

Welcome to the first newsletter of 5783.

The remnants from Hurricane Ian forced us to cancel out Oktoberfest celebration at the Brookeville Beer Farm, scheduled for this **Sunday, Oct. 2**. The most recent forecast called for a 70% chance of rain, and while there is a covered area, we'd have to schlep through the mud to get there and the fun of the beer farm is sitting outdoors on a nice day. We can try again in the spring.

Here's what else we have planned, thanks largely to the efforts of program chair Stephen Goldberg:

HEALTH FAIR

Our award-winning annual health fair will take place beginning at 10 a.m. **Sunday, Oct. 9**. We will offer health screenings and a chance to Ask the Doctors about your concerns. Breakfast will be served. Big thanks to Bram Hass and his committee for seeing this through. Bram is also working on a nighttime Zoom health-related event on **Wednesday, Oct. 26**, with details to come.

POLITICAL FORUM

For two decades, the Men's Club has welcomed Maryland's most prominent politicians to our synagogue in October of election years to talk about their candidacies and field question from the audience. This year is no exception. We have acceptances from three candidates: Dan Cox, the Republican nominee for governor; Marc Elrich, the Montgomery County executive; and Reardon Sullivan, Elrich's Republican challenger. We're still trying to get Democratic gubernatorial nominee Wes Moore, but so far he turned us down because he rejected a format that we don't do. The forum will begin at 10 a.m. **Sunday, Oct. 23**, and will be moderated by award-winning Washington-based political reporter Jonathan Salant, a co-president of the Men's Club. Breakfast will be served.

THE OTHER ELECTION

Montgomery County residents go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8, to elect a governor, comptroller, U.S. senator, House member and county executive. Seven days earlier, Israelis will choose their next leader. To discuss the Israeli election, we've invited our shlichah, Uriel Lin, and her counterparts at two other area synagogues. They'll end their discussion with a Pub Quiz. We'll serve dessert and Israeli wines at an event co-sponsored with the Sisterhood.

Admission is free but please RSVP by Monday, Oct. 24, to co-president Alan Isenberg at alanisenberg_rph@yahoo.com

GOING GREEN

Curious about electric cars? Solar panels?

Lawyer Rob Kimmer owns a Tesla and gets electricity from the solar panels on his house. He will offer some tips and discuss why he decided to go green at a program beginning at 10 a.m. **Sunday, Nov. 6**.

Breakfast will be served. Admission is free but please RSVP to Alan at alanisenberg_rph@yahoo.com so we know how many bagels to buy.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Join us at the Museum of the Bible, 400 4th St. SW, on **Friday, Nov. 11**. It is near the Federal Triangle SW Metro stop on the orange, blue and silver lines.

It's Veterans Day, so many people will be off, and we've arranged for a one-hour, docent-led tour beginning promptly at 10:45 a.m. Please arrive at the museum at 10:30 a.m. to get your tickets. You're welcome to bring other members of your family.

The price for the visit is \$10 per person. The deadline to register is **Thursday, Oct. 27** at <https://www.bnaiisraelcong.org/event/museumofthebible>. Spaces are limited to please register soon.

For more information, contact Lew Gertz, our immediate past president, at lgertz@comcast.net.

SHAMASH AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the second annual Shamash Award, which was created by the Men's Club to honor members of the congregation who have donated their time and abilities to help others or support a meaningful cause. Nominees of all ages are welcome.

The deadline to nominate someone is Friday, Dec. 30. The award will be handed out as part of Men's Club Shabbat on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023.

For more information, contact David Sotsky, our award committee chair, at dsotsky1@gmail.com.

NO OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Due to the Jewish holidays, a bevy of Men's Club activities, and the midterm elections, we won't be meeting in October. Our next board meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. **Sunday, Nov. 16**. All Men's Club members are invited to attend.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for another year. Have an easy fast.

Shabbat shalom.
Jonathan and Alan