

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2024
TAMMUZ - ELUL 5784



CELEBRATING
Rabbi Dr. Margot Valles
with Visiting Scholar Rabbi Patrick Beaulier

SEPTEMBER 13-15

Shabbat Worship

Friday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat services honoring Rabbi Dr. Margot Valles with a *D'var Torah* from visiting scholar, Rabbi Patrick Beaulier. Services will be followed by an *oneg* in the Davis Family Social Hall.

There will be a Post-Services Hangout at Applebees (on the corner of Coolidge and Lake Lansing) with Rabbi Patrick.

You Are the Jewish Future

Havdallah and Special Program

Saturday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

As Director of Innovation at Pluralistic Rabbinical Seminary, Rabbi Patrick teaches rabbinical students about ways they will build the Jewish future. In this program, Rabbi Patrick will walk us through the many, varied, and sometimes unusual innovations that have risen in Jewish life, from online rabbinical schools to independent *minyanim* for Jews of color, from Jewish tattoo studios, the network of Jewish Creators and more.

Together we'll learn about the past, present and future of Jewish innovation. The program will culminate with an interactive project where we decide what we want our Jewish future to look like.

Family Celebration

Sunday, September 15 at 11:30 a.m.

A special program for families that begins during Shaarey Zedek Religious School.



Rabbi Patrick Beaulier is the Executive Director and President of the Board for PunkTorah, the parent organization of Darshan Yeshiva and Pluralistic Rabbinical Seminary. For his role at Pluralistic Rabbinical Seminary, "Rabbi Patrick" is Director of Innovation, focusing on helping students prepare for their rabbinic careers. Rabbi Patrick is also the co-spiritual leader of Kehillah, a pop-up Jewish community in Richmond, VA. Rabbi Patrick received his *smicha* (rabbinical ordination) from Rabbinical Seminary International and his Bachelor of Science degree with a focus on business administration from the City University of Seattle. He has additional training in Psychological First Aid, Prepare-Enrich, and other human services related skills that he brings into his relationships in his "online" and "in-person" life.



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

My father's first *yahrtzeit* (anniversary of death) was at the end of July. Tradition tells us that on a loved one's *yahrtzeit* we are to donate to *tzedakah* in order to continue the good works that our loved one did during their life, to light a *yahrtzeit* (memorial) candle, and to recite *Kaddish*.

Kaddish is a doxology, a praise of God; it is not a prayer per se. It is written in Aramaic, the daily language of our ancestors, with only the final line being in Hebrew. There are five forms of *Kaddish*:

1. *Chatzi Kaddish* (Half *Kaddish*): This version divides one rubric of the worship service from another. It concludes a section of the service.
2. *Kaddish Shaleim/Kaddish Titkabeil* (Full *Kaddish*): This marks the end of the statutory worship; those prayers which follow it were not originally part of worship.
3. *Kaddish DeRabbanan* (The Rabbis' *Kaddish*): This is recited after the study of Rabbinic literature.
4. *Kaddish Leltchadata* (Burial *Kaddish*): This version is recited at burial and at the conclusion of the study of an entire tractate of *Talmud*.
5. *Kaddish Yatom* (Orphan's *Kaddish*): This is often referred to as the "Mourner's *Kaddish*" and is recited in memory of loved ones during times of mourning, at *Yizkor*, and on the anniversary of one's death. (Many rabbis use this version of the doxology at burial since it is better known and more familiar for the mourners than the Burial *Kaddish*.)

Traditionally one recites *Kaddish* in the presence of a *minyan*, the quorum of ten Jewish adults needed for certain prayers, and it is only said by the mourners. (There are places in the *Kaddish* where the congregation responds, but the mourners say the entire doxology.) In Reform congregations, it is customary for the entire congregation to recite it together in order to express solidarity with those who mourn and to honor those Jews who have no descendants to say it in their memory.

Traditionally we say *Kaddish* in memory of our parents, siblings, spouses, and children. In memory of our parents, we are considered mourners for a full year, but it is customary to recite *Kaddish* for only eleven months. (There are many customs as to how many months one says *Kaddish* and there are many legends about why eleven months was chosen by many communities. Due to space constraints, we won't dig into these customs and reasons here.)

I decided after my dad died that I would say *Kaddish* in his memory. Although, as I noted above, it is traditionally said in the presence of a *minyan*, there isn't a daily *minyan* in our community, so I decided to keep the spirit of this custom by reciting *Kaddish* every night before going to bed. I kept a copy of the *Kaddish* on my nightstand and said it every night for eleven months, although admittedly I did miss saying it sometimes when I was out of town.

Despite not having the comfort of a community with me every day, I found great solace in this custom. It afforded me the opportunity to think of my dad at least once every day, to remember his smile and his laugh, and to recall the deep love we had for each other. I will always love him and honor his memory through the customs of our Jewish traditions and in my heart.

WE NEED YOU! HIGH HOLY DAYS PARTICIPATION REQUEST

As you know, Shaarey Zedek members-in-good-standing are encouraged to volunteer for a role during our High Holy Days celebrations. All participation will be confirmed in writing.

NEW THIS YEAR: On the first day of Rosh HaShanah and on Yom Kippur morning, we will have several group aliyot. On Yom Kippur morning our B'nei Mitzvah from September 2023-September 2024 will have a group aliyah. Other group aliyot will be announced in the August/September bulletin.

Rabbi Bigman will assign *Torah* and *Haftarah* readers. If you would like to learn to read or chant *Torah* or *Haftarah* this year, please contact her at rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com.

if you would like to participate in this year's High Holy Days. The following roles are open to members-in-good-standing this year:

Erev Rosh HaShanah, Wednesday, October 2: sit on *bimah* (up to 4 people), light candles, English reading prior to the *Kiddush*, open the Ark for the singing of *Avinu Malkeinu*, open the Ark for the chanting of *Aleinu*

Rosh HaShanah, Thursday, October 3: *hakafah* (carry the *Torah* scroll around the sanctuary before the reading), *aliyot* (3 people or couples), *hagbahah* (lifting the *Torah* scroll), *g'lilah* (dressing the *Torah* scroll)

Rosh HaShanah, Friday, October 4: *hakafah* (two people to carry the *Torah* scrolls around the sanctuary before and after the reading), *aliyot* (5 people or couples), *hagbahah* (two people to lift the two *Torah* scrolls), *g'lilah* (two people to dress the two *Torah* scrolls)

Kol Nidrei, Friday, October 11: our current and past presidents will participate in worship this evening

Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 12:

Morning Worship: *hakafah* (carry the *Torah* scroll around the sanctuary before the reading), *aliyot* (3 people or couples), *hagbahah* (lifting the *Torah* scroll), *g'lilah* (dressing the *Torah* scroll)

Afternoon (Minkhah) Worship: *aliyot* (3 people or couples), *hagbahah* (lifting the *Torah* scroll), *g'lilah* (dressing the *Torah* scroll)

Concluding (Ne'ilah) Worship: open the Ark at the conclusion of worship

If you would like to **sound the shofar** at the children's or adult services on one or both days of *Rosh HaShanah* and/or at the concluding service on *Yom Kippur*, please contact Rabbi Bigman.

Our **past presidents** will continue to be honored during the *Kol Nidrei* service.

We will also need **ushers** for all of the worship services on the High Holy Days. Please contact David Ely to volunteer. Thank you for helping to make this year's celebration the most meaningful ever!

High Holy Days Worship Schedule



Wednesday, October 2
Rosh Hashanah Evening
7:30 p.m. Worship Service



Thursday, October 3
Rosh Hashanah Day 1
9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service
4:00 p.m. *Tashlikh* / Birthday Party for the World

Friday, October 4
Rosh Hashanah Day 2
9:00 a.m. Conservative Morning Service

Friday, October 11
Kol Nidrei Evening
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Saturday, October 12
Yom Kippur Day
9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service
1:30 p.m. Adult Education
3:00 p.m. Healing Service
3:30 p.m. *Minkhah* Service
5:00 p.m. *Yizkor*
5:30 p.m. *Neilah*
6:30 p.m. Break Fast

Our *Tashlikh* Service will be combined with a "Happy Birthday to the World" party for children, complete with cake and festivities. Please join us at Harris Nature Center (3998 Van Atta Road, Okemos).

Letters of Reciprocity to attend High Holy Days services at other congregations are available to any Shaarey Zedek member-in-good-standing. Please contact the office. As is our policy, college students are welcome to join us for worship. They must show a valid student identification card upon entering the synagogue.

*Healing Service - Please Note: Due to the nature of the Healing Service and the mood we would like to impart, entrance to the *Minkhah* service will not begin until the Healing Service has concluded. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Char Epstein
John Eulenberg
Marcia Eulenberg
Celia Guro
Marilynn Jones
Mike Levine
Dany Rothfeld
Shari Wilson



MAZAL TOV!

Mazal tov to Elizabeth Sachs Basson and Marshall Basson on their recent marriage! Rabbi Bigman performed their wedding on Chebeague Island in Maine.



Oneg Sponsors

August 2 - Alan/Martha Bloomfield, Karen Brown,
Roslyn Covey

August 9 - Jordan Thompson *Bar Mitzvah*

August 16 - Marshall Basson/Elizabeth Sachs
Basson, Jeffrey Cherkinsky/Michelle
Erskine, Neil/Jan Isaacs

August 23 - Steve Feigelson, Jane/Bernie Finn,
Michael/Mary Levine

August 30 - Sisterhood

September 6 - Judith/Paul Zack, Sue/Jerry Weiss

September 13 - Ethel/John Anthony,

Marlene/Burt Altman, Mary/Steve Siet,
Courtney/Brian Vincent

September 20 - Sisterhood

September 27 - Sisterhood



SAVE THE DATES



SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! WORSHIP TIMES CHANGED FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER!

Shaarey Zedek Live!, our family-friendly, monthly musical worship is held on the second Friday of every month at 6 p.m. We celebrate monthly birthdays and anniversaries (with sweet birthday gifts for those under age 13!).

As we will be having a guest speaker on September 13 in honor of Rabbi Dr. Margot Valles, that evening's worship will be held at 7 p.m. and the Shaarey Zedek Live! worship will be moved to Friday, September 20. This year *Kol Nidrei* is on the second Friday of the month, so Shaarey Zedek Live! worship will be moved to Friday, October 18.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Larry Vert
2	Linda Gold
3	Michael Rubner
4	Marlene Altman
9	Steven Idema
10	Stephen Flaster
10	Ed Keller
11	Robbie Levine
13	Mitzi Goldstein
14	Lynne Page
14	Mark Silberstein
17	Lee Kronenberg
18	Aviva Panush
19	Bethany Hollender
19	Donald Gochberg
21	Randi Simon
21	Scott Mandel
22	Stephen Guertin
23	James Horowitz
25	Natalie Moser
27	Richard Merryman
27	Eli Schneider
31	Joanna Stark

3	Amanda & Steven Idema
3	Jerry & Jill Fine
5	Mike & Brenda Hull
11	Harvey & Irma Zuckerberg
12	Robert & Mary Lou Warnke
14	Jack & Judy Nolish
15	Bernard & Jane Finn
22	Stuart Landay & Susan Bathke
22	Aaron & Darlene Pollyea
31	Daniel & Kelly Feinberg

MAZAL TOV!

Dr. Jennifer and Mr. David Thompson invite our congregational family to join us in celebration as our son, Jordan Daniel Thompson, becomes *Bar Mitzvah* on Saturday, August 10 at 10 a.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. A *kiddush* lunch in the Davis Family Social Hall will be provided following the service.

For his *Mitzvah* Project, Jordan has been volunteering his time helping the cats and staff at the Constellation Cat Cafe in East Lansing, Michigan. This establishment runs a welcoming and inclusive coffee shop while simultaneously helping to care for and place for adoption many stray cats and kittens in the Lansing, Michigan area. We hope to see you in August to help us celebrate Jordan!

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Leia Kasen
1	Ken Adams
2	V Collins
2	Brenda Hull
8	Thea Glicksman
10	Vicki Brown
11	Zachary Dyme
12	Amy Rosenberg
12	Lauren Warshaw
13	Jason Moser
13	Oliver Jodoin
13	George Raso
18	Suzanne Lowe
18	Jill Mittleman
19	Roslyn Covey
19	Nell Kuhnmuensch
22	Wilbert Hines III
23	Howard Rittman
24	Rosanne Cherkinsky
24	Ken Norris
24	Darlene Pollyea Morgan
24	Beth Brauer
28	Talia Kalay
29	Burton Altman
29	David Mittleman
30	Sean Valles

5	Todd Cook & Rebecca Bahar Cook
6	Iris & Stephen Linder
6	Jeffrey & Vida Rothstein
11	Linda Gold & Michael Ranieri
15	Burton & Marlene Altman

יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Welcome



JOANNE GILBERT - PRESIDENT

Dr. Joanne Gilbert is the Charles A. Dana Professor Emerita of Communication at Alma College where throughout her 25-year career, she served as Chair of the Department of Communication and New Media Studies, the Humanities Division, the Faculty Personnel Committee, and the Department of Art and Design. Additionally, she chaired the Women's Resource Center of Mid-Michigan and was an active participant in several other community organizations. A Contributing Editor to Studies in American Humor and author of Performing Marginality: Humor, Gender, and Cultural Critique, her work has appeared widely in notable journals and collections. She has received numerous awards, including the Lilla A. Heston Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Interpretation and Performance Studies from the National Communication Association, and the Athena Award from the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce. Her performance background includes acting, directing, and performing professional stand-up comedy. She and her family have been members of Congregation Shaarey Zedek since 2011. She served as a board member from 2016 to 2019, chaired the Cultural Committee, the Social Justice Task Force, and the Sisterhood *Simchagram* Committee, and has led *Shabbat* services several times in the Rabbi's absence. Her fondest Shaarey Zedek memory is sharing a *B'not Mitzvah* with her daughter, Wren, in 2014.



JOHN ANTHONY - BUSINESS VP

John Anthony has been a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek for over 50 years. He received his Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University. In addition to providing business services to many specialty groups throughout Michigan, he was the general manager of the Michigan State Medical Society Physician Service Group. He is currently chairman of the Congregation Shaarey Zedek Endowment Fund.

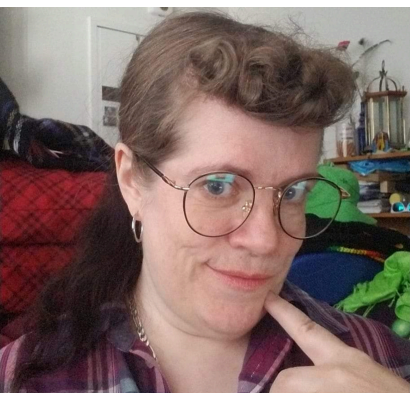


GABRIEL ELIA - EDUCATION VP

Gabriel Elia was born in Mexico City. In 2005 he moved to the United States to complete his medical training as a nephrologist, and he has been living in the Lansing area since 2010. Growing up he was an active participant in Jewish youth groups, and later on he was the leader of a pack of Jewish Cub Scouts. During college, he contributed to a program for Jewish college students. He has been a member of the Education Committee at Shaarey Zedek since 2017. He lives in Okemos with his wife, Giselle, and three children.

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RENEÉ HOLSCLAW - RECORDING SECRETARY

H. Reneé Holsclaw was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1973 to Russell and Jackie Holsclaw. She grew up in Lansing, Michigan – attending Sexton High School, Lansing Community College, and Michigan State University. She has an Associate's degree in Legal Assisting, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. She was a longtime member and officer in the nonprofit educational organization known as the Society for Creative Anachronism, which explores pre-17th century world history through re-creation and experimental archaeological techniques, and focused mostly on heraldry, onomastics, narrow-work fiber arts, and beadwork, with a sideline in the role of women in the early days of the Roman Empire. Reneé maintained an interest in Judaism and Jewish thought for over 2 decades before joining the Congregation in 2023.



RACHEL MINKIN - TRUSTEE

My name is Rachel Minkin and I am a long-time SZRS teacher, *Morah* Rachel. I work mostly with *Kitah Zayin*/ 7th grade and have recently started tutoring students preparing for *B Mitzvah*. My husband, Abe Wheeler, and I are very proud parents of our son Asa (*madrich* at SZRS and very recent confirmand) and daughter Miriam - she became *Bat Mitzvah* on Saturday, June 1. You may also know my mother, Judy Minkin - we're all in and around in various combinations so our faces are maybe familiar to you. By profession, I'm a librarian, currently serving as interim Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning at the MSU Libraries. My specialty is in Reference and Instruction, helping novice information seekers as they begin their research journeys. I am also newly elected to the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Board of Directors as a member at large and have served as founding member and first elected President of the Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA).



KIM ROTH - TRUSTEE

Kim Roth was born in Detroit in 1947 and raised in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio due to transfers for her dad's job. Her work life began as an interior designer and showroom manager for Silvers Inc., Detroit. In 1980's, she moved to New Jersey-New York City and worked for a Madison Avenue impulse gift company as the manager of their Sales Support Department for the East Coast Sales Force. In 1983, Kim left the corporate world and worked for the National AIDS Hotline in New York City at the height of the epidemic when they were open 24/7 every day handling 2,000-3,000 calls per day.

By 1991, Kim was fortunate enough to move to Portland, Oregon where she worked for 10 years as liaison and personnel security person for the late Oregon Speaker of the House and Mayor of Portland, the Honorable Vera Katz. As a child, Vera escaped the Nazis in Poland. Kim considers her relationship and liaison work on behalf of Vera Katz a privilege. She feels it was the most meaningful and impacting work of her lifetime. In 2001, Kim returned home to Detroit where she worked for 2 Generals and 3 Directors in various administrative support areas located at the United States Army, Detroit Arsenal, Warren, Michigan. She retired as a civilian to Lansing in March 2021. Her interests are Native American and Japanese arts, culture, and cosmology.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is an honor and a privilege to begin my term as President of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Having been a member for 13 years, I not only consider Shaarey Zedek my spiritual home, but also my cherished community—my *Kehillah Kedoshah*. As Rabbi Bigman often notes, we are one “congregational family,” and as in all families, membership brings both rewards and challenges. Even during stressful times, however—times that may test the limits of our goodwill and patience—we recognize that we are family, and we are committed to helping each other. Always treating one another with compassion and respect.

Twenty-five years as a professor of communication at Alma College taught me a great deal about the importance of perspective taking. Indeed, my experience with Alma College, Shaarey Zedek, and other organizations dear to my heart has helped me understand that the key to organizational success is creating a community in which all members feel valued. Members need not always agree, but they must always respect others’ perspectives by practicing the most important communication skill of all: listening.

My focus over the next two years will be: **communication, collaboration, and community** as we work together to achieve goals integral to the success of Shaarey Zedek. To that end, I am committed to transparency regarding our budget and all other non-confidential matters. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, the board members and I are here to listen. Please feel free to contact me anytime at: gilbert@alma.edu or (989) 285-5918.

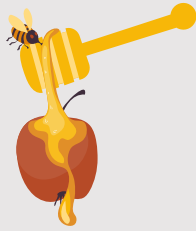
Communication and collaboration are essential tools in building community, and a cohesive community is critical to achieving our goals. The three goals I will prioritize during my presidency are: 1) helping members feel heard, valued, and safe, 2) working together to retain and attract members, and 3) finding new revenue streams to secure our financial future. Each of these goals is necessary for our community to grow and thrive. And each of these goals will be part of our collective conversations moving forward.

As I noted on the *bimah* last *Shabbat*, you are the lifeblood of this congregation. And we need you to participate in any way you can! What are your interests, passions, and skills? How can they be deployed in service to our congregational community? What do you value most about Shaarey Zedek? What is working well? What can be improved? How can you be part of that improvement? I will be facilitating a series of small group discussions open to all members to provide a context for asking and answering these vital questions. Only by knowing members’ needs can the board and I try our best to meet those needs. As I used to tell students in my Relational Communication class, asking for what you want does not guarantee that you will get it, but not asking usually guarantees that you will not.

I believe in servant-leadership; as President of our congregation, my job is to serve you. And although I may not always be able to grant your request, I will always listen and consider your perspective. Board members are also here to serve you. Next month, the Vice President’s Corner will feature our business vice president, John Anthony. I hope you are enjoying the summer and look forward to our work together.

Joanne Gilbert

BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



ROSH HASHANAH ONEG!

To bake or purchase goodies, including apples, apple cider & honey, cookies, cakes, etc.

To set up the *oneg* on Wednesday morning, October 2 at 10:00 a.m.

To clean up following the *oneg* on *Rosh Hashanah* evening.

Please contact Mitzi Goldstein at MitziGoldstein@gmail.com to let her know how you can help us begin a sweet new year!

It is a Tree of Life to them that hold fast to it and those that support it are fulfilled and happy...

Leaves, Acorns, and Rocks are for purchase on Shaarey Zedek's Tree of Life. Contact Ethel Anthony at 285-0477 to order for *SIMCHA* engraved leaf, acorn, or rock.



How to Vote in Michigan 2024

Understanding the New Election Laws

SEPTEMBER 23, 7PM

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

<https://bit.ly/michiganelections>

nomi@jfasd.org

with

Nomi Joyrich

JFASD Michigan Director
MUUSJN Organizer



This is a program for the congregation from the Social Justice Task Force.

For more details, please click the link:

<https://actionnetwork.org/event/s/michigan-voting-laws-2>

JOIN US!



AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER'S EVERY VOICE EVERY VOTE CAMPAIGN!



We'll be writing postcards to send to voters in communities impacted by barriers to voting that target BIPOC folks especially. As the RAC notes, Jewish tradition is clear: "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian *Talmud Berachot* 55a). We believe our democracy is strongest when every voice is heard, and every vote is counted.



We'll be meeting at the temple on Monday, August 5 at 12:30 p.m. to write out postcards together that will be sent out by the synagogue. Note that **this is a nonpartisan campaign** - we're working to get out the vote, not to advocate for any party or candidate, and all participants will need to sign the RAC's nonpartisan pledge, which is available at <https://urj.tfaforms.net/1411> - this can be signed at our postcard party.



Letting us know ahead of time that you're coming would be great, but walk-ins are very welcome, and you can write out as many or as few postcards as you have the time and inclination for. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Meadows at elizabeth.a.meadows@yahoo.com.

SEFICHOT
סליחות

**CONGREGATION
KEHILLAT
ISRAEL**

**SEPTEMBER 28
WORSHIP**

7 p.m.

**7:30 p.m. study
session to follow**

Rabbi Dr. Matthew Kaufman and Rabbi Amy Bigman will co-lead the combined Shaarey Zedek-Kehillat Israel worship.



CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK FAMILY DAY!



Lugnuts vs. West Michigan Whitecaps — Sunday, August 18th @ 1:05PM

- Capital City Market Kids run the bases postgame!
- Join the congregation for a day out at the ballpark!
- Get your group recognized on the scoreboard!
- Group Raffle for a chance to win tickets and cool prizes!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Order Deadline: Thursday, August 4th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Box Tickets: _____ @ \$12.00 = _____

Please return this form to: Steve Siet
 The absolute last day to order is: August 4th
 Please make checks payable to: Congregation Shaarey Zedek
 For more information please contact:
 Steve Siet at 517-974-0544 or stevesiet@comcast.net
 Address: 1924 Coolidge Rd. E. Lansing, MI, 48823





Shaarey Zedek Religious School (SZRS) at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in East Lansing is looking for religious school teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are looking for folks who love working with kids and are excited about Judaism and Jewishness.

Ability to read / pronounce Hebrew is a huge plus!

The Shaarey Zedek Religious School classes take place on Sunday mornings (9:30-12:00) for all our pre-K through 7th grade students and Wednesday afternoons (4:30 - 6:00) for our 3rd through 7th grade students.

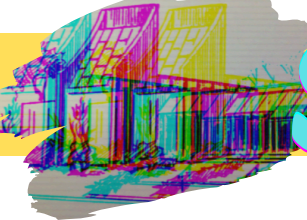
Sunday-only teachers work 3 hours a week.

Sunday / Wednesday teachers work 5 hours a week.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Pay begins at \$18 / hr.

If interested, please contact Director of Congregational Lifelong Learning Margot Valles at menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com or send her a text at (412) 614-0310.



SZRS REGISTRATION FORM A

2024-25 / 5785 SCHOOL YEAR



To register for the 2024-25 / 5785 school year, please complete this official registration form (Form A) and return it to the Congregation Shaarey Zedek Office by Sunday, August 25 to avoid a \$50 late fee.

Registration is not guaranteed until you have also completed the Family Information Registration Form B, here: <https://bit.ly/SZRS2425RegistrationFormB> or by pointing your camera at the QR code to the left. If you need a paper copy of Form B, please contact Menahelit (Director) Margot Valles at menahelit.margot@shaareyzedek.com.

First payment is due at time of registration.

You must be a member in good standing of Congregation Shaarey Zedek to register your child/ren.

The religious school is subsidized by Shaarey Zedek member dues, the Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood, congregational funds and endowments, and SZRS fundraisers. This year, we are hoping that tuition will cover 70% of actual costs. **If you are able, please consider paying any amount closer to the "true cost."** Any remittance over 70% is greatly appreciated and will be considered a tax-deductible donation. **Todah rabah! Thank you very much!**

Shaarey Zedek strongly values education and is committed to providing a quality program for all SZRS students, regardless of financial ability. If tuition is a financial hardship, please contact:

Dr. Joanne Gilbert, President at 989-285-5918

Program and Tuition Options	I will pay 100% of the cost per student:	I will pay 80% of the cost per student:	I will pay 70% of the cost per student:
Pre-K through 2nd Grade (Sundays Only)	\$1000 (\$100 per month) \$300 donation	\$800 (\$80 per month) \$100 donation	\$700 (\$70 per month)
3rd through 7th Grade (Sundays and Wednesdays)	\$1300 (\$130 per month) \$390 donation	\$1040 (\$104 per month) \$130 donation	\$910 (\$91 per month)
8th through 12th Grade (Sundays Only; includes a pizza lunch)	\$750 (\$75 per month) \$225 donation	\$600 (\$60 per month) \$70 donation	\$525 (\$52.50 per month)
The following programs have a flat fee:			
	Confirmation Class (10th grade only)		\$170
	Madrichim-in-Training Program (8th and new 9th graders only)		\$155
	Kadima (0-4 year olds and at least 1 parent)		\$100

Student's Name	Grade and / or Program	Tuition
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
		Subtotal \$ _____
		Late Fee \$50 (if after August 25) \$ _____
		Donation \$ _____
		Total \$ _____
		Amount Paid \$ _____
		Amount Due \$ _____

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Please choose one of the following payment options:

- I will pay in full (check, ACH or Credit Card)
- I will pay in two payments (check, ACH or credit card)
- I will pay in ten monthly payments from September through June (check, ACH or credit card)

If paying by check, please make check payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek.
Check Number: _____

If paying by ACH, please attach a voided check by August 28 and your checking account will be charged.

If paying by Credit Card, please complete your credit card information: Visa Mastercard
Number: _____ Exp: _____



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

Taught by Rabbi Amy Bigman

Never had a chance to go to religious school? Or perhaps you've forgotten some of what you learned as a child? Pursuing an interfaith relationship and want to understand your partner's religion? Or perhaps you are thinking of becoming Jewish? Then this is the course for you! We will learn about holidays, life cycle events, prayer, and much more.

Introduction to Judaism is free for Shaarey Zedek members and \$40 for non-members. (Please note: Students will be asked to purchase books to supplement the lessons taught in class.)

Classes will meet in-person on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the dates listed below. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesdays:

September 11, 18 & 25

October 16 & 30

November 6, 13 & 20

For further information, please contact Rabbi Amy Bigman at 351-3570 or via e-mail at rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com. The **deadline** for registration will be **September 4**.

_____ Yes, I want to participate in the Introduction to Judaism course!

_____ My check for \$40 made payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek is enclosed.

_____ I am a Shaarey Zedek member.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Please return this form and payment by September 4 to:

Rabbi Amy Bigman

Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

Sisterhood Kickoff!

**Tuesday,
September 17
at 6 p.m. in
the Davis
Family Social
Hall**



Come join us with an evening of fun, food, and meet the charismatic cohost of Channel 10's Studio News, Rachelle Legrand!

Dinner will be provided. RSVP to Roslyn 230-6065 or email roslyncovey@att.net



*Bringing people together through
community*

Let's take time to get to know each other

JOIN OUR SHAAREY ZEDEK FAMILY FOR THE *YOM KIPPUR* BREAK-FAST

Saturday, October 12
following the *Neilah* Service

Please RSVP by Friday, October 4
No walk-ins, please.

Any questions call Roslyn 230-6065 or email roslyncovey@att.net

Send checks payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood



Mail to:

Roslyn Covey
2320 Sapphire Lane
East Lansing, MI 48823

Name: _____

Number of Adults (Age 13 and up).....\$20.00 X _____ = _____

Number of Children (Age 6-12).....\$ 8.00 X _____ = _____

Number of Children (Under 6).....Free X _____ = _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

COMMUNITY NEWS



On behalf of the Temple B'nai Israel Membership Connection and Congregation of Moses, we invite Mahjong Players to a Tournament Fundraiser.

August 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Congregation of Moses in Kalamazoo.

The Mahjong Tournament will benefit the Friends Free Store, which directly benefits local refugees that we are helping. Admission is \$18, which includes vegetarian snacks, drinks and cash prizes (plus a raffle).

Please go to the following link to reserve a spot and bring your Mahjong Set:
https://jewishkalamazoo.org/event_signup/?EID=99195

For more information contact Bonnie Weintrob, Temple B'nai Israel Membership Connection, bweintrob@gmail.com



MAZON

A Jewish Response
To Hunger

What is food insecurity?

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) defines food insecurity as a **lack of access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life.**

Who is food insecure in America?

40 million Americans struggle to put enough nutritious food on the table.

- That's 12.5 million children and 10 million seniors
- 12.2% of all Americans, or 1 in 8
- More food insecure Americans than the entire population of Canada (37.4 million)

GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

We apologize for the lateness including the donations in the newsletter.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek is grateful for your generous contributions to our designated funds. These funds enable the congregation to offer services and programs that would not otherwise be available.

While donations of any amount are most welcome, due to rising costs, a minimum donation of \$18 will be required in order to receive a listing in the "Bulletin" and acknowledgment to a recipient. This policy applies to these funds:

- Bette Sue Rittman All Children Are Special Fund
- Bubbe Lynn Rycus Beautification Fund
- Building Fund
- Cantor Pamela Schiffer Caring Community Fund
- David and Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund
- Esther and Justin Morrison Fund
- Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library Fund
- Jerry Cohen Photography Fund
- Joseph & Jeanette Lutvak Fund
- Joseph and Mable Meites Educational Fund
- Landscape Fund
- Planned Giving Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Rabbi Morton and Aviva Hoffman Tzedakah Fund
- Robert Goodman Music Fund
- Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library Fund
- YES Fund

Also included are these funds. Please make separate checks payable to these funds:

- Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
- Maureen Gladstone Flower and Social Engagement Fund
- Ruth E. Rome Endowed Music Fund
- Florence Rudman Education Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Shapiro Religious School Endowment Fund
- CSZ Endowment Fund
- L' Dor Vador Fund

BUILDING FUND

In celebration of Rachel Minkin joining the *Yad Squad*
Jessica Sender

CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Dorothy Parkhurst
Anita and Perry Parkhurst
In memory of William V. Greene
Charlene Epstein

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In honor of Miriam Wheeler's *Bat Mitzvah*
Gail Eisenberg
In memory of my mother
Esther Morrison

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of the birthdays of Gail Wolfe, Ron Horowitz, Jane Finn; In honor of the anniversaries of Steve and Madeline Flaster and Ken and Mary Marton; In memory of Rose Bernstein and Ruth and Irv Nedelman; Happy Birthday to Ros Covey, Marlene Altman, Burt Altman, Steve Flaster, Thea Glicksman; Happy Anniversary to Burt and Marlene Altman.
Esther Morrison

ETHEL WOLFE KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of Pat Mitchell and Cathy Gorwitz
Gail Wolfe

GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In memory of Oscar Kahn
Donald and Jacqueline Holecek
In memory of William Behrend, grandfather of Margot and Sean Valles
Terry Selman
Minkin/Wheeler Family

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Jack Martin; In memory of Lynne Shapiro
Burt and Marlene Altman
In memory of Sidney Woodrow
Michael Woodrow

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A generous donation was received in memory of our loved ones, from
Gordan and Vesna Srkalovic
In memory of Louis Schwartz
Janet Abramson



YAHRTZEITS



August 2

Ethel Ruth Bateman
 Nona Blum
 Larry Busch
 Morton Davis
 Lois Frankel
 Helen Fruitman
 Stephanie Rose Gladstone
 Gunter W. Joseph
 Lotte Luebke
 Jacob Pearlman
 Randy Pollyea
 Jack Shay
 Harriet Sigel
 Bertha Silverman
 Sara Smallberg
 Stanley Stark



August 9

Isadore Balan
 Peter Blum
 Matt Epstein
 Blanche Fine
 Ruth Flaster
 Jean Smookler Freitag
 Doris P. Gilbert
 Ron Gladstone
 Evelyn Goodman
 Marie Lindner
 Mike Marks
 Vivian Rosenberg
 Melvin Rudman
 Ruth Sood Zack



August 16

Beki Bahar
 Walter Balzer
 Joshua Fields
 David Fritz
 Jack Gienapp
 Eva Ginsburg
 Myra Shapiro
 Louis Sieven
 Kay Taylor
 Louis Wolfe
 Ethel Wolfe-Cohen



August 23

Hannah Kaplowitz Emerick
 Marvin J. Goldstein
 Ethel Kramer
 Jacob Krohngold
 Ben Pollack
 Ethel Sernick Rutstein
 Joseph Simon
 Jerry Wald
 Sarah (Sally) Weissman

August 30

Nellie Balzer
 Terry Brauer
 Hugh Fox
 Harold Gabin
 Louis Kaplowitz
 Irvin Lehmann
 Helen Murphy
 Fred Nolish
 Elaine Pearlman
 Elsie Rachman
 Norman Sernick
 Lester Singer
 Rosa Spivak
 Sidney Taren



MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES

Memorialize your loved one and honor their name with a plaque in the Shaarey Zedek sanctuary. Plaques are \$550 and proceeds support the General Fund of the annual budget.

YAHRTZEITS



September 6

Milton Baron
Diane Gabin
Lynn Geman
Hannah Harvith
Florence Kessler
Lillian Levy
Anna Marks
Lynn Rycus
Simeon Spalter
Morris Teles



September 13

Jack Behrman
Lillian Frank Bellows
Katherine Blau
Robert Goodman
Milton Greenberg
Robert D. Kruger
Seymour Lurie
Victor Morin
Robert O'Brien
David Rabin
Hannah Rabin
Jehoash Rabin
Sarah Rabin
Leonard Rothstein
David Simon
Herman Tannenbaum
Mark Walker
Jeffrey Zachar



September 20

Jack Burke
Sylvia Friedland
Julius Friedlis
Jeffrey Ginsberg
Harriet Ginsburg
Carrol Kahn
Ida Kamins
Edward Kessler
Florence Lachman
Joseph Rubin
Ina Schnitzer
Anne Selman
Milton J. Sondell
Robert Warnke



September 27

Felix Abeles
Phyllis Cohen
Donald Hillel Hull
Chana Kamins
Samuel Kaplowitz
Bella Kominars
E. Dean Meuterspaugh
Dorothy Nolish
Miriam Rycus
Dr. Allen E. Silver
Peggy Warshaw
Eva Weiner
Leonard Wolf
Suzi Zipkin

CONDOLENCES are sent to

Aaron (Darlene Morgan) Pollyea, on the death of his mother, and Celiarose (Ken) Varner, on the death of her sister-in-law Nancy Pollyea.

The family of Cathy Gorwitz, on her passing.

Anita Mitchell, on the death of her husband, and Leon and Sheila Schafer, on the death of their brother-in-law Patrick Mitchell.

The family of Arlene Kessler on her death.

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Worship Schedule - August

Friday, August 2 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 9 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 10 – *Shabbat* Morning Worship, including Jordan Thompson becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*, 10 a.m.

Friday, August 16 – Outdoor *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 6 p.m., Bring-Your-Own-Picnic Dinner to follow

Friday, August 23 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 30 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Worship Schedule - September

Friday, September 6 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 13 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, honoring Rabbi Dr. Margot Valles, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 20 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, September 27 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 28 – *Selichot* Worship, 7 p.m. at Congregation Kehillat Israel