# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK



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# A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

We Jews are obligated to be part of our community. At our Volunteer Recognition / Board Installation *Shabbat* service in September, I noted:

In *Pirkei Avot* the great teacher Hillel is quoted as saying: "Al tifrosh min ha-tzibbur -- Do not separate yourself from the community."

Rashi teaches that this means that one should not separate oneself from the community when it is experiencing difficulties so that one can be united with it when it experiences joy. Bartinoro adds that one who will not be with the community in periods of sorrow will never be able to be with it during celebratory times.

In this case, I was, of course, referring to the community that is Congregation Shaarey Zedek. But we could also understand this teaching to mean the Jewish community as a whole (both locally and worldwide) and / or the general community (again, both locally and worldwide). When we participate in interfaith programs in our community, such as the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing's worship service this month or when we donate to national organizations to help victims of natural disasters or when we donate to help people in Ukraine during wartime, etc., we are not separating ourselves from the community. We are doing our duty to repair the world (*tikkun olam*).

This month we can participate in our most important civic duty as American citizens: VOTE. Rabbi Daniel Gropper, in an excellent article titled "This Year, Bring *Torah* into the Voting Booth," noted the joy he felt as a new American citizen being able to vote for the first time:

The *Talmudic* sage, Rabbi Yitzhak, taught that "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian *Talmud Berachot* 55a). He further explained that in the *Torah*, Bezalel could not be chosen to build the Tabernacle without approval of the community. This ethic of participation in communal decision making is embedded in Jewish thought and accounts for the enthusiastic engagement of Jews in the electoral process.

I moved to the U.S. from Canada and voted for the first time in an American presidential election in 2016, after becoming a citizen. Like a convert who chooses a new religion and takes on its obligations with a high degree of commitment, I take a citizen's responsibility to vote very seriously.

When I stepped into the voting booth, I brought to this sacred rite four ritual objects: my voter registration card, my naturalization certificate, a copy of the U.S. Constitution, and a Hebrew Bible. The first three communicated my right vote, the fourth served as my guide.

Before marking my ballot, I opened the Bible to Leviticus 19, known as The Holiness Code, and took its teachings to heart... As I marked my ballot, I asked myself: Which of these candidates did I think would best uphold these sacred values? It was a proud moment. [www.rac.org]

When you vote this year, consider what Judaism has to teach and vote according to your conscience. And on Thanksgiving Day, take some time to be grateful for all that you have -- including your right to vote.



#### **November 13**

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite game or just show up after school in the Davis Family Social Hall to snack on bagels and play games with our friends from KI's religious school; RSVPs to Margot encouraged but not necessary.



Be part of our program for kids 0-4 and at least one parent. Contact *Menahelet* Margot or Karen Weinstein for more details.

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

Wednesday, November 2 SZRS Sunday, November 6 SZRS

Kadima

MiT

Wednesday, November 9 SZRS

Veteran's Day November 11

Sunday, November 13 SZRS

Family Education B Mitzvah Program 3

Wednesday, November 16 SZRS

Sunday, November 20 SZRS 1

M-i-T

NO SCHOOL Wednesday, November 23

Fall Break; Sigd

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving

NO SCHOOL Sunday, November 27 Wednesday, November 30 SZRS

#### DECEMBER 2022

Sunday, December 4 SZRS ᢊ

Kadima

M-i-T

Wednesday, December 7 SZRS

Friday, December 9 Chanukah Dinner

Sunday, December 11 SZRS

Wednesday, December 14 SZRS

NO SCHOOL Sun, Dec. 18, Wed 21, Sun 25, Wed 28

Chanukah Begins December 18 Winter Break until January 4

#### **B Mitzvah Family Program**

November 13

Kadima

November 6 and December 4

**Madrichim-in-Training** 

November 6 and 20, and December 4

**Winter Break** 

December 18-January 4

## Lifelong Learning Opportunities

## Reservate at Shaarey Zedek

Join us on **November 5, December 3,** and **January 7** in the Davis Family Social Hall for movement, prayer, learning and art.

#### 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

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.

#### 10:10 - 11:00 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 to your spiritual community.



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

#### 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!** 

For purposes of security and set-up, notifying us of your participation is required.

Please sign up, here: <a href="https://bit.ly/ReJewvenate">https://bit.ly/ReJewvenate</a>

## Lifelong Learning Opportunities

#### Two New Member-Created Single-Session Classes!

Created and facilitated by congregant

#### CHAS FEGER

Lashon Harah (Evil Speech): The Torah's Original Sin

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.





#### Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

**Chas Feger** was brought up in a non-observant Jewish-Christian family. As a college student at The Ohio State University, he began utilizing the vast Schottenstein wing of the Main Library to study various aspects of Judaism-*kabbalah*, *Talmud*, *Midrash*, *mitzvot*, mysticism, etc. This grew

into a life-long mission to discover and re-discover the ways of the *Torah* and learn how various parts of study, practice and prayer work together. Currently working on what he calls the "Unified Theory of Judaism," he blends *Torah*, philosophy and science in a similar way to Philo, Saadia Gaon and Maimonides.

Born and raised in South Detroit, he is proud to be a member of Shaarey Zedek. Chas and his family currently reside in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Please let us know if you will be attending by texting the words "Lashon Harah" or "Freedom" and your name to Margot at (412) 614 - 0310.

#### **Ongoing Multi-session Classes (Drop-ins Welcome)**

#### Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom November 3, 10, 17

If you thought the book of Genesis was wild on its own just wait until you see how the ancient rabbis interpreted it! In this weekly study session, we'll consider how the rabbis understood famous elements of the opening chapters of the *Torah*--from why the *Torah* begins with the letter *Bet* to what fruit was on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

#### The Talmud's Top Ten Clickbait

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. In-Person November 6, 13, 20

These "Top Ten" texts are the reasons people continue to study *Talmud*. What happens when four rabbis enter "The Orchard"? What's up with demon bowls? How did a debate over an oven lead to the rabbis overruling God? Is our covenant with God legal? Why did Yochanan ben Zakkai fake his death-and how did that save rabbinic Judaism? We'll study key *Talmud* passages in bite sized pieces that are appropriate for all skill levels.

Register here for Midrash and Mayhem: <a href="https://bit.ly/RegisterforMidrashandMayhem">https://bit.ly/RegisterforMidrashandMayhem</a>
Register for The Talmud's Top 10 Clickbait by texting "Top Ten" and your name to Margot at (412) 614–0310.





Sunday, November 20
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

DON'T miss it!



There will be: Judaica from the Gift Shop Candles, Gelt, Menorahs, Gift Wrap, Chanukah Gifts, Vendors, Annual Bake Sale,



New This Year: The Shaarey Zedek Engagement Fair Come and Learn about the Programs of the Congregation and How YOU Can Be Involved!

and Great Gift Ideas





If you are interested in being a vendor at the Supersale, please contact Marilyn Ruben at mjruben@aol.com







Sisterhood is in the process of updating the directory. Please check your information that is listed in the current directory and submit any name, address or phone changes to miruben@aol.com call her at 980-3755

#### Gift Shop

We are back in person! Visit us for all your Judaica needs during school hours on Sunday mornings!

#### Coming Soon......

**Restaurant Fundraisers** 

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

Challah Bake



## 1st Annual **Online Auction**

Baggu Bennett Rd. Animal Clinic Biggby Coffee DIOP Douglas J **Elderly Instruments** Foods for Living Glenbrier Golf Course

Lansing Lugnuts Lily's Seafood The Majestic Theatre

NCG Eastwood Okemos Music Academy Oracle's Apothecary The Peanut Shop Playmaker's Potter Park Zoo Royal Oak Music Theatre Schuler Books & Music Triple Goddess Bookstore Wild Birds Unlimited ...AND MANY MORE

Proceeds will go to the Sisterhood and a local

#### NOVEMBER 1-15

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

## COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER FOR SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

Save money -- lots of money! -- and support our community by purchasing a SAVE AROUND coupon book. Coupon savings for restaurants, golf courses, assorted retail stores and other vendors are included in the book.

The cost is \$25 of which \$12.50 comes back to the congregation and will be used to support the Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library Fund, which sends free Jewish books monthly to Jewish children in our area who are ages 6 months - 8 years old.

Please contact Patty Warshaw in the Shaarey Zedek office (351-3570, ext. 1) or Burt Altman (285-9783) from 7-9 p.m. if you would like to purchase a coupon book. Thank you for supporting the Sophie Radway PJ Library Program at Congregation Shaarey Zedek!

## Sisterhood Shabbat

Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Social Justice: Empowering Women in the 21st Century



Our Guest Speaker

Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Executive Director of the Women of Reform Judaism

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Friday, December 2 Dinner 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood is honored to welcome to our congregation Rabbi Marla J. Feldman. A Reform rabbi and lawyer, she was previously Director of Development of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and Director of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.

Before joining the URJ staff, Rabbi Feldman worked in the Jewish Community Relations field, serving communities in Detroit and Delaware. She also taught as adjunct faculty at the University of Detroit-Mercy and the Widener University College of Law in Wilmington, DE, and served congregations in Sarasota and Orlando, FL.

If you would like to join us for dinner prior to worship, all we ask is that you RSVP to Shawn Olds at 896-5199 by November 28.

There is NO CHARGE for the dinner, but donations are welcome.

## 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 • L' Dor Vador Fund 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

#### GENERAL FUND

A generous donation was received from Wendy and Theodore Lawrence, parents of Cantor Rick Lawrence

A generous donation was received from Gretchen Smith

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A generous donation was received from Matt Aldridge

In memory of Elaine Perlman Mary and Ken Manton

#### JOSEPH AND MABLE MEITES EDUCATION **FUND**

A generous donation was received from Gretchen Smith

#### CONSULTANT DONATION

A generous donation was received from David and Iill Mittleman

#### JUSTIN AND ESTHER MORRISON FUND

Happy Birthday to: Rabbi Amy Bigman Linda Searles Carol Horowitz

Esther Morrison

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

The discretionary fund helps those in need, provides scholarships to camp and religious school, supports synagogue special events, and supports organizations in our community and elsewhere which do the work of tikkun olam (repairing the world).

#### Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund (Sisterhood Fund)

Contributions are used to purchase kitchen equipment and supplies. This fund was established in memory of Ethel Wolfe. This fund will not be used for payroll or for building maintenance such as plumbing, electrical or structural problems within the kitchen.

#### Florence Rudman Early Education Endowment Fund

This endowment was established in 2000 in memory of Florence Rudman. Earnings are to be used to enhance the educational programs of Kindergarten as well as the 1st and 2nd grades of the Shaarey Zedek Religious School. Earnings of the Fund support the programs, curriculum development, teacher training, field trips, and other needs specified in the document.

#### Henry Fine & Annette Fine Burke Memorial Library Fund

Contributions are used to maintain and enhance the library by the purchase of new books or other items needed to maintain the quality of the library. This fund was established by friends and family of Henry Fine in 1966-1967 and Annette Fine Burke was added after her death in 2011.

#### **Justin and Esther Morrison Fund**

The Justin and Esther Morrison Fund is for clergy requests, including support for special projects, programming, events and other miscellaneous items. The fund was established by the Morrison family in memory of Justin Morrison and in honor of Esther's 100th birthday. (2019)

#### Joseph and Mable Meites Education Fund

Funds to be used for the support of Congregation Shaarey Zedek Religious School.

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## Synagogue News

## Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

**RB Brown** 

Anita Baron

Aviva Panush

Alan Zohott

Igor Guro

Celia Guro

Char Epstein

Shari Wilson

Barbara Wieland

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.

#### SHAAREY ZEDEK OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Closed Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. And Patty is out of office October 17-31.

#### WELCOME BACK...

The Parkinson 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.



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.

#### **BUILDING NOTES**

On November 8 Election Day, Shaarey Zedek will again host two precincts for the City of East Lansing general election.



#### Synagogue News

# Mazal Tov

#### **Birthdays**

- 1. Rabbi Amy Bigman, Cidney Nicholson, Christine Pikstein
- 4. Jeff Green, Alex Spivak, Mary Lou Warnke
- 5. Juliana Cohen, Jerry Weiss
- 6. David Richmond
- 7. Monica Resnick, Sue Safir
- 8. Daphne Elder, Judy Nolish
- 9. Judy Friedlis, Jill Rycus
- 11. Todd Cohan
- 13. Randy Israel
- 14. Laura Lund
- 15. Natalia Feinberg
- 16. Marcia Eulenberg
- 17. Audrey Jodoin
- 20. Ira Gabin, Sandy Soifer, Carol Horowitz
- 21. Jack Behar

- 23. Stefan Gliebermann, Jessica Sender, Judy
- Walker, Harvey Zuckerberg
- 24. Tina Oxer, Jennifer Roberts
- 25. Ken Bardach
- 26. Leon Schafer
- 27. Anita Mitchell
- 29. Vicki Neiberg
- 30. Nora Pasman-Green

#### **Anniversaries**

- 7. Brian and Courtney Vincent
- 11. Lee and Nancy Kronenberg
- 22. Deborah Gouin and Wilbert Hines
- 25. Blake and Naomi Casher
- 28. Chuck and Regan Johnson

# Pre-Chanukkah Family Dinner Friday, December 9



6:15 pm. Shaarey Zedek LIVE Shabbat Service

Registration:

https://bit.ly/RSVPShaareyZedekLiveDinners Deadline for registration is November 29.

Generously supported by the **Justin and Esther Morrison Fund** and the **Maureen Gladstone Flower and Social Engagement Fund** 

Donations will also be appreciated















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**

| Micah Siegal     | February 12 | 40 |
|------------------|-------------|----|
| Karen Weinstein  | March 8     | 50 |
| Erik Shapiro     | May 4       | 50 |
| Todd Elder       | June 21     | 50 |
| Brian Horgan     | June 28     | 50 |
| Georgia Spivak   | March 16    | 60 |
| Karen Batchelder | April 22    | 65 |
| Brad Shafer      | April 22    | 65 |
| Doug Ruben       | June 30     | 65 |
| Jay Meyer 65     | February 6  | 65 |
| Mary Marton      | April 15    | 70 |
| Gail Eisenberg   | April 16    | 70 |
| Mary Levine      | June 5      | 70 |
| Judith Zack      | June 20     | 70 |
| Jack Nolish      | February 13 | 75 |
| RB Brown         | April 4     | 75 |
| Maria Costa Fox  | April 11    | 75 |
| Michael Ranieri  | January 5   | 80 |
| Sheila Schafer   | February 11 | 80 |
| John Eulenberg   | April 25    | 80 |
| Jackie Holecek   | May 31      | 80 |
| Rhoda Kotzin     | May 5       | 90 |
| Sylvia Kruger    | April 1     | 95 |
| Norman Abeles    | April 15    | 95 |

| Anniversaries                |          |    |
|------------------------------|----------|----|
| Neil and Elsy Baron          | June 13  | 30 |
| Rhoda Kotzin and Bo Anderson | June 15  | 25 |
| Larry and Cathy Sernick      | June 19  | 40 |
|                              | Julie 13 | 40 |
| Donald and Anita Baron       | June 2   | 60 |

Please check the names of the people and couples you wish to honor, and pay \$1 per person or couple checked, or \$28 for all.

and pay \$1 per person or couple checked, or \$28 for all. Please return this form by December 15th.

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)







## **Yahrtzeits**

#### November 4

Morris B. Altman
Marilyn Balan
Milton Bernstein
Rose Carp
Jeanette Clayton
Abraham Fruitman
Helen Goodman
Stanley Leebaw
David Metcalf
Esther Polukoff
Richard Rubin
Kay Steadman

#### **November 25**

Sherwood Berman
Philip Dunn
Rosalie Eliasohn
Gretl Frank
Jacob Gabin
Alvin Hack
Betty Klein
Martin Landay
Werner H. Luebke
Judith Morrison Pollyea
Merrill Pollyea
Margaret Robinson
Irwin Leo Carl Tessmer
Trudy Wilensky

#### **November 11**

Sara Bahar
Jeannette Bardach
Yetta Fields
Rochelle Flink
Mary Ester Garbel
Harry Harris
Jacob Harvith
Rabbi Morton Hoffman
Carl Perelman
Bette Sue Rittman
Dr. Herb Rudman
David Shafer
Esther Shapiro
Frank Singer
Betty White

#### **November 18**

Hattie Abramson Harry Berman Alan Cohen **Jerry Cohen** Pauline Craig Simon Danowitz **Joel Eisenberg** Linda Burch-Fisher Cora Friedlis Alex Friedman Rose Gladstone Miriam Greenberg Herbert S. Hattner Keith Hopkins Rena Kositchek Roland Parkhurst Sondra Taub Sylvia Woodrow

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



## NOVEMBER 6, 2:00 P.M.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing

#### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

#### Catherine Cangany, PhD

**Executive Director of the Jewish** Historical Society of Michigan presenting

"The Eggmen: Reconsidering Michigan's First Jews."

## **FEDERATION** CAMPAIGN **KICK-OFF**

Come hear what Greater Lansing Jewish Federation has accomplished and our plans for the coming year!

Light refreshments.

We are not charging for this event. We will have program materials and pledge cards for the 2022-2023 campaign for you there.

**REGISTRATION:** 

lansingjewishfederation@gmail.com



# An Evening With Dan Nichols



Saturday, December 3

Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing

6:30 p.m. Dinner featuring special dishes from members of the community 8:00 p.m. Dan Nichols concert

\$10 per person RSVP at jewishfederationlansing.org

If you have questions or would like to bring a dish to the event, email lansingjewishfederation@gmail.com

Sponsored by the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation and Congregation Shaarey Zedek, with generous support from the Ravitz Foundation

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## Worship Schedule

Friday, November 4 *Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11 Shaarey Zedek Live! *Shabbat* Service 7:00 p.m. *Oneg Shabbat* 

Friday, November 18 *Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 25 Shabbat Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Oneg Shabbat

