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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY...

Hiking for Camp Ramah Tikvah

Since last year I have been proud to serve as the liaison of the Rabbinical Assembly (the association of Conservative Rabbis) for Jewish disability issues. In that capacity, I inform the rabbis of issues and resources and I encourage advocacy for people with disabilities. I have been honored to speak on a panel at the Federation's General Assembly last fall and to have written a devar Torah for the [MATAN](#) blog. Like almost everyone who is involved in the Jewish disability advocacy community, I'm engaged in this work because of a family member. Many of you know that my only sibling – my older brother – has developmental and intellectual disabilities and lives in a group home outside of Philadelphia. I grew up watching my parents make decisions for my brother and learning how they advocated on his behalf. But my wife and children are involved in the special education field as well.

I am very proud of my oldest daughter Elisheva who not only works full time as a high school teacher of children with special needs, but who also now works part time year round for Camp Ramah New England's Tikvah program. Every Camp Ramah – the overnight camp of the Conservative Movement – has a program for children with emotional and/or intellectual disabilities. Founded by Herb and Barbara Greenberg nearly 30 years ago at Ramah New England, the Tikvah program has spread to all the other camps in the US and Canada. I've had the privilege to watch Elisheva in action and it is amazing how she and all the staff members impart their passion for Judaism and their love and compassion to these children. As a result, the children and young adults gain strong Jewish identities, and the rest of the camp learns that all of us are created in the image of God.

But sitting on committees isn't enough for me. Elisheva and I decided that we wanted to participate in the biennial Israel this year at the National de-partici-Ramah Hike in May. Every 2 years the National Ramah office runs a hike and a bike ride that raises funds to support the Tikvah program. [Click here](#) to learn more about this. I can't wait to join Elisheva and 30 other hikers as we explore beautiful scenery in northern Israel and at the same time know that our efforts support the Tikvah program. Thank you for allowing me to participate and thanks to many of you for supporting my efforts!

Abraham Joshua Heschel famously participated in the March in Selma, Alabama 50 years ago. You can see him in the iconic picture of that March, with his flowing mane of white hair, marching arm in arm with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heschel said afterward that he felt his "feet were praying" as he marched for civil rights. In some sense I know my feet will be praying in Israel. Advocacy for people with disabilities is very important to me and I can't imagine a more spiritual way to do it than on the hiking trails of Israel. I look forward to telling you all about it when I return in time for Shavu'ot – Memorial Day weekend!

B'vracaha – with blessings,

Rabbi Jonah Layman – rjlayman@shaaretefila.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

On March 14th our community celebrated my father-in-law's 99th birthday at Shaare Tefila during our Sabbath Service and kiddush. On April 1, 2015 Jonas Baumgart, our beloved family patriarch and Zaida, passed, leaving a legacy of love, righteousness and integrity. Zaida faced many difficult situations during his lifetime, taught us many lessons and will continue to help our family through his lessons when we face challenges in the future. I would like to tell you about Zaida so that you may be inspired

Who is Zaida? This man is one of the best-read people I know with the least formal education; basically self-educated. He was in his 100th year (do the math). With his incredible memory he was a living witness to 90% of the 20th century; he was the go-to man for modern history facts and trivia for my children.

Raised in the Shtaytltown of Boshenov, Poland, his life could literally be the basis of the main character Tevya in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He went on to survive the holocaust (the invasion of Poland, a stint in the Russian army, and being a POW) and immigrated to Israel to start over and lost his first-born son to leukemia. Ultimately, Jonas immigrated to the United States to start over a third time, first in New York, and finally for the 4th time when he settled in Baltimore. Out of all that pain, tragedy and struggle, he raised an incredible family that I got the privilege to join in 1978. Who can forget the Sunday morning Baumgart Brunch: the Yiddish Forward, life lessons, education, and schmaltz herrings.

However, he has, as do we all, strengths and weaknesses.

His strengths:	His Weaknesses
Charitable	Charitable
Generous	Generous
Empathetic	Empathetic
Honest	Honest
Loyal	Loyal

It's a sword that cuts both ways, and that's what makes him truly a righteous man, my cohen gadol.

Back in 2003, Zaida and Bubbie were invited as VIPs to the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, along with his family. At one point that day, Zaida had saved a group of seats for us all to have lunch together. Without warning, another attendee wanted these chairs, and without asking proceeded to take them while ignoring Zaida's warning no to do so. To our jaw-dropping, wide-eyed shock, this 87 year old, retired, holocaust survivor took off to execute an open-field tackle while yelling "I told you these are My chairs, for MY family." Myself, my son AND my daughter were not strong enough to stop him.

He clearly loved his family above all and frequently wished he had been able to give them more. Like Tevya, he exclaimed, "if I were a rich man."

But as the song goes:

If I were rich, I'd have the time that I lack

*To sit in the synagogue and pray
And maybe have a seat by the Eastern*

*wall.
And I'd dis-
several hours
of all .*

*cuss the holy books with the learned men,
every day That would be the sweetest thing*

His rabbi and his congregation in Baltimore gave him that gift, and I am grateful for that.

He may not have had great material wealth to give; but without a formal degree or formal training he IS one of my greatest teachers. He taught me not through mere words, but actions. He taught me about faith, humility and charity. He raised two wonderful daughters, my wife **Cilla**,

(Cont on p. 2, PRESIDENT)

Congregation Meeting May 5, after Minyan.
Vote on Slate of Board members and Dues.

(Cont. from P. 1, President) and her sister **Diane**, who loved, respected and cared for him til his last day...they were the best of daughters.

I stayed with him, almost continuously, his last four days at Sinai Hospital. At one point (I believe it was Sunday) and he was no longer cognizant, I took a break for coffee, and on the way back through the lobby outside of the ICU **Cilla** told me that early that day Zaida had offered her \$5,000 to take him home now... but that he offered the nurse \$10,000! I WAS STUNNED. He only offered me \$3,000. I'm sure somewhere in there is one final lesson to figure out... I like to call it "Zaida's Paradox." That is (not was) Zaida Jonas because he will live with me, in my heart, for the rest of my life.

Hy Grosberg, President

Cemetery Committee:

Anyone interested in being on the Cemetery Committee or receiving more information about being a member of the Committee should contact: **Judy Bresler** at: jsb@carneykelehan.com

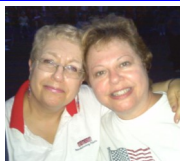
Please remember, if a family member or another congregant is hospitalized or needs help from the Shaare Tefila community, notify the Office or Rabbi Layman as soon as possible.

THE SHOFAR

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SISTERHOOD:

If April showers bring us May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!! There is beauty everywhere.

Now that Passover is behind us we can look forward to warmer weather. Warmer weather reminds us that graduations, weddings and other Simchas are not far behind. What better way to honor these special occasions than by sponsoring a kiddush. Please contact **Jill Goldwater** to make the arrangements.

Are you buying large quantities of food for these events? Don't forget to buy scrip! For your convenience scrip will be on sale at the annual congregation meeting on May 5th.

Speaking of meetings, our next board meeting will be held on May 11, following minyan. Included on the agenda is **Sisterhood Shabbat** on June 13. There are still available parts so please contact **Fran Weiss** to see how you can participate in this annual event. You can start planning ahead by marking your calendars for our potluck dinner planning meeting on June 8 at the home of **Stephanie Buckberg**, when we will plan for 2015/2016. More information is to follow.

The Seaboard spring conference will be held on May 3 at Kehilat Shalom in Gaithersburg. Many of us receive the B'nai Brith magazine. What a surprise it was to see a picture of Carolivia Herron on page 11 in the article about Jews of Color. You may remember her as our guest speaker at the Paid Up Membership Dinner last fall. Is our Sisterhood a trend setter or what? Speaking of trend setting, we are thrilled to announce our first male has volunteered to be a Kiddush Captain beginning in 2016. Kudos to **Ken Libby** for stepping up. Ken knows his way around our kitchen and is a joy and pleasure to work with. Men? Interested in following in his shoes? Contact us for a good time in the kitchen!!!!

The Mother's Day Dinner is on May 18, with cooking occurring on May 17. The speaker this year is **Jeanette Kendall** of successinstyle.org, an organization which champions the cause of individuals in need who are about to enter the work force. Besides the cost of the dinner, we are asking participants to contribute a newly cleaned garment which could be worn during an interview. (Cont. on P 3.)

RITA RUBENSTEIN

When I was only three, my father was taken into the Russian Army, and we were given 24 hours notice to leave our home. We spent the next three years in a labor camp in Transnistria.

After the war, we lived in a displaced persons camp for three years while we waited to immigrate to the U.S. When we arrived here, we were greeted by the Statue of Liberty—one of the happiest moments of my life.

I married in 1959 and my husband enrolled at the University of Maryland. Our temporary location became our permanent home. I love living here watching democracy at work.

The story of my life illustrates that with hard work and perseverance you can achieve success. We must remember to speak up against injustice, hatred, and intolerance so that future generations will enjoy the same freedom and opportunity as my children and grandchildren.

Born December 12, 1936, Hrubieszew, Romania



Photo by Susan Beaman Longard



Photo by Robin Frazer

My mother held on to my father's Tallit during the Holocaust, Nathan used to wear it on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and I put it on Yom Kippur. My grandchildren had the Tallit at all their B'nai Mitzvoth...My father had received it from my grandparents when he became engaged to my mom. It is 79 years old. It's very special to me and the only thing I have left of my father who perished in the Holocaust.

(From P. 2 Sisterhood) Thanks to **Marjorie Fuhrmann** for chairing this event and to **Debbie Yedlin** and her crackerjack capable crew of qualified cooks for preparing a delicious meal. Volunteers are needed so please contact **Marjorie** to see how you can help.

The volunteer kiddush teams slated for May are 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Please take this seriously and mark your calendars so you won't forget. We need each and every one of you to take your turn!! In closing, remember S.O.S. Save Our Sisterhood!!! Enjoy these few glorious and beautiful spring weeks before the intense heat of the summer begins.

Ethel Levine & Fran Kensky coPresidents

DIRECT FROM THE KEYBOARD OF RITA FRYDMAN [Ed.]

Contrary to popular rumor, we are NOT moving to California yet. Perhaps not at all.

This rumor is based on the fact that now all 3 of our kids and grandkids will be residing in the Berkeley area. This makes remaining where we are, in Switzerland (neutral territory) desirable. We visit when we want for however long, or short, we desire. This past winter we spent 7 weeks in a rental apartment in Berkeley. It was wonderful and temporary. Besides, how could we live so far from New Yawk?

All 3 of our kids just began new jobs. #1 daughter, Dahlia, is a lactation consultant for a hospital in northern California. She just planned, hosted and was MC at a pre, post, everything you need to know about pregnancy and babies fair for 600 in Berkeley. Our son, Daniel, was just head hunted and hired away from VP, art director of digital music for Sony. He now works in a similar position for American Express's Palo Alto office sans the music. At Sony he won 3 prestigious international awards for his work: Cannes computerized advertising Bronze Lion, and 2 Clios. One was for an album his team implemented, under his design for Bob Dylan. His family will move to Berkeley this summer. He can be viewed on YouTube if you type in custom made, collaborative workspace. It is a video of the design implemented by relentless generator (the break away digital music division of Sony designed by Dan Frydman). And our baby, Lisa, was just hired by K.I.N.D (kids in need of defense). Their main offices are in DC but she will be a regional manager opening a new office in Berkeley. Lisa is a public interest immigration attorney. Her specialty is undocumented children seeking asylum. These children very often are in the U.S. alone. They cannot return to Central America, Africa under penalty of death or being sold into slavery/prostitution, etc. ad nauseum.

But most importantly, our kids have taught their children to give back, to live and practice tikun olam. All of our grandchildren, from the smallest (ShoSho is 3 ½) to the biggest (Juliana is 22) volunteer in shelters, with animals and at food banks. 4 year old Asa announced soto vocco as he helped distribute food in Brooklyn "are these the poor people?"

And as Ami and I both say daily, we are blessed. This year we celebrated Ami's 50th wedding anniversary, his 75th birthday, his retirement from government work (after 40 something years), and his winning of the highest civilian award for government service. Most importantly, as I remind him frequently, he will always be young, as he has a wife who is half his age.

Love *Rita*.

JOIN US! **Sisterhood** proudly announces that their Mother's Day dinner is scheduled for 6 pm on the evening of Monday, May 18th here at Shaare Tefila. The guest speaker will be Jeanette Kendall, Executive Director and Founder of Success in Style. A delicious dinner prepared by Debbie Yedlin and her crew will precede our speaker. Raffles will be sold. Please join us by sending your RSVP to Bess Teller (with payment of \$18) as quickly as you can. Her address is 21321 Ridgcroft Drive in Brookeville, Maryland 20833. A flyer is available in the Shofar and additional flyers are in our lobby. Any questions or concerns? (See flyer elsewhere). Contact Bess Teller at bessteller@verizon.net or 240/342-2352.

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Shaare Tefila Congregation

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Robert Rehak

Cultural Attache, Embassy of the Czech Republic

Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 7:00-8:30 pm

Evening Minyan will follow the presentation at 8:30 pm.

The Magic of Prague:

Life and Legends of Jews in the Heart of Europe

Join us as Shaare Tefila welcomes back Dr. Robert Rehak for this stimulating three-part presentation. Through legends, humor, and film excerpts, the lectures will reveal Prague's mysticism, delving into a thousand-year history of coexistence among Czechs, Jews and Germans. The legends, like the story of the "Golem" by Maharal and the secret desires of Emperor Rudolf the II, give unique insight and uncover important messages for the ages. The lecture will also feature Franz Kafka's lesser known works, touching upon the crucial questions of human society's existence and the connections to the Kabbalah.

Dr. Rehak is a published scholar of biblical history and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Before coming to Washington DC, he served at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague and was responsible for promoting the interests of Czech citizens living abroad. We were privileged to have Dr. Rehak join us last year for the opening presentation prior to the screening of "Nicky's Family." We are so pleased that he is able to join us once again.

There is no charge for this series of lectures but we do ask that you register for the sessions you will be attending through Chaverweb or contact the office to let us know you will be joining us.

Sisterhood's Mother's Day Dinner

Monday, May 18, 2015 - 6:00 PM

16620 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD

Cost: \$18.00

Dinner prepared by Debbie Yedlin and Crew!

RAFFLE PRIZES!!

**Speaker: Jeanette Kendall, Executive Director and
Founder, Success in Style**

This is an organization that provides interview clothing for the under-served population of our area. It also has consignment shops in Savage and Glen Burnie, Maryland, open to all. There's a bridal salon too!

**Donations of clean and up-to-date office attire/interview clothing
for both men and women are welcome. Please bring to the dinner
or drop off at Shaare Tefila. Thanks!**



----- Tear on the line and Return to Bess Teller with your payment. Thank you!! -----

Name: _____

Contact Information (phone and/or email address):

Please make out your check to SISTERHOOD, SHAARE TEFILA. Thanks.

Mail tear-off and payment to: BESS TELLER, 21321 Ridgcroft Drive, Brookeville MD 20833.

Any questions? Contact her at bessteller@verizon.net or 240/342-2352.



THE ROSE AND GEORGE PRESCHOOL GATES OF DISCOVERY THE NORTH AMERICAN REGGIO EMILIA AL- LIANCE

WINTER CONFERENCE 2015

In March, Einat Moskof, our atelierista (studio teacher) and I were fortunate to attend The North American Reggio Emilia Alliance Winter Conference in New York with over 700 other educators from around the country and 34 from the Jewish schools in the DC area. At this annual conference, speakers from the schools in Reggio Emilia address the conference attendees from 8:30am until 6pm, with only a short lunch break. Then, each evening, our DC group gets together and shares reflections, ideas and questions as we continue to learn from each other, so it is a very intensive experience!

The Title of this year's conference was, "Exploring Possibilities: Viewing All Children as Citizens, Researchers and Innovators of the World." As I always say, there are so many wonderful things about the schools in Reggio Emilia, but the basis for all of it is what they call "the Image of the Child."

Of course, as soon as Einat and I returned, the first question we heard was, "What did you learn – what are you going to do differently in your school?" This is actually a trickier question than it may appear, because I believe that the most important thing that we learn from the educators of Reggio Emilia is the thought and intentionality that goes into even the smallest detail of their program. So how to take that thinking and turn it into practice that is authentic in our school is something like a musician transposing a symphony from one key to another. Each instrument's part must be carefully transposed so that the whole still fits together and creates beautiful music. This does not happen overnight.

One thought process that we discussed at length while in NY and did begin discussing with staff immediately upon returning is the idea that learning needs to take place in an environment that adds complexity and richness to the children's explorations. While we have always focused on having our environments enhance the learning, we realized that we could be doing much more. In the past when we put out some materials for the children, we were careful to lay them out in a way that was enticing and would encourage the children to come explore. And they always did and the children would learn many interesting things. But we realized that if we put related items around the main display that, as the children continued to explore, the children could bring to the exploration, the play would deepen and the understanding would be enhanced.

An example of this is the exploration of birds that is going on in one of our 3-year old classes. Prior to the conference, the children were especially fascinated with the way birds made nests. When we returned from the conference and thought about this interest, we created several activities that, put together, create synergies in the children's understanding. First, we filled a sensory bin with shredded paper, twigs, leaves, (Continued on P. 8, Preschool)



Chavaya

The last day of Chavaya is May 17. As we celebrate the end of the Religious School year, we will march in the Olney Day Parade. We hope our strong presence at the Parade will help us to grow. We strive to serve more families, which will offer all of us more opportunities.

Following the Parade by a week is the holiday of Shavu'ot. This is the least known of the three pilgrimage festivals (Sukkot, Passover and Shavu'ot). Unfortunately this Holiday falls just after our school year has ended. With few "memorable traditions," Shavu'ot is often overlooked as one of the major Jewish Holiday. Our students learn that on Shavu'ot, Moses received the commandments on Har Sinai. One may ask, what exactly does that have to do with our lives today – how is that relevant to me? In our experiential setting, we may ask, what can we do to celebrate this Holiday such as building a sukkah or eating matzoth. For students who experience the Jewish holidays through active learning, this presents a unique challenge. However Torah Judaism is absolutely relevant to all of us today. The Torah's stories and ethical values should be studied and applied to our lives today. Our connection to Shavu'ot begins when we study and accept those ethical values. Figuring out how to lead purposeful Jewish lives in an ever more complex world is one of our greatest challenges.

We hope all our Chavaya families will join us for our end of the year celebration. Have a wonderful summer!

Aviva Janus, Education Director

Kiddush Requests

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or just a new season!

Sponsor a Kiddush at Shaare Tefila.

There are many food options and our Sisterhood takes care of it all.

To learn more and/or reserve your date and start ordering, please **contact**

Jill Goldwater (jgoldwater@shaaretefila.org)
or 301-593-3410 x101)

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Andrea Z. Tilles Memorial Chesed Fund

In honor of

Chesed Committee Marvin & Barbara Reich
 The Men's Club for helping
 with the Women's Seder Shaare Tefila Sisterhood

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 Julie Futrovsky to Chris Mottler Milton & Susan Goldsamt
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Milton & Susan Goldsamt
 Jonas Baumgart's 99th Birthday Saul & Sherry Cohen

In memory of

Arthur Bresler Milton & Susan Goldsamt
 Lydia Gordon Manny & Miriam Ginsburg
 Marc Doctors Robert & Audrey Haber

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Larry Doctors Robert & Audrey Haber

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Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Alan & Adriana Sandler
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Arnold & Nancy Fanaroff
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Bill & Barbara Harkaway
 Charles Futrovsky's 80th birthday Charles & Rhona Fink
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Elaine Plant
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Harriet Wiesenthal
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Hilda Springer and family
 and Kitty and family

Julie Futrovsky's &

Chris Mottler's Ufruf Jack & Bess Teller
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th Birthday Jack & Bess Teller
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Larry & Ellie Alpert
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Lee Futrovsky & Yael
 Traum

Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Martin & Ruth Gutstein
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Marvin Schneider

Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday
 and his daughter's marriage Marvin Schneider

Ufruf of Julie Futrovsky &

Chris Mottler Marvin Schneider
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Milton & Elsa Weinstein
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Ralph & Phyllis Gittleson

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Chris Mottler's Ufruf Saul & Sherry Cohen
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Manny Ginsburg Ila Swartz
 Manny Ginsburg Zelda Rosenthal

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In honor of

Jonas Baumgart's 99th Birthday Carol Nove
 Jonas Baumgart's 99th birthday Peggy Slade
 Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Edward & Harriett Neufeld
 Jack & Bess Teller's Roy & Michele Peck
 50th wedding anniversary Edward & Harriett Neufeld
 Shaare Tefila Egon Guttman

In memory of

Arthur Bresler Ballet Met Columbus
 Florence Chait Betty Ann Lansky
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 Arthur Bresler Cheryl Eppsteiner
 Simon Marzouk Denise Marzouk
 Joseph Marzouk Denise Marzouk
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 Bernard Helfer Donald & Carol Helfer
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 Frances Berger Edward & Harriett Neufeld
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 Rose Friedman Gerry Kaufman
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 Arthur Bresler Lanny & Cathy Plotkin
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 Irving Flyer Mildred Flyer
 Roberta Freeman Morty & Ina Goldstein
 Sarah Bresler Judith Bresler
 Rosalie Goldman Phillip Goldman
 Philip Aronson Richard & Rita Lehr
 William Forster Mark & Robyn Futrovsky
 Grete Newhouse Ruth Newhouse
 Anne Newhouse Ruth Newhouse
 Henry Newhouse Ruth Newhouse
 Sadie Blicher Sam & Carol Milwit
 Minnie Bubes Sheldon & Ruth Rubin
 Sadie Blicher Liba Stillman and Friends
 Sadie Blicher Chavurah #10
 Alan Glaser Sylvia Glaser

Speedy Recovery to

Stan Kensky Jack & Bess Teller
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(Cont. from P.6, Preschool) feathers, Audubon-created replica birds, small eggs and a nest that we had found on the ground. The children immediately began creating scenarios with the birds and using the materials to create nests,



have the birds take care of the eggs and look for food. This is a typical activity that we would have used to learn with the children prior to the conference. But questions started to emerge: How did the birds take the shredded materials, twigs, etc. and make them stay together? Are these the only materials birds use? Many other questions were devised. We began by looking for answers in our reference books, which were positioned nearby.

In an adjacent part of the classroom, we had set up a station with clay, a material the children have been studying all year with Einat, but had never before been part of their bird study. The children looked at the reference books and saw that several of the nests had mud with the other materials and the children posited that the mud was being used to hold the nest together. Having the clay nearby, the children realized that clay, coming from the ground as mud did, could serve this purpose. So they combined the two and started sculpting nests. They also created trees from the clay.

In a third area, we had set up weaving activities. Weaving, a wonderful fine motor activity on its own, is infinitely interesting to children. But they soon came to realize (without teachers needing to say a word) that the weaving activity also related to the birds' nests. So while some children were using clay to hold their nests together, others created a form from wire and began to weave the shredded materials into their nests.



Finally, we used a pole that we had to create a tree and placed it near the sensory bin. The children began placing their nests in the tree. Several had trouble as the nests would not sit securely in the tree. Once again they returned to the reference books and the other materials available to solve

this problem.

The level of creativity, problem solving and critical thinking, as well as the knowledge gained from this exploration was greatly enhanced by combining all these activities together. This is the type of knowledge we gain from time spent in intensive learning with colleagues.

Beth Adler, Early Education Director



Harold Fink Israel Quest Fund

In honor of

Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday Barbara Fink

In memory of

Dora Weinryb Barbara Fink

Machzor Dedication

In honor of

Judy Bresler Max Kantzer &

Patricia Greene

Our children

Madison and Michael Max Kantzer &

Patricia Greene

Charlie Futrovsky's 80th birthday May Savage

Julie Futrovsky & Chris Mottler

upcoming wedding May Savage

Jonas Baumgart's 99th birthday May Savage

In memory of

Mark Sokolowsky Gilda Kuritzky

Myer Kuritzky Gilda Kuritzky

My beloved mother,

Anna Leah Shulman May Savage

Our Beloved Cantor

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Martin S. Halpern Adult Education Fund

In memory of

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In honor of

Jonas Baumgart's 99th birthday Rita Rubinstein

In memory of

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Toby and Jaclyn Heller

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of

Sandy Stein's 70th birthday Eric & Ellen Beebe

Jonas Baumgart's 99th birthday Eric & Ellen Beebe

All the things you do,

Rabbi Layman and Selma Rothenberg

Maury & Charlotte Potosky

In memory of

May Berkowitz Ralph Shapiro

Lydia Gordon Steven & Rochelle Gordon

Speedy Recovery to

Stan Kensky Stan & Fran Kensky

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MEMBERSHIP

Shaare Tefila membership Committee hosted another successful “Come and Experience Shaare Tefila” Perspective Member Open House on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Our large blue banner advertising the event was out on the corner of Georgia Avenue and 108. If you were near that corner, you definitely saw our sign. Visiting guests and congregants schmoozed at our delicious Café Shaare Tefila and had an opportunity to participate in the many programs and activities that happen in the building on Sunday mornings. Families with religious school age children toured our Chavaya wing and met with RS Director **Aviva Janus** while their children had an opportunity to sit in on a Chavaya class. Young Preschool families met with **Jill Steinberg** (Gates of Discovery Preschool teacher and ST Congregant) while their children enjoyed story time and arts and craft projects with **Myrna Yalon** and played on our beautiful Playscape playground. Other visitors had opportunities to participate in our wonderful Challah Club in the kitchen or sat in on our Conversational Hebrew class or **Rabbi Layman’s** weekly Talmud class. **Rabbi Layman, Cantor Fried, Executive Jill Goldwater and ST President Hyman Grosberg**, and our lay leaders were all on hand to help welcome all our visiting/prospective guests. Special thank you to Membership volunteers **Bob Freedman, Fran Weiss, Jeff Weiss, Sherry Cohen** and **Carol Nove** for all their hard work to ensure this was a successful day and program for Shaare Tefila. Also, many thanks to **Susan Goldsamt, Milt Goldsamt, Jill Goldwater, and Bob Freedman** for designing and marketing our outreach program. With each open house we have added new families to our Shaare Tefila community. Continue to do your part and invite friends and acquaintances to upcoming ST programs. Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 15, 2015**. Our community will host another Open House from 6-9 pm in conjunction with our Shabbat Alive and Friday Night Shabbat dinner program. If you have guests coming that evening, please contact Membership VP **Cilla Grosberg**, with their names and contact information at drgmrs@aol.com or 301-384-8788.

Lastly, please don’t forget to SAVE SUNDAY MAY 17, 2015 (1-3pm) Our ST community will be participating in this year’s **32nd Olney Days Parade**; “Olney – A Place That Makes You Smile.” Parade begins at Prince Philip Drive and then moves north on Georgia Avenue where it ends on Spartan Road. We are encouraging our members of all ages to come out and support this fun community program...from our Chavaya RS... our goal is to have full participation from our religious



A Jewish Response To Hunger

April 16, 2015

Rabbi Jonah Layman
Shaare Tefila Congregation
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Dear Rabbi Layman,

Thank you for directing your recent donation of \$1,219.18 to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger representing donations from your congregants' sale of chametz. I am deeply grateful for your support and your commitment to helping the most vulnerable among us.

Each and every day, I am reminded of the tragic struggle faced by millions of Americans and Israelis. It doesn't have to be this way.

As Jews we are compelled to fight for justice – at MAZON that means working to end the devastating hunger that plagues so many of our friends, family and neighbors. And as a member of MAZON's extended family, you are an invaluable partner in our fight.

From the staff and Board of MAZON, thank you. With your continued support, we can bring about miraculous change.

Together we will transform the world from *how it is* into *how it should be*.

Sincerely,



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school students and families, Gates of Discovery Preschool families, Chavurah Groups and Seasoned members. So come on out and show our Olney community what a great community Shaare Tefila is. Interested in participating, please contact Membership volunteers **Carol Nove** and **Deborah Letow**. When you call please tell them how many from your family will be marching in the parade with ST. Participating congregants will receive a free Shaare Tefila T-Shirt proudly displaying our ST Logo (and, when you contact them, please inform them of your T-shirt size).

Keep coming out and supporting Shaare Tefila programs, talk about your wonderful experiences to friends and family who may be unfamiliar about our community, and when you see an unfamiliar face at shul, go up and introduce yourself; your welcoming smile makes a lasting impression.

Shalom and Best Always,
Cilla Grosberg, Membership VP

The Shofar

MAY SERVICE TIMES

Date	Time	Happenings
May 1	6pm	Service
May 2	9am 9:20am	Torah study Service followed by Rita Rubinstein speaking about her recent trip to the Jewish community of Cuba.
May 8	6pm	Service
May 9	9am 10am 10:30am	Torah study Family Service Tot Shabbat
May 15	6pm	Service
May 16	9am	Service (no Torah study) followed by guest speaker Karen Webber Gilat of the Montgomery County Historical Society who will speak about "Welcome to Chestnut Lodge: The Story of Freida Fromm-Reichmann"
May 22	6pm	Service
May 23	9am 9:20am	Torah study Service
	Shavu'ot	Services
May 23	8pm	Service and study session followed by the Holiday service
May 24	9am	Service will include Hallel and the blessing of the Kohanim
May 24	6pm	Service
May 25	9am	Service will include Hallel, Yizkor and the blessing of the Kohanim NO EVENING SERVICE
May 29	6pm	Service
May 30	9am 9:20am	Torah study Service

THE SNOW IS FINALLY GONE, AND SO IT'S SAFE TO RESCHEDULE THIS REALLY EXCITING EVENT!!!

The Shaare Tefila Men's Club vs. Sisterhood
"It's Academic" Trivia Game Competition !!

[co-sponsored by the Sisterhood, Men's Club & Membership Committee]

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015 IN THE WINER GALLERY

(Minyan at 8:45 am, Breakfast at 9:15 am, Game at 10:00 am)

A fun-filled stimulating battle of the brains, with two teams of scholars!

Questions include all sorts of general knowledge and Judaica/Israel topics!

A great chance to test your own knowledge during Audience Participation!

Enjoy a scrumptious breakfast so good you'll wish every week was "It's Academic" !

Jointly emceed by— Milt Goldsamt (MC of past contests) and Susan Goldsamt (former contestant on the national TV show "Jeopardy!"))

Breakfast is only \$5 for Shaare Tefila members and \$6 for non-members!

[No Shaare Tefila Café on May 31 due to our special program]

Help us plan for food and seating needs— Please RSVP to **Bess Teller, bessteller@verizon.net**, by Wednesday evening, May 27

TEST YOURSELF— What does the middle initial 'S' in former President Harry S. Truman's name stand for? What's the Hebrew word for a Torah Ark curtain? What is actor, writer, comedian and director Albert Brooks' real name?

Tell your friends and neighbors in the community, of course they would enjoy attending! Minyan, Breakfast, then Knowledge-testing: what could be better?

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