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Greetings from the Congregation's President

“Thank You” to everyone who supported Sha’are Shalom by buying an ad 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.

Those of you who support Sha’are Shalom understand the value we bring to your life and the lives of your family members. As a Reform Jewish congregation, we welcome interfaith families. We welcome those who are seeking a home to express their spirituality but haven’t found the right fit yet. We are partners in caring for people, the Jewish community, and the broader SoMd community. We enrich lives through education, cultural and social activities, and charity work. We strive to be a bridge and strengthen the bonds between all faiths and cultures, demonstrating our belief in “tikkun olam” (repairing the world).

Shalom,

Elaine McVinney



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 Hike, November 2020

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Congregation Contact People

Officers

President.....	Elaine McVinney
Vice President	Richard Gilpin
Treasurer	Stuart Richman
Secretary	Liz Mildenstein
Financial Secretary.....	Ian Shafer

Committee Chairs/Coordinators

Religious School Principal.....	Melissa Ball
Building Manager	Stuart Richman
Women's Group	
Men's Group	Mark Holt
Past President.....	Robyn Kanter
Newsletter Editor	Paul McVinney
Publicity	Paul McVinney
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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.



Demonstrating the lulav and the etrog at Sha'are Shalom's 2020 Sukkot celebration.

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.

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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.

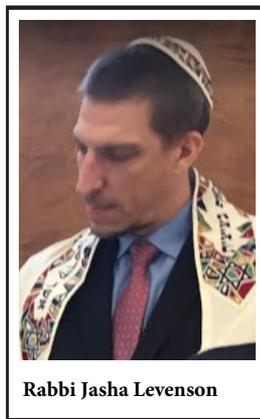
Secondary I: This class continues to learn how to read Hebrew. Time is also spent learning about mitzvot, community service, and studying the Mensch Handbook.

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.



About Our Rabbi & Rabbi Emeritus

After many years as a volunteer service leader, Hebrew school teacher, wedding, funeral, and life cycle officiant, Jasha Levenson 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 Saturday Shabbat Services at Sha'are Shalom 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.



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 Chairman Mark Holt at mark.edward.holt@gmail.com or 202-695-9942, and the Women's group at shareshalom@gmail.com.



Men's Group socially distanced dinner

In Memory of

Lee Weinberger

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Sha'are Shalom*

Love, The Darby Family





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The Choral Society normally rehearses weekly on Monday evenings from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at:

**Bethany Christian Church
7128 Allentown Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744**



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 Committee Chairman Stuart Richman at srichman4@verizon.net.

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
1/8 page (2" x 2 1/2") - \$50

For the 2022 Edition: Send ad copy to Mark Holt by January 15, 2022, 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 Sister-
in-law: Natalie Cohen

Alvin Cohen's sister: Phyllis Kirson

&

Nephew: Ronald Cohen

Happy New Year

*The McVinneys wish everybody a year of
health, happiness and peace.*

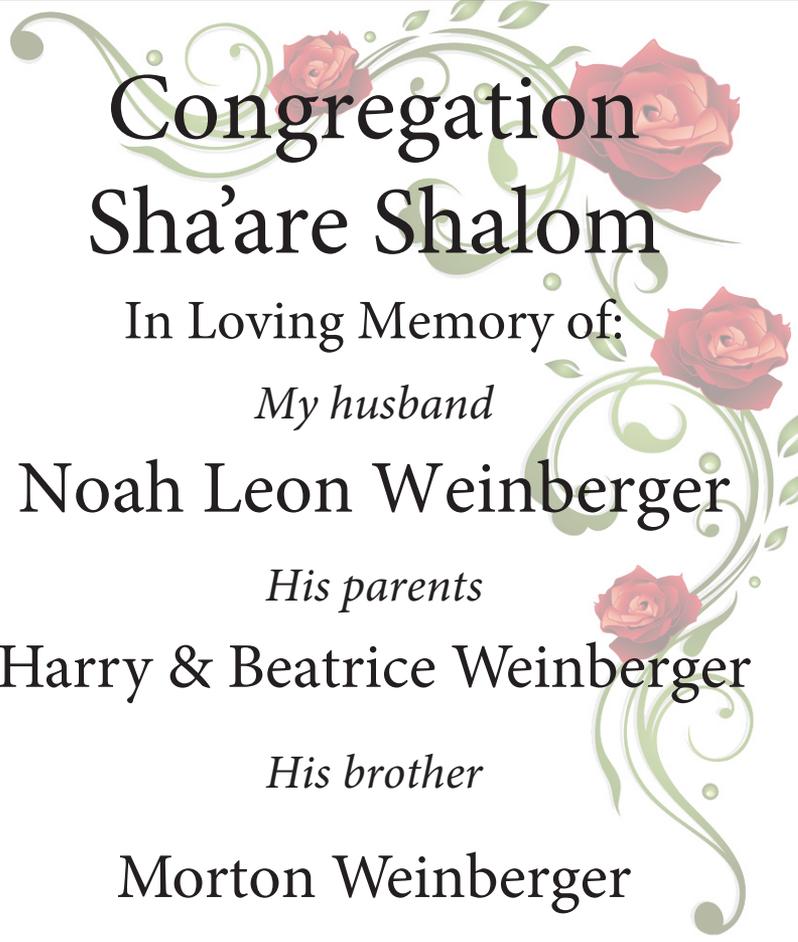
Puff Pastry Knishes

Ingredients

4 sheets puff pastry (1 box)	1/2 onion, diced
2 yukon gold potatoes	2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp salt	1 tsp cumin
1/4 tsp pepper	1 tsp paprika
2 tsp olive oil	1 tsp salt
1/2 lb ground beef	1/2 tsp black pepper
2-3 Tbsp olive oil	1 egg

Directions

- Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees.
- Remove puff pastry from freezer and let sit on counter for 20-30 minutes until it has softened a bit and can easily be unfolded.
- Peel potatoes. Boil potatoes in salted water for 20 minutes, or until fork tender. Drain water and mash potatoes using a masher, ricer or heavy fork. Add 1/2 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper and 2 tsp olive oil to potatoes and mix.
- In a large saute pan, heat olive oil. Saute onions and garlic until translucent. Add cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. Add meat and brown until cooked through.
- Drain excess oil and liquid from meat.
- Lightly roll out puff pastry with rolling pin. Cut each puff pastry sheet into 6 squares.
- On each square add approximately 1-2 tsp of potato and 1-2 tsp of meat mixture. Fold each corner of the puff pastry square up until they touch. Pinch and twist tips down to form the knish.
- Brush with lightly beaten egg. Bake until golden brown, around 25-30 minutes.
- Serve with spicy brown mustard.



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



Congregation Sha'are Shalom Is Affiliated With the Union for Reform Judaism

Reform Judaism maintains faith in the Covenant between God and Israel as expressed over the generations in the teachings of an ever-evolving Torah and tradition. Stirred by the mandate of tikkun olam, Reform Judaism seeks to be the living expression of those teachings. It welcomes all who seek Jewish connection to pursue a life of meaning as inspired by the Divine and proclaimed in the truths grasped by Jewish teachers throughout time.



The Union for Reform Judaism
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Observances and Holidays 2021 (5781-5782)



Tu B'Shevat	January 28	15 Shevat
Purim	February 25	13 Adar
Passover	March 28-April 3	15-21 Nisan
Yom HaShoah	April 8	26 Nisan
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	April 15	3 Iyar
Lag B'Omer	April 29	18 Iyar
Shavuot	May 17	6 Sivan
Tisha B'Av	July 18	9 Av
Rosh Hashanah	September 6	29 Elul
Yom Kippur	September 15	9 Tishrei
Sukkot	September 21-26	15-21 Tishrei
Shemini Atzeret	September 28	22 Tishrei
Simchat Torah	September 28	22 Tishrei
Chanukah	Nov. 29-Dec. 6	25 Kislev-2 Tevet

Holidays begin at sundown.

Congregation events are added throughout the year.

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Fall

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Winter

Happy Hanukkah!



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