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Dear Community Members,

On behalf of the Central Board and all Synagogue Boards, we would like to invite and encourage all Shabbat Shiras for weddings and engagements that take place after Lag B'Omer (starting with Shabbat, May 21) to be held at the Main Sanctuary of Shaare Shalom Synagogue.

We are making this request for several reasons:

- Our community has always been a role model in displaying respect for our parents and grandparents. It is only fitting that we help include them and let them share in the community's joyous celebrations.
- Shaare Shalom is better equipped to handle larger *shiras* and provide ample seating assigned to the *shira* families and their guests.
- When the smaller synagogues of the community have multiple *shiras*, they become overcrowded and lose the proper Shabbat decorum, as well as the level of safety needed for the congregants.

To reserve a *shira* day for your celebrations, please contact Minoos Hakimian at [Minoos@Mashadi.org](mailto:Minoos@Mashadi.org) or by calling the Synagogue office.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

UMJCA Central Board

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