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The Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington and its Lillian & Albert Small Jewish Museum preserve, chronicle, and present the story of the local Jewish community through archival collections, exhibits, educational programs, publications, and the restoration and preservation of the oldest synagogue building in the nation's capital (now the Lillian & Albert Small Jewish Museum).

Learn more about Jewish life in Northern Virginia, and how you can get involved in the local Jewish community. Visit The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington at www.shalomnova.org to find out more!

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1. **Beth El Hebrew Congregation**
   - Founded in 1859, Beth El Hebrew Congregation worshipped on this site from 1871 to 1957.
   - **Did you know?** Beth El was the third Jewish congregation in Virginia.

2. **Lewis Baar's Home**
   - King Street, between Pitt and St. Asaph
   - Lewis Baar was a prominent Alexandria shopkeeper during the Civil War.
   - **Did you know?** His home (in the middle of this block) hosted Beth El's Yom Kippur services in 1860.

3. **Hayman's Shoes**
   - 500 King Street
   - Hayman's Shoes was on this spot during most of the 20th century.
   - **Did you know?** Joseph Hayman, a Jewish immigrant from Russia, founded the store in 1902.

4. **Henry Strauss's Shop**
   - King Street, between Royal and Fairfax
   - German immigrant Henry Strauss ran a boot-and-shoe store here just after the Civil War.
   - **Did you know?** Strauss served as mayor of Alexandria during the 1890s.

5. **Alexandria City Hall**
   - King & North Fairfax Streets
   - Designed by the noted Washington architect Adolph Cluss, the city hall was constructed in 1871.
   - **Did you know?** Alexandria has had two Jewish mayors: Henry Strauss (1891-1897) and Leroy Bendheim (1955-1961).

6. **Brager-Goldsmith Store**
   - 108 King Street
   - Joseph Brager and his son-in-law, Emanuel Goldsmith, ran a clothing shop here in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
   - **Did you know?** You can still see the name "Goldsmith" on the top of the building's façade.

7. **Dreifus Family Business**
   - South Union and Prince Streets
   - The Dreifus family once ran a scrap business in this building.
   - **Did you know?** You can still see the name "J. Dreifus and Sons" painted on the front of the building.

8. **Agudas Achim**
   - 508 Wolfe Street
   - Founded in 1914, the Orthodox Agudas Achim served Alexandria's Eastern European Jewish community in this former home on this site from 1928 to 1947.
   - **Did you know?** The house into which Agudas Achim moved in 1928 had served as a Civil War hospital.

9. **Confederate Statue**
   - Prince & South Washington Streets
   - During the Civil War, Confederate soldiers left for battle from this location.
   - **Did you know?** Several Jewish Alexandrians fought in the Civil War.

10. **Home of Peace Cemetery and Agudas Achim Cemetery**
    - Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, near Wilkes & South Payne Streets
    - The Hebrew Benevolent Society established Home of Peace in 1857.
    - **Did you know?** The cemetery was started two years before the founding of Beth El Hebrew Congregation.

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