



# Scroll

A Conservative Shul in Gaithersburg, Maryland

## Ch...Ch...Changes

By Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal

Change is hard. If it was easy, we wouldn't need an entire holiday season dedicated to it!

I've been thinking about the challenge of change all summer long. While at this writing (early August) it is still too early to know the outcome of our conversations about forming a new congregation with Kehilat Shalom, we have spent the past few weeks in very intense conversations.

Indeed, in meeting after meeting, we've talked about the many issues that would be involved in forming a new congregation. What would Shabbat services look like? How would we structure our religious school? What programs would we keep, merge, end, or develop from scratch? What will our board and committees look like? How would our culture change?

And so many times, as I've sat in those meetings, as we've thought about which elements might change, I've found myself saying, "But wait...I don't want that to change! I like it just the way it is!" Of course, you can't go into a negotiation and new partnership expecting that nothing on your end will change. In the end, something has to give, so that everyone has a sense of ownership of the new community. So I gradually had to realize that yes, things would change, so that we could forge a stronger community.

However, regardless of the outcome of our discussions with our neighbors, the process has been incredibly enlightening. In so many cases, I began saying, "But wait, here's an opportunity to think about it differently, where we could make it better than it is right now." I've had to really think about priorities – about what in our congregation might need to change, or even should change no matter what. It made me realize where over the years have we stagnated and resisted making the changes that need to be made.

In a strange way, the entire experience has prepared me better than almost anything ever has for entering the season of the Yamim Nora'im – the High Holy Days – that are just around the corner. After all, isn't that what Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are about? They are certainly about a deep inward look to see what we need to change about ourselves, what has "stagnated" in our lives: relationships that need renewal; bad habits that need to change; priorities that need to be re-ordered.

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### Upcoming Activities

- September 4th:** Men's Club Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament
- September 6th:** Nursery School Meet and Greet; Religious School Grades 6-7 Tuesday classes begin
- September 7th:** First day of Nursery School
- September 8th:** Religious School Grades 3-5 Thursday classes begin
- September 10th:** Tot Shabbat, Geshet & Junior Congregation
- September 11th:** Religious School Sunday classes begin for Grades K-7. Grades K-2 Welcome Parents Program
- September 24th:** Tot Shabbat
- September 29-30:** Rosh Hashanah
- October 5th:** Nursery School Back to School Night
- October 13-14th:** Sukkot
- October 20-21st:** Simhat Torah

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By Barbara McGowan

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It's hard to believe that it is September again. In the last two issues of the Scroll, winter and spring, I told you that I do not like winter and that spring is my favorite season. So I might as well tell you how I feel about fall. Most people love fall, and I'll agree that it is beautiful, but, as the leaves turn and fall off of the trees it reminds me that winter is coming, and you already know how I feel about winter.

But let's get back to the fact that September is here already. School has started, traffic has increased markedly, it's getting dark earlier, and the high holidays are fast approaching. Our high holiday committee has been working hard all summer to make sure that we all enjoy wonderful, ruach filled services and programs together. If you haven't gone to our web site and ordered your tickets yet, please do it now!

In this issue of the Scroll Rabbi Jacob talks about change. In the last issue of the Scroll I wrote about the changes that were happening at Shaare Torah over the summer. In addition to our new staff members that I have already introduced, I'd like to welcome our new Program Administrator Francesca Littman to our community. I hope you'll all get to meet her over the coming weeks. Change can be good. At this time of year as we approach the high holidays we think of ways that we can make changes and be better people. But, in general, I hate change. Change is uncomfortable, and when things are going well I want everything to stay the same. I don't like to rock the boat. But when I look back over the past 15 months, I realize that things were continually changing without my even realizing it.

We have changed the way we conduct our annual appeal, we have changed the way we handle our collections, many of the faces on our board have changed, our staff has undergone changes, and, most notably, we have been discussing combining our community with Kehilat Shalom. I must admit that I am very excited about the possibilities that await us if our new combined community becomes a reality. Hmm, what do you know, maybe change isn't so bad after all!

I want to wish all good things for each and every one of you in the coming year. L'shana tova.

—Barbara McGowan ☆



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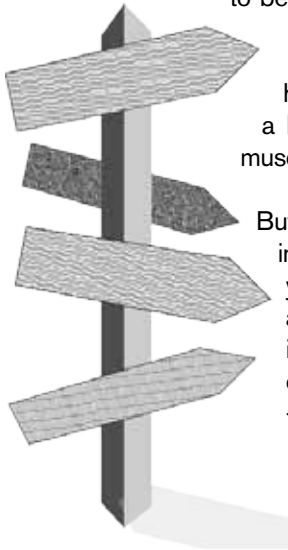
To do Teshuvah – to turn around – first you need to be willing to change direction. We need to open our minds and our hearts, and become newly flexible about the way we think about ourselves.

That is no easy task – it's taken me an entire summer to be open to it on the level of the synagogue.

Now it's time to do it personally. No wonder David Bowie seemingly stutters when he sings the "ch" word...as he puts it, it's a huge "strain" – it requires stretching our muscles and our minds.

But we can do it, both as a community and as individuals. Indeed, may the arrival of a new year be a season of change and renewal, and may the coming year bring many blessings to your family, our community, and the entire world. L'shanah Tovah!

–Rabbi Jacob ☆



The congregation extends its condolences to Ilana Kramer and her family on the death of her husband, Seth Kramer, z"l.

The congregation extends its condolences to Kathy Abbett and her family on the death of her sister, Pamela Barclay, z"l.

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**September 10 & 24, November 12  
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*Children ages 2-4 with parents. Led by  
Meredith Polsky and Bari Handelman.*

# Nursery School Notes

By Pamela Gorin, Director of Early Childhood Education

*There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings.*


– Hodding Carter

This summer, I had the opportunity to visit a small organic farm in Brookville. A dear friend's daughter is attempting to become an organic farmer. I went to visit the farm and see the progress. We pulled up into the driveway of the small house on the property and the yard was filled with chickens, wandering around the house and fields (now I understand what "free range" is.) I saw the piglets, the cow and calf and the empty fields where they had struggled and lost the battle to plant vegetables for the summer. I enjoyed seeing the efforts of this young woman, but I was totally entranced by watching her young nephew. He was three years old and outfitted in t-shirt, shorts and big, green rainboots. He was very busy with two toy trucks that he was playing with on a mound of dirt near the pig enclosure. He would stop every now and then to fill the chicken's water bowl and then get back to his trucks. He seemed so happy and there was not an iPad, smartphone or battery operated toy in sight. Don't get me wrong—I appreciate all that technology offers us, but I sometimes fear that our children are missing that kind of play that I saw this little boy doing—using a few simple toys and the outdoors to stimulate imagination and play.


We will begin the year with some new additions to the staff. I want to wish a warm welcome to Marsha Abramson, who will be the teacher assistant with Irwin Slonin in one of our fours/fives classes. Also, I am pleased to introduce our new music specialist, Laurie Mackey to the school. She will be here on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and at all of our whole school programs. We also welcome back Bari Handelman, who will be the Torah Tots and Mommy and Me teacher.

As I begin my fourth year as Director of Early Childhood Education, I am so pleased to be part of this congregation. I want to wish everyone a Shana Tova Tikatevu—a year filled with sweetness. ✨



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# Religious School Notes



## Kindergarten and 1st Grade

*By Pamela Gorin, Director of Early Childhood Education*

I am very excited that my job as Director of Early Childhood Education has expanded to include the Kindergarten and First Grade of the Religious School and the Bonim youth group. I can't wait to be reunited with alumni of the Nursery School and look forward to meeting the rest of the children in the Gan and Alef classes. I have always wanted to work as a director that bridged the gap between the early childhood program and the Religious School, so I am pleased to have this opportunity.

Although many of you are familiar with me through the Nursery School, you may not know that I started my work in Jewish education as a Gan teacher in Religious School. I spent many years happily teaching Kindergarten, First and Second Grade and also taught third grade for a year. I did try to teach sixth grade siddur, but I realized right away that my strengths were best with young children.

When my children were young and I was still only teaching religious school, I began a Master's degree in Jewish Education through the College of Jewish Studies and The George Washington University. When I began the program, I thought that I would one day be an Educational Director of a Religious School. However, I began to teach in an early childhood program and I was hooked.

I want to extend a hearty welcome to Lisa Pressman and Rabbi Jeremy Fierstien, the rest of the educational administrative team. We have spent the summer planning and dreaming about the new year.

I am very pleased that Irwin Slonin and Bonita Cohen will return as the Alef teachers and I'm excited to welcome Bari Handelman to the staff as the Gan teacher.

As the new year approaches, I want to wish everyone a year as sweet as honey—Shana Tova Tikatevu.

– Pam Gorin ☆

## 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

*By Lisa Pressman, Director of Primary Education*

"...may your heart meditate understanding, your mouth speak wisdom and your tongue compose song; may your eyelids look straight before you, may your eyes be enlightened by the light of the Torah and your face shine like the brightness of the firmament; may your lips utter knowledge, your passions rejoice in uprightness and your steps run to hear the words of the Ancient of Days." – *Berachot 17a*

It is said that before we are born we know all that there is to know about the Torah but as we come through the birth canal all our knowledge is lost and we are to begin our new life with a blank slate. New beginnings are filled with blessings, challenges and excitement as we start our journey. The blessing from the Talmud quote above exemplifies how our Torah, heritage and tradition can guide our path and enlighten our understanding of life. As the new Director of Primary Education I strive to "... be enlightened by the light of the Torah" as I plan our school programs for our primary age children and their families. I have worked in Jewish education for 22 years, first as a family educator and then as a director of education. But I now face a wonderful new challenge of working closely with teachers and students in grades 2-5 and focusing my attention solely on the needs of our primary families. It is exciting to have begun my work this summer with our education team, Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, Rabbi Jeremy Fierstien, Early Childhood Educator Pam Gorin and Vice President for Education Lori Yadin. The excitement that our team has for the coming year is infectious and has brought us into the school year with new ideas, visions and plans for the future.

As the Talmud reminds us above, we are driven by our connections to "...the words of the Ancient Days" but we are always looking at how our heritage is redefined by modern realities and cutting edge Jewish educational experiences. For the New Year, we have begun by examining the past educational experiences of our students, working with teachers to better understand their needs in the classroom and the needs of our families. I have met with parents and teachers to understand the past as we begin building for the future.

I am excited to begin this New Year, 5772, at Shaare Torah and I hope to meet you all in the coming months as I get to know your children in grades 2-5. Please stop my office or join us on the first days of classes so we can meet and I can answer any questions or address any concerns. I can be reached at [lpresman@shaaretorah.org](mailto:lpresman@shaaretorah.org) or 301.869.9842 x152. Shana Tova U'metukah, may you have a Sweet and Happy New Year!!

– Lisa Pressman ☆

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## Secondary Education

*By Rabbi Jeremy Fierstien, Director of Secondary Education and Youth Engagement*

Shalom U'vracha (Hello and Blessings) to the Shaare Torah Community, Thank you so much for the warm welcome to the community. I have been here only a month but I already feel like I am home!

First I would like to begin with a bit of introduction for those of you I have not yet met or reached out to by email. My name is Rabbi Jeremy Fierstien and I am the new Director of Secondary Education and Youth Engagement. I grew up in New Jersey where I attended yeshiva through high school and enjoyed exploring the beaches, surf breaks, and golf courses in and around the Jersey Shore. I then attended the University of Maryland for undergraduate studies (Go Terps!) where I received a BS in Family Studies. My smicha, degree of rabbinic ordination, is from The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College located in Newton, MA, which is a pluralistic, non-denominational school that places the traditional Jewish sources at the core of a diverse and well rounded curriculum.

After reflecting on my first month here at Shaare Torah I was blown away at how unique and wonderful a community you have built here in the greater Washington, DC area. Everyone is so devoted to the synagogue and community that it makes talking shop a real pleasure. When the non-Hebrew prophet Balaam, found in the book of Numbers, was conscripted by Balak to curse the People of Israel he was only able to say the

words found in Num 24:5, "How lovely are your tents, People of Jacob, your sanctuaries, descendants of Israel." Instead of a curse Balaam praised the model of community the Israelites employed in their wanderings through the desert. It was not their structures that he was praising as Frank Lloyd Wright was not alive back then. I believe he was impressed with the way the Israelites treated each other and their communal institutions with a serious amount of respect. I can think of no better compliment to give to the Shaare Torah community than the words written by the heathen prophet that begin the daily morning prayers. Thank you again for welcoming my wife and me into the community and I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Please feel free to drop me a line, an email, or come visit me in the office here at Shaare Torah's Youth Lounge! (We have uber comfy couches!)

– Rabbi Jeremy ☆

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Tickets for all Shaare Torah members are included in synagogue dues. There is no fee for our children to attend services. As usual, baby sitting will be available for children ages 2 through 9. Non-members are welcome to be with us and while we ask for everyone to purchase a ticket, we are also committed that all who wish to be with us can attend.

For your reference, you can find all of our High Holiday Information on our website at [www.shaaretorah.org](http://www.shaaretorah.org) and even order tickets with our new and improved online order form, just click on the High Holidays button on our homepage.

In each service and program, our goal is to maintain our "Shaare Torah spirit" of haimishness (warmth), intimacy, and introspection. We are working hard to plan holidays that will challenge us to change ourselves, and inspire us to change the world around us.

***We hope you will join with us, both during the holidays, and throughout the year.***

## Committee News

### Men's Club

We would like to welcome current and future members of the Men's Club. The mission of the Shaare Torah Men's Club is to promote educational, spiritual, cultural, and recreational programs for individuals and families. We offer a wide variety of social, service, and athletic events that reach across a wide spectrum of interests. Our social and service events include putting up the shul sukkah in October, and organizing a toy drive for needy children in December. Each year, we field softball (fall and spring) and basketball teams (season starts in December) that compete in the local synagogue leagues. Our first event, the Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament, is Sunday, September 4th. We encourage you to participate in our activities, become active, and let us know what kind of events are of greatest interest to you.

STMC is looking for men who want to make a difference in the synagogue and community. If interested in finding out more, contact Michael Salgaller, President, at [mlsalgaller@yahoo.org](mailto:mlsalgaller@yahoo.org), or [mensclub@shaaretorah.org](mailto:mensclub@shaaretorah.org). Also, look for us at High Holiday Services. Several of our members will be identified as such on their name badges. We would truly enjoy meeting new friends, and catching up with old friends.



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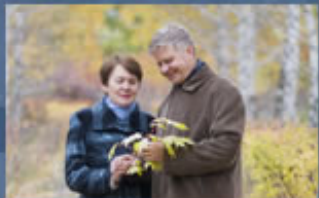
Sponsoring a Kiddush is a great way to make a donation to Shaare Torah, while honoring a milestone in someone’s life, such as a birthday or anniversary. It’s also a nice way to honor someone’s memory.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Pepe Strauss at 301.869.9842 ext. 115.



**Happy Birthday!**

Noah Wassertzug	9/1	Ari Perlman	10/10
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Adam Gershen	9/2	Jacob Zaiderman	10/10
Alexander Flum	9/3	Ashley Malakoff	10/11
John Strom	9/3	Hannah Godsey	10/13
Jamie Rapp	9/4	Ezra Sokobin	10/15
Rebecca Fronstin	9/7	Jordan Wills	10/16
Julia Hamelburg	9/7	Allison Siegel	10/17
Adam Feldman	9/8	Tess Isaacson	10/18
Aylana Moses	9/9	Olivia Maytin	10/19
Tyler Schwartz	9/9	Andrew Ram	10/19
Jacob Brodsky	9/12	Emma Plosky	10/20
Evan Smith	9/12	Ben Sweeney	10/20
Carli Katz	9/13	Dana Keller	10/21
Orly Strauss	9/13	Samuel Rosenberg	10/21
Alyssa Goodman	9/14	Ethan Frank	10/22
Max Schnur	9/17	Sarah Dicker	10/25
Julia Meltzer	9/18	Joryn Fleisher	10/25
Evan Wolfe	9/19	Hailey Lubliner	10/26
Jacob Rosen	9/21	Jared Schwartz	10/27
Eli Seemann	9/21	Robert Abbett	10/28
Aliyah Silber	9/21	Gary Snyder	10/29
Daniel Wolfe	9/22	Jeremy Epstein	10/30
Samuel Morse	9/23	Matan Fox	10/30
Audrey Resnicow	9/23	Bria Weiner	10/31
Nathan Wagner	9/23	Kira Reichmann	11/1
Benjamin Johnston	9/24	Etai Admi	11/2
Mattea Smith	9/24	Katie Schreck	11/2
Seth Cohen	9/27	Jordan Beecher	11/4
Nathaniel Leshin	9/27	Maryn Beecher	11/4
Taran Leshin	9/27	Ryan Renzi	11/4
Hanna Stearman	9/28	Sarah Friedlander	11/6
Shoshanah Fleisher	9/29	Francesca Cohen-Dumani	11/8
Shia Messler	9/29	Seth Leichter	11/8
Gina Slonin	9/29	Evan Perlman	11/8
Jordan Ferris	9/30	Alicia Swirsky	11/8
Joshua Levy	9/30	Samantha Swirsky	11/8
Danielle Margolis	10/1	Talia Dantus	11/9
Ethan Schless	10/1	Emma Cohen-Dumani	11/11
Aaron Schwartz	10/1	Zoe Fischthal	11/11
Max Handelman	10/2	Shari Landa	11/11
Ari Kirschbaum	10/2	Joshua Berenzweig	11/14
Samuel Kirschbaum	10/2	Alec Abraham	11/18
Madison Penn	10/2	Isabella Abraham	11/18
Jaden Gaines	10/4	Avi Strauss	11/18
Kelsey Lubliner	10/4	Lucy Ginsburg	11/21
Samantha Springer	10/4	Austin Katz	11/24
Ella Sheintal	10/5	Hayden Plosky	11/24
Adam Kass	10/6	Hadara Bilsky	11/27
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