

Shalom! Welcome to Shoreshim

Founded in 1977, Shoreshim is a “shul without walls” whose membership is composed of Jewish (and interfaith) families and individuals who seek to renew and reinvent their Jewish experiences. We warmly welcome those of all backgrounds, races and orientations

Participatory and lay-led, Shoreshim does not employ the services of a full-time rabbi, instead we rely upon the creative expertise of our members to develop Shabbat and holiday services, social gatherings, and lifecycle events that reflect the interests, diversity and havurah-like atmosphere of our community. Shoreshim offers monthly Shabbat services, monthly community dinners, and services/celebrations for all the major Jewish holidays. We hold an annual weekend retreat, and participate in several community Tzedakah projects.

With member families from various Northern Virginia locales such as Reston, Herndon, Ashburn, Vienna, Oak Hill, Oakton, Potomac Falls and Great Falls, Shoreshim activities are usually held in the Reston area. For more information, please leave a voicemail at 703-923-3424 or email info@restonshoreshim.org and a Shoreshim Board Member will get back in touch with you as soon as possible.



Shoreshim Hebrew School

Mondays 4-6pm

Grades K-6

Shoreshim’s Religious School provides a warm, child-centered environment for learning both Judaics and Hebrew. Whatever your child’s age or level of religious education, Shoreshim welcomes you and your family! The school meets in Reston every Monday from 4-6pm, September through May (excluding Jewish and Fairfax County Public School holidays).

At Shoreshim, you will find a caring staff of experienced teachers who will ease your child’s transition and help him or her develop new friendships. Age-appropriate sessions captivate a child’s interest in his or her Jewish heritage through songs, drama, games, arts and crafts, and Midrash.

In recognition of Shoreshim’s many interfaith families, our Hebrew School staff makes every effort to provide an inclusive atmosphere for children with varying Jewish educational backgrounds. More information about Shoreshim and the Hebrew School may be found at our website at <http://www.restonshoreshim.org>.

Dues and Tuition

Shoreshim dues are \$300/year for each Adult Member. Hebrew School Tuition is \$450 per child.

High Holy Day Services

Shoreshim provides free of charge High Holy Day Services to the community. For location information, please call 703-923-3424.

Shoreshim provides a children’s Rosh Hashanah Day service.

Shoreshim’s Torah

Shoreshim is the proud owner of a rescued and restored Holocaust Torah. Our Torah is used during our High Holy Day services, Simchat Torah, and our B’nai Mitzvah services.

Shoreshim Activities

Shoreshim is a participatory community where all members are involved in organizing a holiday celebration as well as a Shabbat celebration. Most holiday and Shabbat celebrations are lay-led by members within Shoreshim. We do however use outside resources for some of our celebrations.

Shoreshim promotes educational, religious, cultural and social activities among its members. Some of these activities include:

- Torah Study Group
- Tzedakah Committee
- Music Group
- Social Committee
- Annual Weekend Retreat
- Organized trips to Museums
- Monthly Dinners Out
- Women’s Group

Shoreshim 2008-2009 Holiday Schedule

Hebrew School Open House

Monday, September 8, 2008 at 4:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 10:00 am

Yom Kippur Eve (Kol Nidre)

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur Day

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 10:00 am

Break Fast

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 6:00 pm

Sukkot

Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10:00 am

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 20, 2008 at 5:00 pm

Retreat

Friday-Sunday, November 14-16, 2008

Hanukah

Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 5:00 pm

TuB'Shevat

Sunday, February 8, 2009 at 5:30 pm

Purim

Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm

Passover

Sunday, April 11, 2009 at 5:00 pm

Shavuot

Friday, May 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm



Community Involvement

Shoreshim is actively involved in the community with regular volunteers working with Reston Interfaith and The Closet. Shoreshim also participates in the Embry Rucker Shelter Walk and other community events, such as Worksunday. Shoreshim has a Tzedakah committee that organizes Tzedakah throughout the year with focused activities each month.

2008-2009 Executive Board

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Shoreshim is affiliated with the Network for Independent Jewish Communities and Havurot of Greater Washington.

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An Inclusive, Participatory Jewish Community in Reston



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