

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

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AUGUST 2021 AV/ELUL 5781

Start The Year Off Right!

Please join Rabbi Amy Bigman and
Rabbi Dr. Matthew Kaufman for a special
outdoor *Selichot* service on the east lawn of
Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

6:30 p.m. Shmoozing with friends from
Congregations Kehillat Israel
and Shaarey Zedek

7:00 p.m. *Selichot* worship

**Saturday,
August 28**

Please bring your own
lawnchair or blanket.

RABBI BIGMAN'S LETTER

IMPORTANT NEWS! (HIGH HOLY DAYS)

It is so exciting to have people join me for worship in our sanctuary once again! Other than the limited-attendance *Shabbat* services when we celebrated *B'nei Mitzvah* during the pandemic, most worship services consisted of me in the sanctuary by myself, looking at the camera on our back wall to engage you in worship via the livestream. (For a few months, my boyfriend Stefan was with me in the sanctuary. He has Tourette Syndrome, so you may have heard him a bit during our worship. I look forward to introducing you to him at upcoming *Shabbat* and High Holy Days worship.)

I am so pleased that our Cantor Emerita, Pamela Schiffer, will be joining me on the *bimah* once again this year for the High Holy Days. It was so wonderful to prepare for and lead worship with her during the pandemic High Holy Days. She knows this congregation well, so our preparation for the unknown of a pandemic holy days was so much easier.

We are very excited to have you join us in the sanctuary throughout the High Holy Days. (It was very lonely with just the two of us on the *bimah* last year!) We will continue to livestream our services, as always, so for those of you who are not ready to come back to in-person worship, you will be able to join us at www.shaarezedek.com.

We are also excited that many members of our choir will be enhancing our worship in the form of duets, trios, and quartets. As you know, singing is a big spreader of the virus, so we will ask these musicians to be fully vaccinated as well as those sounding the *shofar*. We also will be including musical instruments in our worship this year.

Our children's services will be outside in a tent as they were in 2019. At this service, we will ask that all members of the congregation wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. This is especially important for the children in our congregation. The only people without masks will be the worship leaders (who are fully vaccinated). **We also ask that unvaccinated members wear masks and encourage vaccinated members to wear them as well to keep healthy our immunocompromised members and for the health of the children in our congregation throughout the High Holy Days.**

The worship schedule for *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* is listed below. As you can see, we will be worshipping together on the first day of *Rosh HaShanah* and throughout the day on *Yom Kippur*. We will combine *minhagim* (customs) from the Reform and Conservative Movements for these services. Second-day *Rosh HaShanah* will be a Conservative service.

Rosh HaShanah Evening, September 6

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

Rosh HaShanah, September 7

9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service
4:00 p.m. *Tashlikh* Service/Birthday
Party for the World

Rosh HaShanah, September 8

9:00 a.m. Conservative Service

Kol Nidrei, September 15

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

Yom Kippur, September 16

9:00 a.m. Children's Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service
1:30 p.m. Adult Education with Rabbi
Bigman and Dr. Valles
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

IMPORTANT NEWS! (SHABBAT MORNINGS)

Beginning in September, the third *Shabbat* morning of the month will be a special day: We will begin with *Torah* study and will include a Conservative *Shabbat* morning service as well as a new Tot *Shabbat* service and program. Our schedule will look like this:

9:00-9:30 a.m.	<i>Torah</i> discussion (sanctuary)
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Conservative worship (sanctuary)
10:30-11:00 a.m.	Tot Program (Davis Family Social Hall)
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Brunch (Davis Family Social Hall)
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Tot <i>Shabbat</i> worship (sanctuary)

We are really excited to start this new schedule beginning on September 18. It will be so much fun to have people of all ages celebrating *Shabbat* and sharing a meal together each month!

ISRAEL 101: BEAUTY AND COMPLEXITY

Join Rabbi Bigman for the trip of a lifetime!
March 27-April 6

This trip to Israel is perfect for first-timers, but also contains plenty of unique experiences for those who have journeyed to Israel previously. For example:

We start our trip in **Tel Aviv** where we will walk along the newly-opened **Independence Trail** as we learn about the founding of the city itself in 1909 through the founding of Israel in 1948. We will also have a delicious lunch at the renowned **Levinsky Market** and learn about Israel as a start-up nation at the **State of Mind Innovation Center**.

We will visit **Caesarea**, one of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Period and also **Sindyanna of Galilee**, an organization of Arab and Jewish women working to create social change. We will learn about Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights** and will travel to the mystical city of **Ts'fat** (also spelled Safed) where we will visit renowned synagogues and meet with an Israeli artist in the **Ts'fat Artists' Colony**.

In **Jerusalem** we will worship with members of a local Reform congregation, explore the **Old City** and the **Jewish Quarter**; we will also explore the **Christian Quarter**, including the **Via Dolorosa** (the path Jesus is said to have walked prior to his crucifixion) and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** (where Jesus is believed to have been crucified). We will meet with a Palestinian author in **Ramallah**, tour the **Dead Sea** region, and explore the amazing remains of **Masada**. And much, much, much more!

To see the detailed itinerary, please visit <https://daattravel.com/trips/52879-congregation-shaarey-zedek/> You may reach Rabbi Bigman at rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com if you wish to discuss the trip. And remember: The more people that join us, the merrier (plus the cost of the trip goes down)!



Two Classes for Adults

taught by Rabbi Amy Bigman

Classes will meet on Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27;
November 3, 10, and 17; December 1, 8 and 15. (No class on Nov 24.)

Registration is due by October 1. For more information email Rabbi Amy Bigman at
rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com.

Beginning Hebrew | 6:30 - 7:20 p.m.

Don't know an *aleph* from a *bet*? Want to be able to read basic prayers? This course will introduce the Hebrew alphabet and basic prayer words.

\$20 to cover the cost of the textbook and materials.

Introduction to Judaism | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

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.

Free for members of Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

\$36 for non-members.



_____ Yes! I want to participate in the **Beginning Hebrew** course.

_____ Yes! I want to participate in the **Introduction to Judaism** course.

Name _____

Address _____

City / Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email _____

Please return this form by
October 1 to:

Rabbi Amy Bigman
Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Rd
East Lansing, MI 48823

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We Are Back!

Sisterhood is working hard to plan activities for you. The new Sisterhood board met in July with so much enthusiasm, excitement, and many great ideas. We hope to see you at some of our programming this coming year.

Do you have ideas for great programs that Sisterhood should support? Come join us for our planning session on **August 1** at 1 p.m. We will be meeting in the Davis Family Social Hall. All ideas are welcome. We hope you will consider joining us.

Committee Spotlight

Fundraising: Our Fundraising Committee is led by **Ethel Anthony**. She is coming up with great ideas to help supplement the Sisterhood and raise money to help supplement religious school for our students and their families.

The Klezmatics are coming!



We have an exciting opportunity for you... The Wharton Center is hosting the KLEZMATICS on November 10 at 7:30 p.m. We are looking for anyone who wants to attend this performance as a group. Whether it's just you, or you and all of your friends that would like tickets, join us at the Pasant Theatre at MSU to enjoy this wonderful evening. Tickets will be \$50 each. Please respond by August 15. We would love to see you and your friends!

To purchase tickets for the Klezmatics please contact SARAHEHOPKINS@gmail.com or lauran.e.warshaw@gmail.com. Payments must be submitted by mail before August 15 to:

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

1924 Coolidge Rd.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1st Planning meeting at 1:00 p.m in the Davis Family social hall

Memorial booklet letters coming soon

SZRS SHAAREY ZEDEK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS AND START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR INFO

Calling all 4- and 5-year-olds! We can't wait to see you in school!

Our core Sunday program begins at age 4 or 5 in our *Gan* (literally, garden), where we plant the seeds for a lifelong relationship with Judaism, nourish new growth, encourage our students to develop strong Jewish identities and to practice being a *mentsh*. See the full description on the following page.

School begins at 9:30 a.m. with a family *Havdalah* service and pick-up is at 12:00 p.m.



Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year for all students from *Gan* (Pre-K/K) through Twelfth Grade. Read about our programs on the next page and begin the registration process, here: <https://forms.office.com/r/JFozAwK3f>

Or, point your phone camera at this QR code:



The official enrollment form and additional information will be sent via email and can be snail-mailed to you upon request. Please contact Menahel Margot (menahel.margot@shaareyzedek.com or 412-614-0310) for more information.

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK SHABBAT MORNING T'FILOT EXPERIENCE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY AN IN-BUILDING SZRS Open House and *Gan* (Pre-K/K) Student Orientation

for students, families, teachers, staff and friends of the SZRS.
Join us in the temple's backyard for a fun, musical, and participatory service designed for **kids of all ages** then follow us inside to meet our teachers and other students, explore the classroom wing, and learn about the school.

Saturday, August 28
Service begins at 10:00 a.m.
Open House begins at 11:00 a.m.

This service will be held inside in the event of bad weather.
Masks are required for EVERYONE indoors.





SZRS

We can't wait to see you in school!

Introducing Kadima

Our new monthly program for families with kids 0-4!

On one Sunday a month (normally the first), join SZRS for Havdalah at 9:30 and then at 9:45, small children and their families will have an hour-long program with all kinds of activities, stories, play time and an opportunity for adults to chit-chat.

While the program officially ends at 10:45, kids (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to stay and play for the rest of the school day.

This program will be led by Sisterhood President Karen Weinstein whose educational background is in early childhood education and development.



**GOT QUESTIONS?
CONTACT**

CORE PROGRAMS

GAN, KITAH ALEF AND KITAH BET (PRE-K - 2ND GRADE)

SUNDAYS ONLY 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Our program for students in pre-K (4 years old and up) through 2nd grade, is taught by warm, responsible teachers who facilitate growth and learning, love of Judaism and knowledge of its values and holidays through hands-on activities, short lessons and creative play. Students in these grades become familiar with Jewish ritual items, letters of the alef bet and many aspects of Jewish culture. Students in these grades get introduced to Jewish music through shirah (singing) with Morah Susi, t'filah (prayer) with Rabbi Bigman, and Modern Hebrew through movement.

KITAH GIMMEL - KITAH ZAYIN (3RD-7TH GRADE)

SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. AND WEDNESDAYS 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

Our program for students in 3rd through 7th grade includes all the learning opportunities available for younger students (see above) but adds on several more sophisticated components, including learning to read in Hebrew, participate in and lead services, and grade appropriate knowledge of foundational Jewish texts (Torah, Talmud and more). We also engage students in introductory level discussions of Jewish history, current events and Israel!

Our seventh-graders participate in a transitional journey to teen-hood that includes additional deep learning and processing, including a unit on the Shoah (Holocaust).

TICHON (HIGH SCHOOL) (8TH-12TH GRADE)

SUNDAYS 12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. INCLUDING A PIZZA LUNCH

Our program for students in 8th through 12th grade is incredibly special, combining elements of youth group with a deep learning experience. At 12 o'clock, as the younger students leave the building, our high schoolers gather in the social hall for a pizza lunch with their friends and teachers. The students love being with their Jewish friends and getting to know their teachers (including Rabbi Bigman!) as people. After saying Birkat Hamazon (the grace after meals), the students go to their classrooms to learn. The topics are very sophisticated covering everything from life in Ancient Judea to "Sex, Drugs and Rock'n Roll." Eighth- and ninth-graders meet with our returning teacher and longtime congregant, Amy Shapiro, and the tenth-through twelfth-graders meet with Rabbi Bigman.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MADRICHIM-IN-TRAINING (MIT) FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS

TWO SUNDAYS A MONTH 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Responsible high schoolers serve as *madrachim* (guides/classroom assistants) in the younger students' classes. The *Madrachim-in-Training* (MIT) program gives our future *madrachim* the opportunity to learn how to be most helpful to the students and teachers in our school through study, observation and, most importantly, hands-on experience. The dates of these sessions are listed in the calendar.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

ONE SUNDAY A MONTH 11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Our tenth-graders have the opportunity to deepen their understanding and commitment to Judaism through a once-a-month class with Rabbi Bigman. The program culminates with a special Shabbat Confirmation Ceremony in June. The dates of these classes are listed in the calendar as "Confirmation Class."

Menahellet (Director) Margot Valles

Cell Phone: (412) 614 - 0310

Email Address: menahellet.margot@shaarezedek.com



2021-2022 ◆ 5782 SCHOOL YEAR SZRS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- SZRS for Pre-K through 7th-Graders
- SZRS for Pre-K through 7th-Graders and *Tichon* (High School)
- SZRS for 3rd- through 7th-Graders
- ! Special Day (see notes below each month for details)
- ★ Confirmation Class meets with Rabbi Bigman
- ◆ MiT (*Madrichim-in-Training*) meets.

September						
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Special Days:

September 12: First day of SZRS for pre-k through seventh grade; Meeting for Parents/Guardians with the director, *Menahelet Margot* at 10:00 a.m.

September 22: First Wednesday for third through seventh grade;

"Pizza in the Hut" *Sukkot* Program begins at 6:00 p.m. in the synagogue's backyard.

September 26: Consecration for all new students in *Gan*, First and Second Grade and *Simchat Torah* Celebration at 11:00 a.m.

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Special Days:

November 7: Global Day of Jewish Learning joint program with *Kivunim*; 10:00 a.m. start time.

November 24 and 28: No School.

October						
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Special Days:

October 3: First day of SZRS for *Tichon*;

First day of Confirmation Class;

First day of MiT meeting.

December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Special Days:

December 1 and 5: Special *Chanukah* programming; details TBA.

December 19, 22, 26 and 29: No School.

Please contact *Menahelet Margot* for a greyscale or text only version of this calendar.

2021-2022 ♦ 5782 SCHOOL YEAR SZRS SCHOOL CALENDAR

January						
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Special Days:

January 2: No School.

January 16: Special programming celebrating *Tu Bishvat* and MLK Day.

February						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Special Days:

February 20: No School.

February 25-28: L'Taken Seminar for 10th-12th Graders.

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

Special Days:

March 16: *Purim* at SZRS with *Megilah* Reading.

March 20: *Purim* at SZRS.

March 27 and 30: No School.

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Special Days:

April 3: No School.

April 17: No School.

April 20: *Pesach* at SZRS.

April 24: Last Day of *Tichon*.

Special Days:

May 8: No School.

May 22: Last Day of School;
Confirmation Rehearsal
begins at 11:00 a.m.

New this year:
SZRS THROUGH MAY
another month of
community, growth and
learning!

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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SZRS Family Picnic and
Shavuot Celebration
Sunday, June 5



You must be a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek to register your child/ren.

Shaarey Zedek strongly values education and is committed to providing a quality program for all SZRS students, regardless of financial ability. **If tuition is a financial hardship, please contact synagogue administrator Patty Warshaw [email: executive@shaareyzedek.com; call: (517) 351-370 ext. 1], or, synagogue president Todd Cook [email: toddcook@hotmail.com; text: (517) 281 - 4042] before the registration deadline.**

Student's Name	Grade and / or Program	Tuition
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
Subtotal		\$
Late Fee \$50 (if after September 1)		\$
Donation		\$
Total		\$
Amount Paid		\$
Amount Due		\$

Please note: A 3% 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).

Please choose one of the following payment options:

☐ I will pay in full (check, ACH or Credit Card)

☐ I will pay in two payments (check, ACH or credit card)

☐ I will pay in ten monthly payments from September through June (check, ACH or credit card)

If paying by check, please make check payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

Check Number: _____

If paying by ACH, please attach a voided check by September 1 and your checking account will be charged on the 10th day of the month.

If paying by Credit Card, please complete your credit card information: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Number: _____ Exp: _____

REMEMBRANCES

YAHRTZEITS

August 6-7

Morris Amplosk, Isadore Balan, Ethel Ruth Bateman, Samuel Brody, Ruth Flaster, Jean Smookler Freitag, Ron Gladstone, Louis Kaplowitz, Marie Lindner, Randy Pollyea, Elsie Rachman, Jennie Robins, Vivian Rosenberg, Norman Sernick, Beatrice Soffin, Rene Vernick, Ruth Sood Zack

August 13-14

Beki Bahar, Walter Balzer, Harold B. Dorfman, Matt Epstein, Josh Fields, Blanche Fine, David Fritz, Diane Gabin, Lynn Geman, Doris P. Gilbert, Eva Ginsburg, Evelyn Goodman, Robert G. Kruger, Sidney Rosenberg, Gussie Shanker, Louis Sieven

August 20-21

Jack Behrman, Ethel Wolfe-Cohen, Alma Greenstein, Marvin Gudelsky, Bernard Hack, Jacob Krohngold, Sarah Rabin, David Rabin, Hannah Rabin, Jehoash Rabin, Joe Simon, Mark Walker, Louis Wolfe, Jeffrey Zachar

August 27-28

Nellie Balzer, Marvin J. Goldstein, Samuel Kaplowitz, Ethel Kramer, Helen Murphy, Fred Nolish, Rosa Spivak, Jerry Wald

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are sent to Mike Bishop and Joanne Gilbert on the death of his father, Ned Bishop, on July 21.



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.

Shaarey Zedek Caring Community Program

LifeLights אורות החיים

Shaarey Zedek has *LifeLights* pamphlets available in the lobby for congregants and visitors. *LifeLights* are inspirational, informational booklets about challenges to our emotional and spiritual lives and how to deal with them. Each *LifeLight* is written by a wise and caring soul, someone you probably know or know about, someone who knows the inner territory of grief, doubt, confusion and longing. Each addresses the reader from a uniquely Jewish spiritual perspective. Each *LifeLight* contains uniquely Jewish comfort, advice, and additional resources for help. In addition to providing wise words to light a difficult path, every booklet offers suggestions for further reading, and many list organizations—Jewish and secular—that can provide further help along with information on how to contact them. We will have 25 topics on hand. Here are four examples: “Facing and Recovering from Surgery,” “Finding a Way to Forgive,” “Talking to Your Children About God,” and “Taking the Time You Need to Mourn Your Loss.”



Worship Schedule

Rosh HaShanah Evening, Monday, September 6

7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Rosh HaShanah Day 1 Tuesday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service

4:00 p.m. *Tashlikh*/ Birthday Party for the World (Ferguson Park)

Rosh HaShanah Day 2 Wednesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Conservative Service

Kol Nidrei Evening, Wednesday, September 15

7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Yom Kippur Day Thursday, September 16

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



Commentary

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<i>Commentary</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>Schedule</i>	<p>Friday, August 6 <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7 No Worship</p> <p>Friday, August 13 SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 14 <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Friday, August 20 Outdoor <i>Shabbat</i> Service 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 21 <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service including the <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Emma Wease, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Friday, August 27 <i>Shabbat</i> Evening Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, August 28 <i>Shabbat</i> Morning Service 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>All indoor services will continue to be live-streamed. Please visit www.shaareyzedek.com</p> 
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