



KESHER ISRAEL

THE GEORGETOWN SYNAGOGUE

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SHABBAT TIMES

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 PM NESHAMA MINYAN
7:40 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT
7:43 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)

7:35 PM MINCHA
8:46 PM HAVDALAH

WEEKDAY

SHACHARIT

8:00 AM SUNDAY

7:05 AM MONDAY, THURSDAY

7:15 AM TUE, WED, FRI

MINCHA/MAARIV

7:50 PM MONDAY-THURSDAY

NEXT SHABBAT

7:50 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
7:30 PM EVENING SERVICES
7:30 PM SEPHARDI
QABBALAT SHABBAT
8:54 PM HAVDALAH

Have something to share in
the SAP or the Tuesday
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SHABBAT SHALOM



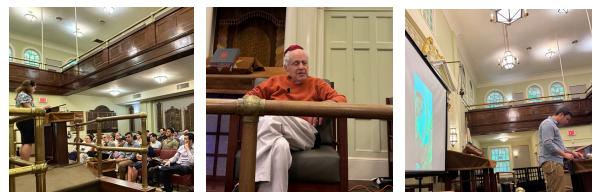
We extend a warm welcome to all who are sharing this Shabbat with us. Please join us for Kiddush following Shabbat morning services, sponsored by the **Mollye and Lou Shapiro Kiddush Fund**. Kiddush will follow immediately after davening, and will feature plenty of snacks and drinks, along with great company!

Please also join us for Seudat Shlishit, sponsored this week by **Jackson Richman** in honor of his birthday last week, and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of his paternal grandfather, **Jack Richman**, whom he's named after, being liberated by the American army during a death march from Dachau.

MISHPOCHA NEWS

The Kesher community extends deep **condolences** to **Jonathan Hyman, Katie Hyman, and their family**, on the death of Jon's father, **Clive Charles Hyman (Zelig ben Shimon Shaul)**. *May Jonathan and Katie, along with their family, be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

Thank you to all those who planned and joined us for our beautiful **Yom Hazikaron/Yom HaAtzmaut Tekes**.



...and to the children and families who celebrated **Yom HaAtzmaut** with us, and **Esther Baruch and Alicia Rosenbaum** for organizing!

NESHAMA MINYAN

Join Kesher Israel for a Kabbalat Shabbat full of ruach, singing and dancing. **Neshama Minyan** will take place tonight, **Friday, May 2 at 7:30 PM** in the upstairs sanctuary to welcome in a beautiful Shabbat!

NEW! SEFIROH 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 3**, join Rabbi Shafner at **6:35 PM** for "Anti-Semitism and Palace Intrigue: Why was the Noda B'Yehudah, Rabbi Yechezkel Landau, so Good to Empress Maria Theresa?".

OPEN BEIT MIDRASH

There will be an 'Open Beit Midrash' starting at **6:35 PM** on **Shabbat afternoon** in the **Social Hall**.

THIS WEEK AT KESHER

MAY 3 - 9, 2025

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

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](#)

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](#)

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SUNDAY: BARRY SHOCHEZ Z" L SHLOSHIM SIYUM

The community is invited to come together on **Sunday, May 4** at **8:15 PM** after Maariv (Mincha and Maariv will be at 7:45 PM) in Shul for a short learning of Mishnah and L'chaim to commemorate the shloshim of our dear long time member **Barry Schochet z"l**.

May Gayle and the entire Schochet family be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

NEXT WEEK! LGBT IN OUR COMMUNITY

LGBTQ in our Community



"Eshel's Orthodox Mission"
Miryam Kabakov
Executive Director, Eshel



"Reading Vayikra 18:22"
Rabbi Uri Topolosky
Kehilat Pardes



"Trans Individuals in the Synagogue"
Rabbi Hyim Shafner
Keshet Israel Congregation



"Advocating for LGBTQ Teens"
Peninah Taragin Gershman
Eshel Parent Board Member



"Is there is Specific Prohibition on Gay Weddings and Marriage?"
Rabbi Nissan Antine
Beth Sholom Congregation

ZOOM PRESENTATION - Tuesday, May 6

8:30-9:30PM BethSholom.org/zoom



Moderated by:
Rabbi David Wolkenfeld
Ohav Sholom Congregation

NEXT WEEK! LUNCH WITH KOLOT RESTART

Join us for a meaningful communal Shabbat lunch on **May 10** with our **Scholars in Residence, Kolot's Restart Group!** Kolot's Restart program is a transformative initiative that empowers 15 grassroots leaders from the Gaza Envelope to rebuild and reimagine their communities following the devastating events of October 7. Come and learn more. Registration is required [here](#) by Sunday May 4.



SAVE THE DATE: LAG BAOMER PARTY WITH CHABAD

Join us on **Thursday, May 15** for a **Lag BaOmer** celebration under the stars partnered with **Chabad Washington DC** and **Kesher Israel!** Enjoy unlimited sushi and drinks on a scenic rooftop, surrounded by great vibes. More information and registration coming soon.

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

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