

# Magen David Sephardic Congregation

Beit Eliahu Synagogue

*The Sephardic Synagogue of the Nation's Capital*

February 8—February 15, 2019



3 Adar I—10 Adar I, 5779

Thank you to Rabbi Hayyim Kassorla, Dr. Yael Kassorla and their family, for joining us as our guests at Magen David this past Shabbat!

Our Friday night dinner was a huge success with over 100 guests in attendance. A special thank you goes to Ellie Ashoori, Fariba Aslemand, Irene Aslan, Don Ian-Benet, Naomi Elimelech, Susan Nahmias, Nazzie Shirazi and Stella Ymar, who spent countless hours shopping, preparing and cooking the delicious Friday night feast.

And thank you as well to Itsik Elimelech, Rowena Abadi, Josephine and Rami Levi, Daniela Misri, Roslyn Needle, and Ben Shemony for their invaluable help in setting up the room and making it look beautiful for our special evening together.

This past Sunday, members of the MDSC Sisterhood joined together for a delicious brunch and meet-and-greet with our special guest, Dr. Yael Kassorla.

Dr. Kassorla, who visited Magen David for the weekend with her family, spoke about her life, shared some of her interests and told us all about her family. Attendees enjoyed an American - Israeli style brunch, including bagels, lox, shakshouka and bourekas, while taking the opportunity to chat with Dr. Kassorla and get to know her.

A special thanks goes out to Rowena Abadi, Erin Goldstein and Susan Nahmias who helped out with our wonderful brunch!



The Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by the family of Michael Syag A”h in his memory.

The Seudah Shelisheet is sponsored by KBF.

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**שבת שלום**

## Services & Classes

Shir Hashirim	5:00 pm
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat	5:15 pm
Candle Lighting	5:20 pm

Shabbat Shaharit	8:30 am
Minha	4:50 pm
Seudah Shelisheet	5:10 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdala	6:19 pm

Sunday Shaharit	8:00 am
Weekday Shaharit	6:50 am

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## Sisterhood

The Sisterhood Book Club is reading *The Sisters of the Winter Wood*, a novel by Israeli author Rena Rossner. Rena is a cousin of MDSC's own Benson Goldstein. The discussion will be led by Erin Goldstein at the Goldstein's home on Sunday, February 10. The Club is a perfect fit for Sisterhood members who crave exciting reads, lively discussions, and delicious edibles. Join us! For details RSVP to Jan Sedaka [jan.sedaka@verizon.net](mailto:jan.sedaka@verizon.net).

We are currently taking Sisterhood membership dues for the new year. It's just \$18 per person. You can drop a check to the office or pay directly from our website.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club will be going to the Washington Wizards vs. Dallas Mavericks basketball game on March 6, 2019. Tickets will be approx. \$40-45. Please RSVP ASAP by Feb 21 to Albert at [mdscmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:mdscmensclub@gmail.com).

## Manna Food Bank

Please consider joining MDSC and volunteering a little bit of your time to sort food at Manna for needy families in Montgomery County. Manna provides food to 32,000 individuals each year and helps distribute food to soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters throughout Montgomery County. It's a fun and rewarding effort and all are welcome - men, women, and children above the age of 8!

Our next two visits to Manna will take place on Wednesday, March 6 and Tuesday, April 2, both from 7-8:30 pm. Please contact Debbie Shemony ([dsemony@hotmail.com](mailto:dsemony@hotmail.com)) if you'd like to join one of our upcoming outings.

## Celebrations

Happy Birthday— 10-Tal Grinshtein, 12-Naomi Elimelech, Hadriel Dayanim, 14-Nate Shemony

Happy Anniversary—14-Josh & Janna Circus

## Donations

By Nazzie Shirazi in memory of Susan Shefter A"h

## Hashkavot-We Remember

The week of Feb 9-15— Yaakov Kosan-Sedgh, David Goldstein, Jennie Cohen, Monayar Kohad-Sedgh, Lise Levy

Within the Past Year; Fred Lizmi, Moshe Koldaro, Lisa Benhaim, Odette Benjoar, Marcelle Sadoun, Simone Chriqui Elkayam, Pat Shweky, Tseporah bat Aharon vPessie, Marcelle Ymar

## Couples Paint Night

**Sunday, February 24th, 5:30 pm, at MDSC**

The Sisterhood and the Men's Club are partnering to host a fun couples event! You're invited to join us for Paint Night, which will include a painting class, hors d'oeuvres and wine, on Sunday evening, February 24th, from 5:30-8:00 pm.

The cost is \$55 for couples who are members of the Sisterhood/Men's Club, and \$65 for non-member couples and guests. This event is partially sponsored by the Sisterhood.

Please rsvp to Erin Goldstein by February 18, [eringoldstein@yahoo.com](mailto:eringoldstein@yahoo.com), and make a payment on the synagogue's website (sisterhood event).

## In The Community

### Shoresh Hebrew High School's Open House

A Jewish evening your teen will not want to miss! Both parents and prospective students (grades 8th-12th) are invited to Shoresh Hebrew High School's open house on Sunday, February 10th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the Bender JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

In addition to our usual great classes, we will have a special presentation by Ms. Guila Franklin Siegel, Associate Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, as part of our Encounter Program at 6:00 PM on February 10th in Room 122 of the Bender JCC. Ms. Franklin will address the topic of allegations of anti-Semitism within the leadership of the grassroots social change movement known as the Women's March, and ways that Jewish individuals and organizations have responded to these allegations. The discussion that follows will allow Shoresh students and guests consider how individuals and organizations can respond to encounters with anti-Semitism and mobilize for social change from a Jewish perspective.

About Shoresh:

Shoresh Hebrew High School is a unique Jewish studies program for 8th-12th grade students attending secular schools in the Greater Washington area. Shoresh builds a strong foundation for students to become critical thinkers about Jewish heritage, to find a sense of shared community and destiny among all Jews, and to meet the challenges of American Jewish life. Shoresh meets at the Bender JCC of Greater Washington on Sunday 5:30 – 8:30 pm during the school year.

**Israeli Dance Festival** March 17, 2019 3pm

Melvin Berman Hebrew Academy

Purchase tickets on their website

<http://www.israelidancefestivaldc.com/>