

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2025

TISHREI - CESHVAN 5786

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Please join us on Sunday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. to build the temple's *Sukkah*! Our religious school students will decorate the *Sukkah* but we need adult volunteers to build it first! Please contact Todd Cook at 281-4042 to volunteer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

“Snacks in the *Sukkah*” begins at 5:40 p.m. and school dismissal will be from the *Sukkah* on the back lawn (no car-line). This is open to members of all ages.


Schnapps
IN THE *SUKKAH*



7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 11

Adults (21+) Only

Join us for a brief outdoor *Havdallah* service followed by snacks and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in the *Sukkah*.



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

WELCOME HOME!

The High Holy Days begin in a few days; these ten Days of Awe are our annual family reunion. We come home to Shaarey Zedek to be with each other every year at this time. *B'rukhim Ha-ba'im* (Welcome)!

Shaarey Zedek fulfills the traditional three-part definition of a synagogue or temple:

Beit K'nesset (A House of Assembly)
Beit T'fillah (A House of Prayer)
Beit Midrash (A House of Study)

You can't have one without the other two, nor two without the other one. No other Jewish institutions, as worthwhile and important as they are, provide all of this. The congregation is the mainstay of Jewish life. It is our home away from home. It is where we come to support each other during difficult times and celebrate during happy times; our congregational family is here to aid and encourage one another.

Similarly, the *Talmud* teaches:

Rabbi Yitzchak said to Rav Nachman: Why did the Master not come to the synagogue to pray? Rav Nachman said to him, "I was weak and unable to come." Rabbi Yitzchak said to him, "Let the Master gather ten individuals, a prayer quorum, at your home and pray." Rav Nachman said to him, "It is difficult for me to impose upon the members of the community to come to my home to pray with me." Rabbi Yitzchak suggested another option, "The Master should tell the congregation to send a messenger when the congregation is praying to come and inform the Master so you may pray at the same time."

... What is the meaning of that which is written: "But as for me, let my prayer be unto You, Lord, in a time of favor; O God, in the abundance of Your mercy, answer me with the truth of Your salvation" (Psalms 69:14)? It appears that the individual is praying that his prayers will coincide with a special time of Divine favor. **When is a time of favor? It is at the time when the congregation is praying...** [Berakhot 7b-8a]

And so on these holiest of days, we come together to pray, to learn, and to support each other. Especially in these days of rising antisemitism, we need to be here for each other.

May these Days of Awe help us to evaluate our lives and remind ourselves of what is really important in life. May these days be spiritually refreshing as we enter the year 5786. May this new year be a good one for you and your loved ones, filled with sweetness and happiness, good health and support from our families and congregation. May this be the year that Israel and the entire world find peace!

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOANNE GILBERT



One of the great joys of these High Holy Days is seeing so many congregants and their families, and during this time, we all share the desire to feel safe.

Now that the state-of-the-art security upgrades to our synagogue, funded by the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), are complete, we believe that our synagogue is a safer, more secure place. Additionally, I am happy to report that we have been awarded the supplemental NSGP funding I applied for last fall to help defray increasing contract security expenses. These funds, along with your security pledges, will help us ensure the continued safety of our congregation.

During these Days of Awe, we reflect on our actions this past year and connect to our community through our traditions. We seek forgiveness and we forgive others. We find comfort in the familiar and courage to navigate change. From the *Shofar*'s stirring call to the haunting strains of *Kol Nidre*, the High Holy Days ask us to turn toward ourselves and each other. And as we transform, so does our *Kehillah Kedosha* — our holy and cherished community — as we grow stronger together.

May you and your families be inscribed for a sweet and healthy new year!
G'mar Chatimah Tovah.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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

Thursday, October 2
following the *Neilah* Service

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 24. 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 \$ _____

REWARDS PROGRAM



Do you shop at Kroger? Save money on your purchases and help our synagogue, too! Simply login to: 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!
We have received \$249 this year!

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Battle Creek, MI 49015-7378
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Emmarosenthal33@gmail.com
269-753-8408
Griffithryan56@gmail.com

NEW ADDRESS

Deborah Margolis and Chris Cyril
412 Lake View Drive
Gregory, MI 48137

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October 3 – Sisterhood

October 10 – Anita Mitchell, Tina/Ed Oxer, Sheila/Leon Schafer, Sandy/Jay Goodman

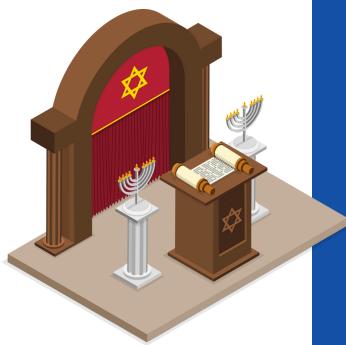
October 17 – Shawna/Jeff Olds, Roslyn Covey

October 24 – Karen Weinstein, Ron Weinstein, Suzanne/David Lowe, Renee Holsclaw

October 31 – Sidney Nicholson's *Bat Mitzvah*

OCTOBER 7th COMMEMORATION

During our *Shabbat* worship on Friday, October 3 at 7 p.m. prayers for all those affected by the events of October 7 and the subsequent war will be included.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LISTENING SESSION

Sunday, October 12

2:00 p.m.

DAVIS FAMILY SOCIAL HALL

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN OUR NEXT RABBI?

Rabbinic Search Committee members are eager to hear your thoughts!

Tzedakah News - High Holy Days Food Drive

Every year, the *Tzedakah* Committee asks our congregants to support those in our community who need a little extra help. This year, federal funding for life saving programs like SNAP, Medicaid, and Social Security is at risk, which puts extreme pressure on our state and local resources. In light of these changes, we're asking our Shaarey Zedek community to go above and beyond previous years to support our friends and neighbors who have been relying on these programs and may lose access to them by donating personal care items and groceries to help offset the burden of this reduction.

Please consider donating one or more of the following:

- Baby formula
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bar soap
- Wet Wipes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Pet food
- Pouches of tuna fish or chicken
- Canned goods with pop tops
- Applesauce pouches
- Fruit cups
- Shelf stable milk
- Squeezable peanut butter



Organization Spotlight

Salus Center is a community center that services Lansing's 2SLGBTQIA+ community. They offer support groups, interest groups, resources, and information. Learn more about this amazing organization that our community supports through donations to the *Tzedakah* Committee by visiting their website www.saluscenter.org/home or scanning the QR code.



SYNAGOGUE NEWS

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

Friday, October 10
RSVP by Thursday, October 9
using the link below:

www.bit.ly/LiveDinners

*Sponsored by Carol
Barrett and Jed Magen*



NOVEMBER 9

In hundreds of synagogues, JCCs, and other communal institutions, Jews of all backgrounds connect with one another through the shared study of our sacred texts. Held annually since 2010, the initiative is inspired by the vision of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz z"l.

 <p>Human Rights, Jewish Roots Rabbi Gabriel Kanter-Webber September 15, 2025</p>	 <p>Prophetic Voices Then and Now Rabbi Barbara Symons October 20, 2025</p>
 <p>Bodily Autonomy & Reproductive Rights Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein November 17, 2025</p>	 <p>Repairing the World: Tikkun Olam as a Mystical Praxis Rabbi Leah Moser December 8, 2025</p>
 <p>The Torah of Reparations Jordan Berg Powers January 12, 2026</p>	 <p>Jewish Responses to Climate Change Rabbi Glenn Jacob February 2, 2026</p>
 <p>Speaking Up to Power: Learning From Esther Rabbi Laura Rappaport March 2, 2026</p>	 <p>What We Leave for the Poor Rabbi Barry Block April 20, 2026</p>
 <p>The Right to Live, The Right to Die Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild May 11, 2026</p>	 <p>Protecting LGBTQ+ Rights: A Jewish View Rabbi Micah Buck June 8, 2026</p>

Social Justice in our Texts

Jewish Wisdom for Building a Better World

Poverty. Climate change. Racial justice. LGBTQ+ equality. Human rights. Tikkun Olam. What does Judaism teach us about creating a just society?

Once a month, September through June, we will take a one-hour “study break” to learn about an aspect of social justice in Jewish texts.

All classes are Mondays at 3pm ET / Noon PT
Free and open to all! Offered on a suggested contribution basis. Shaarey Zedek is pleased to co-sponsor this series in conjunction with LAASOK.

Register at <https://LAASOK.org/current-offerings/#justice>

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

1	Melissa Beth Rosenberg
3	Paul Zack
4	Joe Levine
4	Amanda Idema
4	Madison Merryman
5	Martin Pearlman
7	Gary Shapiro
11	Evie Gladstone
11	Alexander Thompson
14	Richard Radway
14	Steve Goldstein
14	Brian Dunn
16	Irene Ross
17	David Lowe
24	Howard Frischman
24	Judy Seyburn
25	Charlene Epstein
25	David Ely
25	Josie Shapiro
25	Kelly Feinberg
25	Lawrence Bass
28	Gale Rosen
29	Barbara Wieland

ANNIVERSARIES

6	David & Debbie Richmond
12	Matt & Shannon Cohen
12	Jason & Natalie Moser
13	Micah & Sara Siegal
18	Jeff & Shawna Olds
19	Elliot & Lynn Spoon
30	Sean & Margot Valles



יום הולדת שמח!

(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)





SZRS News

SZRS

Special Dates and
Programs in October
and November

- **Wednesday, October 1** NO SCHOOL (Yom Kippur)
- **Sunday, October 5** Madrichim-in-Training and *Tichon* begins
- **Wednesday, October 8** “Snacks in the *Sukkah*” begins at 5:40 and dismissal will be from the *Sukkah* on the *back lawn* (no car-line).
- **Sunday, October 12** *Simchat Torah* and Consecration Celebration – Join us as we celebrate our newest young students at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- **Sunday, November 9** Global Day of Jewish Learning
- **Wednesday, November 26 and Sunday, November 30** NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

2025-2026 SZRS Family Handbook

To access this year's SZRS Family Handbook (which includes a complete calendar), please go to:

<https://bit.ly/SZRSFamilyHandbook25-26>

Lifelong Learning News

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

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

Join us on *Shabbat* morning in the Davis Family Social Hall

ReJewvenate

to nourish your body, mind, and soul on

October 4 beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Needle Arts and Nibbles

Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club

Oct. 5 and Nov. 2 | 2:00 p. m.



Schuler Books

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

**12:00 - 12:40 p.m.
Thursdays via Zoom**



CYBER 101 PRESENTATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW!

 **17** October 16  7:00 p.m.  Davis Family Social Hall

 **ALL INVITED!** Desserts Will Be Provided

Presenter: Ms Kelley Goldblatt is a Cyber Security Expert who has experience working at the local, state, and federal levels.

Her focus has been on helping Michigan residents and organizations be more cyber resilient and secure. Ms. Goldblatt is currently working on a doctoral degree at Capitol Technology University focused on Cybersecurity.

 **RSVP Required at SisterhoodShalomSZ@gmail.com**

Everyone is invited to attend our Sisterhood meetings. You do not need to be a member of Sisterhood to attend but this is where we do our planning for exciting events.

Our October meeting is October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Shaarey Zedek.



UPCOMING

 Group outing to MSU Women's basketball game in the fall (Date TBD).

Chanukah Super Sale and Bake Sale on November 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wanted: Vendors and handcrafters are wanted for the annual sale! This is your opportunity to display and sell your arts and crafts.

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 birthdays of Evie Gladstone, Bonnie Radway and Charlene Epstein; In honor of the anniversary of Jeff and Shawna Olds
Esther Morrison

JOSEPH AND MABLE MEITES EDUCATIONAL FUND

Wishing Mazal Tov and B'hatzlacha to Naomi Glogower on becoming SZRS director

Aviva Panush

GENERAL FUND

Shanah Tovah to Congregation Shaarey Zedek

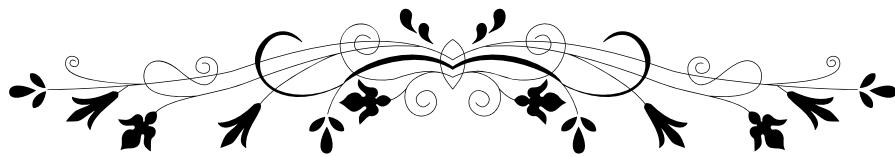
Aviva Panush

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Todah Rabah and B'hatzlacha to Menahelet Margot

Aviva Panush

YAHRTZEITS



October 3

Helen Berman
 Ted Brody
 Blanche Crego
 Zvi Hirsch Epstein
 Belle Lee Reizner
 Eulenberg
 Enid Kaplowitz
 Irving L. Marks
 Sylvia Martin
 E. Dean Meuterspaugh
 Jack Jacob Shulman
 Paula Baron Simon
 Peggy Warshaw

October 31

Morris B. Altman
 Ann Anthony
 Milton Bernstein
 Allen Cherney
 Abraham Fruitman
 Lawrence Gilbert
 Lorrayne Glazman
 Morey Kotzin
 Herman Lieberman
 Marc Simon
 Ruth Smookler
 Catherine (Kay) Steadman
 Elaine Slovnick
 Elissa Teles
 Alan Wolfe

October 10

Jeanette Abeles
 Lillian Bernson
 Lee Bernstein
 Susan Brauer
 Cecil Browde
 Rose Danowitz
 Sylvia Glicksman
 Norma Itkin Green
 Leo M. Halco
 Ella H. Kamins
 Delia Koo
 Justin Morrison
 David William Rosenfeld
 Jacob Rundell
 Charlotte Silverman
 Seymour Silverman
 Justin Winnig

October 17

Vera Elia
 Kathryn Emery
 Samuel Flaster
 Arthur Kamins
 Max Lewenhof
 Marjorie Mittleman
 Robert Olson
 Joseph Oxer
 John Parmenter
 Joe H. Rosenberg
 Rachel Schlachter
 Marguerite Schnuiger
 Ken Shapiro
 Irving Warshaw

October 24

Irene Silverman Baker
 Genevieve Busch
 David Casher
 Alfred Friedman
 George Jerome Friedman
 Maxine Friedman
 Charles Lachman
 Ruth Claire Lehmann
 Michael Lewinson
 William Frank Lowe
 Eve Novik
 Leo H. Ormos
 Ann Horowitz Roth
 Faye Shapiro
 Julie Singer
 Sadie Teguns



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

Gail Wolfe on the death of her sister-in-law, Elaine Wolfe, on September 10

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

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

Thursday, October 2 -- *Yom Kippur* Worship, please see page 2 for details

Friday, October 3 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, including October 7th Commemoration, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 10 -- Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 12 -- *Simchat Torah* & Consecration Celebration, 11 a.m.

Monday, October 13 -- Reform *Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor* Worship, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 14 -- Conservative *Shemini Atzeret / Yizkor* Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 17 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 24 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 31 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.