

Magen David Sephardic Congregation
Beit Eliahu Synagogue

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The Sephardic Synagogue of the Nation's Capital



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Service Schedule

Friday, August 31

Selihot	6:00 am
Shaharit	7:00 am
Daf Yomi	8:00 am
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:21 pm

Shabbat, September 1-Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Serfaty

Parasha Ki Teitzi

Shaharit	8:30 am	
Shabbat Youth Program*	10:30 am	
Rabbi's Class	6:15 pm	
Minha	6:45 pm	Regular

Service in the Sedaka Chapel

Women's Service in the main sanctuary for the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Serfaty

Seudah Shlisheet	7:15 pm
featuring Devar Torah by Rachel Serfaty	
Arvit/Havdala	8:00 pm
Shabbat Ends	8:19 pm

Sunday, September 2 & Monday September 3

Selihot	7:30 pm
Shaharit	8:30 am
Daf Yomi	9:15 am
Minha/Arvit	7:15 pm

Weekly Service Schedule Tues-Fri

Selihot	6:00 am
Shaharit	7:00 am
Daf Yomi	8:00 am
Minha/Arvit	7:15 pm

*The Shabbat Youth Program is for children ages 4-12.

This Shabbat we are celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Dina Serfaty. Rachel is the daughter of Mathias Serfaty and Alicia Myara. Rachel will be conducting a special women's service Shabbat afternoon, where she will lead Mincha and read portions of Parashat Ki Tavo. All our women congregants are invited to attend. The Myara family will then sponsor a special seudah shlisheet in honor of Rachel, after which Rachel will lead us and her guests in a Havdalah service. All are welcome! Rachel is joined in this simcha by her grandparents, David and Odette Myara of Delray Beach, Florida, and lots of family and friends from New York, New Jersey, Florida and Maryland. Rachel's sister Laura, who recently made aliyah, will be returning from Israel to celebrate with Rachel. We wish Rachel and her family mazal tov!

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Shabbat Kiddush

The Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by the Chabbott family in memory of Hyman Ben Mazal Chabbott A"H.

The Seudah Shlisheet is sponsored by the Myara family in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah.

Why not sponsor a Kiddush lunch or Seudah Shlisheet in honor or memory of a loved one? Contact Sisterhood President, Elizabeth Maroof at magendavidinfo@aol.com for more information.

Mazal Tov

We would like to wish mazal tov to the following members:

Abe & Marcia Akresh on the birth of their grandson Zachary David Akresh born on July 30.

Do you have news you'd like to share with the community? Email the details to the [office](#)

Ruach Program Starts on September 4

We are looking forward to another wonderful year for the Ruach Program.

Children who attend this program will learn the following:

- 1) Foundations - The fundamental beliefs and practices of Judaism as illustrated through inspiring stories and discussions
- 2) Heritage - An overview of the history, culture and variety of Sephardic Judaism
- 3) Tefillah - The children will also become familiar and comfortable with various parts of the regular Shabbat service so that they are empowered to participate more actively in the prayers at Magen David.

The curriculum this year will focus on Shabbat in the home. We will learn Sephardic melodies for Shalom Alekhem, Eshet Hayil, Azamer Bishvahin, Kiddush, Shabbat Songs, Birkat Hamazon and Havdala.

Class will be held Tuesday evenings beginning on September 4, the format will be as follows:

5:00-5:30 Hebrew reading (for those students that need it)

or Advanced Study and Taamim (for those not needing Hebrew reading support)

5:30-5:45 Pizza Break and Birkat Hamazon

5:50-6:30 Ruach Program

Advance registration is requested. Registration forms available in the lobby or [download a form here](#)
Tuition will be \$210 per family for members of Magen David,
and \$300 for non members.
Pizza is \$5 per child per week.

Please contact the office or Rabbi Maroof with questions about this program.
office 301-770-6818
[office email](#)
Rabbi Maroof 301-357-0129
[Rabbi's email](#)

Friday Night Dinner-September 7

Please join us for a warm and wonderful communal Friday night dinner on September 7, 2012.
Evening entertainment by acclaimed Sephardic singer Gerard Edery.
Everyone is invited to attend.

\$25 per person
\$12 per child 12 years old and younger
[Payment link](#) All profits from the dinner will go to the Kiddush Buddy Fund
so that we may continue to provide the Kiddush luncheon.

Registration for the dinner is due to the office by Wednesday, September 5.
Register by calling or emailing the office. 301-770-6818 or office@magendavidsephardic.org
We cannot accept registrations at the door.

Shir HaShirim 6:15 pm
Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm
Dinner will immediately follow services.
For more information, please contact the office at office@magendavidsephardic.org

Teen Programs

Hayride

Join us on Sunday, September 9 for a hayride at Butlers Orchard.
We'll meet at the synagogue at 5:15 and make our way to the farm by carpool.
After a fun and bumpy ride we will have an evening bonfire, with marshmallows to toast of course.
\$10 per person, bring your friends too.
Please rsvp to Kim Meltzer at kimcronin.meltzer@gmail.com

Youth Group Meet-Up

Middle School/ High School Wednesday's at 7pm downstairs at Magen David beginning
on September 5.
Come hang out. Play some games, and do a little learning.
For more information please contact Kim Meltzer at kimcronin.meltzer@gmail.com

High Holidays 5773

Sweeten your High Holidays....join us at Magen David.

We have seats available for members and non members, students, and young professionals.

Download all necessary forms [here](#).

We have booked a block of rooms at the North Bethesda Marriott for both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. If you would like to book one of the rooms please call the synagogue office.

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Shabbat Opportunities for Our Children

We would love to see your child participate more actively in Shabbat services! There are many opportunities for children of all ages to take part in the prayers.

Girls 5-10 years old, and boys 5-12, may do one or more of the following:

1) Assist with opening and closing the Ark when we remove/return the Torah scrolls

2) Carry the Sefer Haftara (post-Bar Mitzvah boys may carry the Torah)

3) Stand at the Tevah and assist in chanting Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday night), Nishmat Kol Hai, Yishtabach, Shema Yisrael, El Adon, Kedusha or Ein Kelohenu. The Rabbi will make recordings of these prayers available to you for practice and preparation at home.

Boys who can read Hebrew and are 7 years of age or older may read an Aliyah of the Torah and/or Haftara on Shabbat. Girls who can read Hebrew may prepare to chant a section of Shir Hashirim on Friday Night, or a portion of one of the Megillot on Purim, Pesah, Shavuot or Sukkot. The Rabbi will gladly work with you privately to prepare him/her in advance for this.

Please contact the Rabbi or Gabbai and make arrangements for your child to take advantage of one of these beautiful opportunities for participation in our services.

Rabbi Maroof rjmaroof@yahoo.com

Rami Levi ramilevi77@gmail.com

Haftara Requests

Please note that if you wish to read the Haftara on a specific Shabbat you must communicate this to the Gabbai four weeks in advance. The first person to reserve a particular Haftara will be given that Haftara - no reassignments will be made, regardless of circumstances. Since the Gabbai cannot take responsibility for keeping track of all of your memorial dates, azkarot, etc., please be sure to take the initiative and reserve the Haftarah that you need four weeks ahead of time. You can reach the Gabbi at 301-775-9662 or by email at ramilevi77@gmail.com.

In The Community...

Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation at the Library of Congress in cooperation with the Embassy of the Czech Republic, Washington Jewish Film Festival and the Hebrew Language Table presents:

WHAT: FILM "MILOS FORMAN - WHAT DOESNT' KILL YOU..."

CELEBRATING OSCAR WINNING DIRECTOR MILOS FORMAN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEN : SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 (TUESDAY) AT NOON

WHERE: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PICKFORD THEATER, MADISON BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR.

The Library, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic, presents a new ongoing film series, "Docs in Salute" focusing on interesting personalities that have been touched by Jewish themes. The series is dedicated to

Forman's parents who died in the concentration camps. The first screening in the series takes viewers inside the life of acclaimed Czech-American director Milos Forman. His films include One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Amadeus, and the People vs. Larry Flynt. The series will feature four documentaries including noon - time screenings on September 4, September 19, October 10 and October 17.

PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Ricky & Me Learn Live column will be featured weekly in our newsletter. Ricky Cohen deals with real issues in real time, with courage, a high level of ethics and honesty. The column is the Untorah Torah and applies Ancient Wisdom to Modern Living. We hope you enjoy it! [Click here](#) to link to Ricky & Me Learn Live.

WEEKLY VIGIL TO FREE ALAN GROSS....Attend the vigil this Monday

The Jewish and interfaith communities of Greater Washington will not stand idly by as one of its own remains in captivity. Attend one of the upcoming vigils for Alan Gross' freedom - every Monday outside the Cuban Interests Section. Vigils will continue each Monday until Alan comes home.

Location: Cuban Interests Section (2630 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC)

When: Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00pm For updates on times and dates of future vigils, follow

@FREEALANGROSS on twitter.

Visit www.jccouncil.org/freealangross for more information about Alan Gross and how YOU can help. To sign the petition to free Alan Gross please [click here](#)

Eruv Status

To check the status of the eruv, call 240-627-1661 later Friday afternoons.

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