

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

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JULY 2021-TAMMUZ/AV 5781



Join us on the east lawn for our outdoor *Shabbat* Service

Friday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.

Please social distance and bring your own seating.

There will be no *Oneg Shabbat*.



MESSAGE FROM RABBI BIGMAN

Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life is a journey:
From childhood to maturity
And youth to age...
We see that victory lies
Not at some high place along the way,
But in having made the journey, stage by stage,
A sacred pilgrimage.

These words are part of a beautiful poem by Rabbi Alvin Fine that often appear in *Yizkor* (memorial) services and as part of the funeral liturgy. These are also the first words of my first sermon given here at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in July 2007. In that sermon I shared my own life journey, introducing myself to you and sharing my experiences prior to moving to East Lansing fourteen years ago. As I begin my fifteenth year with all of you, and my thirtieth in the rabbinate, my life has truly been a journey taking me in a variety of directions: working in the congregational rabbinate, working in an interfaith educational institution, participating in and organizing community-wide programs, pursuing further educational opportunities, and more.

In the *Torah* portions from the Book of Numbers which we are reading this month, we find our ancestors having left Egypt, wandering for almost forty years, and now on the edge of the Promised Land. We learn that Joshua is chosen to lead the people into the next phase of their communal journey once Moses dies (which occurs at the end of the Book of Deuteronomy). The journey in the wilderness is not just about getting from Point A (Egypt) to Point B (the Land), but also about getting the people into the right frame of mind, getting them spiritually ready to inherit the Land.

In Numbers 26, we are told who "the descendants of the Israelites who came out of the land of Egypt" were, listing each clan and the number of able-bodied men who could form an army. Interestingly, most translations say "who came out of the land of Egypt" using the past tense of the verb, but the Hebrew is actually in the present tense: "those who are coming out of the land of Egypt."

Rabbi Neal Joseph Loevinger, a Conservative rabbi in Poughkeepsie, New York, wrote many years ago about this use of the present tense that has stayed with me for all of these years. He noted that

in any given community, there are people who are on different stages of the journey [of coming out of Egypt, "Egypt" used here as a metaphor for a time of confusion, feeling overwhelmed by the coming journey, feeling far from God]... Some people are ready to enter the Land (understood as "settled" self-confidence about their Jewishness), some people are just leaving Egypt -- every Jewish community contains individuals all along the spectrum.

Sometimes even as individuals, we go back and forth in our spiritual energy; sometimes it feels like we've just escaped Pharaoh, and sometimes it feels like we're ready to join with others and build a strong Jewish community. [*Kolel* website, *Pinchas* 5760]

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No matter where we are on our personal journeys, it is incumbent upon each of us to contribute to the shared communal Shaarey Zedek journey, that journey which began with the founding of our congregation in November 1918 and which continues to today.

I concluded my sermon on that long ago July day in 2007 with the following words:

While I was growing up at Temple Beth El in Detroit, stepping into Beth El's beautiful building at Fourteen Mile and Telegraph Roads felt like coming home to me -- the temple was my second home. And that's how I want everyone at Shaarey Zedek to feel about this building and congregation. And so it is my hope and prayer that as we continue on this journey together, it will be a journey filled with more knowledge, more positive Jewish experiences, more "at-home-ness," and greater fulfillment and wholeness for each member of the congregation and for the community as a whole.

Kein y'hi ratzon -- May this be God's will and may this be God's blessing for our congregation.

This continues to be my hope and prayer, in 2021 and beyond, for all of us. May this continue to be God's will and God's blessing for our congregational family.

We're going to Israel!!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you that have either been able to participate in services in person the last few weeks or who will be joining us soon for services. Seeing people back in the sanctuary has been uplifting.

Following up on last month's communication where it was indicated that items regarding our reopening would be revisited, I wanted to announce some modifications to our procedures and practices for the month of July. These include the following:

As has become common practice during the pandemic, we ask that anyone who is not feeling well to participate in services remotely via our livestream.

Masks will not be required for outdoor services.

While not mandatory for those who have been vaccinated, we encourage people to wear a mask during indoor services and ask that those not yet vaccinated or who may live with others not vaccinated to wear a mask while attending services inside.

We will ask that people who attend services in person sign in upon arrival for contact tracing purposes if necessary.

We will not be providing *kippah* and *tallit* and ask those who wear them as part of their practice bring their own to services.

We will continue to practice social distancing in the sanctuary.

There will be no traditional *Oneg* or *Kiddush* during July although we are exploring potential alternatives.

Congregational groups and committees will be allowed to meet at the synagogue.

Again, I know that people may have different expectations of what our return to normal looks like based on their own experiences and understanding of the current public health care guidance. Please understand that conditions are evolving quickly and that these practices and procedures represent our best attempt to balance the need to come together and worship as well as maintain a safe environment for all.

Finally, thank you all for your support of Shaarey Zedek during the pandemic. I am grateful that during this time you have remained committed to our community.

See you on *Shabbat*,

Todd Cook, President

SHABBAT NATURE WALK

FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND WELL-BEHAVED,
LEASHED PETS



SATURDAY, JULY 17
2:00 P.M.



Join Dr. Margot Valles and Kelly Feinberg on a walk through the natural wonderland that surrounds our synagogue building. As we walk, we will be playing a game of nature-walk bingo--so get ready to pay attention to the sights, smells and sounds around us!

MEET UP
PARKING

We will be setting off from the eastern edge of the synagogue parking lot (furthest point from Coolidge Road).

Please park toward the western edge of the synagogue parking lot (closer to the road).

GEAR

Bring water.

Wear sunscreen and a hat.

Wear comfortable, supportive shoes.

Wear bug spray and long clothing to protect against ticks, itchy plants and other things you may encounter in nature.

ROUTE

The route is well-trodden and mostly flat. We anticipate about 45 minutes of active walking time, with several breaks along the way including a longer break at the playground at Henry Fine Park.

QUESTIONS

Contact Margot Valles

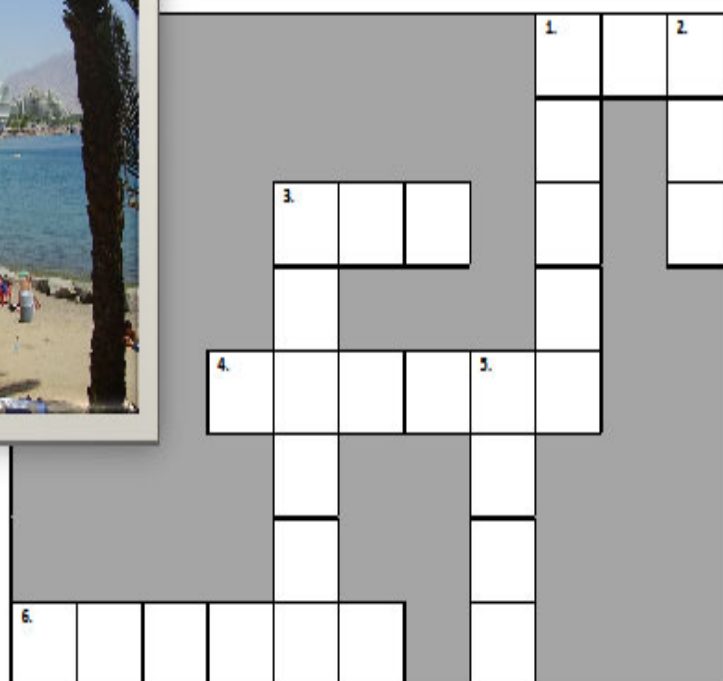
By phone or text at (412) 614-0310

By email: menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com.

Summertime Crossword for Adults and Teens



Wish you were lounging on a beach in *Eilat*? Here's a crossword filled with summertime words in English and (sounds like) Hebrew to bring *Eilat* to you.



| Across | Down |
|---|--|
| 1. A tool for unlocking AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>because</i> . | 1. Summertime toys that fly by catching the wind AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>summer</i> . |
| 3. It goes bang AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>garden</i> (and kindergarten). | 2. What you say about something tasty AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>sea</i> . |
| 4. Two of these make sixteen AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>tree</i> . | 3. The good witch in <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>ice cream</i> with an "n" added in the middle. |
| 6. Five down is an example of this type of footwear. It means the same thing in Hebrew. | 5. A brand name for six down AND sounds like the Hebrew word for <i>nature</i> . |

JULY 2021

SHAAREY ZEDEK SISTERHOOD

New Sisterhood President

HI EVERYONE,

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF. AS OF A FEW DAYS AGO, I AM THE NEW SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT KAREN WEINSTEIN. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF SHAAREY ZEDEK FOR 14 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MOST OF THAT TIME. I HAVE 1 DAUGHTER GROWN AND MARRIED. I HAVE BEEN PART OF THE SISTERHOOD BOARD FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS NEW ADVENTURE IN SISTERHOOD AND I HOPE YOU WILL COME JOIN US AS WE EASE INTO IN PERSON ACTIVITIES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS LOOK ME UP IN THE DIRECTORY AND DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT.

Committee Highlight

HAVE YOU HEARD OF OUR *PERSONAL INTEREST COMMITTEE*? THIS COMMITTEE IS MEANT TO HELP ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHEN THERE IS A NEED. THIS COULD BE MEALS WHEN YOU ARE SICK OR HAVING TROUBLE, OR EVEN MAYBE YOU NEED A HELPING HAND, OR A RIDE. PLEASE CONTACT *SHAWN OLDS* IF YOU NEED HELP.

shawnolds1967@gmail.com or 896-5199

Dates to Remember

July Board meeting

EMAIL
WRENYK@AOL.COM FOR
DETAILS

Upcoming Projects

PROGRAMMING
PLANNING SESSION

Food for the Soul

[HTTPS://WWW.MYJEWISH
LEARNING.COM/THE-
NOSHER/HOW-TO-MAKE-
AN-EGG-CREAM/](https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/how-to-make-an-egg-cream/)

Gift Shop

AS WE REOPEN KEEP
YOUR EYES PEELED
ABOUT GIFT SHOP NEWS

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 "Commentary" and acknowledgment to a recipient. This policy applies to these funds:

- Jeanette Abeles Scholar-In-Residence Program
- Bette Sue Rittman All Children Are Special Fund
- Bernard Friedland Educational Fund
- Bubbe Lynn Rycus Beautification
- Building Fund
- Cantor Pamela Schiffer Caring Community Fund
- David and Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library Fund
- Joseph & Jeannette Lutvak Fund
- Jerry Cohen Photography Fund
- Joe 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 and Social Engagement Fund
- Ruth E. Rome Endowed Music Fund
- Florence Rudman Early Education Endowed Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Shapiro Endowed Religious School Fund
- SZ Endowment Fund
- L' Dor Vador Fund

SOPHIE RADWAY PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Jack Martin
Marlene and Burt Altman

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

Happy Birthday to:

Ethel Brody
Larry Shanker
Ken Warshaw

In memory of Ruth and Irv Nedelman
Esther Morrison

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of our marriage

Charlene and Jeffrey Peterman

A generous donation was received from
Matthew Aldridge

BUBBE LYNN RYCUS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Steve Barkin, brother-in-law of Ron Rycus

Marlene and Burt Altman
Sue Safir

In memory of Steve Barkin

In honor of Eddie Kleiman on his 75th birthday
Ron Rycus

JOSEPH AND JEANNETTE LUTVAK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of:

Lillian Hack
Naomi Hack
Rosamond Hack

Alan and Carolyn Zohott

In memory of:

Joseph and Jeanette Lutvak
Dorothy Bessie Davis
Paul Davis
Ed Davis
Gayle Helene Lutvak

In honor of Rabbi Corey Helfend and
Cantor Doron Shapera
Mark and Phylis Lutvak

JERRY COHEN PHOTOGRAPHY FUND

A generous donation was received from
Emily Koo

GENERAL FUND

A generous donation was received from
Sheldon and Carol Messing

HENRY FINE AND ANNETTE FINE BURKE LIBRARY FUND

In honor of the recovery of Jerry Fine
Marlene and Burt Altman

BUILDING FUND

A generous donation was received from
Gretchen Smith



Thank you to Alan and Gail Wolfe, The Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund, and our Sisterhood for the purchase of a new 2-door refrigerator for our kitchen.

We hope for delivery in early to mid-July.



WANTED: YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR(S)

We are looking for advisor(s) for the Greater Lansing Temple Youth (grades 9-12) and GLTY Jr. (grades 6-8).

For further details, please contact
Rabbi Bigman at
rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com

Thank you!

REMEMBRANCES

July 2-3

Howard Baker, Carol Blann, Lena Brody, Julius Eric Friedman, Beatrice Gabin, Sivia Goldman, Lillian Hack, Richard S. Kositchek, Trudi Messer, Irving Nedelman, Alex Marion, Lillian L. Samet, Edythe Weinstein, Sidney Woodrow

July 9-10

Renee Adler, Esther Eyl, Helen Fruitman, William Hafka, Floyd "Buddy" Jones, Harold Kronenberg, Mike Marks, Dorothy Parkhurst, Jacob Pearlman, Lionel Rycus, Bertha Silverman, Roy Weiss

July 16-17

Nona Ruth Blum, Peter Blum, James Clayton, Anne Epstein, Clarence Gladstone, Dr. Sumner Gochberg, Oscar Kahn, Sam Ledger, Marvin Lieberman, Annette Shuman Guttell, Louis Kositchek, Betty Krohngold, Stephanie Meyrowitz, Ruth Nedelman, Eva Raden, Paul Rosenberg, Melvin Rudman, S. Gerald Shiovitz

July 23-24

Bertha Abeles, Harmon Bayer, Alexander Eulenberg, Herbert Fernholz, Bernard Friedland, Elliot Glicksman, Edith Horowitz, Ruth Eileen Hull, Orlin "Bob" Lindner, Julie Eliasohn Luebke, Ben Pollack, Bertha Shapiro, Ben Wolfe

July 30-31

Erwin Bloomberg, Allen Finn, Harold Gabin, Stephanie Rose Gladstone, Hannah Kaplowitz Emerick, Leo Klein, Irv Lehmann, Lotte Luebke, Ruth Pfeifer, Louis Rosenfeld, Chaim Rothfeld, Ethel Sernick Rutstein, Herman Saretsky, Philip Schlachter, Harriet Sigel, Sara Smallberg, Howard Strickland, Sarah Weissman



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.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are sent to:

Ron Rycus on the death of his brother-in-law, and B. J. and Jill Ryucs on the death of their uncle, Steve Barkin, on June 2.

The family and friends of Ken Browde who died on June 19. A graveside memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery, Section P.

Shabbat Shalom

All *Shabbat* services will continue to be livestreamed (except for our outdoor service) as well as in-person on Friday evening and Saturday as listed below:

Friday, July 2
Outdoor *Shabbat* Service (see page 1 for details)
Saturday, July 3
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 9
Shaarey Zedek LIVE! *Shabbat* Service 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 10
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 16
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 17
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 23
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 24
Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 30
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 31
Shabbat Morning Service including the *Bar Mitzvah* of Elliot Adam, 10:30 a.m.

