

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

Monthly Bulletin

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

As I write this in early December 2022, I have just learned about an anti-Semitic incident at my home congregation, Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills, a Detroit suburb. Thankfully, no one was physically injured. There have been many other incidents, as we know all too well, that have been more damaging throughout the years, yet this was still a significant incident in the Metro Detroit area.

Anti-Semitism has been around for a long time; we don't always see it, but anti-Semites have felt increasingly enabled to act on their hatred in recent years. While this is an issue for us as Jews, it should also be an issue for others because the hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews. Any people who are considered "other" are threatened.

The late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the [Orthodox] United Hebrew Congregations of the United Kingdom from 1991 to 2013, a widely-respected commentator, noted years ago that:

Antisemitism is not about Jews. It is about anti-Semites. It is about people who cannot accept responsibility for their own failures and have instead to blame someone else...

First let me define the term. Antisemitism means denying the right of Jews to exist collectively as Jews with the same rights as everyone else. It takes different forms in different ages. In the Middle Ages, Jews were hated because of their religion. In the 19th and early 20th century they were hated because of their race. Today they are hated because of their nation-state, the state of Israel. [cited in "The Philadelphia Inquirer," published October 6, 2016]

As I noted in my *Rosh HaShanah* morning sermon on September 7, 2021:

We could spend hours upon hours, days upon days, weeks upon weeks, years upon years discussing anti-Semitism. We could discuss its historic religious basis when the early Church needed to show how it was better than the Jews...

We could discuss specific stereotypes about Jews...

Frankly, I am less concerned today about the "why" behind anti-Semitism and more concerned about what we do about it.

So, how do we combat anti-Semitism? By acting as our religion commands us

"Love your neighbor as yourself." [Lev. 19:18]

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt..." [Lev. 19:34] This is one of 36 times in the *Torah* where it tells us how to treat the stranger.

"It was told to you what is good and what God demands of you -- only doing justice and loving kindness and walking humbly with your God." [Micah 6:8]

So, how do we combat anti-Semitism? By participating in community interfaith activities. The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing, of which I am the founder, and other organizations in our community sponsor interfaith programs and services, in which our Jewish community too rarely participates. It is often just me and less than a handful of others who represent our Jewish community...

So, how do we combat anti-Semitism? By continuing to invite school groups, college and university groups, and church groups to join us for worship. Groups meet with me prior to worship and then join us for the Friday night *Oneg*. The next time we have such a group with us, won't you ask them to join you at the *Oneg*? Surely we can skip sitting with our own friends and temple members occasionally in order to make our visitors feel welcome. It's a great way to learn more about them as they learn more about us.

So, how do we combat anti-Semitism? By being ambassadors when we're out in the world, acting appropriately when we are in public settings so that we don't give people the excuse to think of us negatively.

So, how do we combat anti-Semitism? By being proud of who we are...

Of course, we can't hope that anti-Semitism will magically go away; we have no control over that. One thing we do have in our control is how we act -- how we interact with others in personal and public settings. We must proudly wear our *kippot*, *Magein David* and *chai* necklaces, and *Chanukah* sweaters. We must be proud Jews and show and share our pride with others!

May this year of 2023 be the year in which anti-Semitism, racism, and all forms of bigotry cease. *Kein y'hi ratzon* -- May this be God's will.

OUR THIRD SHABBAT PROGRAM IS NOW OUR SECOND SHABBAT -- THIS MONTH ONLY!

As Rabbi Bigman will be in Washington, D.C. with some of our high school students during the third *Shabbat* of January, we will hold this monthly program on the SECOND *Shabbat* this month.

Please join us on *Shabbat* morning, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. for *Torah* Study; 9:30 a.m. for our Conservative *Shabbat* Morning Worship; and / or 10:30 a.m. for our Tot *Shabbat* program. We look forward to celebrating the second *Shabbat* of the month with you!



Rabbi Bigman welcomed the Rev. Betsy Aho and members of Haslett Community Church on December 16

Sisterhood News



January 15, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

coffee with Sisterhood President at Hooked
Address: 3142 E. Michigan Ave. in Lansing, on the
corner with Dori Lane

EAT OUT FUNDRAISER

January 16, 6-8 p.m.

at **Culver's** in
Eastwood Towne Center
featuring Jeff the Magician

Address: 3115 Towne
Centre Blvd, Lansing



Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

**1ST ANNUAL CHALLAH BAKE
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Sunday, January 22

2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Davis Family Social Hall

- Learn to make and braid *challah*
- There will be a GLUTEN FREE option
- Dancing, games and fun
- Participants will have goodies to take home
- Bring your favorite *challah* recipe to share



Lifelong Learning News

ReJewvenate Three Ways to at Shaarey Zedek

Join us on *Shabbat* morning in the Davis Family Social Hall to nourish your body, mind, and soul on **January 7**

Please Rise!

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Movement. Led by **Lauren Warshaw**.

Love to Learn *Minyan*

10:10 - 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Discussion. Led by **Margot Valles**.

Midrash Maker Space

10:10 - 11:00 a.m. Creativity and Art. Led by **Kelly Feinberg** or **Margot Valles**.

For purposes of security and set-up, notifying us of your participation is required. Please sign up, here: [**https://bit.ly/ReJewvenate**](https://bit.ly/ReJewvenate)

Ongoing Classes

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

The Talmud's Top Ten Clickbait

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom; January 8, 22, 29

For log-in information, please contact Margot (information below).

For any **Lifelong Learning** related questions, please reach out to Dr. Margot Valles at (412) 614 -0310 or menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com.

**ALL
LEARNERS
WELCOME!**



SZRS News

Winter Calendar

January

4 Wed SZRS

8 Sun SZRS

- *Kadima*
- M-i-T

11 Wed SZRS

15 Sun SZRS

- Special MLK Program
- Game Day / Cafe Ivrit at Shaarey Zedek

18 Wed SZRS

22 Sun SZRS

- M-i-T

25 Wed SZRS

29 Sun SZRS

SPECIAL PROGRAM DATES

Kadima: Jan 8, Feb 5

MiT: Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 26

Game Day / Cafe Ivrit: Jan 15

Shabbat School: Feb 11

February

1 Wed SZRS

5 Sun SZRS

- *Kadima*
- M-i-T
- *Tu Bishvat* Special Program

8 Wed SZRS

11 Sat SPECIAL SHABBAT SCHOOL

- Refugee Shabbat Services and Family Programming at KI, run by SZRS and KIRS

12 Sun Only *TICHON* will meet at 11:00; see 11 Sat for everyone else.

15 Wed SZRS

No school Feb 19

22 Wed SZRS

26 Sun SZRS

- M-i-T



**Stay in the loop
with our
Facebook Group!**



The next Game Day and *Cafe Ivrit* will be held in the Davis Family Social Hall at Shaarey Zedek on January 15 from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Bring a game to play and share with kids from KIRS. Bagels and cream cheese provided.





PJ Library Coordinator Karen Weinstein welcomed 20 children and their parents and grandparents for Chanukah Story Time & Crafts at the East Lansing Public Library on December 18. What a great way to kick off Chanukah!



SAVE THE DATE

Shaarey Zedek-Kehillat Israel *Shabbaton*

FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2023



Friday, February 10 at Shaarey Zedek
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Worship at 6:00 p. m.

Saturday, February 11 at Kehillat Israel
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Followed with lunch
Special program for children at 10:00 a.m.

WITH Kivunim and Shaarey Zedek Religious School Families

Synagogue News

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Carol Beals
RB Brown
Anita Baron
Char Epstein
Igor Guro
Celia Guro
Alon Kalay

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.

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.

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



REWARDS PROGRAM

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.

SHAAREY ZEDEK OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Arthur and Marilyn Feinberg correct e-mail is feinber2@yahoo.com

Ken Warshaw's e-mail address is ken.recsports@gmail.com

Shabbat Dinners

Beginning January 13, we will be having a **Shabbat Dinner at 5:30 p.m.** and Shaarey Zedek LIVE! Service at 6:00 p.m. on the second *Shabbat* of each month followed by an *Oneg*.

There is no charge to attend but **RSVPs** are required by the Tuesday prior to the dinner. Dinners will be supported by the **Maureen Gladstone Flower and Social Engagement Fund** and the **General Fund**. Your donations will also be appreciated. Looking forward to enjoying *Shabbat* with you!

RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/RSVP4ShaareyZedekLiveDinner>

or email Patty at executive@shaareyzedek.com to let her know you are coming.



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
- 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
- Also included are these funds. Please make separate checks payable to these funds:

JUSTIN AND ESTHER MORRISON FUND

In honor of my 104th birthday
Happy Birthday to:
Sarah Marks
Roy Saper
Sue Weiss
Donald Baron
Esther Morrison

ETHEL WOLFE KITCHEN FUND

In memory of Michele Meyrowitz
In memory of Joel Klein
Gail and Alan Wolfe

HENRY FINE AND ANNETTE FINE BURKE LIBRARY FUND

In memory of our parents:
Henry Fine
Annette Fine Burke
Benjamin W. Simon
Margie G. Simon
In memory of:
Michele Meyrowitz
Elaine Pearlman
Jerry and Jill Fine

BETTE SUE RITTMAN ALL CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL FUND

In memory of Joel Klein
Howard Rittman

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Mary Baron
Elaine Cherney

A generous donation to support the *Chanukah* dinner was made by Burt and Marlene Altman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Generous donations were received from:
Gretchen Smith
Joe and Cheryl Wald
Matthew Aldridge
Elissa George
Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

In memory of Mary Baron
Amy Baron Villegas and Richard Baron

SOPHIE RADWAY PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Joel Klein
Richard and Bonnie Radway

In memory of Ethel Altman
In memory of Leo Sklar, uncle of Kenny Warshaw
Marlene and Burt Altman

Bat Mitzvah

Mazal Tov



Juliet Eliana Feinberg, daughter of **Kelly** and **Daniel Feinberg**, will be called to the *Torah* on *Shabbat* morning, February 4, at 10:00 a.m. Juliet is a seventh-grade student at Chippewa Middle School. For her *mitzvah* project, Juliet is collecting donations for the Sparrow Child Life Services team. Child Life Specialists focus on the development of the whole child while promoting coping skills for hospitalization and potentially stressful experiences for families in our community.

The Feinberg family invites the congregation to share in their *simcha* and to join them for a *Kiddush* celebration following *Shabbat* morning services.

My name is Juliet Feinberg, and I am currently working on my *Bat Mitzvah*. I am looking to collect donations for Sparrow Child Life Services to help give some fun to the hospitalized children in our community. Child Life Specialists focus on the optimal development of the whole child while promoting coping skills for hospitalization and potentially stressful experiences; at the hospital they have a Wishlist of things to give to and entertain the kids. All children deserve a happy childhood and with your donation you can make a child just that much happier.

I'm writing to ask you to support me and my project. Just a small donation of a toy or book can help me reach my goal of 50 items donated.

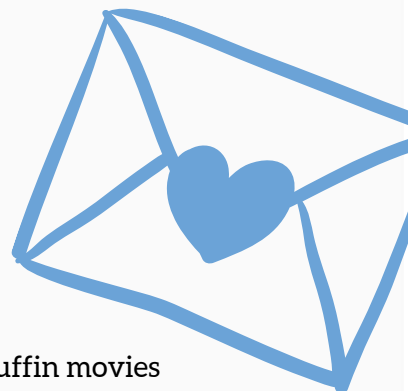
Here are the ways you can help:

—Donate an item from the Amazon Sparrow Health Wish List. If you choose this option, you can send the gift directly to the Sparrow Child Life Specialists or bring the donated item to Congregation Shaarey Zedek and place it in the donation bin in the Davis Family Social Hall.

—Make a financial donation by check, made out to the Sparrow Foundation. You can send the donations to me (1963 Groton Way, East Lansing, Michigan 48823), and I will give them to Sparrow when I drop off the donated items.

—Purchase an item on the Sparrow Child Life list provided below and drop it off in the donation bin in the Davis Family Social Hall.

- Superhero action figures
- Markers and colored pencils
- Coloring books for all ages
- Word search books
- Washable rattles, mobiles and white noise machines
- Crayola crayons
- Toddler toys that light up and sing
- Bubbles (small containers)
- Cards (playing cards, UNO, etc.)
- Fisher Price farm animals
- Small dollhouse people/Little People
- Party streamers
- Glitter
- Plastic portion cups with lids (10 oz)
- Hot Wheels
- Thomas the Train (train pieces)
- DVDs: New releases (G, PG, PG-13)
- Bubble Guppies/Paw Patrol/Doc McStuffin movies
- Gift cards: Michael's, Hobby Lobby, movie tickets, Amazon
- Poster boards



Thank you in advance for your contribution. You have no idea how much it means to me to have your support.

Sincerely,
Juliet Feinberg :)

Tzedakah News

Warming our hands and feet

The Tzedakah Committee is hosting a winter drive to collect socks and mittens for those in our community. Keeping fingers and toes warm as the temperatures drop is a small way that we can make a big difference to those in our community needing some extra support. Please



drop off new socks and mittens at the Tzedakah table in the atrium throughout January. If you would rather make a monetary donation to our winter drive, donations can be designated with “Winter Drive.” Thank you to our congregation for all that you do in supporting our community!



Organization Spotlight

The Fretail Store provides a retail shopping experience for those in our community who might not otherwise have the opportunity. Anyone can shop with dignity in the mall, and walk away with shopping bags full of essentials for FREE. The store is run entirely by volunteers and is stocked through donations. Learn more about this amazing organization that our community supports through donations to the Tzedakah Committee, visiting their website (www.thefretailstore.com), or scanning the QR code.



Thoughts, questions, comments about additional ways we can support our community are always welcome, and can be directed to Tzedakah Committee Chair Daphne Merryman at merrymand@outlook.com.

Mazal Tov

Birthdays

1. Elliot Spoon, Alan Zohott
2. Ethan Olds
4. Esther Morrison, Samantha Kamer
5. Noah Elia, Michael Ranieri
6. Morgan Vincent
10. Lynn Spoon
11. Joanne Guertin, Betsy Hull
12. Debra Kaplan
14. Matthew Cohen, Jonathan Liebman
15. Lisa Craig
16. Doug Batchelder
17. Sarah Marks
18. Roy Saper
19. Seren Delaney, Noah Kaplan, Sue Weiss
20. Alon Kalay
21. Valerie Levitt, Jeffrey Olds
22. Sandy Gladstone
24. Renee Zumberg
26. Donald Baron, Mary Danowitz, Ron Weinstein
28. Neil Baron
29. Evan Cohen, Juliet Feinberg, Dana Flink
31. Allen Frank, Ed Oxer

Anniversaries

8. Jason and Christine Pikstein
19. RB and Vicki Brown
26. Micah and Razi Lissy

Thank You

We want to thank the clergy and staff for their kindness and very thoughtful help during our time of need.

Bonnie, Dick and Andy Radway

Thank you to our Sisterhood for the *Chanukah gelt*. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated.

Patty Warshaw

Many thanks to my friends and fellow members of Shaarey Zedek for the *Simchagram* and remembering me on another significant birthday.

Leon Schafer

HELLO *new members*

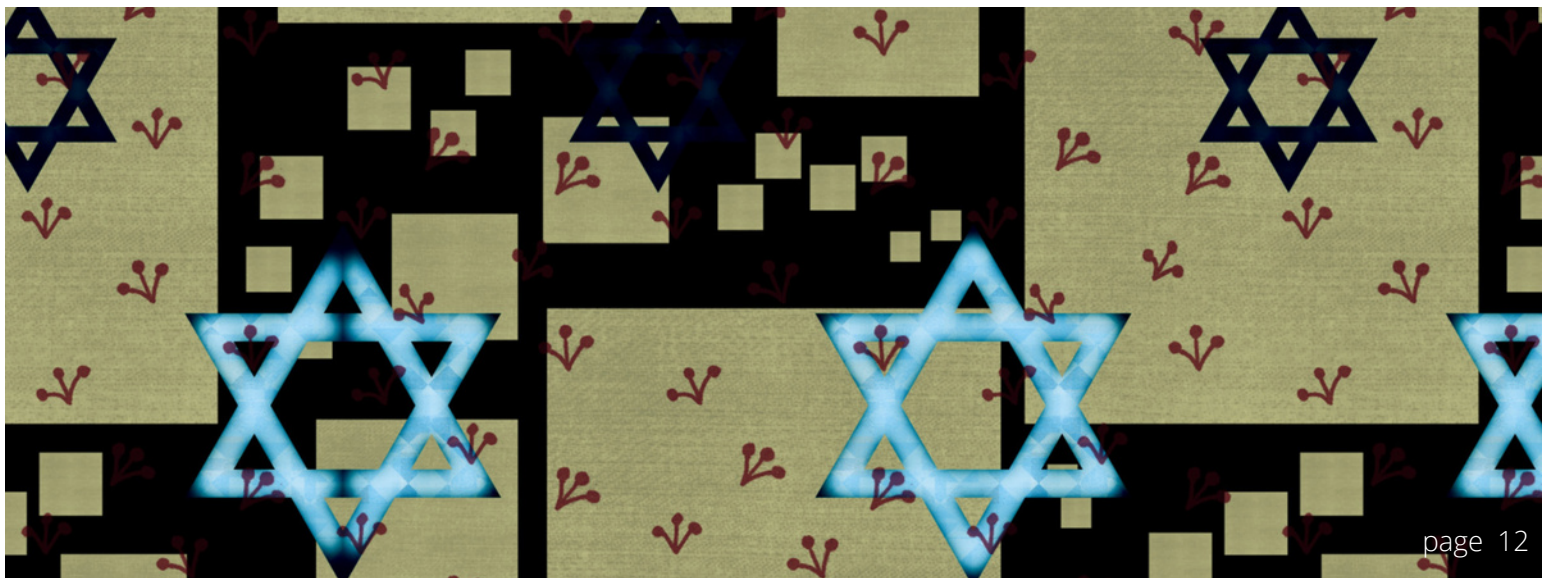
Amy and Adam Lafferty

Raffi and Ozzy

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Yahrtzeits

January 6

Barbara Anderson
Lois Crawford
Thomas Falcsik
Harry Gershen
David Hecht
Rebecca Hecht
Lillian Horowitz
Josef Rittman
Esther Schiffer
Morton Siet
Harold Soffin
Marilyn Soifer
Cecilia Struze
Betty Tannenbaum
Royalyn Vert
Jerry Weisberg
Ilene Wolfe

January 27

Esther Berman
Archie Crego
Leo Goldner
Joseph Meites
Dick Ormos
Bella Schlissberg
Pearl Shiovitz
Winnie Snyder
Howard Soifer
Arnold Zumberg

January 13

Sally Baron
Annette Fine Burke
Lillian Busch
Charles Carp
Thelma Cohen
Dr. Lewis Greenberg
Abe Kamins
Ruth Kositchek
Michael Ledger
Viva Irene Lowe
Lois Cone Lurie
Al Meadows
Abraham Polukoff
Ron Radway
David Radway
Lila Radway
Lillian Richmond
Ralph Robinson
Bill Russell
Diane Silverstein
Larry Thompson
Diane Uhlmann
Jamie Allison White
Anna Zidell

January 20

Lee Abramson
Harry Fine
James Gouin
Lilly Greenberg
Martin Fruitman
Maier Shalom Levine
Benjamin Shalom Kruger
Rebecca Pfeifer
Matilda Post
Rachel Price
Beatrice Rabin
Jeanette Schafer
Rebecca Sernick
Kay Shapiro
Jay Werber

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are sent to Joan and Don Gochberg and family on the death of her sister, Jill Osias, on November 29.

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Worship Schedule

Friday, January 6

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 13

Shabbat Dinner (please see page 8 to RSVP) 5:30 p.m.

Shaarey Zedek LIVE! Shabbat Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Oneg Sponsors: Bonnie/Dick Radway, Amy/David Simon and Jeff/Shawn Olds

Saturday, January 14

Second Shabbat Program

Torah Study 9:00 a.m.

Conservative Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat Program 10:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat Prayers/Songs 11:15 a.m.

Friday January 20

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 27

Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

*Oneg Sponsors: Lily Brown, Vicki/RB Brown, Junis Zumberg,
Renee Zumberg, Terry Zumberg*

