

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

Monthly Bulletin

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HAPPY SHAVUOT!





A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

On the final *Shabbat* in May, the *Torah* portion was the final one in the Book of Leviticus. There is an Ashkenazic tradition that, after reading the last portion of each of the books of the *Torah*, those present state: "*chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek* – be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened." (Translations of this phrase also include "be strong, be strong, and let us summon our strength" or "be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen one another.")

Whenever I show a *Torah* scroll to the many visiting groups who join us for worship or tours each year, they are amazed to see that the scroll has no markings showing us chapter and verse. There is, however, a significant amount of space in the *Torah* scroll between the end of one book of the *Torah* and the beginning of the next book. Unlike our *chumashim* (*Torah* commentaries) or our English translations of the Bible, which cite the chapter and verse at the top of each page, the *Torah* scroll only notes the end of one book and the beginning of the next through these blank spaces.

In her commentary, Rabbi Sharyn Henry, of Rodef Shalom Congregation of Pittsburgh, notes that

The white space at the end of one book of *Torah* and the beginning of another is a moment of transition. By reciting the words, *Chazak* – be strong – we remind ourselves that *Torah* is always with us. In times of transition, especially, *Torah* and Jewish tradition give us strength.

The last phrase of the formula – *v'nitchazek*, may we be strengthened – is of critical importance. We are important sources of strength for one another in times of uncertainty and transition.

As we move from one book of *Torah* to another, as we move into and out of spaces of uncertainty and transition, may we always recall the charge *chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek*. Our tradition makes us strong, and we make one another stronger.

["'Trapped White Space' Has Special Meaning," thejewishchronicle.net, May 14, 2009]

We strengthen one another when we support our religious school children who read the *Megillah* for our congregation on the Wednesday closest to *Purim*, when we attend worship services which our *B'nei Mitzvah* help to lead, when we attend Confirmation and Graduation for our high school students, when we attend social and educational events, when we reach out to our fellow congregants when we learn of a death in their family, when we contribute financially to our congregation to the best of our ability, when we support our *B'nei Mitzvah* students' *mitzvah* projects and our *Tzedakah* Committee's collections for the community, when we serve on committees or on the Temple or Sisterhood boards, when we attend our congregation's annual meeting and more.

We get so much from participation as we strengthen ourselves, our temple family, and our community.
Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek!



Thanks for a great school year! Have a good summer!

Shavuot Celebration & SZRS Family Picnic

Sunday, June 5 ☀ 10:00 a.m.

Bring bug spray, sunscreen, a blanket or chair, outdoor activities and smiles. You can sign up to contribute to the picnic, here:

<https://bit.ly/SZRSPicnicSignUp>

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

BIG IDEAS IN JUDAISM

Part 2
Exploring
Jewish
Faith

There are 2 options for attending.

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

To attend virtually, register, here:
<https://bit.ly/BigIdeasJudaism2>

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?

Argument and Submission

Sunday, June 12

11:00 a.m. in-person or 12:45 p.m. online

Faith and Tragedy

Sunday, June 19

11:00 a.m. in person or 12:45 p.m. online

Faith and Blessing

Sunday, June 26

11:00 a.m. in-person or 12:45 p.m. online

Three New Ways to **ReJewvenate** at Shaarey Zedek

Join us on June 11, 2022 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 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The second *Shabbat* of this month, 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 to your spiritual community.

10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(this service will not be livestreamed)



Love to Learn Minyan

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.

Despite the crayons, this space is most appropriate for adults and teens.

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



Dear Sisterhood and Shaarey Zedek Members,

I want to thank everyone for coming to our Sisterhood *Shabbat* Service at the end of April. We had 50 members attend Services that night. I loved hearing the sound of everyone's voices coming together in song and prayer.

Whether you came to support a friend, hear our *Bar Mitzvah* student, or in regular support of our Friday night service you made *Shabbat* special. I hope you consider coming to services every Friday evening.

Karen Weinstein
Sisterhood President

Summer is coming! We are looking to host a few "girls' night out" events. Where do you like to eat? Send your restaurant suggestions to wrenyk@aol.com

Donor June 26

2:00 p.m. at

Shaarey Zedek

Let's honor one another
and celebrate together.

Invitations will be
mailed soon



Gift Shop News

During summer, you can make an appointment to shop since the religious school will be closed. We can special order items for that special occasion coming up.



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

RABBI AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In honor of Ben Dyme's rabbinical ordination—*Mazel Tov* to Rhana and Zack Dyme

In honor of Rhana Dyme's special birthday

Naomi and Blake Casher

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

Happy Birthday to:

Amy Morrison

Jordan Glass

Gail Wolfe

Ron Horowitz

Happy Anniversary to:

Anita and Don Baron

Madeline and Steve Flaster

Gail and Alan Wolfe

Esther Morrison

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A generous donation was received from Matt Aldridge

In memory of Wesley Fishel

Larry Fishel

In honor of Sarah becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*

The Flink Family

Each month we will be highlighting two funds, and remembering the reasons and values for which they were established.

Sophie Radway PJ Library Fund

This fund was established in 2011. Donations to this fund will be used to provide books and music to Jewish children in the greater Lansing community, under the auspices of the National PJ Library, a program created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Children will receive an age-appropriate book or CD of Jewish music monthly. Children ages 6 months- 8 years are eligible to participate in the program.

Shapiro Religious School Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 1980 by Kay and Jim Shapiro on their 25th wedding anniversary. All income is given to the religious school once a year, to promote, support, maintain and operate the religious school educational studies and programs. Through investment and some additional donations, the fund has grown to the point that it provides income of over \$5000 per year for the school.

We are happy to announce **a new campaign with matching funds** for the Shapiro Religious School Endowment Fund. We hope to raise \$20,000 by the end of June and help advance the causes of Hebrew/Jewish education for congregational families.

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.



Shabbat Services Summer Gatherings




JULY 1, 6 P.M.

Join us for outdoor *Shabbat* services on July 1 at 6:00 p.m. on the east patio followed by a BBQ dinner. We will supply kosher hot dogs, veggie burgers and all the fixings.

If you would like to help set up, clean up or participate in any way, please call Patty in the office. Your help is needed to make this happen and thank you in advance for your support. Donations will be greatly appreciated and we also ask that you please bring a non-dairy dish to pass.

**Please let Patty know if you will be joining us
by Tuesday, June 28.**



SYNAGOGUE NEWS



Mazal Tov



Birthdays

1. Amelia Bradley, Susan Tons, Junis Zumberg
2. Michael Flink
3. Joseph Chizick, Samuel Chizick
4. Zachary Flink
5. Mary Levine
7. Linda Adams, Jan White
8. Maureen Dyer
9. Rita Echt
10. Myles Behar
11. Gail Wolfe
14. Ron Horowitz, Cheryl Wald
15. Mary Baron, Sara Jodoin
16. Jayson Chizick, Joanne Gilbert
18. Elissa George, Nancy Kronenberg
19. Lily Brown
20. Judith Zack
21. Todd Elder
22. Roger Simon
26. Ira Ginsburg, Daphne Merryman,
Dave Thompson
28. Brian Horgan
30. Douglas Ruben



Anniversaries

2. Donald and Anita Baron
5. Steve and Madeline Flaster
8. Joe and Robbie Levine
13. Neil and Elsy Baron, Dave and Jen Thompson
15. Ken and Linda Adams, Bo Anderson and Rhoda Kotzin
16. Ken and Lynne Page, Joe and Cheryl Wald
18. Alan and Gail Wolfe
19. Jay and Cindy Meyer, Larry and Cathy Sernick
20. Patrick and Anita Mitchell
21. Stewart and Debby Flate
23. David and Jill Mittleman, Alexander and Georgia Spivak
26. Bradley and Susan Shafer
27. John and Marcia Eulenberg
28. Roger and Randi Simon



B'NEI MITZVAH

Sam and Joe Chizick, children of Jayson and Sara Chizick, will be called to the *Torah* on *Shabbat* morning, **June 4, at 10:30 a.m.** Sam and Joe are seventh-grade students at Chippewa Middle School. Sam plays the viola in the school orchestra and Joe plays the bass. Sam also plays baseball with the Okemos Baseball Club.

For their *mitzvah* project, Sam and Joe supported the Saturday Breakfast Outreach*. Sam and Joe cooked and served food several times with the Saturday Breakfast Outreach. With donations from family and friends, they were also able to provide our Lansing community members with many warm clothing items, shoes, healthy snacks and toiletry items.

The Chizick family invites the congregation to share in their *simcha* and requests that masks be worn at the service.

*The Saturday Breakfast Outreach is a charity organization which helps bring food, warm clothing and toiletries to those in need in the Lansing area. Search Saturday Breakfast Outreach on Facebook to learn more and to support this organization.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

Prayers of Healing

Prayers of Healing are sent to:

John Eulenberg

Aviva Panush

Char Epstein

Anita Baron

Elaine Pearlman

Alan Zohott

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.



Tuesday, August 2—Congregation Shaarey Zedek hosts the State Primary Election



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

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

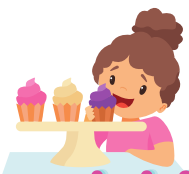
The Parkinson's Support Group meets at Shaarey Zedek on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. There are group discussions for patients and for caregivers. The Rock Steady Boxing Gloved Ones, a program to assist people with Parkinson's through non-contact boxing training, meets at the Crown Boxing Club in Lansing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Informational flyers are available at Shaarey Zedek, by contacting Patty Warshaw in the office or you may contact the head Boxing Coach, Ted Hale, at 449-5995 or boxerted48@aol.com

We welcome other support groups to meet here at Shaarey Zedek. Please contact Patty Warshaw at 351-3570 ex. 1 if your group is interested.



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.



We want to hear from you! Send us your stories, art work, thoughts, news and other things you want to share with our community. We want it more than we want cupcakes!

WANTED!

(news@shaareyzedek.com)



Rabbi Bigman met with visiting Pakistani scholars as part of an interfaith exchange program

sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, coordinated by MSU's Visiting International Professional Program.



Join us on **June 18** for our Tot Program at 10:30 a.m. Come and learn about *Chesed* (acts of loving kindness). We will have a fun *Chesed* project followed by a snack/lunch. At approximately 11:15 a.m. Rabbi Bigman will lead us in a few *Shabbat* prayers and songs.



Dear members of Congregation Shaarey Zedek,
I just wanted to thank everyone for the kind wishes on my 70th birthday. It is always nice to be remembered. Wishing you all a healthy and happy spring!

Jill Fine

Confirmation

Friday, June 17
7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate with and honor our Confirmation students. They will lead us in worship and share with us their thoughts on their chosen theme.

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



When: **June 4**
2-4 p.m.

Where: **Patriarche Park**
Bring a picnic lunch/dinner

Mini Cheesecake and Blintzes will be available to taste. We will have crafts and yard games to play. Come spend a fun-filled afternoon with other PJ families.

Please contact wrenyk@aol.com for more detail.

Shavuot Teddy Bear Picnic





CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK BALLPARK FAMILY EVENTS!



Lugnuts vs. Lake County Captains - Saturday, July 23rd @ 7:05PM

Lugnuts vs. Great Lakes Loons - Sunday, August 21st @ 1:05PM

• Capital City Market Kids run the bases
postgame on 8/21!

• Marvel Defenders of the Diamond Night on 7/23!

Join the congregation for our Wizarding
Weekend and feel the ballpark magic on 8/21!

• Group Raffle for a chance to win tickets and
cool prizes!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Order Deadline:

Saturday, July 9th

Sunday, August 7th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Box Tickets: _____ **@ \$11.00=** _____

Please return this form to: Steve Siet
Hurry!...The absolute last day to order is: July 9th and August 7th

Please make checks payable to: Congregation Shaarey Zedek
For more information please contact:

Steve Siet at 517-974-0544 or stevesiet@comcast.net
Address: 1924 Coolidge Rd. E. Lansing, MI 48823



Yahrtzeits



JUNE 3

Louis Jack Abramson
Bernard Bloomfield
Ruth Booth
Henry Fine
Aviva Hoffman
Sandy Klein
Patrick O'Brien
Helen Schlachter
Sylvia Schwartz
Ella Shriman
Freida Silverman
Irving Silverman
Judith Smookler
Ibrahim Srkalovic
Dinah Stark
Agnes Wepman



JUNE 10

Mel Applebaum
Herman Baron
Isadore Bloom
Ted Brody
Max Drelich
Katherine Guertin
Rosamond Hack
Norman Pollack
Theodore Post
Bernice Weisberg
Bruce Wetzler



JUNE 17

Ken Browde
Margaret Grigg
Sydney Goodman
Blanche Gulvezan
Naomi Hack
Dennis Israel
Larry Levy
Mable Meites
Barney A. Ross
David Schafer
Lynne Shapiro
Nina Charlotte Skuller
Ellen Smith



JUNE 24

Jerry Bass
Rose Bernstein
Benjamin Blechman
Eda Bueller
Edith Casher
Philip Cohen
Blanche Engel
Lillian Friedland Franklin
Barbara Greenstein
Lynn Hecht
Rachel Kaplowitz
Walter Kron
Ruth Polin
Sandra Thompson
Rosalind Weisberg



CONDOLENCES

Condolences are sent to the family of former member, Dr. Maurice Reizen, on May 9. He was 103 years old.

Condolences are sent to Arina and Don Ferdig on the death of her father, Neil Norman Gould, on May 16.



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.

There will be a price increase effective July 1, \$550.
Proceeds are used for the general fund.

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Confirmation

Business
Meeting

SIMCHAGRAMS

July ~ December 2022

SimchaGrams are greetings sent to members of our Congregation honoring their special birthdays: 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, etc. *SimchaGrams* also are sent for the following wedding anniversaries: 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, etc. The cost to put your name on a *SimchaGram* is \$1 per recipient. Proceeds benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund as well as Women of Reform Judaism.

Birthdays

___ Sean Valles	September 30	40
___ Lynne Page	August 14	65
___ Vicki Brown	September 10	65
___ Jane Finn	July 13	70
___ Suzanne Lowe	September 18	70
___ Wilbert Hines	September 22	70
___ Jeff Green	November 4	70
___ Ken Page	December 13	70
___ Naomi Casher	December 29	70
___ Arthur Cherkinsky	July 22	75
___ Linda Gold	August 2	75
___ Marlene Altman	August 4	75
___ Rosanne Cherkinsky	September 24	75
___ Burt Altman	September 29	80
___ Marty Pearlman	October 5	80
___ Irene Ross	October 16	80
___ Marcia Eulenberg	November 16	80
___ Carol Welch	December 13	80
___ Lee Kronenberg	August 17	85
___ Leon Schafer	November 26	85
___ Bonnie Radway	December 4	85
___ Marvin Gladstone	October 16	90

Anniversaries

___ Micah and Sara Siegal	October 13	10
___ Steve and Amanda Idema	August 3	20
___ David and Debbie Richmond	October 6	20
___ David and Suzanne Lowe	July 20	25
___ Jeff and Shawn Olds	October 18	25
___ BJ and Jill Rycus	July 18	30
___ Stuart Landay/Sue Bathke	August 22	30
___ Steve and Iris Linder	September 6	30
___ Deborah Gouin/Wilbert Hines	November 22	30
___ Michael Ranieri/Linda Gold	September 11	35
___ Chuck and Regan Johnson	November 28	35
___ Michael and Brenda Hull	August 5	50
___ Dick and Bonnie Radway	December 17	50
___ Marty and Elaine Pearlman	December 24	55

**Please check the names of the people and couples you wish to honor,
and pay \$1 per person or couple checked, or \$36 for all. Please return this form by July 1.**

Your Name _____ **Amount \$** _____

Pay by check, payable to "Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood", or by credit card:

Name on card (printed) _____

Signature _____

Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Discover ___ Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security # _____

Please mail completed form to:

Joanne Gilbert, 619 Gratiot Ave., Alma, MI 48801

Mistakes or omissions? Contact Joanne (989-463-5360 or gilbert@alma.edu)

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Worship Schedule

Friday, June 3

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 4

Shabbat Morning Service including the *B'nei Mitzvah* of Sam and Joe Chizick, 10:30 a.m.

Shavuot Service including *Yizkor*, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10

SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 17

Shabbat Evening Service including Confirmation 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

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, June 24

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

