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Hanukkah play, December 2022

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Greetings from the Congregation's President

CSS members and supporters,

Another year has come and gone, with so many new memories made—from Hot and Cold Shabbats, celebrations of life events, dedications, Sunday School field trips, Bingo nights, and more—I am so grateful to all of you who made this year a BLAST!

Thank you to everyone who supported Sha'are Shalom through ad sales in this directory. I encourage everyone to shop at these local businesses. A special thank you to Mark Holt for again coordinating this year's directory.

Thanks also to all of those who volunteered to keep this community moving forward through your countless virtual and in-person efforts. As we move through 2023 and into 2024, I would ask that each of you continue to volunteer with our synagogue.

And special thanks as well to Rabbi Jasha and Rabbi Gail for their leadership and spiritual guidance.

I look forward to another year of memories with all of you in 2023. If there is anything the board can do for you, please don't hesitate to let me know, I am always a phone call or email away.

Shalom,

Liz Mildestein,
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



Participation in the Walk to End Homelessness, November 2022

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Congregation Contact People

Officers

President.....Liz Mildenstein
Vice PresidentMichael Green
TreasurerJackie Schoch
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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
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Email address: shareshalom@gmail.com



**Tashlich,
2022**

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

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.

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.

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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.

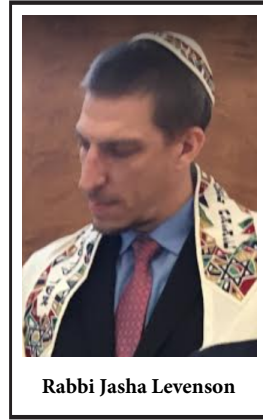
Secondary II: At this age, students begin to focus more intensively on preparations for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and on their future adult roles in religious services. Students have the opportunity to plan and lead the Sunday School family service.



**Bar mitzvah
of Andrew
Cook,
December
2022**

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.



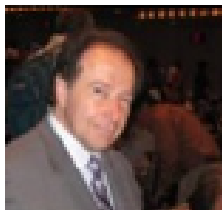
Jasha is a full-time web developer and federal contractor and also acts as CEO and managing partner of Hullo Pillow, an all natural pillow company. When he's not working or performing rabbinical duties, Jasha enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and making music in his home studio.

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.

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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 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

For more information, contact Congregation Librarian Joselle Gilpin, (301) 752-4229, joselle_gilpin@yahoo.com.





Hanukkah party, 2022



Havdalah at Yom Kippur, 2022



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.*

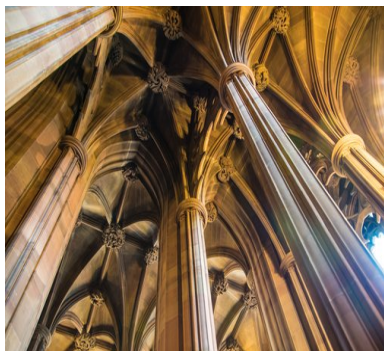
*Beat together:
2 cups milk
¾ cup sugar
1 tsp. Vanilla
3 eggs
Raisins *
* optional*

*Pour liquid over noodle mixture,
Cook for 1 ½ hours at 375 degrees.*

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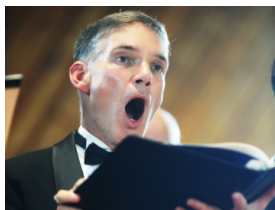
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About Our Building

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://shaareshalomsomd.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 shaareshalom@gmail.com.

Happy New Year Congregation Sha'are Shalom

From

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RANDALL A. SCHOCH, CHAPLAIN

Congregation Sha'are Shalom

In Memory of Randy's Family

Adolph Schoch – Father

Ruth Mikel Schoch – Mother

Joan Schoch Ronan – Sister

Jared Randall Martin – Grandson

Mary “Tommie” Koch – Cousin

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

Support Sha'are Shalom With a Directory Ad

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
Back cover - \$200
Full page (8" x 5") - \$150
Half page (4" x 5") - \$75
Quarter page (2" x 5") - \$50
1/8 page (2" x 2 1/2") - \$25

Business ads. Anyone can ask local business people to place an ad in our directory, used by dozens of area families. The prices for business ads are:

Inside front cover - \$250
Back cover - \$250
Full page (8" x 5") - \$220
Half page (4" x 5") - \$120
Quarter page (2" x 5") - \$75
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For the 2024 Edition: Send ad copy to Mark Holt by January 15, 2024, 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:

Husband Alvin Cohen

Parents:

Hermann and Jettchen Kaufmann

Jack and Sarah Cohen

Brother-in-law: Robert Cohen

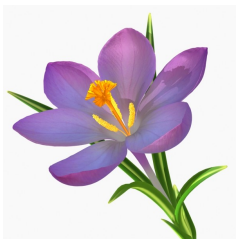
Sisters-in-law:

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Phyllis Kirson

&

Nephew: Ronald Cohen



In loving memory of

Arlene Kaluski

*Mother of Elaine
McVinney*

Edele bat Naftali v' Rivka

5 Shvat 5783

May her memory be a blessing.





Congregation Sha'are Shalom

In Loving Memory of:

My husband

Noah Leon Weinberger

His parents

Harry & Beatrice Weinberger

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 2023 (5783-57834)



Tu B'Shevat	February 5	15 Shevat
Purim	March 7	15 Adar
Passover	April 5-April 13	15-22 Nisan
Yom HaShoah	April 17	27 Nisan
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	April 25	5 Iyar
Lag B'Omer	May 8	18 Iyar
Shavuot	May 25	6 Sivan
Tisha B'Av	July 26	10 Av
Rosh Hashanah	September 15	1 Tishrei
Yom Kippur	September 24	10 Tishrei
Sukkot	Sept. 29-Oct. 6	15-21 Tishrei
Shemini Atzeret	October 6	22 Tishrei
Simchat Torah	October 7	23 Tishrei
Chanukah	December 7-15	25 Kislev-3 Tevet

Holidays begin at sundown. For more information, visit <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/2023-2024>

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