

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

Monthly Bulletin

MAY 2022
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A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

MAZAL TOV! FIFTY YEARS OF WOMEN IN THE RABBINATE!

Fifty years ago -- on June 3, 1972 -- Rabbi Sally Priesand became the first woman in the world ordained by a rabbinical seminary. When she came onto the bimah at the historic Plum Street Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, her male colleagues spontaneously gave her a standing ovation. She did not have an easy go of it, as many congregations did not want a woman as their rabbi, but she eventually found her first position as assistant and then associate rabbi at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City. After seven years serving the congregation, she left after learning that she would not succeed the senior rabbi who was stepping down due to ill health. For the next few years Rabbi Priesand worked part-time since no one wanted a woman as their congregation's rabbi; eventually she found a position at Monmouth Reform Temple in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, where she stayed until her retirement in 2006.

Rabbi Priesand paved the way for many rabbis to follow, including me, of course! I was ordained twenty years after she was, on the same pulpit in Cincinnati. At the end of March, at its annual convention, the Central Conference of American Rabbis honored Rabbi Priesand and all of the *vatikot*, the distinguished women "elders" who were ordained from 1972-1983. This convention took place both in-person and online; I was privileged to be asked by the CCAR to interview *vatikah* Rabbi Bonnie Steinberg, who was ordained in 1979. It was quite an honor to meet her via Zoom a few days ahead of time and to interview her in a breakout room as part of the online convention.

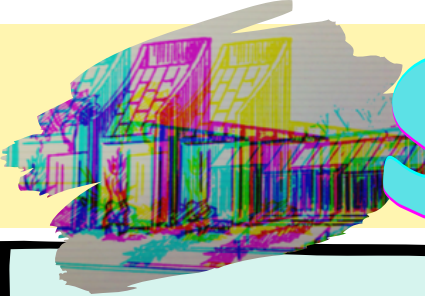
Here we are 50 years after Rabbi Priesand's historic and groundbreaking ordination and we have 839 women ordained in the Reform Movement worldwide; there are also approximately 700 women ordained in the other movements combined.

This year we also celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first *Bat Mitzvah*. Judith Kaplan, daughter of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of what would become known as Reconstructionist Judaism, became the first *Bat Mitzvah* by participating in the worship service at her father's new synagogue in March 1922. She didn't participate as fully as a boy would, in fact, she wasn't even allowed to stand on the *bimah*! She wasn't allowed to read from the *Torah* scroll, but she did read the *Torah* blessings, read from a book a selection from the *Torah* which her father had chosen for her, and then read its English translation. (If you'd like to learn more, please check out my sermon from March 25th on the Shaarey Zedek website under "Live Stream Services." My remarks begin around the 40th minute.)

While the concept of *Bat Mitzvah* didn't flourish until almost six decades after Judith Kaplan celebrated in 1922, it is now commonplace for Jewish children of all genders to celebrate becoming responsibility-bearing members of the Jewish community at the age of thirteen (or twelve for girls in some segments of the community). Having women in leadership roles has pushed Judaism to develop in myriad ways that it might not have if leadership had been left only to men. Today children of all genders can aspire to become rabbis, cantors, educators, and more.

We've come a long way! *Mazal tov* to all of us!

*If you'd like to learn more about women's fifty years in the rabbinate, please register for my class by May 6. Registration information can be found on page 8 of this bulletin.



SZRS News

May

Save the Date
Shavuot
Celebration &
SZRS Family
Picnic
Sunday, June 5
 ☀️ **10:00 a.m.**

1 (Sunday)
 Madrichim-in-Training
4 (Wednesday)
 Yom Ha-atzma-ut at SZRS
 8 NO SCHOOL
11 (Wednesday)
15 (Sunday)
 Madrichim Mtg
 Staff Mtg

18 (Wednesday)
 Lag B'omer at SZRS
22 (Sunday)
 Madrichim-in-Training
 Confirmation Class;
 Last day for K-2 Grade
25 (Wednesday)
 Last day for 3-7 Grade
 29 NO SCHOOL



REGISTER NOW!
KEHILLAT ZEDEK
SUMMER CAMP
August 8-12



To register:
<https://bit.ly/RegisterCampKZ>
 To learn more, please visit:
<https://shaarezedek.com/summer-camp/>

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

BIG IDEAS IN JUDAISM

Part 2
 Exploring
 Jewish
 Faith

This series will use texts from the Jewish tradition to explore questions like: Where does faith come from? What does it entail? What are the models in Jewish tradition for a complex relationship with God, which includes reverence and joy, but also anger and argument? Where does doubt fit into a life of faith? Where do Jews who do not believe fit in?

To attend **in person**, email Margot at menahelet.margot@shaarezedek.com

In-person (11:00 or 11:15 a.m.)
 Or Online (12:45 p.m.)!

- Faith and Knowledge**
 Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
 - Judaism as an Interpretive Tradition**
 Sunday, May 15 at 11:15 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
 - Argument and Submission**
 Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
 - Faith and Tragedy**
 Sunday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
 - Faith and Blessing**
 Sunday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 p.m.
- To attend **virtually**, register:
<https://bit.ly/BigIdeasJudaism2>

Lifelong Learning Opportunities, Cont.

Counting the Omer

15 Minute Online Check-in,
Daily at 7:45 p. m.

Jews around the world count the days between Passover and *Shavuot*.

Many use it as a time of personal growth. Join us and become part of that tradition!

Every evening at 7:45 p.m. until Thursday, June 3 (except for when there is community programming at this time and except for Fridays-but you can count the Omer on *Shabbat* with

Rabbi Bigman during services), we will meet for 15 minutes to count the Omer, learn a tidbit, and check-in with each other.

Register once; come any time!

To Register: <https://bit.ly/OmerCheckin>

ReJewvenate Three Ways to at Shaarey Zedek

Join us on May 14, in the Davis Family Social Hall
for movement, prayer, learning and art.

Please Rise!

Join your community for a crash course in standing posture and simple body mechanics. No matter where you are in your fitness journey, you will learn to use movement, breath and *kavanah* (intention) to raise yourself up in holiness.

Lauren Warshaw, Certified Personal Trainer and Fitness Professional for Seniors, will guide this session of gentle movement, appropriate for ALL ages and abilities!

No equipment required.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we pray, learning about the liturgy, prayer traditions, diverse customs, and everything else that makes up a meaningful prayer service as we go. All you need is a love of learning and a desire to connect with your spiritual community.

10:10 - 11:00 a.m.

Are you looking for a creative escape from the everyday? Interested in finding a way to enrich your spiritual practice? Do you find coloring relaxing? If so, **this is for you!** *Midrash* is the ancient Jewish art of interpreting classical texts in a way that brings out significant, new understandings. In this 45-minute session you will listen, learn and leave with a new *midrash* written or drawn by you about an evocative passage from the *Torah* portion, *Haftarah*, or holiday liturgy.

Midrash Maker Space

Love to Learn Minyan

11:15 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

For purposes of security and set-up, notifying us of your participation is required. Please fill out this very brief form: <https://bit.ly/ReJewvenate>



Sisterhood News



1ST ANNUAL SHAAREY ZEDEK
SISTERHOOD, KEHILLAT ISRAEL

May 12, Thursday
12:15 p.m.- 4 p.m.



COMMUNITY MAH JONGG FUNDRAISER

Entry fee is \$25. You MUST respond by May 6

RSVP: sisterhoodshaareyzedek@gmail.com

A copy of the rules will be forwarded upon receipt of your check. There will be a 15-minute time limit per game. Individual score cards will explain the progression and point system as you advance to the next table. We will be using the 2022 card. Please bring a Mah Jongg set.

HURRY UP!

for RSVP and questions please email:
sisterhoodshaareyzedek@gmail.com

If you reserve a place and cannot attend, PLEASE find a sub. We must have 4 people at a table.

YOU MUST SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION THE DAY OF THE EVENT AND WEAR A MASK. IF, BY MAY, RESTRICTIONS HAVE CHANGED, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ALL STAY HEALTHY!

Thank you in advance from your committee: Ethel Anthony, Ros Covey, Arlene Sharkey, Eileen Heideman, Sarah Hopkins, Marguerite Howe, CeliaRose Varner, Beverly Weiner

Gift Shop is here for all Your Judaica needs

We are open on Sundays from
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Sisterhood Donor Event

SAVE THE DATE

June 26

"Our Seder was a great success. Thank you to all of our Sisterhood members that helped out. A big thank you to Roslyn Covey and Amy Shapiro for planning and organizing. It was lovely to have everyone back in person."
Karen Weinstein

BYOB
**BRING YOUR OWN
BOOK CLUB**

May 22, 2:00 p.m.

*come and share about what
you read*

MEETING ID: 841 6303 5803
PASSCODE: 673365



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 :

- Jeanette Abeles Scholar-In-Residence Fund
- Bette Sue Rittman All Children Are Special Fund
- Bernard Friedland Educational Fund
- Bubbe Lynn Rycus Beautification Fund
- Building Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library Fund
- David and Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund
- Joseph & Jeanette Lutvak Fund
- Joseph and Mable Meites Education Fund
- Jerry Cohen Photography Fund
- Esther and Justin Morrison Fund
- Landscape Fund
- Planned Giving Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Robert Goodman Music Fund
- Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library Fund
- Cantor Pamela Schiffer Caring Community 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 Education Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Shapiro Endowed Religious School Fund
- CSZ Endowment Fund
- L' Dor Vador Fund

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Betty Soffin
Carol Ellstein

In memory of
Eulalah McDonald
Jack McDonald
Larry Levy
Jackie Holsclaw

SOPHIE RADWAY PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Charles Feigelson
Bonnie and Dick Radway

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Noah Kaplan becoming
Bar Mitzvah
Kevin and Debra Kaplan

A generous donation was received
from Gretchen Smith

CEMETERY FUND

A generous donation was received
from Esther Morrison



ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

Happy birthday to:
Jerry Fine
Winnie Rome
Alan Wolfe

In memory of Shel Finn Litwack
In memory of Gerson Bernstein
Esther Morrison

HENRY FINE AND ANNETTE FINE BURKE LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Shel Finn Litwack
Fine Family

BUBBE LYNN RYCUS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Shel Finn Litwack
Marlene and Burt Altman

In memory of Margie Shanker
In memory of Shel Finn Litwack
Don and Anita Baron



**A leaf has been added to the
Tree of Life that reads
Celebrating Betty
Bloomfield Soffin's Life**

Ari and Jay Busch, PhD

Honor your loved one with a leaf, acorn or rock on our Tree of Life in the Shaarey Zedek lobby.

What a wonderful gift to honor family and friends on their birthdays/anniversaries, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, Confirmation, graduations, etc., any kind of *Simcha*. Proceeds go to support our General Fund.

Contact Patty Warshaw in the Shaarey Zedek office.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS



Mazal Tov



Birthdays



3. Allison Horgan, Iris Linder
4. Erik Shapiro
5. Rhoda Kotzin
7. Anita Parkhurst
9. Brynn Delaney, Cindy Horgan, Marguerite Howe
11. Kenna Yoder
12. Daniel Feinberg
13. Nancy Pollack
14. Shane Broyles, Candace Metcalf
16. Rhana Dyme
17. Jerry Fine
18. Noah White
19. Laurie Bass, Larry Sernick
20. Jason Pikstein, Carolyn Zohott
21. Karen Shapiro
23. Winnie Rome, Susan Bathke
24. Micah Hefty, Ken Marton, Vesna Srkalovic
25. John Anthony
26. Carey Elder
27. Alan Bloomfield, Ellen Rothfeld
29. Julia Horgan
30. Barbara Robinson-Dunn
31. Alan Wolfe, Jackie Holecek, Ephram Rosenberg

Anniversaries



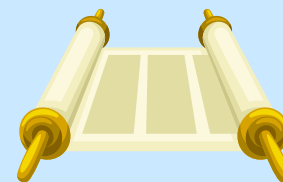
2. Carol and Ron Horowitz
3. Jayson and Sara Chizick
16. Gabriel Elia and Giselle Claux
19. Jan and Glenn White
23. Michael and Dana Flink
25. Joanne Gilbert and Michael Bishop, Michele and Michael Meyrowitz
26. Mary and Michael Levine
29. Marc and Mary Speiser

B'NAI MITZVAH

Eli Schneider, son of Valerie Levitt and Steven Roth and Brian Schneider, will be called to the *Torah* on *Shabbat* morning, **May 7, at 10:30 a.m.**

Eli is a seventh-grade student at Chippewa Middle School where he plays violin in the school orchestra. He also plays soccer with the Okemos Soccer Club. For his *mitzvah* project, Eli raised money to purchase trees and then attended two tree planting events. He planted trees with the Michigan United Conservation Corp at Hartwick Pines and with the Meridian Conservation Corp at the Tihart Preserve, which he helped organize.

The Levitt-Schneider-Roth family invites the Congregation to share in their *simcha* and requests that masks be worn at the service.



Ephram Rosenberg, son of Melissa Rosenberg and Melissa Morin, will be called to the *Torah* on *Shabbat* morning, **May 28, at 10:30 a.m.**

Ephram is a sixth grade student at Haslett Middle School. He enjoys reading, riding his bike, and spending time with his family.

For his *mitzvah* project, Ephram raised money to provide books to underprivileged children in the community.

The Rosenberg-Morin family invites the congregation to share in their *simcha*.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

Prayers of Healing

Prayers of Healing are sent to:

John Eulenberg
Aviva Panush
Char Epstein
Anita Baron
Elaine Pearlman
Alan Zohott
Joanne Gilbert
Jane Finn
Celia Guro
Igor Guro
Debbie Richmond



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



DIRECTORY UPDATE

New address for:
Steve and Madeline Flaster
6335 Gullstrand St.
Apt 278
San Diego, CA 92122
Phone and e-mails are the same

WANTED!

We want to hear from you!
Send us your stories, art work,
thoughts, news and other things you
want to share with our community!

news@shaarezedek.com



BOOKS



Come and pick up one or more of the books that are free and waiting for their new owners at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.



Thank you for a great 80th birthday Simchagram. I didn't think I would make it to 80 but you sure made the celebration extra wonderful by remembering my special day.

Carol Beals

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



If you shop at Kroger, you probably have a Kroger Plus card. Not only can it save you money on your purchases, but can help our synagogue, too! Simply log on to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up. You will 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.

Welcome the Stranger: An Interfaith Service of Song and Story

The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing will revive its annual interfaith service on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at The Peoples Church. The theme of the service is "Welcome the Stranger."

We will offer scriptures and songs from many faiths that emphasize the importance of welcoming and tending to newcomers in our midst. Members of the recently arrived Afghan community will share stories of faith, and Judi Harris, director of Refugee Services for St. Vincent Catholic Charities, will share updates about the return of refugees to our area.

ALL are welcome to gather as a community of many different faiths, but one single community of friendship and mutual respect. You can attend in person, or watch the livestream at:

[https://youtube.com/c/
ThePeoplesChurchofEastLansing](https://youtube.com/c/ThePeoplesChurchofEastLansing)



Women in the Rabbinate

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Book discussion: *The Rabbi Who Prayed With Fire*
by Rachel Sharona Lewis

*Please purchase the book and read it prior to our discussion

Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

"Scouts, Trailblazers, Pathfinders, Explorers: A History of Women Rabbis" in honor of the 50th anniversary of women in the rabbinate

This class will take place in person at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

You may join us for only the book discussion, only the "Scouts" class, or for all three sessions. Registration required by **May 6** to rabbibigman@shaarezedek.com



DIAPER DRIVE

The Tzedakah Committee is collecting diapers and wipes for those in need in our community. The local diaper banks are incredibly low in supplies and need your support. Diapers and wipes in all sizes and varieties are welcomed, and the following are especially helpful:

- Diapers size 3, 4, 5, and 6
- Nighttime diapers and underwear
- Adult sized diapers

Have an open box of diapers lying around that your child outgrew before finishing? We can take those too! Please bring the diapers to Shaarey Zedek.

Program partner: The Fretail Store www.fretailstore.com

WHO?

is behind the News@ email?



My name is Evin and I am the person who is working behind the scenes on announcements and the bulletin. I am enthusiastic about sharing our stories and all the great work you have been doing. Life gets more and more challenging and it's a privilege to be here, helping with our connection. Looking forward to meeting in person soon!

Confirmation



Friday, June 17
7:00 p.m.

Fiona Colson
Child of Janet and Mark Colson

Liam Feger
Child of Laura Lund and Charles Feger

Zachary Feger
Child of Laura Lund and Chas Feger

Madison Merryman
Child of Daphne and Richard Merryman



#seder2022



Grossmann-Reckhow Family Seder



Miriam and David Andrews Seder



Congregation Shaarey Zedek Seder

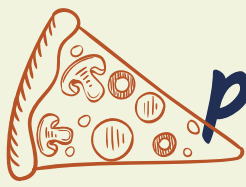


Valles Family and Evin Tas Seder



the one and only Farfel Warshaw





post-passover pizza party



Yahrtzeits



MAY 6

Rebecca Dinetz
Edna Dyme
John Eliasohn
Meyer Garbel
Shirley Gaynor
Audrey Gienapp
Marlene Hoffman
Harriet Lieberman
Robert Kramer
Joseph Marton
Mildred Molner
Thelma Saper
Alan Schwartz
Rose Smith
Avi Teles



MAY 13

Gerson Bernstein
Sylvia Brothers
Jules Danowitz
Augusta Dorfman
Irene Ely
Louis Eyl
Art Falk
Francis Fine
William Rosenthal
Leonid Spivak
Jerold Saper
James Wilson



MAY 20

Robert Blau
Andre Elia
Charles Fenberg
Judy Frank
Tom Gochberg
Bernice Israel
Alexander Kahn
David Kaplowitz
Lillian Mattes
Simon Silverman
Mildred Spalter



MAY 27

Jack Davis
Max Drelich
Max Feintuch
Lillian Fenberg
Edith Reid Flaster
Fannye L. Gittlen
Stanley Gold
Toddy Gold
Raymond Grigg
Ethel Kirschman
Bekah Rosenfeld
Charles Ruben
Jerrold Selman
Blanche Oxer
Louis Zidell



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.

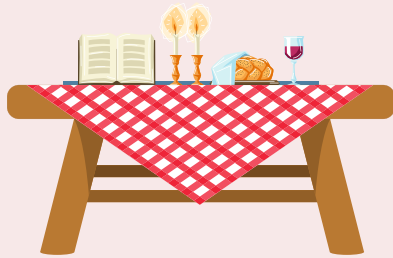
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SAVE
THE
DATE



Shavuot worship,
including Yizkor on
Saturday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.



Our summer
services and
potluck picnics
resume: on
Fridays, July 1 and
August 26

Our Annual Meeting has
been rescheduled for
Sunday, June 12 at 10:00
a.m.

Worship Schedule

Friday, May 6
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 7
Shabbat Morning Service including
the Bar Mitzvah of Eli Schneider, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 13
SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21
Third Shabbat Program
Torah Study 9:00 a.m.
Conservative Shabbat Morning Service
9:30 a.m.
Tot Program 10:30 a.m.
Tot Shabbat Service 11:15 a.m.

Friday, May 27
Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday May 28
Shabbat Morning Saturday Service
including
the Bar Mitzvah of Ephram Rosenberg,
10:30 a.m.



shabbat
shalom