

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

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APRIL 2020 *NISAN-IYAR* 5780



RABBI'S MESSAGE

COVID-19 & ITS EFFECT ON CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

I write this with a heavy heart as I had to make the tough decision to cancel our congregational trip to Israel, scheduled for March 15-25, due to the novel coronavirus that has swept across the world. A few days following my decision, the Israeli government announced that all travelers arriving in Israel would be subject to a 14-day quarantine, so while my heart is broken that we aren't in Israel, my decision was the correct one.

Luckily for us, while the staff at ARZA World Travel has worked with us to extend refunds to our travelers, they are also working with us to RE-SCHEDULE OUR TRIP. Thus I am excited to announce that Congregation Shaarey Zedek is going to Israel in March 2021! This is the trip of a lifetime and is designed for first-timers, but is open to all. If you weren't able to join us for the scheduled March 2020 trip, you are welcome to join us in 2021. As soon as I have details, I will let you know via our Tuesday e-mails, *Shabbat* service leaflets, "Commentary" articles, and more.

COVID-19 has also affected our temple in other ways: the cancellation of religious school, live worship services (although many are being livestreamed), the *Pesach seder*, and so on. These were difficult decisions to make, but as our governor called a state of emergency and closed all K-12 schools and the number of cases rose in Michigan, we knew that we needed to follow suit. Our hopes are to limit exposures as much as possible so that we can return to our normal programming as soon as possible.

We hope that by mid-April we will be able to offer the programs and services that are listed in this edition of the "Commentary." As this situation is an ever-changing, sometimes minute-by-minute, one we will keep you regularly apprised via e-mail. (If you are not on our e-mail list, this is a good time to have your address added! Please contact Patty at executive@shaarezedek.com to add your name to our list.)

Below are two prayers, the first of which I have been sharing at our worship services:

Coronavirus: A Prayer for Medical Scientists

God of wisdom,
Bless medical scientists and researchers around the world
With insight and skill, dedication and fortitude,
As they combat coronavirus,
So that their work yields knowledge and understanding,
Speedily finding a vaccine, treatments and deterrents to its spread.
Source of life,
Grant public health and government officials
The strength to act swiftly and decisively,
With compassion and understanding,
In service to humankind,
Fighting this outbreak
And the other diseases that still plague the planet,
Diseases threatening the lives of our brothers and sisters,
Nations and communities, Young and old.
Rock of Ages,
Bring an end to disease and suffering,
So that all may know
Your compassion and Your grace.
ברוך אתה ה', רופא כל בשר, ומפליא לעשות:
Praised are You God, healer of flesh, maker of wonders.
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Healing from Coronavirus

Source of healing,
Cast the light of health and well-being
On those who've been exposed to coronavirus,
Those who have contracted the disease,
And those — God forbid — who contract the disease in the future.
Bless them, protect them and bring them speedily to full recovery.
Bless all who are ill
With healing of body
Healing of soul
And healing of spirit.
ברוך אתה ה', מקור חיים.
Baruch atah Adonai, m'kor chayim.
Blessed are You Adonai, Source of life.
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Sisterhood Update

While our community, and communities around the world, are facing quarantines for Covid-19, or Coronavirus, Sisterhood shares messages of community and hope.

Sisterhood Scholarships for Jewish Summer Camps

Thanks to the generosity of Sisterhood Donors—scholarships were awarded to nine Congregation Shaarey Zedek youth members. The scholarships will allow the students to attend Jewish summer programs at locations including Tamarack Camps, Habonim Dror Camp Tavor, and Camp Young Judaea Midwest.

We hope the experiences the campers have will create lasting friendships and deepen each individual's sense of Judaism.

Sisterhood Events—Planning for the Future

Beloved Sisterhood events including Sisterhood *Shabbat* (planned for March 27) and the Community *Seder* (planned for April 8) have been cancelled due to the recommendations to remain socially distant.

We hope to reschedule the Sisterhood *Shabbat*, and may even hold *Pesach Sheni* in May, when the health concerns no longer keep us apart.

While we may not see you in person for *Pesach* in 2020, instead of ending our *Seder* with "Next Year in Jerusalem," perhaps we will say:

"Next Year with our Friends and Family"

Wishing you a safe and sane Coronavirus Quarantine.



Menaheret Margot's Message



MARCH AT SZRS

Though March at SZRS came to an abrupt stop, the sessions we had together in the school were a lot of fun. Students in *Gan-Bet* had their own *Megilah* reading on March 8. That same day all the students in *Gan* through 7th grade made *Mishloach Manot* (gifts of food and treats) to give out to congregants. At 11:00 a.m. students attended the *Purim* Carnival put on by GLTY. It was wonderful, as always! Above, you can see a picture of some of our GLTY youth. On March 11, students who attend on Wednesdays (3rd-7th) shared a *Purim* service and *Megillah* Reading with the congregation. Students in fifth-through seventh-grade did an AMAZING job reading the *Megilat Esther* (Scroll of Esther)!

April at SZRS

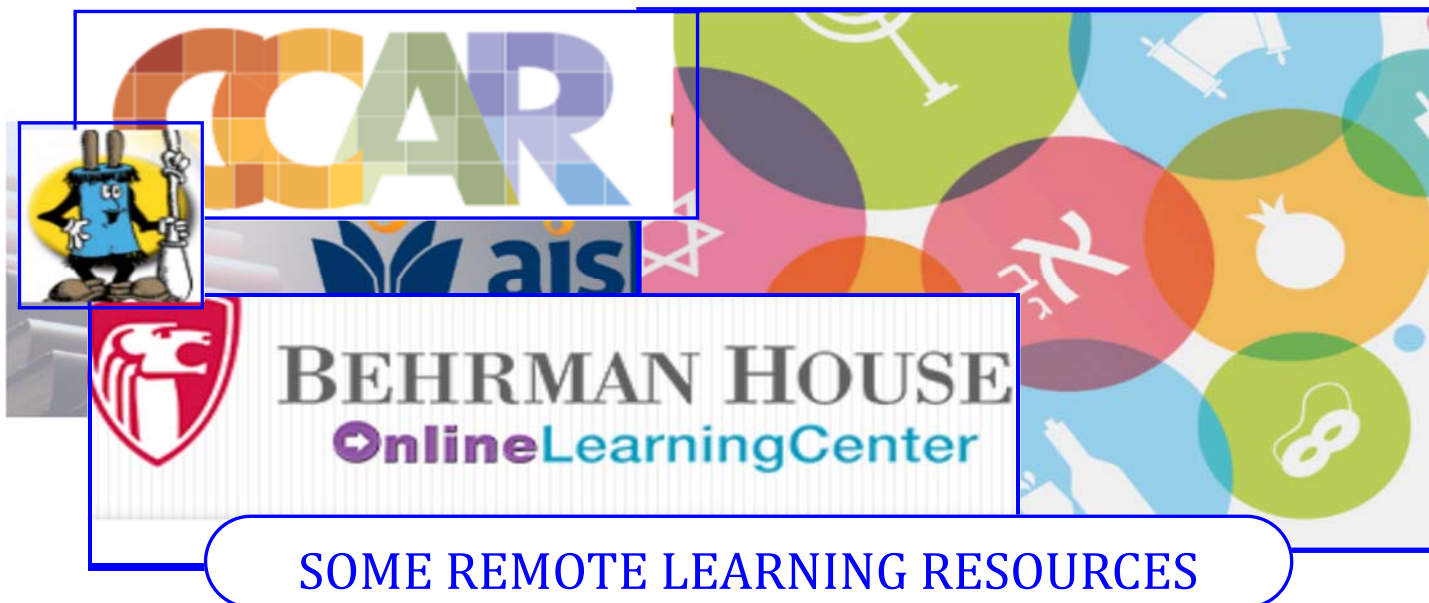
For the remaining weeks of school, we will be shifting to a remote learning model. Teachers will be sending resources and assignments via email (or, if you prefer, snailmail) one or more times a week. Some teachers will be asking students to connect with them or other students via Zoom or phone. The teachers should have reached out to SZRS families with their suggestions about how best to move forward with their particular class. We are working hard to make sure that students **feel connected** to each other and to our school, that they **feel continuity** between their new work and their old work and that they **find the content of their learning materials meaningful**.

Public Service Announcement:

Are you stuck at home? Bored? Letting your Hebrew reading skills slide? Well, there are tons of resources online that you, yeah, YOU, can use to keep up your Hebrew reading skills.

Check out the list on the following page or check in with the following Google doc, here:

<http://bit.ly/RemoteResourcesFam>



SOME REMOTE LEARNING RESOURCES

Hebrew Reading Practice:

The Behrman House Online Learning Center has some free apps and games:

<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/learn/hebrew>

The IAC's Keshet program is offering its events online for free. Sometimes they have programs for younger students:

<https://www.israeliamerican.org/keshet>

Holidays and Judaica:

Jitap has online games for kids 7-11 years old (including a lot of Pesach material):

<https://www.jitap.net/activities/>

PJLibrary has set up a special area for families affected by the coronavirus:

<https://pjlibrary.org/familyactivities>

T'filot/Prayer Practice:

CCAR has the online versions of both *Mishkan T'fillah* (our Reform Prayer Book) for Shabbat and for Youth, available for free. Parents, use the transliteration side to check your child's reading! Students, cover up the English and challenge yourselves:

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-shabbat/>

<https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/mishkan-tfilah-for-youth/>

PrayerTech is an online app that allows students to practice and review prayers. You can get it for all different types of devices. For some types of apps, they are letting you in for free, for others, it costs a penny:

<http://bit.ly/TorahAuraPrayerTech>

Adult Education:

Everything online is going free! Check out

(for a more traditional perspective):

<https://academy.aish.com/>

or (for a pluralist perspective) <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/>

or (for a liberal perspective): <https://reformjudaism.org/>

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS RESULTS

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Statement from the American Zionist Movement, which administered the U.S. Election for the 38th World Zionist Congress
March 23, 2020

Voting for U.S. representatives to the World Zionist Congress (WZC), the international “parliament of the Jewish people,” ended on March 11, 2020 and was conducted primarily online at ZionistElection.org with thousands of paper ballots also sent in by postal mail. The results below are preliminary, including mailed ballots received to-date, and are subject to final certification by VOTEM, the election management company that is tallying the votes.

The seven-week U.S election for the World Zionist Congress garnered over 120,000 votes, more than double the turnout of the last election in 2015 and the highest number of votes since the election began for the entire American Jewish community 30 years ago. A total of 15 slates, comprised of nearly 1,800 candidates, were vying for 152 American seats for the Congress during the election organized and facilitated in the U.S. by the American Zionist Movement (AZM). After the votes are certified the number of delegates per slate will be apportioned using a formula outlined in the official election rules. The 38th World Zionist Congress is scheduled to be held in Jerusalem from October 20-22, 2020.

SLATE	VOTES
Vote Reform	31,500
Orthodox Israel Coalition - Mizrahi	21,698
Eretz Hakodesh	20,023
MERCAZ USA (Conservative)	14,666
ZOA Coalition	10,313
American Forum for Israel	8,132
Hatikvah	7,932
Shas Olami	2,046
Kol Yisrael	1,752
Dorshei Torah V'Tziyon	1,373
Herut Zionists	1,157
Vision	1,036
Americans4Israel	857
Israel Shelanu	769
Ohavei Zion	375
TOTAL	123,629

From Rabbi Bigman: Thank you to all of you who participated in this important election!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY? LANSING MAYOR ANDY SCHOR SENT OUT THIS INFORMATION:

American Red Cross Blood Donations: The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. Please schedule your appointment to donate blood at redcross.org using your zip code to locate the closest location.

Greater Lansing Food Bank: Please support the Greater Lansing Food Bank with monetary donations: www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org

Volunteer Opportunities Available: Volunteers are needed for Lansing area shelters. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Renee Jones at Holy Cross by phone 517.489.5278 or [email: rjones@hccsnet.org](mailto:rjones@hccsnet.org)

Tri-County Office on Aging is looking for volunteers to safely deliver meals to seniors in the area: <https://www.tcoa.org/volunteer>

THANKS FOR DOING *MITZVOT* DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD!

THE RUTH E. ROME MUSIC FUND PRESENTS.....



DAN NICHOLS

Sunday, April 19 at
11:00 a.m. (WE HOPE
AND PRAY)

Please join us for a
FREE family-friendly
concert by one of the
premiere
Jewish
contemporary
musicians.

Dan is a product of the URJ Jewish camping movement. He has toured Jewish summer camps across North America for the last 15 years. A classically trained singer, Dan received his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance at the University of North Carolina. In 1995, realizing the potential of music to make powerful connections with Jewish youth, Dan established the Jewish rock band Eighteen. Since that time, Dan and Eighteen have released 11 albums. Songs like, *L'takein* (The Na Na Song), *B'tzelem Elohim*, *Kehillah Kedoshah*, *Chazak*, *Hoshia*, and *Sweet As Honey* have become Jewish communal anthems throughout North America. Dan tours over 180 days each year, where he often serves as artist-in-residence and teacher for congregations and camp communities. He has served on the faculty of *Hava Nashira* since 2001. In 2009 he co-founded Shulhouse Rock, a songleading workshop for Jewish high-school students. He has performed live in Israel at the historic fortress of Masada and in the studio for the groundbreaking XM Radio presentation of Radio *Hanukkah*. Dan created the Road to Eden Deep South *Sukkot* Tour to bring the message of *Sukkot* to communities in the southern United States, where he and his band played 11 shows in 10 days. Their experiences are captured in the documentary film, *Road to Eden*. The film is now touring Jewish film festivals across the country. In addition to these highlights, Dan has been featured at conferences and conventions of nearly every major Jewish movement, including the URJ Biennial, NFTY Convention, BBYO International, Limmud and the Wexner Heritage Program. Dan lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with his wife Elysha and his daughter Ava.

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, a minimum donation of \$18 will be required in order to receive a listing in the "Commentary" and acknowledgment to a recipient. This policy applies to these funds :

- Jeanette Abeles Scholar-In-Residence Fund
- Bette Sue Rittman All Children Are Special Fund
- Bernard Friedland Educational Materials Fund
- Bubbe Lynn Rycus Beautification Fund
- Building Fund
- Cantor Pamela Schiffer Caring Community Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library Fund
- David and Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund
- Joseph & Jeannette Lutvak Fund
- Jerry Cohen Photography Fund
- Joseph and Mable Meites Religious School Fund
- Esther and Justin Morrison Fund
- Landscape Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Robert Goodman Music Fund
- Sophie Radway PJ Library Fund
- Rabbi Morton and Aviva Hoffman *Tzedakah* Fund

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

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of:

Benjamin Levine
Susie Levine
Maier Levine
Jessie Feinstein
Sam Silver
Eve Silver
Rozie Silver
Rhoda Kaye
Hedda Blum
Jacob Blum
Shoshie Levine

BUILDING FUND

In memory of:

Eulalah McDonald
Jack McDonald
Larry Levy
Jackie Holsclaw

In memory of Leo Goldner

In memory of Lois Cone Lurie

The Mittleman Family

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

Happy Birthday to:

Naomi Rachman
Sue Davis
Jill Fine

In memory of Rose Morrison

Wishing my Shaarey Zedek family a happy and healthy Passover

Esther Morrison

JOE AND JEANNETTE LUTVAK MEMORIAL FUND

Happy Birthday to Jeffrey Lutvak
Mark and Phyllis Lutvak

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

1. Rebecca Bahar-Cook, Sylvia Kruger, James Danowitz, Carly Cohen, Margot Valles
4. Janet Abramson, RB Brown, Michael Wegan
6. Naomi Rachman, Irma Zuckerberg
7. Kevin George
8. Ethel Anthony, Jonah Hicks
10. Stephanie Barch
11. Maria Costa-Fox, Chuck Johnson, Brian Vincent
12. Sue Davis
14. Courtney Vincent
15. Norman Abeles, Mary Marton, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler
16. Gail Eisenberg, Jill Fine, Joan Gochberg
17. Susan Mermelstein
18. Barry Kaufman
19. Jerry Bayer, Jonathan Berman
22. Bradley Shafer
23. Maxwell Schwitzer
24. Claire Ascher Wegan
25. John Eulenberg, David Shafer
26. Arella Yoder, Beatrice Linder
27. Nicole Rosen
28. Amy Fulton Stout, Zoe Weinstein
29. Miriam Adam
30. Jacob Dunn

ANNIVERSARIES

1. Roy Saper & Nell Kuhnmuensch
7. David Annis & Andrea Bozoki, Perry & Anita Parkhurst
14. Brian Dunn & Barbara Robinson-Dunn
21. Larry & Laurie Bass
25. Martin & Irene Ross



DIRECTORY UPDATE

An updated Congregation Shaarey Zedek directory is currently in progress. Thank you for your patience as volunteers work to make this happen.

Please consider sending directory updates, including email addresses, to Kelly Feinberg (kelly.feinberg@gmail.com) for inclusion in the updated directory.

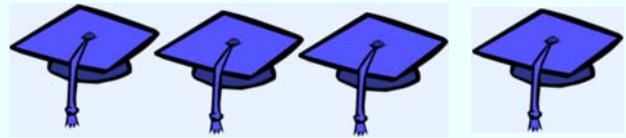
Thank you!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

If you shop at Kroger, you probably have a Kroger Plus card. Not only can it save you money on your purchases, but it can help our synagogue, too! Simply log on to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com click on "Michigan" and click "enroll" to sign up. You will need your Plus card and our congregation's code— 84431.

SHOP AMAZON

Via our website-www.shaareyzedek.com Buy from Amazon.com and Congregation Shaarey Zedek will receive 4% of your total order. You **can access** Amazon by clicking on the Amazon image on our website, but once you are on their site, you can use your normal Amazon profile and order as you always do!



Please join us at Friday *Shabbat* services, April 24, 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate the

Shaarey Zedek Religious School
Graduation of

Alex Adam

Son of Razvan and Miriam Adam

Forrest Colson

Son of Mark and Janet Colson

Sara Cook

Daughter of Todd Cook and Rebecca

Bahar-Cook

Bonita Yoder

Daughter of Monica and Lewis

Resnick

PRAYERS OF HEALING

Prayers of healing are sent to....

Anita Baron, Royalyn Vert, Alan Zohott, Allen Frank, Ken Browde, Chuck Johnson, Regan Johnson, Ed Ozer, Celia Guro, Igor Guro, Elaine Pearlman, Mark Lutvak

It is our custom to read the names of those in need of healing at our Friday evening and Saturday morning *Shabbat* services. If you would like the name of a loved one read at services, please contact the synagogue office by noon on Friday.

Please note: In order to keep our list current, a new list will be started each month. Names from the previous month will not be retained. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCES

YAHRTZEITS

April 3-4

Dorothy Abramson, Jacob Greenstein, Joseph Gulvezan, Leon Handelsman, Dora Israel, Louis Kamins, Rochelle Levitz, Gertrude Magen, Eulalah McDonald, Sanford Meyer, Patricia Nasser, Carol Goodman Pondel, Sophie Radway, Ruth E. Rome, Lorelee Tessmer, Markus Weiss

April 10-11

Fannye Abramson, Stephen Carl Clayton, Sharren Cook, Clara Fine, David Friedland, Maureen Gladstone, Hyman Gochberg, Will Greenberg, Warren Johnson, Kipton Kaplan, Bernard Kaplowitz, Phyllis Litvak, David Luebke, Robert Norris, Steven Ormos, Myrna Rubin, Eva Shuman, Seth Weisman, Cynthia Eulenberg Weisz, Thomas Zohott

April 17-18

Jane Abramson, Richard Arcuri, Lee Bishop, Charles Bressler, Joyce Lazer, Rose Tillie Morrison, Irving Pasman, Lillian Pearl, Florence Rudman, Margie Shanker, Helen Tanenbaum, Rebecca Smookler White

April 24-25

Miriam Barshefsky, Sadye Blechman, Lillian Briggs, Herman Byron Bueller, Ellyce Field, E. I. Greenberg, Margaret Kramer, Rose Ledger, Jack B. McDonald, Jenny Meadows, Louis Shanker

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are sent to:

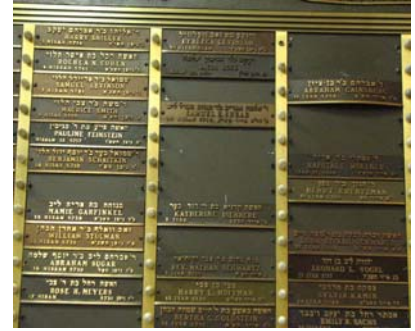
Maria Costa-Fox and family on the death of her brother, Luiz Costa, on March 8.

Ken and Celirose Varner on the death of his mother, Anne Varner, on March 15.

Suzanne and David Lowe on the death of her father, Phillip Margules, on March 29.

The family of **Marlaina Kreinin** who died on March 27. Cards may be sent to the family in care of:

Tamara Kreinin
1727 20th Street
San Francisco, CA 94107



MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES

Memorialize your loved one and honor their name with a plaque in the Shaarey Zedek sanctuary.

Please contact Patty Warshaw in the Shaarey Zedek office for further information.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Congregation Shaarey Zedek will be held on Sunday, May 17. Time to be determined. TBD

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

*The Greater Lansing Jewish Community
is invited to come together for a*

NATIONAL REFUGEE SHABBAT

a project of **HIAS**

Pray for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in a Special Shabbat Evening Service

***Rabbi Amy Bigman, Congregation Shaarey Zedek
Rabbi Michael Zimmerman, Congregation Kehillat Israel***

Gather for Singing and Shabbat Music

***Devorah Fick and Sue Levy, Congregation Kehillat Israel
Joan Gochberg, Congregation Shaarey Zedek***

With Special Guest Speaker Rev. Alice Townley

Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Board Member of All Faith Alliance for Refugees

April 17th 2020, 7pm, at Congregation Shaarey Zedek

SHAAREY ZEDEK OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed until at least April 15.

Administrator Patty Warshaw will be in the office sporadically. In the event of an emergency, please call her at 899-1215.

Also in case of emergency, Rabbi Bigman's phone is 314-440-8050.

When "normal life" resumes, office hours are:

Mondays—closed.

Tuesday– Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Rev. Alice Townley



POST-PASSOVER PIZZA AND PASTA PARTY!

Pizza House

4790 South Hagadorn

East Lansing

Thursday, April 16



Please join us as we “break” Passover together by eating pizza and other breaded foods at Pizza House. This Pizza House FUNdraiser will be held all day on April 16. Just bring this flier or mention Shaarey Zedek and 15% of your bill will be donated to the synagogue.

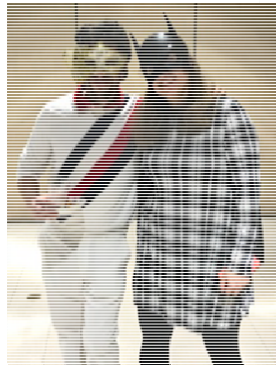
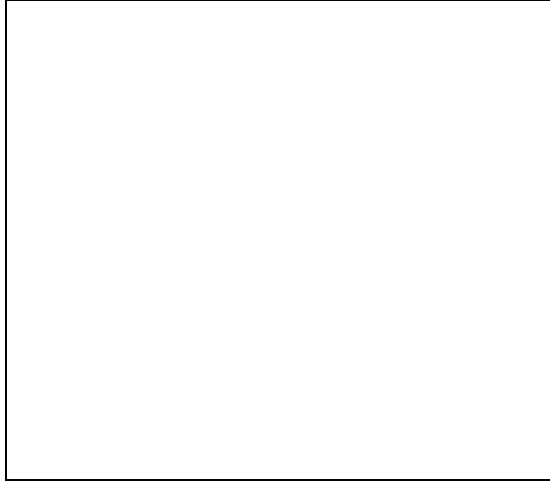
(This offer is also good for carry-out and delivery.)

From 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. the back room of the restaurant will be available for Shaarey Zedek members and guests.

* Out of respect for our members who observe eight days of Passover, we are holding this event on the eighth day so that all members of our congregation can participate on Saturday evening.

ADULT PURIM PARTY 2020/5780

A great time was had by all!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Shaarey Zedek office will be closed (at this time) through April 15.	Scheduled events are subject to cancellation due to the national health crisis.		1	2	3 7:00 pm <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service	4 9:30 am <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service
5	6 Office Closed	7	8	9	10 7:00 pm Shaarey Zedek LIVE! <i>Shabbat</i> Service	11 9:30 am <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service
12	13 Office Closed	14	15	16 <i>Pizza House FUNdaiser (see page 12)</i>	17 7:00 pm <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service	18 9:30 am <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service 10:45 am Tot <i>Shabbat</i>
19 9:30 am SZRS 11:00 am Dan Nichols concert	20 Office Closed	21	22 4:30 pm SZRS	23 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting	24 7:00 pm <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service including Graduation	25 9:30 am <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service
26 9:30 am SZRS	27 Office Closed	28	29 4:30 pm SZRS	30		

Commentary

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Commentary Worship Schedule

Friday, April 3

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 10

SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 17

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, April 24

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m. including Religious
School Graduation

Saturday, April 25

Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

