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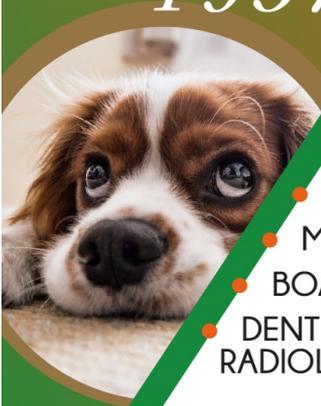
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Greetings from the Congregation's President

CSS members and supporters,

I want to begin this message by thanking all of those who volunteered to keep this community moving forward through your countless virtual and in-person efforts during the COVID pandemic. Although we are not out of the woods yet, I believe the country and globe are moving in the right direction.

I would like to also thank Mark Holt for his years of dedication in creating this directory, as well as all of our sponsors. Please consider giving them your patronage and support.

As we move through 2022 and into 2023, I would ask that each of you continue to volunteer with our synagogue, and to please let me know if there is something new that you would like to see in our events repertoire. Feedback is the best way to grow and improve!

In addition, we are looking to grow our volunteer base. What are your interests and hobbies? How can we apply them to planning and executing events or maintaining our building? Do you have a personal goal in 2022/23 that our synagogue can help you achieve (lead a service, read from the torah, learn mahjong)?

Finally, I would like to share my special thanks to Rabbi Jasha and Rabbi Gail for their leadership and spiritual guidance. With Rabbi Jasha's years of commitment to our community and Rabbi Gail's fresh ideas and kind demeanor, we are truly blessed.

I hope this year brings you peace and love.

Shalom,

Liz Mildenstein,
Acting President

Significant Events in the History of Sha'are Shalom

- 1990 Established bimonthly religious services and Sunday School
- 1991 Observed all major holidays, excluding the High Holy Days services
- 1992 Conducted our first High Holy Days services
- 1994 Purchased and dedicated our own Torah
- 1995 Affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)
- 1996 Conducted our first community Seder
- 2007 Purchased land in Waldorf for our synagogue and engaged builder to design and construct the synagogue
- 2009 Synagogue completed with occupation and dedication of building on April 4th
- 2015 Celebrated 25th Anniversary and dedicated Founders Plaque



Congregation picnic with foam machine, August 2021

Sha'are Shalom Directory 2022

Congregation Contact People

Officers

President.....Liz Mildestein
Vice PresidentMichael Green
TreasurerAndy Pizor
SecretaryLiz Mildestein
Financial Secretary.....Ian Shafer

Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Religious School Principal.....Joshua Grossman
Religious School Activities Director....Melissa Ball
Women's GroupJackie Schoch.
Men's GroupMark Holt
Past President.....Robyn Kanter
Golden CardsJackie Schoch
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Web MavenAbby Richman
Saturday Service Coordinator.....Pat Myers

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As the COVID pandemic eased in 2021, events were again held at Sha'are Shalom

About the Congregation

The Beginning

Congregation Sha'are Shalom (Gates of Peace) was founded in 1990 as an independent organization to meet the religious and educational needs of a growing and diverse Jewish population in Charles, Calvert, Saint Mary's, and southern Prince George's counties. The organization was also to provide a way to share our cultural and social identity. With Charles County being the focal point for the significant growth in this area, the Congregation established its presence in Waldorf.

Our Growth

One person's idea to provide a Jewish presence in southern Maryland has evolved into a Reform Congregation, providing a full range of religious and social events for our membership and the Jewish population in the community at large.

- Sabbath Services
- Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
- Adult Education
- Holiday Observances
- Social Events

Our Objective

To provide the opportunity for all Jewish families to perpetuate their heritage and share a sense of belonging. We welcome all people who share our interests.



Religious school students celebrate Purim in 2021

Religious School

The Sha'are Shalom Religious School was established to teach the young people of the congregation about Jewish traditions, holidays, culture and values, as well as Hebrew for religious services. It is a place where Jewish children can gather with others with similar backgrounds. This is particularly important in an area such as Southern Maryland where Jews are widely dispersed.

Classes are currently available for students ages 3 through 13. Parent volunteers conduct classes. (Classes have been on-line during the COVID pandemic.)

Shabbat Service: Each Religious School session starts at 9:30 AM with a service for students. This service familiarizes students with regular Shabbat services and gives them a chance to practice their Hebrew skills in a friendly setting. A child's version of each week's Torah portion is read and discussed.

Pre-K & Kindergarten: These classes emphasize fun activities such as crafts, songs, games, and videos. The activities are designed to introduce students to the Hebrew alphabet, holiday traditions, Bible stories and Jewish culture, and to reinforce positive values.

Primary I: Students in this class learn to read and write the letters in the Hebrew alphabet. They begin to read basic Hebrew words. The students continue to learn about Jewish holidays, culture, and Israel. They sing songs, make Jewish-themed crafts, and read and discuss Bible stories.

Primary II: This class continues to learn how to read Hebrew. Time is also spent on other activities such as learning about events in the life of a Jewish person. Jewish holidays and traditions are also discussed.

Secondary I: This class continues to learn how to read Hebrew. Time is also spent learning about mitzvot, community service, and studying the Mensch Handbook.

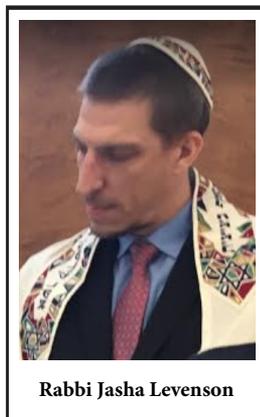
Secondary II: At this age, students begin to focus more intensively on preparations for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and on their future adult roles in religious services. Students have the opportunity to plan and lead the Sunday School family service.



**Bar Mitzvah
of Alex
Millis,
December
2021**

About Our Rabbi, Associate Rabbi, and Rabbi Emeritus

Jasha Levenson became Rabbi of Congregation Sha'are Shalom in 2020, after many years as a volunteer service leader, Hebrew school teacher, and wedding, funeral, and life cycle officiant. He was ordained in June 2020 by the Jewish Spiritual Leaders Institute, a program for Jewish professionals leading to Rabbinic ordination. Jasha leads High Holiday services and Shabbat Services on the second Saturday each month.



Jasha is a full-time web developer and federal contractor and also acts as CEO and managing partner of Hullo Pillow, an all natural pillow company. When he's not working or performing rabbinical duties, Jasha enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and making music in his home studio.

Jasha's goal is to enlighten others to the wonders of nature that surround us, to embrace our traditions with respect to those who observe other traditions, and learn to raise each other up as a global community while working within our own community.



Gail Fisher became the Congregation's first Associate Rabbi in 2022. After teaching for several years at her synagogue, she began studying at the Jewish Spiritual Leaders Institute and was ordained in June 2018. She has been conducting Friday night services and other religious programming at Goodwin House Alexandria.



Rabbi Arnold Saltzman

Rabbi Arnold Saltzman was the Rabbi of Sha'are Shalom from 2011-2016. In recognition of his years of service and the special relationship he built with the congregation, he was named Rabbi Emeritus of Sha'are Shalom in August 2016.

Congregation Library

Sha'are Shalom has a small but vibrant library, located adjacent to the lobby foyer. Books that are available include volumes on:

- Jewish Practices
- Jewish Holidays
- Jewish History
- Important Historical Figures
- Jewish Heritage
- Israel – history, current events, photos, historical sites, living etc
- Jewish Life in the USA, Israel, and around the world
- Jewish Women
- Philosophy
- Ethics
- Talmud, Torah, Haftorah, and Commentaries
- Comparative Religions
- Raising a Jewish Child/ Children's Books
- The Holocaust
- Fiction with Jewish content and/ or by Jewish authors

How to borrow. There is a 3 x 5 purple index book and pen either on the library table or on a center shelf. On a separate card, list your name, phone number and/or email, the date, and title of the book/author. Return the book within 3 weeks or renew it for an additional 3 weeks with a phone call or email. Return the book to the library table in the library.

Donations. Books of Jewish content and in good condition may be donated to the Library and/or “Books for Bucks” cart. Please label all donations clearly so they can be identified as donations.

For more information, contact Congregation Librarian Joselle Gilpin, (301) 934-7191, joselle_gilpin@yahoo.com.

Men's and Women's Groups

The Men's and Women's groups provide additional opportunities for fellowship and service for adult members of the congregation. The primary social activity of the two groups is to convene dinners at a wide variety of restaurants in the area to enjoy good food and conversation. If a new restaurant opens up, the Men's and Women's groups are usually among the first to check it out! The two groups also organize joint dinners where all adults are welcome.

For service activities, the Women's and Men's groups each organize and lead Friday evening Shabbat services on the fourth Friday of January and March, respectively, each year. The Men's and Women's groups also take the lead in organizing other congregation activities throughout the year, such as the annual picnic, theater outings, and special celebrations.

Other social activities organized by the Men's and Women's groups include campouts, hikes, and bike rides. If someone has an idea for an activity, there is usually a way to make it happen!

The Men's and Women's groups provide many opportunities for adult members of Sha'are Shalom to get to know one another and work together for the benefit of the entire Southern Maryland Jewish community.

For more information, contact Men's Group Chairperson Mark Holt at mark.edward.holt@gmail.com or 202-695-9942, and Women's group Group Chairperson Jackie Schoch at grammysglassgarden@gmail.com or 301-437-5045.



Congregation hike in Cosca Regional Park, October 2021



Kugel a la Dorothy Engel

*½ lbs. wide egg noodles
16 oz cottage cheese
8 oz sour cream
1 stick of butter, melted*

*Cook noodles, drain but do not rinse.
Mix all the ingredients above together and put into casserole
dish.*

*Beat together:
2 cups milk
¾ cup sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla
3 eggs
Raisins *
* optional*

*Pour liquid over noodle mixture,
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About Our Building

Congregation Sha'are Shalom dedicated its building at 18 Henry Ford Circle in Waldorf on April 4, 2009. The dedication ceremony was the culmination of years of fundraising, planning, and hard work, especially by former Congregation President Lee Weinberger.

Sha'are Shalom's synagogue building hosts the congregation's religious services, religious school, holiday celebrations, bar and bat mitzvahs, and social activities. It has a multipurpose room with a full-service kitchen and sanctuary that can be separated by a moveable wall. There are three separate classrooms, as well as a library and office. The landscaped grounds around the building, including a playground, are used for picnics and other outdoor events.

When the building is not being used for congregation activities, members may reserve it for their own events, such as birthday parties, weddings, and other celebrations. Congregation members wishing to reserve the building should fill out the Building Use Agreement that is posted in the Member Area of the Sha'are Shalom web site, <https://shareshalomsm.org/member-area>.

Building maintenance and repair is overseen (and often directly carried out) by the Building Committee. To volunteer for the Building Committee or to help with repair and maintenance projects, contact the Board of Directors at shareshalom@gmail.com.

Happy New Year Congregation Sha'are Shalom

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Jack & Justin Koch – Cousins

In Memory of Jackie's Family

John Dries – Father

Lillie W. Pumphrey – Grandmother

May they all rest in peace.

Randy and Jackie

In Fond Memory of
ALVIN COHEN,
BOB LOCKE &
MERLE & ANNETTE WHITT

Who did so much for our synagogue

May they rest in peace

Madelene Weinberger

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The annual Sha'are Shalom Directory is not only a very useful address book that most of us keep by the telephone or computer but is also a major fundraiser for our synagogue.

Personal Ads. Placing a personal greeting in the Directory is a great way to wish everyone a happy New Year or to remember a loved one. The prices for personal ads are:

Inside front cover - \$200
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Full page (8" x 5") - \$150
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Half page (4" x 5") - \$120
Quarter page (2" x 5") - \$75
1/8 page (2" x 2 1/2") - \$50

For the 2023 Edition: Send ad copy to Mark Holt by January 15, 2023, at 13413 Kris Ran Court, Fort Washington, MD 20744, mark.edward.holt@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Congregation Sha'are Shalom.

Ellen Cohen
extends her best wishes
to
Congregation Sha'are Shalom



In Loving Memory of:

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Jack and Sarah Cohen

Brother-in-law: Robert Cohen

Sisters-in-law:

Natalie Cohen

Phyllis Kirson

&

Nephew: Ronald Cohen

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*wish everyone at
Congregation Sha'are
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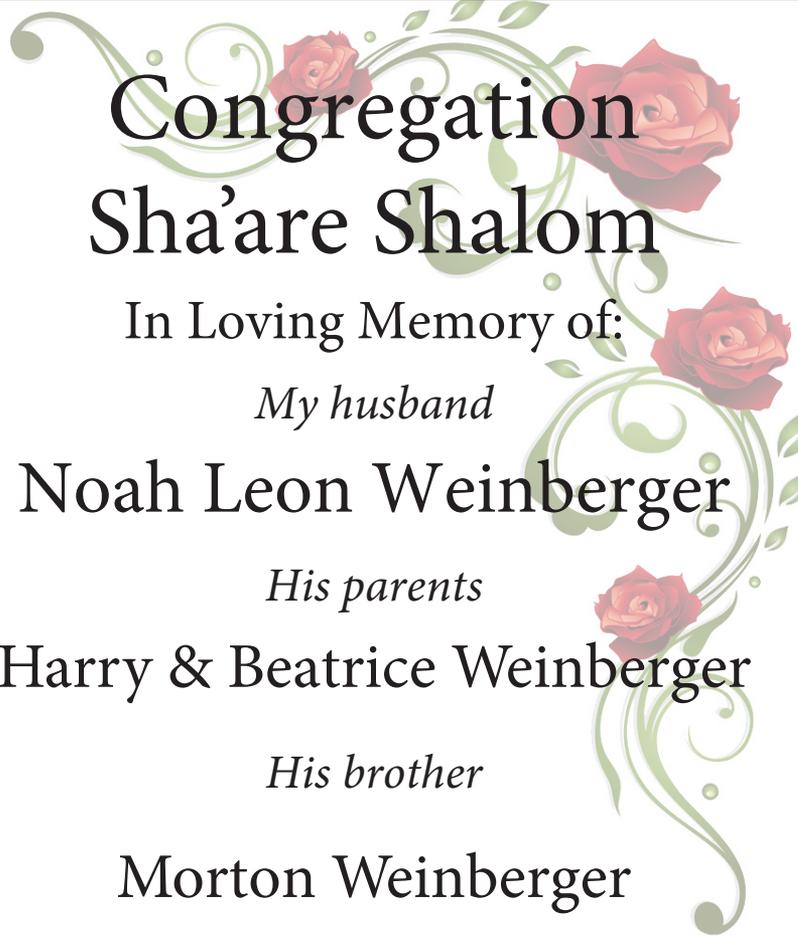
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Congregation Sha'are Shalom

In Loving Memory of:

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Noah Leon Weinberger

His parents

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His brother

Morton Weinberger

My parents

Roy & Lee Ester Osborne

And my sister-in-law

Barbara Osborne

May they rest in peace

Madelene Weinberger



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Observances and Holidays 2022 (5782-5783)



Tu B'Shevat	January 16	15 Shevat
Purim	March 17	14 Adar II
Passover	April 15-April 23	15-22 Nisan
Yom HaShoah	April 27	27 Nisan
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	May 4	4 Iyar
Lag B'Omer	May 18	18 Iyar
Shavuot	June 4	6 Sivan
Tisha B'Av	August 6	10 Av
Rosh Hashanah	September 25	1 Tishrei
Yom Kippur	October 4	10 Tishrei
Sukkot	October 9-16	15-21 Tishrei
Shemini Atzeret	October 16	22 Tishrei
Simchat Torah	October 17	23 Tishrei
Chanukah	December 18-26	25 Kislev-2 Tevet

Holidays begin at sundown. For more information, visit <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/2022-2023>

Congregation events are added throughout the year. Visit our website for up-to-date information: shareshalom.org