**SUMMARY**

- **SHABBAT SCHEDULE**
  - Shabbat Candle Lighting: 4:27 pm (Plag 3:46 pm)
  - Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:30 pm (Sanct)
  - Shabbat Mincha: 4:00 pm
  - Shabbat Ends: 5:29 pm

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
  - **This Shabbat, December 8-9**: Maccabeats Pre-Chanukah Shabbaton!!
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    - After Mincha: Seudah Shlishit with Slow Shirah led by Maccabeats.
    - After Maariv: Stay for a beautiful musical Havdalah. See flyer [here](#).

  - **This Sunday, December 10, 9:30 am**: KMS Poland Trip info session in the upper lobby. See page 2 for more details.

- **Friday Night-Shabbat, December 15-16**: Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Dr. Adam Ferziger, holds the R’ Samson Raphael Hirsch Chair for Research of the Torah & Derekh Erez Movement in the Israel & Gilda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University. His research focuses on Jewish religious movements, religious leadership, and religious responses to secularization and assimilation in modern and contemporary North America, Europe & Israel. See flyer [here](#).

  - **Friday Night**: Sectarian Missionaries or Post-Modern Maccabees? Outreach Activists and the Realignment of American Orthodoxy
  - **Between Mincha/Maariv**: Between Christian Humanism and Fragmentary Judaism: Rabbi Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein’s Distinctive Approach toward Non-observant and Non-Orthodox Jews
  - **Motzei Shabbat**: Washington Heights Yankees in Rav Kook’s Court: The Role of American Orthodoxy in Israeli Judaism

- **SHABBAT SPEAKERS AND SHIURIM**
  - **7:00 am**: KMS
  - **8:00 am**: KMS
  - **8:45 am**: KMS Board Members: Lisa Brookman, Sharon Butler, Nechumah Getz, Ina and Larry Lerman, Yosef Lindell, David Loshin, Mairav Mintz, Allen Minzer, Gadi Rozmaryn, Yehudit Shields, Alec Stone, Tamar Teitelbaum, and Gary Winters in gratitude to the KMS congregation for an exciting and meaningful year.
  - **Youth**: KMS

- **KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**
  - **This Week**: Warshawsky
  - **Next Week**: Schreiber

- **MAZAL TOV**
  - Mazal tov to Orit & Asaf Shilo and family on the birth of a baby boy, Noam Yehoshua.
  - Mazal tov to Sandi & Izi Teitelbaum and Robin & Hesh Morkowitz on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, Adena & Yedidiah Teitelbaum.
  - Mazal tov to big sister Selah, aunts and uncles, Orit & Asaf Shilo and family on the birth of a baby boy, Noam Yehoshua.

- **CONDOLENCES**
  - Condolences to past member, Roger Kurland and family on the passing of their wife and mother, Agnes Kurland, z”l.
  - Roger can be contacted at 702-745-0807 or 21051 Bella Vista Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33428.

- **SAFETY INITIATIVE**
  - We encourage all members to wear reflector belts when walking home from shul at night. If possible, please acquire a reflector belt for your personal use. You can purchase reflector belts [here](#) or a reflector vest [here](#). A generous donor has purchased a number of reflector belts to encourage this safety initiative. If you do not currently own any reflector gear, please borrow and return one of the belts that can found on the counter in the KMS lobby.

- **HELP SAVE A LIFE**
  - A member of the Greater Washington Jewish community has been diagnosed with a deteriorating kidney condition. A year ago, his doctors advised him that a transplant of a kidney from a living donor could restore his normal kidney function and extend his life. To date, no viable donor has been found. If you would consider helping save a life by donating a kidney, please contact Aron Trombka (301-681-3025 or atombka@gmail.com) for more information.
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Thursday, December 14, 6:30-7:00 pm: The Berman PTO and KMS invite you to come to the Arcola Rehab for a Chanukah musical celebration with the residents. All ages are welcome and Upper School students can earn community service hours. If you would like to play an instrument, we’ll be singing and playing: I have a little Dreidel, Oh Chanukah, Sevivon, Maoz Tzur, and Al Hanissim. To sign up, please contact mfriedman2@yahoo.com or just show up.

Motzei Shabbat, December 16, 6:45 pm: Mishpacha Lomedet. Join us for a special Chanukah edition of Motzei Shabbat Parent-Child Family Learning of the season! For elementary age kids and their parents. Chavruta learning followed by a fabulous Chanukah theater by Torah Mitzion’s Rav Oron, Bachurim and Banot. Fun learning, prizes and pizza! Bring a box or can or non-perishable food for the Kosher Food Pantry.

Monday, December 18, 7:00 pm: Teen Learning Initiative

Close to 50 people have expressed interest in joining Rabbi Weinberg and members of KMS on our KMS Trip to Poland this coming July 2-10, 2018. We will be holding an info session Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 9:30am in the upper lobby. During this info session we will review some of the highlights of the trip, the proposed itinerary, the dates, the particulars of the cost and more. Whether you have already expressed interest or are just beginning to think about coming, please join us to learn more. As was previously mentioned, the trip is appropriate for adults 18 and over and will last a week with an optional, but recommended, extension to Israel. The land cost of the trip is $2600, all inclusive, with a single supplement of $500. Participants will be able to book their own airfare in order to use airline miles or make arrangements that best meet each person’s needs. More details will be covered at the info session.

SEUDEH SHLISHIT

Join KMS for our Community Seudah Shlishit, this Shabbat, December 9 with the Maccabeats!

ETZ CHAIM LEAF PROGRAM

As Tu B’shvat approaches, please consider dedicating a leaf on our Etz Chaim in the lobby. For more information, see the letter on page 4.

YOETZET HALACHA BRACHA RUTNER

KMS Yoetzet Halacha Bracha Rutner welcomes your questions about mikvah, observance of taharat mishpacha (halacha relating to married life) and women’s health, as it connects to Jewish law.

Reach out to her at: Phone: 718-614-2677 Email: bracharutner@gmail.com

All conversations and emails are kept confidential.

Bracha will join us on February 10

UPCOMING ROSH CHODESH SERIES

Please join the women of KMS at our monthly Rosh Chodesh series on these upcoming dates:

- TEVET: Friday Night, December 15, 8:30 pm: Back to the Beginning, at the home of Rachel Pinchot, 712 Hermleigh Road.
GETTING TO KNOW YOU

In an effort to promote the warm community feeling we strive for here at KMS, we introduce you to KMS members each week. We hope you enjoy meeting your fellow members and will use these brief bios as a catalyst to introduce yourself to others at KMS.

RACHEL & OPHIR STEMMER
Rachel and Ophir Stemmer moved to Kemp Mill in July of 2016 from Washington, D.C., where they lived for 8 years. Both attended George Washington University, where Ophir received his J.D. and Rachel her M.Ed in Elementary Education. Originally, both are from Sharon, Massachusetts, where they first met at Jewish Day School.

Their children, Eitan and Ariel, both go to the Silver Spring Learning Center. Eitan is 4, and loves cars, trucks, puzzles, and books. Ariel is 2 and loves to climb and jump, as well as any kind of vehicle.

Rachel is a 1st grade teacher at Farmland Elementary School in Rockville. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, reading, Netflix, and working outside. Ophir is a Privacy and Security Attorney at the American Society of Clinical Oncology. In his spare time, he likes playing with the kids and cooking

Every Sunday, the Stemmer family enjoys "Adventure Day," whether it is to the "Tool Museum," (AKA Home Depot, but don't tell the kids), or to an area park or museum.

They love the friendliness and warmth they have experienced at KMS, and the wonderful programming there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAHZEIT ANNOUNCEMENT
At Shabbat Mincha this week, we will say Kel Malei Rachamim for Yahrzeits that fall during the next two weeks, through 4 Tevet, since next Shabbat is Chanukah.

MONTHLY YAHZEIT REMINDERS
The office sends out yahrzeit reminders via email on the 15th of the month preceding the yahrzeit. Please note that we no longer send yahrzeit reminders via US mail. Contact the office if you have not received your email reminders, or with any other questions.

BIKUR CHOLIM FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP
Bikur Cholim of Greater Washington is considering creating a family support group in the Kemp Mill area. In order to do so, we would like to know if there is an interest and need for such a group. You can help us by calling BCGW at 202-331-4481 or sending an email to info@bikurcholimgw.org

WINE OPPORTUNITY
KMS is partnering with JWines to provide our members an easy way to donate 5% of your total purchase to KMS at no additional cost to you. Please go to www.kosherwine.com and use the code KMS at checkout to donate 5% of your purchase to the shul.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH
Ahuva Shaina bat Yosefa Ettel, Chayim ben Yitzchak, Esther bat Bracha, Etel Bailya bat Sara, Golda Miriam bat Pesha Freidel,ITA bas Bluma Leah, Noam Shalom ben Inbar, Nechama Yenta bat Raizel, Moshe Ze’ev ben Gitel, Rachel Davida bat Sara, Sara bat Riva, Shoshana Elka bat Etech Dena, Shoshana Tziporra bat Eidel, Tzvi Gershon ben David, Tzipora Faige bat Liba, Tziporalah Sarah bat Tzivia, Yaakov ben Chaya Devorah, Yehoshua Daniel haKohen ben Masha Avramah

KMS OFFICE INFORMATION
Office Hours, **Monday through Thursday:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; **Friday:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
301-593-0996 • www.kmsynagogue.org
Dear KMS Members,

Believe it or not, Tu B’shvat is approaching in a matter of weeks, on January 31. In Kemp Mill, Tu B’shvat falls in the dead of winter, when there is often snow on the ground. Although many of us at KMS participate in joyous seders on Tu B’Shvat, sometimes it is hard to appreciate the beauty of a blossoming tree when our trees are bare and the leaves have long since been vacuumed up by the county.

Fortunately, there is a way to make our trees blossom on Tu B’Shvat in the middle of a cold and dreary Kemp Mill winter. Our Kemp Mill Synagogue lobby has a beautiful Etz Chaim with many bare leaves. For Tu B’Shvat, please join us in making that tree blossom. Think about what KMS means to you and the various life-cycle events, the joys and sorrows, that you have shared here with family and friends. You can honor those precious memories in our community, thank the Rabbi, a family member, or a special friend, by engraving one or more of our Etz Chaim leaves and make our tree, lobby and synagogue blossom. You can permanently engrave a beautiful golden leaf to commemorate precious memories and events (member cost/leaf $180; non-member cost/leaf $360). Please follow this link to place your order (no later than 12/31/17 for Tu B’Shvat dedication):

https://www.kmsynagogue.org/etz-chaim-leaves.html

This year we updated the KMS lobby to make our synagogue even warmer and more inviting. During this cold winter, join us in spreading more warmth in our lobby by dedicating to our Tree of Life. We spend lots of our time in the KMS lobby. Why not share your precious memories with our KMS family while we all enjoy our beautiful lobby together.

For more information feel free to reach out to the KMS office 301-593-0996.

Kol Tuv,

Alec Stone
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