

# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

*Monthly Bulletin*

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## Shabbat Services Summer Gathering



Join us for outdoor *Shabbat* services on **August 26 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, August 23.**



# A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

## WELCOME, CANTOR RICHARD (RICK) LAWRENCE!

I am pleased to share with you that **Cantor Richard (Rick) Lawrence** will be joining us for the High Holy Days this year! Cantor Lawrence will be coming to us from across the ocean as he is living in Gaborone, Botswana for two years serving as a chaplain for Princess Marina Hospital. Although he will be traveling over 8,000 miles to be with us, Cantor Lawrence has a much closer connection to our community: He was raised in Ann Arbor where he still has family and where his love of singing and playing piano began. We look forward to welcoming him and his family for the High Holy Days this year.

Cantor Lawrence earned his B.A. in Jewish Studies at Oberlin College, a certificate in Elementary Education from Eastern Michigan University, and a Masters of Jewish Education and Cantorial Ordination from Hebrew College. Since his ordination in 2014, Cantor Lawrence has served as the cantor of Temple Emanu-El in Orange Village, Ohio; Temple Rodeph Torah in Marlboro, NJ; and Kesher Israel Congregation in West Chester, PA. Amongst other experience, Cantor Lawrence has worked with the Zamir Chorale of Boston and HaZamir Children's Choir Cleveland Chapter.

During his cantorial studies, Cantor Lawrence studied how previous composers of Jewish music have taken the musical tradition that they received from previous generations and blended it with contemporary musical styles; in keeping with this tradition, he has composed music mixing traditional music with contemporary styles for *Shabbat* worship.

Cantor Lawrence plays the piano, acoustic guitar, darkbouka, and frame drums.

In an interview on the Hebrew College website, Cantor Lawrence is asked what he hoped to bring from his cantorial education to his professional life. He answered:

I feel the most valuable piece of wisdom I've received from my education is the ever-present and important tension that exists in our liturgy between *keva* (that which is fixed/set) and *kavanah* (intention). To me, this pull between *keva* and *kavanah* is understanding how we can honor, cherish and utilize our vast received tradition while at the same time ensuring that what we do with our tradition is infused with meaning in today's world. I believe that both *keva* and *kavannah* have contributed, and continue to contribute, to Jewish continuity.

<https://hebrewcollege.edu/graduate-leadership-programs/become-a-cantor/alumni/richard-lawrence/>

I want to conclude by noting our gratitude to **Cantor Emerita Pamela Schiffer** with whom I shared the *bimah* again during the last two *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe). I am so grateful to Cantor Schiffer for coming home to Shaarey Zedek during the holy days during the heart of the pandemic.

# A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

Her presence on the *bimah* and her work behind the scenes made the last two years beautiful and meaningful. Cantor Schiffer has chosen to not return this year but I know that we are in good hands with Cantor Lawrence. Cantor Lawrence, Choir Director **Celiarose Varner**, and I have been working long-distance (very long-distance!) to make High Holy Days 5783 meaningful for our congregation!

We welcome Cantor Rick Lawrence home to Michigan and to our congregation!



To celebrate the conclusion of the first ever  
**KEHILLAT ZEDEK  
SUMMER CAMP**  
with our KI and community partners

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE CAMPFIRE  
AFTER SERVICES ON **FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 12**  
FOR SINGING, SOCIALIZING, AND SNACKS

Just follow that delicious campfire smell to the back end of  
the parking lot and set up a blanket or folding chair.  
You don't have to be camper.  
**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!**

An illustration of a family (mother, father, and two children) sitting around a campfire. The mother is holding a marshmallow, the father is playing a guitar, and the children are also holding marshmallows. A campfire is burning in the center. There are logs, a water bottle, and a cooler nearby.





# The 2022-23 / 5783 SZRS School Year begins on Sunday, September 11

with weekly classes for students in pre-K/K\* through 2nd grade  
and twice weekly classes for students in 3rd through 7th grade.  
(\*children must be at least 4 years old to enter the weekly program).

Our **Kadima** program for children ages 0 - 4 (and at least one parent) got a makeover.

We will now be having one program for babies ages 0 - 18 months  
and a second program for 18 mos + walkers, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

They will be held at different hours on the same day so that families with multiple  
children can pick a program or stay all day.

Learn all about it during our Meet & Greet at 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, September 11**.

First day of classes will be **October 9**.

Our **Tichon** (high school) program for 8th- through 12th-graders will  
begin on **Sunday, October 23** and will meet for pizza and class every  
Sunday at noon.

**Madrichim-in-Training (MiT)** will begin for 8th-graders  
(and 9th-graders who did not take it last year) on **Sunday, October 23**  
and will meet roughly twice monthly.

To register for SZRS (and we hope you will!) please return Form A [Tuition Form  
(on the following page)] to Administrator Warshaw in the Shaarey Zedek office  
by dropping it off or by mailing it in, and fill out Form B (Family Information) at:

<https://bit.ly/SZRSRegistration22to23>

or by aiming your camera at the QR code on the next page.





First payment is due at time of registration.  
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.**

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# Three Ways to ReJewvenate at Shaarey Zedek

Join us on August 6 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. in the Davis Family Social Hall

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. in the Davis Family Social Hall  
(this service will not be livestreamed)

## Love to Learn Minyan

## Midrash Maker Space

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.

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Davis Family Social Hall\*

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

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



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While Sisterhood may seem quiet right now, we are working behind the scenes to plan a great year of events for you. Keep watching for new programming.

## Sunday Lunch with Sisterhood



**Sunday, August 7 at 12:00 p.m.**

Buddy's Pizza

5924 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

**Sunday, August 21 at 12:00 p.m.**

One North Kitchen and Bar

5001 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

Hope to see you.

email [wrenyk@aol.com](mailto:wrenyk@aol.com) with any questions.

## Gift Shop News

We will be back in person on the first day of religious school, Sunday, September 11.

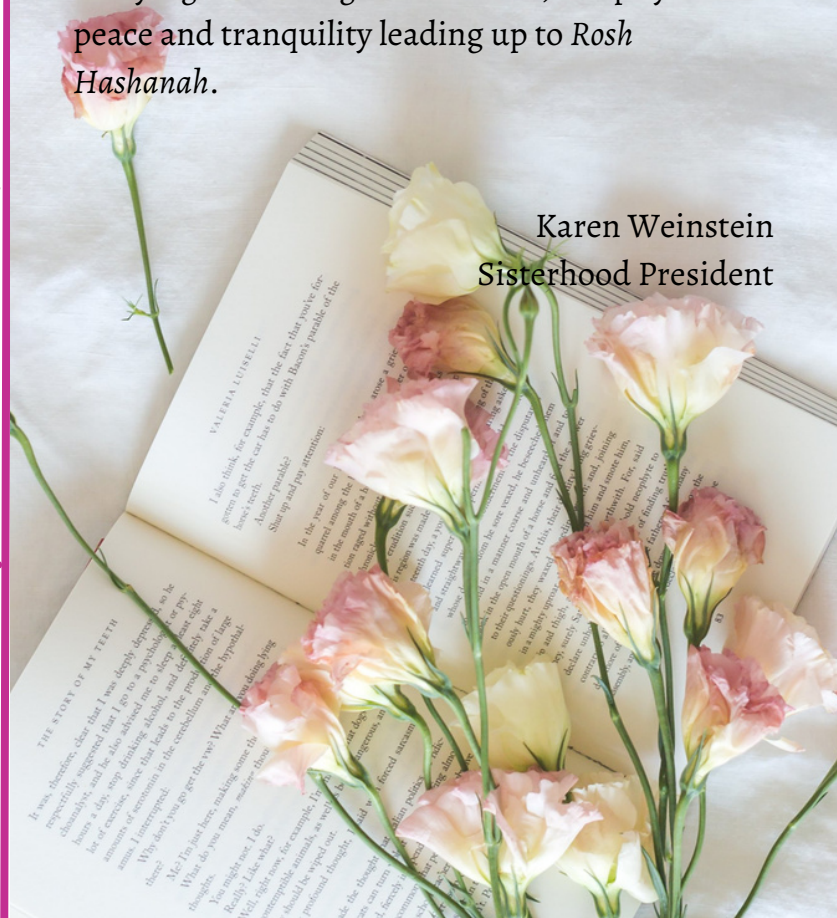
Please reach out to Patty in the office if you are looking for something special until then.

In mid-July, one of our Sisterhood members celebrated her *Bat Mitzvah*! It was an honor to share in this special day for **Susi Greiner**. She composed amazing music and learned to read and understand Hebrew as well as the liturgy of our services. She really made the day special by design.

What I learned from that wonderful day is that everyone has their own spiritual journey, no one right or wrong way to go about it. Becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* as an adult takes *chutzpah* and dedication!

As the High Holidays are approaching, I wish all of you the best and encourage you to take a new step in your Jewish journey. Whether you are trying a new recipe, celebrating with friends, or studying something new in *Torah*, I hope you find peace and tranquility leading up to *Rosh Hashanah*.

Karen Weinstein  
Sisterhood President





# 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

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.

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Ethel Brody  
The Brody Children and their families

## GENERAL FUND

A generous donation was made to support our *Shabbat* picnics by David and Suzanne Lowe

In memory of Lena Blum Howard  
Shoshie Levine

## CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Ethel Brody  
The Brody Children and their families  
Tina and Ed Oser  
Judy Robins

## RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of Aviva Hoffman  
In memory of Ethel Brody  
Dalia Hoffman

## SOPHIE RADWAY PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Jack Martin  
Marlene and Burt Altman

## SHAPIRO ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of my grandchildren, Asa and Miriam Wheeler  
In honor of Patty, Ken, Lauren and Farfel Warshaw  
Judy Minkin

## ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

Happy Birthday to Cathy Gorwitz  
Happy Birthday to Marlene Altman  
Happy Anniversary to Jill and Jerry Fine  
Happy Anniversary to Jane and Bernie Finn  
Esther Morrison

## RUTH E. ROME MUSIC FUND

In memory of Ethel Brody  
The Brody Children and their families

*Thank you*

to the Ruth E. Rome Music Fund for sponsoring our *Shabbat* evening music for the 2022-2023 year.

## 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 is \$550. Proceeds are used for the General Fund.

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS



## *Mazal Tov*



### Birthdays

1. Larry Vert
2. Linda Gold
3. Cathy Gorwitz, Michael Rubner
4. Marlene Altman, Gabriel Olson
9. Steve Idema
10. Steve Flaster
11. Mike Bishop, Robbie Levine
12. Benjamin Feger
13. Mitzi Goldstein
14. Patrick Mitchell
17. Lee Kronenberg
19. Don Gochberg, Susan Shafer
21. Scott Mandel, Randi Simon
22. Steve Guertin
23. James Horowitz
24. Darlene Morgan
25. Natalie Moser
27. Richard Merryman, Eli Schneider
31. Arlene Kessler, Joanna Stark

### Anniversaries

3. Jill and Jerry Fine, Amanda and Steve Idema
11. Harvey and Irma Zuckerberg
12. Robert and Mary Lou Warnke
13. Carey and Todd Elder
14. Judy and Jack Nolish
15. Jane and Bernie Finn
22. Susan Bathke and Stuart Landay,  
Darlene Morgan and Aaron Pollyea
31. Kelly and Dan Feinberg



*Mazal Tov* to **Betsy Hull** on her retirement as Head Librarian at the Okemos Branch of the Capitol Area District Library system on July 31.

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS

## Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Anita Baron  
Aviva Panush  
Alan Zohott  
Igor Guro  
Celia Guro  
Char Epstein  
Alan Wolfe  
Elaine Pearlman  
John Eulenberg  
Arlene Kessler  
Shari Wilson

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 UPDATES

Michael Woodrow  
11175 Barnsley, Lowell, MI 49331

Todd Cook and Rebecca Bahar Cook  
1655 Walnut Heights, East Lansing, MI 48823

## L'hitraot

to Melanie Jacobs and Shane Broyles and their son Jacob who moved to Louisville, Kentucky.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek will host the City of East Lansing Primary Election on Tuesday, August 2

## PLEDGE FORMS

2022-2023 membership pledge forms were sent recently. First quarter payments are due by July 21. Please contact Patty Warshaw at [executive@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:executive@shaareyzedek.com) if you need another copy of the form. Thank you for your support of Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

## SIMCHAGRAM MISSED

Evie Gladstone will be celebrating her 95th birthday on October 11. Regretfully, we did not have her listed on the most recent *Simchagram* form. If you would like to honor her, please contact Patty Warshaw at [executive@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:executive@shaareyzedek.com) and we will send a card to her on this special milestone.

WRJ Central & Midwest Districts invite you to



**Speaking of Unmentionables:  
The Rise & Fall of Ladies' Underwear**



**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**8:00 pm ET / 7:00 pm CT**



**REGISTER HERE**

**What did the brassiere say to the hat?  
You go on a head while I give these two a lift.**



Join us for a fun-filled evening with well known Chicago performer Ellie of Ellie Presents. Her novel and at times slightly naughty presentation unveils facts and exposes myths about women's unmentionables. It includes stories from real women past and present and the amusing and sometimes uncomfortable relationship with their foundations.

This is the first in a series of Zoom programs to bring the women of WRJ Central and Midwest Districts together prior to our consolidation as the Heartland District in March 2023.



# WELCOME

## TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Please meet two of our four new board members. We will introduce you to **Terry Selman** and **Karen Shapiro** in our next issue



### DAVID SIMON

I'm originally from Rockford, IL. My wife Amy and I, with our two boys Ezra and Max, moved here and joined Shaarey Zedek in 2016. The boys are 6 now and are going to start first grade in the Shaarey Zedek religious school in the fall. I went to Bradley and Indiana Universities for degrees in economics and I work for the Michigan Department of Treasury. I also play trombone in some local bands and I like to bike a lot. (Photo from our annual Post-Passover Pizza & Pasta FUNdraiser)

### GALIT PELLED

I grew up in Jerusalem, Israel. I did my undergraduate studies and graduate training in the Hebrew University and in Hadassah Medical School. I am now a Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Radiology and Neuroscience in Michigan State University. My family and I moved to this area five years ago from Baltimore where we were working for over a decade at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. We are so thrilled to have found the wonderful and warm community in Shaarey Zedek. My two kids, Ella and Eli, love and learn so much in SZRS. This year I will teach Hebrew in SZRS and also share my passion to Israeli dancing in a weekly *Chug*! I am looking forward to contributing meaningfully to our community: Increasing programming, increasing synagogue security, and working towards a sustainable congregational future.









# RACIAL JUSTICE MEETS CRIMINAL JUSTICE: ANTI-RACIST WORKSHOPS FOR ISRAELI POLICE UNITS

Wednesday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a special presentation by Sophia Blumenthal\* of Dror Israel (drorisrael.org). Dror Israel seeks to create a society of democracy, equality, and peace created through education and community, where all share responsibility, benefit from opportunity and realize their own potential in Israeli society.



Over the past decade, Dror Israel has been developing an educational pedagogy to integrate the Ethiopian-Israeli community and the story of their Aliyah into the Israeli and Zionist ethos. About five years ago, Dror Israel developed a unique guided mobile exhibit and accompanying educational session telling this amazing story, which has been run at schools, after-school programs, various educational workshops, at Sigd holiday celebrations, and more. After the controversies and clashes of recent years between the police and the Ethiopian-Israeli community, Dror Israel began developing a program together with the Israel Police using the mobile exhibit as a base, with the goal of improving relations between the community and law enforcement, helping police officers see community members in a different light, and addressing prejudices and racism.

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/3NL2Q8m>





# Introduction To Judaism

Taught by Rabbi Amy Bigman

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.

Introduction to Judaism is free for Shaarey Zedek members and \$36 for non-members. (Please note: Students will be asked to purchase books to supplement the lessons taught in class.)

Classes will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the dates listed below. Pre-registration is required.

Wednesdays,


September 14, 21 & 28;

October 12, 19 & 26;

December 7 & 14.

(No classes in November.)

For further information, please contact Rabbi Amy Bigman at 351-3570 or via e-mail at rabbibigman@shaareyzedek.com. The **deadline** for registration will be **September 6**.



----- Yes, I want to participate in the Introduction to Judaism course!

----- My check for \$36 made payable to Congregation Shaarey Zedek is enclosed.

----- I am a Shaarey Zedek member.

Name-----

Address-----

Phone #----- E-mail address-----

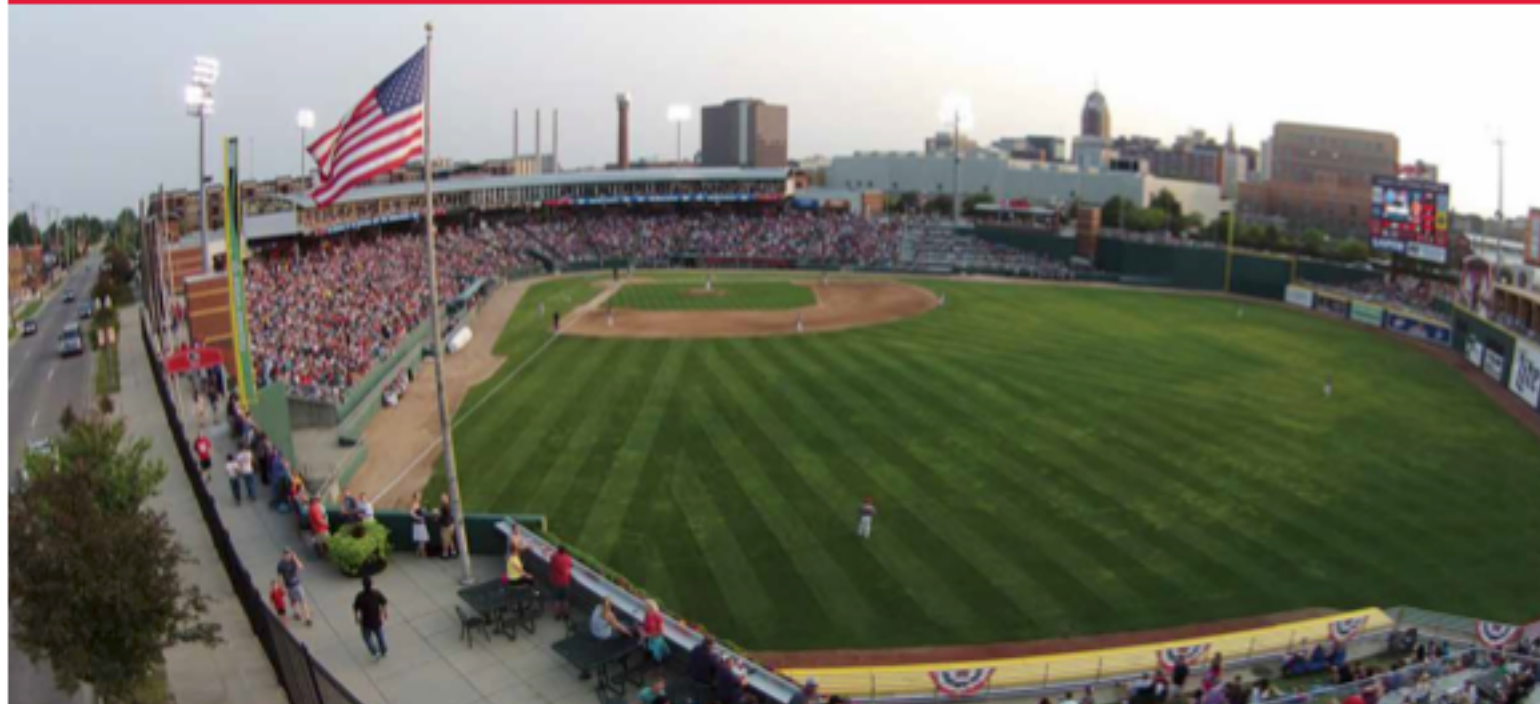
Please return this form and payment by September 6 to:

Rabbi Amy Bigman

Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI 48823



# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK BALLPARK FAMILY EVENT!



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

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

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

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

## **TICKET ORDER FORM**

**Order Deadline:**  
**Sunday, August 7th**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Box Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$11.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Steve Siet  
urry!...The absolute last day to order is: 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



# Yahrtzeits

## August 5

Isadore Balan  
Ethel Ruth Bateman  
Peter Blum  
Samuel Brody  
Larry Busch  
Morton Davis  
Ron Gladstone  
Gunter W. Joseph  
Irving W. Katz  
Marie Lindner  
Randy Pollyea  
Jack Shay  
Rene Vernick  
Laura Warshaw

## August 12

Beki Bahar  
Walter Balzer  
Harold D. Dorfman  
Matt Epstein  
Josh Fields  
Blanche Fine  
Ruth Flaster  
Jean Smookler Freitag  
David Fritz  
Doris P. Gilbert  
Eva Ginsburg  
Evelyn Goodman  
Leon Gudelsky  
Ben Pollack  
Vivian Rosenberg  
Ruth Sood Zack  
Gussie Shanker

## August 19

Ethel Wolfe-Cohen  
Hannah Kaplowitz Emerick  
Harold Gabin  
Alma Greenstein  
Marvin Gudelsky  
Bernard Hack  
Jacob Krohngold  
Irv Lehmann  
Mark Lutvak  
Sidney Rosenberg  
Ethel Sernick Rutstein  
Myra Shapiro  
Louis Sieven  
Joe Simon  
Sarah (Sally) Weissman  
Louis Wolfe

## August 26

Diane Gabin  
Marvin J. Goldstein  
Ruth Flaster  
Louis Kaplowitz  
Ethel Kramer  
Helen Murphy  
Elsie Rachman  
Norman Sernick  
Lester Singer  
Rosa Spivak  
Jerry Wald



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## Worship Schedule

Friday, August 5  
*Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 12  
SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 19  
*Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 20  
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, August 26  
Outdoor *Shabbat* Service and Picnic 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 27  
Conservative *Shabbat* Morning Service 10 a.m. presented  
by Congregation Kehillat Israel at Shaarey Zedek

