to discuss the recent antisemitic shooting outside of the Capital Jewish Museum, which tragically took the lives of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim.



OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an '**Open Beit Midrash**' starting at **6:55 PM** on Shabbat afternoon in the Social Hall.

COMING SOON! GRADUATION KIDDUSH



If you, a loved one, or a Kesherite you know is graduating, fill out [this online form](#) so that we can recognize them in the SAP on **June 20**. And, help us celebrate with a community kiddush by contributing online as well! The deadline to fill out the form is **Friday, June 13**.

OFFICE CLOSED

Laura Kamer-Israel, our Director of Operations, is taking a well deserved vacation through **June 5**. The office will be closed, and responses to emails and other communications will be delayed. Please contact Alicia if you need anything urgently.

SHABBAT KIDDUSH UPDATE

Earlier this week, we announced updates to Kiddush sponsorships. Thanks to the continued generosity of the **Mollye and Lou Shapiro Fund**, a hot Kiddush will be provided at least once a month. For all other weeks, we've revamped our sponsorship menu and pricing structure, including a lower-cost co-sponsorship tier specifically designed for Young Professionals.

Whether you're celebrating a simcha, honoring a friend, memorializing a loved one, or even commemorating your favorite team's big win—sponsoring Kiddush is a meaningful way to share your joy (or spirit!) with others. Visit kesher.org/sponsorkiddush for more details. You can also view the full 2025 sponsorship calendar [here](#).

KIDS GROUPS

Cookie Minyan with Dalia and Shabbat Club with Noah will meet on Shabbat. Cookie Minyan will also meet at 10:30 AM on Monday and Tuesday; Shabbat Club will not meet over Shavuot.

THIS WEEK AT KESHER

JUNE 1 - 6, 2025

visit kesher.org/calendar for details

SUNDAY - EREV SHAVUOT

8:30 AM | Bagels and Parsha

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

11:00 PM | Tikkun Leil Shavuot

MONDAY - SHAVUOT I

4:00 PM | Class with Rachel Cohen at the Rabbinic Residence: "Torah in Motion: Halachic Responsa Through the Ages"

TUESDAY - SHAVUOT II

12:30 | Shavuot Second Day Mix & Match Lunch (Registration Required; closed)

4:00 PM | Kesher Kids & Families Ice Cream Party at the Shafner Backyard

8:10 PM | Mincha, followed by a shiur with Rachel Cohen on "Rising From the Depths: How Struggle Leads to Redemption"

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](#)

8:30 PM | Basic Judaism via [ZOOM](#)

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Shavuot 5785

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

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

- Cheesecake at Tikkun Leil Shavuot is sponsored by **Jonathan Mansfield, Ariel Lelchook and Eitan Aaron Mansfield** in commemoration of Jonathan's grandfather, **Aaron Mansfield**, who smuggled cheesecake into the Polish (Czestochowa) concentration camp for Jews to celebrate the first night of Shavuot in 1944. He passed away erev Shavuot 5759.
- Cheesecake at Kiddush is sponsored by **Jonathan, Ariel, and Eitan** in memory of Jonathan's grandmother, **Tirza Cohen**. Tirza was the first human geneticist in Israel, a pioneer for equal treatment in Israeli universities and hospitals, and famous for her cheesecakes. She passed away the day after Shavuot 5773.
- Kiddush on the Second Day of Shavuot is sponsored by **Mark Mellman, Dr. Mindy Horowitz and family** in loving memory of Mark's father, **Carl Mellman** on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Join us on **Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 PM** for all night learning, Tikkun Leil Shavuot, headlined by **Rachel Cohen**! Check out the full schedule:

Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5785/2025

11:30 PM	"ECHOES ACROSS GENERATIONS: FROM BEREISHIT TO MEGILLAT RUTH" RACHEL COHEN, SANCTUARY
12:40 AM	"REMEMBER, MEMORY, AND HISTORY: DISTINCTIONS AND IMPORTANCE TO US AS JEWS" DAVID EPSTEIN, SANCTUARY
	"MOTHERS IN THE TORAH" ALANNA NOVETSKY, BAYIT
1:30 AM	"ARAKHIN" BINYAMIN NOVETSKY, SANCTUARY
	"FIRST IS THE WORST, SECOND IS THE BEST...," - A TORAH PERSPECTIVE LARRY SAMUELS, BAYIT
2:30 AM	TALI KOSOWSKY, SANCTUARY
	"JEWISH UNITY" ERICA LUPULOFF, BAYIT
3:30 AM	"THE MOST ENIGMATIC AMORAH: CHONI THE CIRCLE DRAWER" RABBI SHAFNER, SANCTUARY
	AMITAI DIAMENT, BAYIT
4:30 AM	"HOT (AND COLD) TOPICS IN KASHRUT" SAM BAER, SANCTUARY

SHAVUOT SEPHARDI SHACHARIT

Join Kesher's Sephardic minyan for Shacharit featuring melodies from the Sephardi world during on **Tuesday, June 3 at 8:00 AM in the Bayit!**

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!