



5771 holds the promise of a bright new year. We hope it holds health and happiness for you and your family.

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## September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 24th of Elul, 5770 7:20p Candle lighting	4 25th of Elul, 5770 8:49p Havdalah (72 min)
5	6	7	8 29th of Elul, 5770 <a href="#">Erev Rosh Hashana</a> 7:13p Candle lighting	9 1st of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Rosh Hashana</a> <a href="#">5771</a>	10 2nd of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Rosh Hashana II</a> 7:09p Candle lighting	11 3rd of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Shabbat Shuva</a> 8:38p Havdalah (72 min)
12 4th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Tzom Gedaliah</a>	13	14	15	16	17 9th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Erev Yom Kippur</a> 6:58p Candle lighting	18 10th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Yom Kippur</a> 8:27p Havdalah (72 min)
19	20	21	22 14th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Erev Sukkot</a> 6:50p Candle lighting	23 15th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot I</a>	24 16th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot II</a> 6:47p Candle lighting	25 17th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot III (CH"M)</a> 8:15p Havdalah (72 min)
26 18th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot IV (CH"M)</a>	27 19th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot V (CH"M)</a>	28 20th of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot VI (CH"M)</a>	29 21st of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba)</a> 6:39p Candle lighting	30 22nd of Tishrei, 5771 <a href="#">Shmini Atzeret</a>		

**In order to help those of our neighbors who are in need in these tough economic times, Yad Shalom asks you to share your blessings with those less fortunate than you by bringing cans or boxes of non-perishable food items whenever you join your Yad Shalom family at services. We will see to it that one of our local food banks receives our donation. Your contribution need not be kosher - our goal is that fewer persons go to bed hungry because of our generosity. We thank you so much.**

# HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION - SERVICES

Congregation Yad Shalom teams up again this year with Hillel at George Mason University. Members of Congregation Yad Shalom are welcome to attend services with the University's staff, students and guests. We request a donation of at least \$18/person. Send donations to: Congregation Yad Shalom, P.O. Box 1557, Centreville, VA 20122. Parking passes are available for \$10.

If you are not a member of Yad Shalom, please reply to this email and we will assist you in making arrangements.

## **SCHEDULE**

### Rosh Hashanah

#### Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening Service

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 P.M.

#### 1st Day Morning Service

Thursday, Sept. 9, 10:00 A.M.

### Yom Kippur

#### Kol Nidre - Evening Service

Friday, Sept. 17, 7:30 P.M.

#### Morning Service

Saturday, Sept. 18, 10:00 A.M.

#### Afternoon/Concluding Service

Saturday, Sept. 18, 6:00 P.M.

## **LOCATION**

George Mason University, Fairfax Campus, Student Union Building 2

[http://eagle.gmu.edu/map/fairfax.php?building=student\\_union2](http://eagle.gmu.edu/map/fairfax.php?building=student_union2)

Services led by Rabbi Michael Namath  
Cantorial Soloist - Carol Boyd Leon

Questions? [Yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:Yadshalom@yadshalom.com) or 703-579-6079.

# YAD SHALOM

## KIBBITZER

Elul 5770 –  
Tishrei 5771

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### Schedule of Services

#### **OCTOBER**

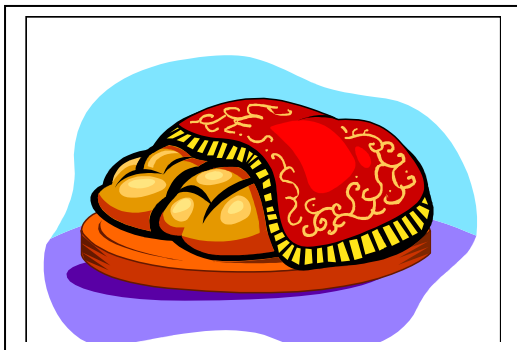
**Friday, 8: Shabbat Dinner and Service**

**Saturday, 23: Shabbat Service**

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Friday, 5: Shabbat Service**

**Saturday, 20: Shabbat Service**



Please remember that it is the tradition for members of the congregation to bring a snack and/or drink to share for our Oneg Shabbat after services. We thank you, as always, for your generosity.



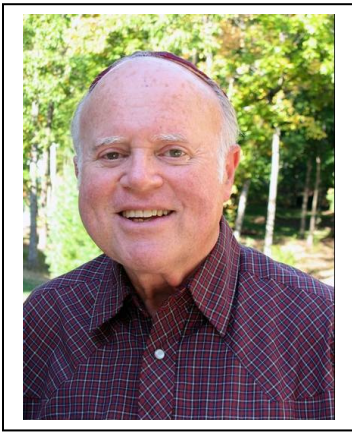
#### HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

TO:

- 1 – Laurie Braunstein
- 4 – David Goldenzweig
- 10 – Michael Sunray
- 12 – David Golden
- 14 – Wendy Golden
- 17 – Brendan and Connor Gillooly
- 18 – Gloria Pioso
- 23 Mark Braunstein
- 23 – Jerry Gordon
- 29 – Evelyn Bystran



**SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> to: Fran and  
Bob Lasken**



## Chanting Along With Cantor Zucker

We recently had a *Shabbat* morning service held in mid-August, perhaps the first time ever that Yad Shalom has met for religious services during the summer. It so happens that we met on *Shabbat Shoftim* which was also the weekly portion when my beloved father – may he rest in peace – became a *bar mitzvah*. He was the youngest of six children – all his siblings were girls – and he lost his father at the age of three. Like many other families, there were not a lot of resources for an elaborate *bar mitzvah*. He was called up to the *Torah* on a Thursday morning which he recalled was followed by a small *Kiddush* of some cake and whiskey, called in Yiddish “*leikech und bronfen*”. There was no time after the morning service for having some guests light candles and give speeches in rhyme, no decorated dining tables, certainly no caterer . . . people had to get to work right after a quick prayer service at which the *Torah* was read and there was one *aliyah* for the *bar mitzvah* boy.

The *Haftarah* is not read on regular weekday mornings; remember the press of time on the daily worshippers laboring for six days of the week. Years later, my father gave me a guidebook for *Torah* readers, *Tikkun L’kor’im*, when I was ten that I still use now to prepare for Yad Shalom services. My father had me tutored in reading from the *Torah* scroll which I did at Congregation *Shaare Zedek* located in Manhattan from ages 10-12 so that not long thereafter, I became my own *bar mitzvah* tutor.

*Shoftim* (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9) is the fifth of eleven *Torah* portions in the final Book of Moses. We conclude and commence public reading of the Five Books of the *Torah* on *Simhat Torah* so that most of Deuteronomy is read during the summer months. *Shoftim*, like Article III of the Constitution of the United States, authorizes a legal system of judges and courts for the Children of Israel. The third verse of *Shoftim* proclaims: “**Justice, justice shall you pursue so that you may thrive on the land that God gives you.**” The Hebrew word for “Justice” is *Zedek*. The Hebrew word we use for charity is *Zedakah*, from the word *Zedek*. So charity, or *Zedakah*, is not just an act of kindness but an act of **justice**. We should give *Zedakah* because it is the **just** thing to do; if we have more than we need while others don’t have enough to survive, it is only **just** to be charitable so everyone at least has enough to live.

In *Shoftim*, Moses anticipates that the Children of Israel will eventually want to appoint a king to rule over them like all the other nations around them (Deuteronomy 17:14). Moses cautions them about a king who wishes to amass horses (and possibly return to Egypt), have many wives and also amass gold and silver. As guidance for the Israelite king, his majesty is required to have a scroll of the *Torah* written for him and then keep on reading it so that he stays on the right path as king of the people. As for amassing horses, Moses quotes God about ever returning to Egypt when he says: “you must not go back that way again”. When the Babylonians conquered Judah, destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple, and also exiled a large number of Judeans to Babylonia (where they ultimately flourished), a group of Judeans grabbed Jeremiah the Prophet – who predicted the Babylonian exile to the Judean leadership – and then fled to Egypt with him hoping to find sanctuary there. So “going back to Egypt” was not far from the minds of many Israelites/Judeans even after so many years passed since the Exodus.

Much of Deuteronomy contains Moses’ final oration to the Children of Israel. He knows he’s not going to lead them much longer and wants them to remember the basics as they go on to conquer the land from

its current inhabitants. Most important is his constant warning not to follow their customs, no matter how enticing. “When you enter the land that God is giving you, don’t imitate the abhorrent practices of those nations” (Deuteronomy 18:9). Moses was right in thinking that it would be easy for the Children of Israel to get sucked into ‘getting along’ with the very people that their mission from God is to now wipe out. It happened when the Moabites tried a different strategy, other than military, in trying to stop the Children of Israel from continuing on their mission to inhabit the land promised to them; the Moabite strategy simply was licentious behavior. Aaron’s forceful grandson, Pinchas, stepped in to squelch commingling with Moabites on the spot (Numbers 25) and was highly commended for stopping it.

The Levites, the tribe that Aaron and Moses came from, did not have a tribal inheritance like the twelve tribes. They did have at least three cities on either side of the Jordan River which were also designated as cities of refuge. If someone is killed and the relatives want to take revenge on the killer, the killer can flee to one of these cities of refuge (Deuteronomy 19:3-11). After an investigation and trial (where at least two witnesses are required to testify on criminal charges) are held and the refuge-taker is found not guilty of murder, the innocent defendant is protected from revenge-taking by aggrieved relatives. If however the refuge-taker is found guilty of murder, the murderer is removed from refuge and punished for a capital crime.

*Shoftim* also describes psychological aspects of battle preparation. Before the troops are sent off to fight, they are asked and must tell: (1) whether they built a new house but didn’t dedicate it; (2) whether they planted a new vineyard but didn’t harvest it; (3) whether they became engaged to marry but didn’t marry yet, or; (4) whether they are indeed afraid or disheartened to go out and fight the common enemy. Those who may lose their new home, new vineyard, new bride or are just plumb afraid to go out to fight are then exempted from service.

The battle plan is different depending on who the enemy is. Where the enemy is not in the Land of Israel but resides far away, only the enemy males may be killed in battle while their women and children (and their cattle and other property) kept. However, the nations that lived in the land that was to become the Land of Israel (after Moses is gone, and Joshua becomes the leader) were to be totally wiped out in this conquest because God did not want the Children of Israel to copy the dreadful practices and rituals of these folks – should they be allowed to remain and thus become a hindrance to the new settlers.

There is lots of fascinating material in *Shoftim*. Unlike the style in Genesis where there is a series of events tied to a familial relationship to the founding fathers and mothers of the Jewish people, our great leader and teacher, Moses, is here trying to cram in as many warnings and caution marks to his people before he leaves them. Remember how they behaved after he was gone for just forty days and nights to get the first set of Ten Commandment tablets? Remember the golden calf? Can you imagine what Moses thought they were capable of doing to anger God after Moses leaves them for good?

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The High Holy Days (HIHO) are very early this year starting only two (2) days after Labor Day on Wednesday evening, September 8, 2010 for day No. 1 of *Rosh Hashanah*. We will commence *Yom Kippur* on Friday, September 17, as we gather for *Kol Nidre* at 6:30 p.m. The final *shofar* blast ending this long, solemn day will sound close to 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, September 18.

# President's Message

## Gloria Pioso

September 2010

As we start 5771, I want to wish you, your family, friends, loved ones, friends, this congregation, our entire community and all of Israel:

- **A year of happiness.** May you find true joy and contentment with your life, your family, your work, your current situation and all that surrounds you. May you find inner peace regardless of what this year has in store.
- **A year filled with sweetness.** May your joys outnumber your sorrows, anxieties, and worries. Let your *kvelling* outweigh your *kvetching*. As you celebrate the birth of your children and grandchildren, awards, graduations, Bar/Bat mitzvah, weddings, and accomplishments, please share this joy so we all celebrate together. May we be comforted in times of sorrow by the sweetness of our *simchas* this year.
- **A year of prosperity.** We live in a land of plenty and so many of us have more than we need. May our business and financial endeavors succeed and prosper so that we may do good things for our children, our congregation, and our entire community. Let's remember those whose fortunes are not as great as ours. Remember what Hillel taught us: *Who is rich? One who is content with their lot.* May 5771 bring you this contentment.
- **A year of good health.** May 5771 bring you and your loved ones a year of physical and mental good health. May you be free of all kinds of pain. Let us help those amongst us who are not enjoying their best right now. When you are not at your best, try to accept the help, prayers, kind wishes and good intentions of others. Let's not forget the caregivers who shoulder much of the burden. When you can assist or relieve those suffering now, you yourself will find your own joy in helping others.
- **A year of being written in the Book of Life.** May you find comfort in your own level of spirituality. May our Jewish traditions and teachings inspire and comfort you. Let our little congregation bring you tremendous hope and joy. May these raise you to a higher level and a better place. What did the sound of the shofar call to you this year?
- **A year of peace.** May *Eretz Yisrael* and all of our People know true peace. May our family in Israel have a year without bombs, kidnappings, threats, murder and mayhem. May negotiations and discussions surrounding them be for true peace and security. May we find the safety and shelter we all need.
- **A year of learning.** Learn something new today. Strive for daily learning and intellectual stimulation. We are fortunate to have so many opportunities to learn here every day. Challenge yourself through classes, programs, and your own personal drive. Think about what you have learned professionally and what you do not know in your profession. Challenge yourself completely outside your profession.

Make sure you learn something new about every Jewish holiday every year. Read a new book. When you do learn something new, please share this with others. Make sure you pass your learning, and desire to learn, on to the next generation. Do not become a *dead end* for learning. If you want to know if you learned something, try teaching this to others. We can all become "rabbis" to each other.

- **A year of adventure.** Many in our congregation are enjoying personal, professional, and physical adventures of their own choosing. Let's cheer on those accepting these wonderful challenges - where ever these adventures may take them. Let's look forward to everyone's safe return and embrace them and their accomplishments.
- **A year of acceptance and understanding.** As our congregation and members go through time and changes, let's be tolerant of all, accepting of differences, and loving to all. Our *doors* are always open to all. Let no one feel shut out of our Jewish community here for any reason. Let those of us who feel firmly established here reach out to those who do not feel the same way. Let's make changes within to help us, our congregation, and our entire community learn and grow. Work to make 5771 a great year for all.

On behalf of myself, my family, the Board of Directors, and all of Congregation Yad Shalom, I wish you a very sweet, happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. SHANAH TOVAH U'METUKAH!

L'Shanah Tovah,  
Gloria Pioso

**Donations are gratefully appreciated because  
they help us serve the community and help us grow**

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Centreville, Virginia 20122

*THANK YOU!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

### JOIN YAD SHALOM ON A FIELD TRIP

**Apples and Honey for Rosh Hashanah. A good New Year, a sweet New Year. Apples and Honey for Rosh Hashanah.**

**Please join us for APPLE PICKING!**

**WHO: Everyone is welcome. This is a fun activity for all ages.**

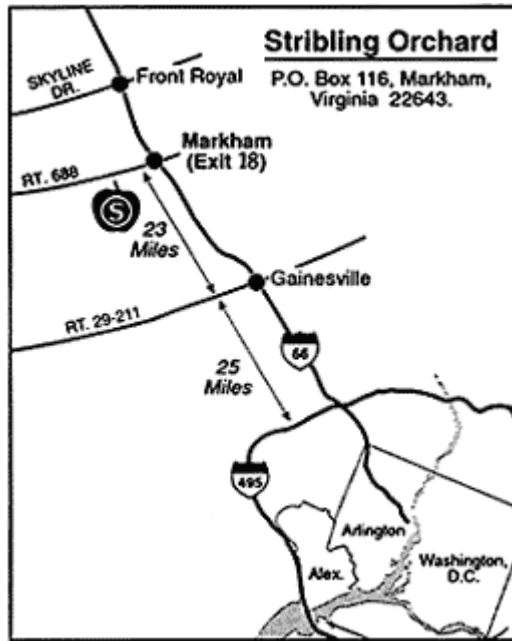
**WHEN: Sunday, September 5, 2010, 12:00 NOON. This is the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah. We will meet at the Harvest House.**

**WHAT: Apple picking from a local orchard. Purchase fresh honey from their own bee hives. Visit their website to find out which varieties are available. These are the ones we are expecting at this time.**

Varieties	Color	Description	Baking or Eating	Date
Gala	Red/Yellow	Sweet, popular for eating fresh	Eating	Late August/Early September
McIntosh	Red/Green	Slightly tart, great all-round	Both	Late August/Early September
Empire	Red/Green	Slightly sweet, cross between McIntosh and Red Delicious	Eating	Late August/Early September
Cortland	Red/Green	Slightly tart, related to McIntosh, big	Both	Late August/Early September
Honey Crisp	Red/Yellow	Like the name says	Both	Early September
Red Delicious	Red	Sweet, tender, classic eating apple	Eating	September
Golden Delicious	Yellow	Sweet	Eating	September
Jonathan	Red	Semi-tart, great older apple variety	Both	September
Grimes Golden	Yellow	Sweet, crisper than Golden Delicious	Both	September

<http://striblingorchard.com/Orchard.asp>

**WHERE: Stribling Orchard.**



## **DIRECTIONS**

[Click Here to Map It With Google!](#)

### **From Northern VA/Washington D.C.:**

Take I-66 West to Exit 18, Markham, Virginia. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 688 South. At the stop sign, go straight across Route 55. At the next stop sign, turn right following Route 688. Go across the railroad tracks. The orchard is the first driveway on the left. (look for signs)

**COST:** The only charges are for the items you purchase.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Wear appropriate closed shoes for walking through the orchard. Be prepared for the weather.

Please let us know if you plan to join us.

Questions? [Yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:Yadshalom@yadshalom.com) or 703-579-6079.

## **HELP WANTED, PLEASE**

I am a Pleasant Sukkah, in need of a good, temporary home. I prefer a flat back yard or open deck. I am adaptable and can be constructed to fit your space. Remember, I will stay only a few days. ☺

If you can host our sukkah and visitors on Sunday, September, 26th, please reply to this email. Todah Rabah!

## ENTERTAINMENT 2011 IS HERE!

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Please Contact Bob Lasken at [blasken@yahoo.com](mailto:blasken@yahoo.com) to reserve your book or ask a question

OR

Just mail in your order with a check to:

Congregation Yad Shalom

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Centreville, VA 20122

Thank you for your support of Congregation Yad Shalom

## WISH YOUR YAD SHALOM FAMILY A “GUT YEAR”

**We are now compiling our Yahrtzeit/Memorial Book and New Year's Greetings for 5771. Please send your requests, greetings and checks to:**

**Congregation Yad Shalom**

**P.O. Box 1557**

**Centreville, VA 20122**

**If you have any updates to your yahrtzeit information, please let us know.**

**Rates are: \$18 per 1/4 page**

**\$36 per 1/2 page**

**\$54 per full page**

## ADVERTISE WITH YAD SHALOM

**Congregation Yad Shalom is now accepting advertising in our monthly newsletter. We reach over 150 Jewish homes in our local region. Please get in touch at [yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:yadshalom@yadshalom.com) for more information regarding what we need to include your ad in our next Kibbitzer.**

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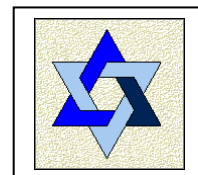
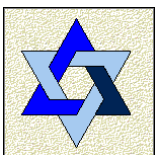
## JEWISH HUMOR FOR ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR

A Jewish parent calls his son in New York. The father says to David, "I hate to tell you, but your mother and I can't stand each other anymore, and we are divorcing. That's it!! I want to live out the rest of my years in peace. I am telling you now, so you and your sister shouldn't go into shock later when I move out." The father hangs up, and David immediately calls his sister in California and tells her the news. The sister says, "I'll handle this." The sister calls Florida and gets her father on the phone. She pleads to her father, "Don't do ANYTHING 'til David and I get there! We will be there Wednesday night." The father says, "All right, all right already." When the father hangs up the phone he hollers to his wife, "Okay, they're coming for Rosh Hashanah."

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Ben Cohen is a devoutly religious man who believes in the power of prayer. His house is caught in the rising waters of a devastating flood. A row boat comes by to rescue him; he refuses it because he waits for his God to save him. As the waters rise, Cohen climbs higher and higher up his house, refusing each successive boat that comes by. Finally he drowns and goes to heaven. He complains bitterly to the Lord that he was such a good Jew and yet the Lord had forsaken him. "How can you say that?" the Lord retorts. "I sent four boats for you!"

Do you have a joke to share? Send to [yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:yadshalom@yadshalom.com)



### SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS – WE REMEMBER THEM

9/17 – Sheila Sunray's Mother

9/18 – Stella Wiesman's Father, Aaron Hiney

9/20 – Aileen Fields' Husband, Lewis Fields

9/20 – The Golden Family, Arnold Warhaftig

9/27 – The Golden Family, Benjamin Warhaftig

9/28 – Robert Lasken's Mother, Adele Lasken

9/29 – The Golden Family – Morris Holtzman



## Congregation Yad Shalom Schedule of Services 2010-2011

### October

Friday, 8: Shabbat Dinner & Service

Saturday, 23: Shabbat Service

### November

Friday, 5: Shabbat Service

Saturday, 20: Shabbat Service

### December

Sunday, 5: Chanukah Party, home

Friday, 17: Shabbat Service

Saturday, 25: Dinner Out

### January

Friday, 7: Shabbat Service

Saturday, 22: Tu B'Shevat Seder

### February

Sunday, 6: Super Bowl Party

Friday, 11: Shabbat Dinner & Service

Saturday, 26: Shabbat Service

### March

Friday, 4: Shabbat Service

Saturday, 19: Purim Service

### April

Friday, 9: Shabbat Service

Tuesday, 19: Passover Seder

### May

Friday, 6: Shabbat Dinner & Service

Saturday, 21: Shabbat Service

### June

Saturday, 4: Torah Amongst the

Trees Service at E. C. Lawrence Park

Sunday, 19: Annual Meeting &

Picnic

Friday, 24: Shabbat Service

### **PLEASE NOTE (Unless otherwise stated)**

✧ **Friday evening services are held 8:00 – 10:00pm.**

✧ **Shabbat dinners start at 6:30pm.**

✧ **Saturday morning services are held 10:00am – 12:00pm.**

✧ **Services are held in Little Rocky Run, Rec. Center #3**

**13900 Stonefield Drive, Clifton, VA 20124**

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*Please join us. Everyone is welcome.*

## Membership Application

We love having visitors and love talking to new members so please feel free to spend some time with us in our religious services and/or social events. If you have any questions, please call our President, Lee Oppenheim, at 703-753-0928. And if you would like to join us, GREAT!

Please fill out the following application and submit to: Congregation Yad Shalom,  
P.O. Box 1557, Centreville, VA 20122

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mo/day/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (mo/day/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (mo/day/yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Children and Birth Date (s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership: \$700 (Married Jewish couple with children under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ Married Couple Membership: \$600 (Married Jewish couple without children under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Individual Membership: \$500 (Jewish man or woman with child(ren) under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership: \$180 (You belong to another synagogue but want to join Yad Shalom as well)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership: \$400 (Single Jewish man or woman or one married to non-Jewish partner)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested but need more information. Please contact me.