

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2025
TISHREI - CHESHVAN 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'ruchim 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.

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, Marilyn Jones, Alon Kalay, Alene Keller, Kim Roth, Sue Safir, Jen Thompson

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October 3 – Sisterhood

October 10 – Anita Mitchell, Tina/Ed Ozer, 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 – Cidney Nicholson's *Bat Mitzvah*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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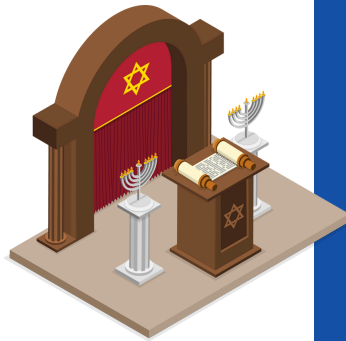
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NEW ADDRESS

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

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.



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

One day every year, over 10,000
people around the world participate
in **The Global Day of Jewish
Learning.**

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.

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

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>

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

Special Dates and Programs in October and November

- **Wednesday, October 1** NO SCHOOL (*Yom Kippur*)
- **Sunday, October 5** *Madrachim-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)

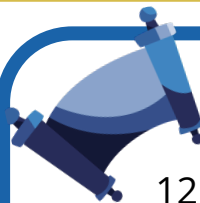
Join us on *Shabbat* morning in the Davis Family Social Hall to nourish your body, mind, and soul on
ReJewvenate
October 4 beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Needle Arts and Nibbles
Shaarey Zedek
Knitting Club



Schuler Books

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



WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

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

CYBER 101 PRESENTATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW NOW!



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.



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
- 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 SCHOLASHIP FUND

Todah Rabah and *B'hatzlacha* to Menahellet Margot

Aviva Panush



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 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

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



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.