

# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

AUGUST 2025  
AV - ELUL 5785



## *Shabbat* **WORSHIP**

**Friday, August 22  
at 6 p.m.**

**Service inside, followed by the  
picnic outside.**

**Please RSVP to Patty by August 19.**

**Please bring non-dairy/parve dish to  
pass.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Helpers needed to set up and clean up, please contact Patty  
to volunteer at [patty@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:patty@shaareyzedek.com)



# *A Letter from Rabbi Bigman*

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Dear Friends,

As you saw in my June 28th e-mail, I have announced my retirement from Congregation Shaarey Zedek, effective June 30, 2027. Since that announcement, I have been asked to share my plans for the years that follow.

For the 2027-2028 fiscal year, Stefan and I will be away from the congregation. While we plan to continue to live in this community, it is appropriate for us to stay away for at least a year so that the new rabbi may develop relationships with you and work with staff and lay leaders to develop their own *minhagim*. The new rabbi's duties, amongst other things, will be to perform all lifecycle ceremonies, lead worship, teach, and represent the congregation in the greater Lansing community. I will not participate in these duties unless requested by the new rabbi.

Right now I have no definitive plans for what happens after June 30, 2027. As that retirement date gets closer, I'm sure I will have more thoughts about how to fill my days, but for now I am focused on working with all of you for the next two years.

It has been a privilege to be part of your lives for the past eighteen years. I look forward to the next two years of learning and worshiping with you and celebrating special occasions and lifecycle ceremonies with you. During these two years I will still be available for funerals, of course, and look forward to my continued work with conversion students and in the community.

With best wishes to each of you for the upcoming new year of 5786,

*Amy Bigman*

## High Holy Days Worship Schedule



Monday, September 22  
*Rosh Hashanah* Evening  
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, September 23  
*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

Wednesday, September 24  
*Rosh Hashanah* Day 2  
9:00 a.m. Conservative Morning Service

Wednesday, October 1  
*Kol Nidrei* Evening  
7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Thursday, October 2  
*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). The nature center has requested that we only use bird seed for *Tashlikh* — no bread or other food.

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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ashley and Jonathan Kagey  
Annie, Abby and Millie  
4429 Hickorywood Drive  
Okemos, MI 48864  
Akagey322@gmail.com  
614-3255 (Ashley)  
Jonathankagey@gmail.com  
929-7536 (Jonathan)

Ashley Maloff  
2667 Heather Drive  
East Lansing, MI 48824  
248-302-7035  
maloffas@msu.edu

## NEW ADDRESSES

Marilynn Jones  
Meer Jewish Apartments  
6700 West Maple Road, Apt 7133  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Dr. Michael Rubner  
5880 Northridge Dr N  
Naples, FL 34110

## *Prayers of Healing*

are sent to:

Art Cherkinsky, Celia Guro,  
Carol Horowitz, Chuck  
Johnson, Sue Safir, Marilynn  
Jones, Alon Kalay, Kim Roth,  
Jen Thompson

## REWARDS PROGRAM



Do you shop at Kroger? Save money on your purchases and help our synagogue, too! Simply login to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to sign up.

You need your Plus card and our congregation's code— 84431. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to Shaarey Zedek—at no cost to you. Thank you for your support!

## Oneg Sponsors



August 1 – Amy Shapiro, Barbara/Stephanie Wieland

August 8 – Joanne Gilbert/Michael Bishop, Regan/Chuck Johnson, Maureen Dyer/Scott Mandel

August 15 – Sisterhood

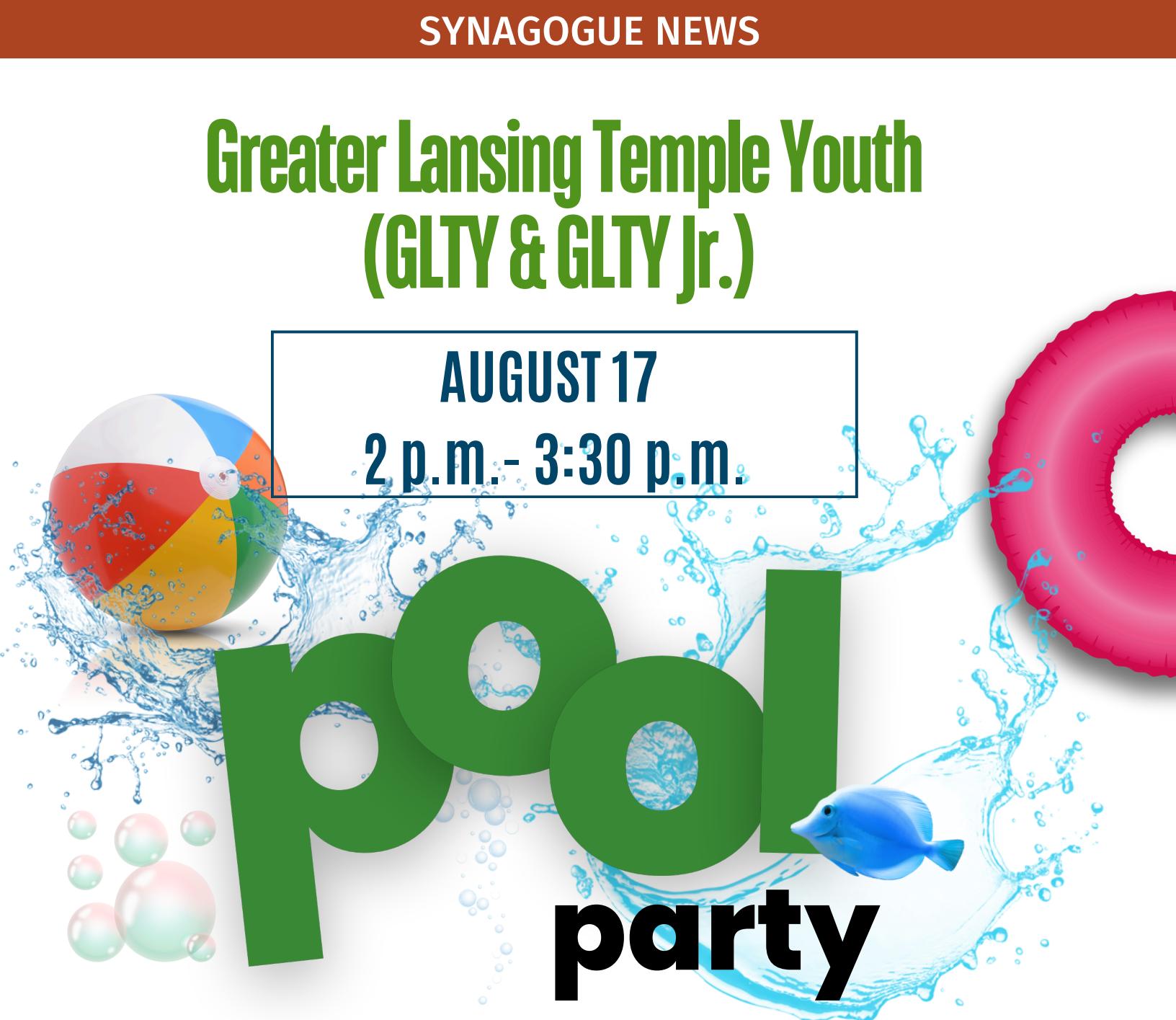
August 22 – Karen Brown, Bonnie/Dick Radway in memory of Bonnie's parents

August 29 - NO ONEG

# Greater Lansing Temple Youth (GLTY & GLTY Jr.)

AUGUST 17

2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.



pool  
party

This event is open to all students in GLTY (grades 8-12) and GLTY Jr. (grades 5-7). Snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP by August 10:

<https://forms.office.com/r/wKmHUTHnEW>

Details in link. Questions? Please reach out to Youth Groups Advisor **Ashley Maloff** (maloffas@msu.edu)

SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE!

-DINNER AND WORSHIP-

Dinner 5:15 p.m. Service 6 p.m.  
and *oneg* following.

Adults \$7, kids under 13 are \$5  
Summer Salad Bar

**Friday, August 8**  
**RSVP by Thursday, August 7**  
using the link below:

**[www.bit.ly/LiveDinners](http://www.bit.ly/LiveDinners)**

*If you have any questions, contact Amy Shapiro at  
312-841-8653 or AmyJShapiro6@gmail.com*



PLEASE JOIN CONGREGATIONS KEHILLAT ISRAEL  
AND SHAAREY ZEDEK FOR A SPECIAL

# *Selichot* **SERVICE AND PROGRAM**

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
**AT CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK**  
**7:00 P.M. WORSHIP WITH PROGRAM TO FOLLOW**

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## **Pledge Reminder:**

Pledge forms and first quarter payments for the 2025-2026 fiscal year were due by July 1. High Holy Days tickets will not be sent without your pledge and first quarter payment. Please contact **Patty Warshaw** at [patty@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:patty@shaareyzedek.com) if you have not received a pledge letter and form.

Please contact **Amy Shapiro** at [amyjshapiro6@gmail.com](mailto:amyjshapiro6@gmail.com) if you have questions or concerns about your pledge. Thank you for your support of Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

## Have you ever...



- watched a professional ornithologist capture wild birds, tag them, and release them?

Oooooh!



- wanted to see a live, wild bird up close?  
don't mind if I do!!



- wanted to hold a wild bird?  
mind BLOWN!!!

You can, by joining Mike Bishop (First Husband of President Joanne Gilbert) as he safely captures migrating songbirds on the temple grounds, bands them, and releases them, unharmed, to continue their journeys south.

**When:** Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Where:** Shaarey Zedek's backyard

There will be cider and donuts!

...and it's FREE!!

## BIRTHDAYS

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	Adam Colton
13	Mitzi Goldstein
14	Lynne Page
15	Michael McNamara
17	Lee Kronenberg
18	Aviva Panush
19	Donald Gochberg
21	Randi Simon
21	Scott Mandel
22	Stephen Guertin
23	James Horowitz
25	Marilyn Feinberg
25	Natalie Moser
27	Richard Merryman
27	Eli Schneider
31	Joanna Stark

## ANNIVERSARIES

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



יום הולדת שמח!  
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



# SECURITY CORNER

I know that as antisemitic attacks grow more frequent, our fear of being in our synagogue increases, so I want to talk to you about our security.

We are focused on synagogue security every day. For the last two years, we have had at least one armed guard at services, school, and events. When a guard arrives, we brief them on the event, current events, and any concerns brought forward by congregants. I am in frequent touch with Jewish Community Security in Detroit for information and advice. They are able to tell us about known threats, if any. Right now, they advise Jewish institutions to be on alert but there are no specific, known threats at this time.

We continue to be ahead of most congregations in our security measures. In addition to armed guards, we now have security film on our windows and doors to slow down an armed attack. We are currently installing a new camera and building entry system, which may be complete by the time you read this. We will be scheduling sessions to orient congregants to the changes. Please be on the lookout and attend a session. We want all our members to understand the system, and what, if any, role you will need to play.

Part of keeping us secure is keeping information secure. Please do not discuss any of our security measures with outsiders. We may feel these measures are obvious to everyone, but they are not. We do not want to make it easier for attackers to prepare.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Amy Shapiro** at 312-841-8653 or [amyjshapiro6@gmail.com](mailto:amyjshapiro6@gmail.com)

We could also use some more greeters. If you are willing to serve, contact Amy for training.

- Amy Shapiro, Chairperson, Security Committee



## SZRS News

### 2025-2026 School Year Information

Registration is open for the SZRS 2025-2026 school year.

The first day of school for *Gan* (Pre-K/K) through 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be September 7.

Registration is due by Sunday, August 25 to avoid a late fee.

### Summer Tutoring in Hebrew Available for Rising 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

If you or your child is a rising 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to improve her, their or his Hebrew, tutoring will be available weekly, with either Rabbi Bigman or *Menahelet* Margot.

The only cost will be the cost of materials.

Please email Rabbi Bigman or Margot Valles for more information.



## Lifelong Learning News

### ***Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis***

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom (email Margot for the link)

## ReJewvenate

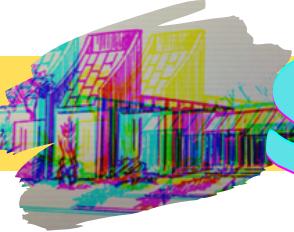
### Needle Arts and Nibbles Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club



and  WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

on hold for the summer. Programming to resume in September.

Please email [menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com) for links or more information about any of these offerings.



# SZRS REGISTRATION FORM A

## 2025-26 / 5786 SCHOOL YEAR

There are **two forms** to complete in order to enroll your child(ren) in Shaarey Zedek Religious School. One is our online family information form, **Form B**, which you can find by pointing your camera at the QR code here or by following this link:

<https://bit.ly/SZRS25to25FormB>

The other is this form, **Form A**, which must be returned to the Shaarey Zedek Main Office by Sunday, August 24 to avoid a \$50 late fee.



Registration is not complete and enrollment is not guaranteed until **both** forms have been completed. Registration is only available to members in good standing at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

The true cost of running Shaarey Zedek Religious School far exceeds the tuition we collect. Any amount you can contribute above the listed tuition price will be deeply appreciated.

At the same time, we are strongly committed to providing a quality educational program for all students, regardless of their financial situation.

If tuition is a financial hardship, or you have any questions about the financial side of things, please contact Temple President **Dr. Joanne Gilbert (989-285-5918)** before the registration deadline.

Program	Tuition	Please choose one of the following payment options:
<b>Pre-K through 2nd Grade</b> (Sundays Only)	<b>\$600</b> (\$60 per month)	<input type="checkbox"/> I will pay in full (check, ACH or Credit Card) <input type="checkbox"/> I will pay in two payments (check, ACH or credit card) <input type="checkbox"/> I will pay in ten monthly payments from September through June (check, ACH or credit card)
<b>3rd through 7th Grade</b> (Sundays and Wednesdays)	<b>\$800</b> (\$80 per month)	
<b>8th through 12th Grade</b> (Sundays Only; includes a pizza lunch)	<b>\$450</b> (\$45 per month)	If paying by check, please make check payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Check Number: _____
<b>Confirmation</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only)	<b>\$150</b>	If paying by Credit Card, please complete your credit card information: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard Number: _____
<b>Madrichim-in-Training</b> (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only)	<b>\$150</b>	Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CVV: _____

**Student Name**

### Grade and/or Programs

## Tuition

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Please note: A 3.5% surcharge will be added with use of a credit card. There is no charge if you sign up for payment through Fifth Third Bank's Automated Clearing House (ACH).

Subtotal	\$
Late Fee \$50 (if after August 25)	\$
Donation	\$
Total	\$

## 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:

October 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19 (no class November 26)

December 3

For further information, please contact Rabbi Amy Bigman at 351-3570 or via e-mail at [rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com). The **deadline** for registration will be **September 24**.

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 24 to:

Rabbi Amy Bigman

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

# SISTERHOOD NEWS

*Shalom Chaverim* (Hello Friends),

We're excited to share that Sisterhood has been busy planning a year filled with positive, meaningful activities for everyone in our congregation. One of our primary goals this year is to foster a culture where all individuals feel welcome, respected, and empowered to participate fully. By coming together, we can create stronger bonds and enrich our community in truly special ways.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to **Roslyn Covey, Mitzi Goldstein, Debbie Richmond, Karen Weinstein, and Marilyn Ruben** for planning this year's wonderful Donor event. Your creativity, dedication, and hard work made it a success, and we are so grateful.

We also want to thank all who generously donated; your support helps sustain our programs and makes everything we do possible. A special note of appreciation goes to **Suzanne Lowe** for opening her home to host our recent Sisterhood planning meeting. Your hospitality set the perfect tone for the year ahead!

## Join Us for Our Kick-Off Event!

We're thrilled to invite you to our first event of the season: Sisterhood Kick-Off Meeting & Presentation

- Date: Sunday, September 14
- Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Where: Jimmy's Pub, 16830 Chandler Road, East Lansing | 324-7100
- What: A delightful lunch event featuring presentations from local animal welfare organizations. It promises to be a purr-fect afternoon, and we know everyone will have a doggone good time!
- EVERYONE is welcome—just please leave your fur babies at home.
- RSVP: Text **Shawna Olds** at 896-5199 or email SisterhoodShalomSZ@gmail.com

At the event, we'll also share a calendar of upcoming Sisterhood activities, so you can mark your calendars and look forward to a year of connection and joy. Copies will also be available in the Temple lobby.



Together, we're building more than just events—we're creating a warm, supportive community where lasting friendships can flourish. We can't wait to see you and share in all the meaningful experiences to come. Wishing everyone a fun, meaningful, and safe summer!

*L'Shalom,*

**Shawna Olds, Suzanne Lowe, Debbie Richmond, Marilyn Ruben**



# COMMUNITY NEWS



BAMAH, the Flint Jewish Federation and FIM present

## *Songs of Our Mothers*

Neta Elkayam with musicians of the National Arab Orchestra

Musical Direction: Amit Hai Cohen

Saturday, August 23 at 7:00 pm FIM MacArthur Recital Hall

Minimum \$15 donation—PURCHASE TICKETS AT  
[www.thefim.org/event/songsofourmothers](http://www.thefim.org/event/songsofourmothers)

*Join us for the MasterClass with Musicians and Faculty*

*Friday, August 22 at 4:00 pm*

*FIM MacArthur Recital Hall*

*No Charge*

*To register go to: <https://thefim.org/home/songsmasterclass>*

Internationally renowned multidisciplinary artists Neta Elkayam and Amit Hai Cohen collaborate with musicians from New Orleans and the National Arab Orchestra to present a tribute to their roots music. Residing between Jerusalem, Morocco, and now as BAMAH

Visiting Artists in New Orleans, they infuse their unique musical style with a blend of Andalusian, Amazigh, Jewish-Moroccan Chaabi, and Arabic influences, seamlessly woven together with jazz. This powerful fusion bridges cultures and generations, creating an unforgettable sound that honors the past while speaking the future.



## Greater Lansing Area Parkinson's Support Group



Meets at Shaarey Zedek every second Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us for education, camaraderie and social activities. Learn coping techniques, share knowledge and experience and make new friends. Offer and receive support from those who understand. Caregivers and people with Parkinson's meet in separate rooms.

For more information, please contact Mark Talbot at 525-1707 or visit [LAPSG.org](http://LAPSG.org)

# GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

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 Carroll Kahn Cultural Fund
- Esther and Justin Morrison Fund
- Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library 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
- 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



## ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of the birthday of Steve Flaster; In honor of the anniversaries of Jane and Bernie Finn, and Jill and Jerry Fine

Esther Morrison

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Allen Frank  
The Family of Allen Frank

A generous donation was received from Gretchen Smith

## RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of Edith Casher  
In memory of Blanche Engel  
Dr. Blake and Naomi Casher

In memory of Larry Schiamberg  
Dalia Hoffman

## RUTH E. ROME ENDOWED MUSIC FUND

In memory of my sister, Barbara Elman  
Marilynn Jones

## SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Bob Radway  
In memory of Anchel Tarlie  
Marlene and Burt Altman

## GENERAL FUND

A generous donation was received from Rita Bigelow in honor of Junis Zumberg's 90th birthday

A generous donation was received from Elizabeth Meadows

# YAHRTZEITS



## August 1

Ethel Ruth Bateman  
 Peter Blum  
 Larry Busch  
 Morton Davis  
 Allen Finn  
 Gunter W. Joseph  
 Lois Frankel  
 Lotte Luebke  
 Ruth Pfeifer  
 Chaim Rothfeld  
 Melvin Rudman  
 Jack Shay  
 Harriet Sigel  
 Sara Smallberg  
 Stanley Stark  
 Howard Strickland  
 Laura Warshaw

## August 8

Isadore Balan  
 Matt Epstein  
 Jean Smookler Freitag  
 Ruth Flaster  
 Doris P. Gilbert  
 Ron Gladstone  
 Evelyn Goodman  
 Marie Lindner  
 Reba Weiss Minkin  
 Kathy Murphy  
 Ben Pollack  
 Randy Polleyea  
 Vivian Rosenberg  
 Gussie Shanker  
 Ruth Sood Zack

## August 15

Beki Bahar  
 Waler Balzer  
 Elaine Horowitz Blaustein  
 Ethel Wolfe-Cohen  
 Hannah Kaplowitz Emerick  
 Josh Fields  
 Blanch Fine  
 David Fritz  
 Harold Gabin  
 Jack Gienapp  
 Eva Ginsburg  
 Irv Lehmann  
 Ethel Sernick Rutstein  
 Myra Shapiro  
 Louis Sieven  
 Sarah (Sally) Weissman  
 Louis Wolfe

## August 22

Louis Kaplowitz  
 Ethel Kramer  
 Jacob Krohngold  
 Elaine Pearlman  
 Elsie Rachman  
 Norman Sernick  
 Joe Simon  
 Lester Singer  
 Jerry Wald

## August 29

Nellie Balzer  
 Robert Bassing  
 Kendra Chan  
 Scott Chan  
 Hugh Fox  
 Diane Gabin  
 Lynn Geman  
 Marvin J. Goldstein  
 Robert D. Kruger  
 Helen Murphy  
 Fred Nolish  
 Simeon Spalter  
 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.

### CONDOLENCES

are sent to Vicki Brown, on the death of her husband, Randel "RB" Brown on June 27. We also send our condolences to his daughter and son-in-law, Lily and Russell Brown.

Marilynn Jones, on the death of her twin sister Barbara Elman, on June 30

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## **Worship Schedule**

Friday, August 1 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 8 — Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, August 15 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, August 22 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship followed by Picnic, 6 p.m.

Friday, August 29 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 6 p.m.