

# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

Monthly Bulletin

FEBRUARY 2023

SH'VAT / ADAR 5783

## 5th Annual **REFUGEE SHABBAT** a project of **HIAS**

FEBRUARY 10 & 11

# A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

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When you think of the month of February, the first thing that probably comes to mind is Valentine's Day. This day is celebrated by many people. This month I'd like to share with you two important observances that are exclusive to us as Jews: Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month and HIAS Refugee *Shabbat*.

**Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM)** was established in 2009 and is observed each February. According to its co-founder, Shelley Christensen, JDAIM is "a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and foster acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities and mental health conditions and those who love them. JDAIM is a call to action for all of us to act in accordance with our Jewish values, honoring the gifts and strengths that we each possess."

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) is a sponsor of **Jewish Disability Advocacy Day**. This year the online advocacy day is on Wednesday, February 15. You can learn more on the RAC's website or register for the advocacy day here: <https://www.jewishtgether.org/JDAD-2023>

Judaism teaches us that "You shall not insult the deaf, or place a stumbling block before the blind." [Lev. 19:14]. As the RAC notes: "Stumbling blocks come in many forms, unequal access or subpar educational and employment opportunities, lack of accessible housing and transportation, and discrimination and exclusion in both Jewish and secular spaces."

You may learn more at <https://rac.org/issues/disability-rights>

Also this month is the **Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Refugee Shabbat**. For a number of years, Congregations Shaarey Zedek and Kehillat Israel have come together to mark Refugee *Shabbat*. (Please see page 3 for information about this year's collaboration on February 10 & 11.)

According to its website, HIAS is the world's oldest refugee agency, founded in 1902. HIAS' founding

"Represented a continuation of several predecessor organizations that had worked through the 1880s and 1890s to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe...

Originally set up by Jews to help fellow Jews for reasons of religious imperative and communal solidarity, HIAS in the 2020s is a multi-continent, multi-pronged humanitarian aid and advocacy organization with thousands of employees dedicated to helping forcibly displaced persons around the world in keeping with the organization's Jewish ethical roots." [hias.org]

In the Lansing area there are four refugee aid organizations:

- **St. Vincent Catholic Charities -- Refugee Services** (<https://stvcc.org/services/refugee-services/>)
- **Global Institute of Lansing** (<https://globalinstitutelansing.org/>)
- **Refugee Development Center** (<http://refugeedevelopmentcenter.org/>)
- **Samaritas** (<https://www.samaritas.org/>)

Each of these four focuses on a different aspect of refugee needs. You can also learn more about refugee programs in our area at the **All Faith Alliance for Refugees'** website:  
<https://afarlansing.wordpress.com/resources/>

February, the shortest month on our secular calendar, is full of opportunities to help others!

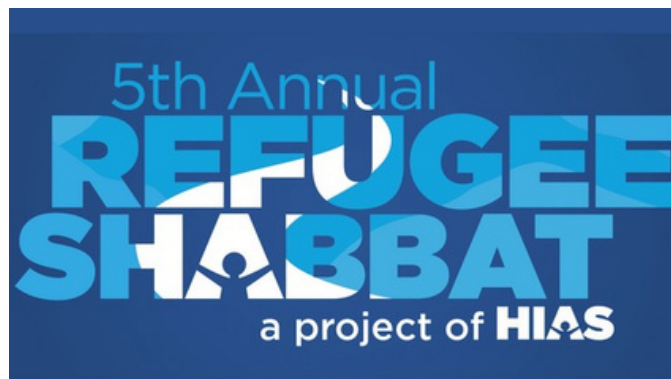
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## Refugee Welcome Kits

For this year's HIAS Refugee *Shabbat*, we are partnering with The Refugee Development Center of Lansing to give Afghan refugee families arriving in our community welcome kits containing necessities that families will need to help them settle in here. Please take a moment to view and sign up to bring specific items at this link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AACA72AA02-welcome>

We hope that all available slots on this list will be quickly filled, in which case we will generate another list to send out!

After you sign up with your commitment, we ask that you please bring the items with you when you come to KI for our joint service on Saturday, February 11. There will be bins by the front door where you can put your items.



Rabbi Bigman and Rabbi Kaufman invite you  
to join us for a unique

# JOINT CONGREGATION *SHABBATON*

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10 & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11**

## A VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND

- Dedicated to raising awareness about the refugee crisis
- Designed to celebrate *Shabbat* together with our school families

Friday February 10 at Shaarey Zedek

- Dinner at 5:30 pm
- Services at 6:00 pm

Saturday February 11 at Kehillat Israel

- Services at 10 am
- Lunch at 12:15 pm

**RSVP for Meals by Tuesday February 7:**

<https://bit.ly/RSVPRefugeeShabbatMeals>

Both services will be live-streamed for those who cannot come in person.

Guest speaker **Erika Brown-Binion, Executive Director of the Refugee Development Center**, will speak at KI on Saturday the 11th at approximately 11:30 am:

**“Refugees: Global to Local”**

Our wonderful school directors, Margot Valles and Nicole Ellefson, are preparing a dynamic program to engage our children during the Saturday morning service.

5th Annual  
**REFUGEE  
SHABBAT**  
a project of **HIAS**



# 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 **March 4**.  
(There is no ReJewvenate in February.)

### 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

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Creativity and Art. Led by **Kelly Feinberg**.

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

## Ongoing Classes

### *Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis*

Thursdays, February 2, 9 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

### *The Talmud's Top Ten Clickbait*

Sundays, February 12 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

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](mailto:menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com).

ALL  
LEARNERS  
WELCOME!



## SAVE THE DATES FOR **KEHILLAT ZEDEK SUMMER CAMP** כִּהִלַּת זֵדֶק סַמֶּר קַמַּפּ

**AUGUST 7-11, 2023**



### **WHAT**

Camp Kehillat Zedek is a new week-long day camp held on the Shaarey Zedek campus, providing a safe, warm, and inclusive environment where kids in our extended community can explore nature, crafts, Hebrew, and Judaism on their own terms.

### **WHO**

Our camp is open to all children between the ages of 4 and 12 who are part of Jewish-identifying families, are part of families exploring Judaism, or who have Jewish heritage.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Special Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program for post-B *Mitzvah* children under the age of 14.

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**



Drop off: 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Pick up: 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

(Please pack a vegetarian / kosher lunch)

\$350 for the week

\$175 for first year CITs

Returning CITs Free!

Aftercare\* until 5:30 p.m. \$100 for the week

\*Please note: There is no aftercare on Friday, August 11

### **ACTIVITIES**

Each day will begin with a short, fun ritual for the whole camp where the daily theme will be introduced. The themes will be related to Jewish values, customs, and fun traditions!

Activities will include movement and sports (capture the flag, gaga, yoga, soccer and more); arts and crafts; Hebrew games; quiet time / free choice; *hugim* (electives) including photography, cooking, Israeli dancing, and more!

**HAVE QUESTIONS?** [KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM)

# SZRS News

## Calendar

### 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

### SPECIAL PROGRAM DATES

**Kadima:** Feb 5, March 5

**MiT:** Feb 5, Feb 26, March 12

**Game Day / Cafe Ivrit:** March 12

**Shabbat School:** Feb 11

**Purim Carnival:** Begins at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 5

**SZRS Megillah Reading:** Begins at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8

### March

**1 Wed SZRS**

**5 Sun SZRS**

- *Kadima*
- *Purim* Carnival begins at 11:00
- No *Tichon*

**8 Wed SZRS**

- *Megillah* Reading at School

**12 Sun SZRS**

- M-i-T
- Game Day / Cafe Ivrit after school at KI

**15 Wed SZRS**

**19 Sun SZRS**

**22 Wed SZRS**

NO SCHOOL on Sun Mar 26 or Wed Mar 29.

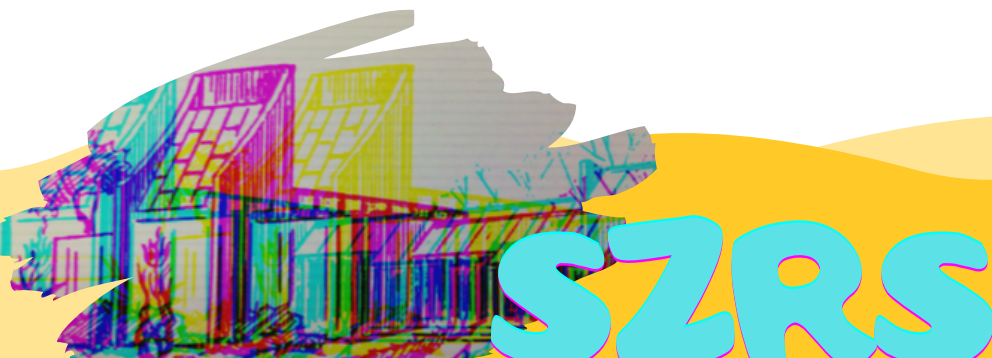
SPRING BREAK UNTIL APRIL 15.

**SZRS resumes on April 16.**



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

No Game-Day in February.  
Next Game Day:  
March 12.



# Sisterhood News



**Sunday, February 5  
at 2:00 p.m.**

Coffee at **Willows Assisted Living Facility** in Okemos. Please RSVP to [wrenyk@aol.com](mailto:wrenyk@aol.com) if you can make it

Let's help our members who cannot get out feel included in some fun.

Address: 4830 Central Park Dr, Okemos

## Eat Out Fundraiser at Olga's Kitchen

Do you like Olga's Kitchen? In February there will be another eat out fundraiser at Olga's Kitchen. Watch the weekly announcements for updates!



## Community News



### USC Shoah Visual History Archive Workshop by MSU Libraries

Join this workshop for a demonstration of the new interface and sophisticated searching features of the USC Shoah Visual History Archive, a MSU Libraries' database containing over 55,000 video interviews with survivors and witnesses of genocide, as well as over 700,000 still images including photos and artifacts. New mapping features and testimony transcriptions in original languages will be shown. The archive includes the following events: The Armenian Genocide, the Nanjing Massacre, the Holocaust, the Cambodian Genocide, the Guatemalan Genocide, War and Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda, Central African Republic Conflict, South Sudan Civil War, Anti-Rohingya Mass Violence, and Contemporary Antisemitism. The workshop is free of cost and open to all. The USC Shoah Visual History Archive at the MSU is supported by the Brill Family Endowment in Memory of Michael Brill.

Librarian **Deborah Margolis** will answer your questions about the content, structure, searching, and navigation of the archive. For more information, please contact Deborah at [deborahm@msu.edu](mailto:deborahm@msu.edu)

Registration is required as seats are limited, please register at one of the links below:

New Interface of The USC Shoah Visual History Archive: Genocide Testimony Database

February 15th 1-2:30pm [In-Person](#) OR March 1st 4-5:30pm [In-Person](#) or [Online](#)

### 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](http://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.



# PURIM 2023

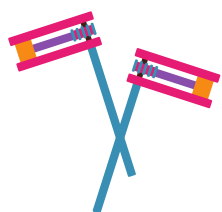
**Costumes  
Encouraged!**

**FOR ALL AGES**

**CARNIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
\$10 for games and food  
Davis Family Social Hall

**PURIM SPIEL**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Davis Family Social Hall

**SZRS MEGILLAH  
READING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**  
**5:15 p.m.**  
Sanctuary



**FOR PEOPLE AGES 21+**

**LIVELY MEGILLAH READING,  
COCKTAILS, FINGER FOODS  
AND PRIZES FOR BEST  
COSTUME**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**  
**7:00 p.m.**

(We know it's a weeknight! We'll  
end with plenty of time for you to  
get your beauty sleep.)  
Davis Family Social Hall

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE MARCH 6  
EVENT HERE:**

**[bit.ly/RSVPAdultPurim23](https://bit.ly/RSVPAdultPurim23)**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MARCH 1**





Are you hooked on  
"Hamilton"?  
Can't get enough of its  
amazing music and lyrics?

If so, the **2023**

**P***urim* **S***piel* is for  
*you!*

Sunday, March 5 at 7 p.m.  
Davis Family Social Hall

Written by Jeff Olds and  
performed by members of Kehillat  
Israel and Shaarey Zedek



# Synagogue News

## Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

RB Brown  
Anita Baron  
Aviva Panush  
Alan Zohott  
Igor Guro  
Celia Guro  
Char Epstein  
Winnie Rome

It is our custom to read the names of those in need of healing at our Friday evening *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.

## WELCOME

*new member*

Elizabeth Michalek  
1515 May Street, Lansing, MI 48906  
643-0738 / efmichalek@gmail.com

## Directory Corrections/Updates

- Karen Brown's e-mail is kbmsu87@gmail.com
- Carey and Todd Elder new address is 16688 Thorngate Road, East Lansing, MI 48823
- Naomi Neilson e-mail is ngn0907@comcast.net
- Carolyn Zohott's phone number is 282-6404 and their e-mail address is alzoh@aol.com
- Jenn Thompson's correct phone number 773-412-5983
- Don and Jackie Holecek correct address is 2364 Sapphire Lane, East Lansing.
- John McCloud's new phone is 410-9809

## Shabbat Dinners

On February 10, we will be having a **Shabbat Dinner at 5:30 p.m.** and Shaarey Zedek LIVE! Service at 6:00 p.m.

Remember, 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.



## Thank you

Dear Congregation Shaarey Zedek Friends,  
Dick and I want to thank you so much for sending us two very special *SimchaGrams*. One for my 85th birthday and one for our 50th wedding anniversary. We celebrated with family and friends. Thank you for thinking of us.

Bonnie and Dick Radway

# Tzedakah News

## Birthday in a Bag

Some families are not fortunate enough to be able to celebrate birthdays the way they'd like. In order to help friends and family in our community feel special on their birthdays, the *Tzedakah* Committee is collecting supplies to help the celebration! Please join us by dropping the following items in the foyer in a gift bag to be donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.



- Cake Mix
- Candles
- Frosting
- Blank card



## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated socks and mittens to keep our community warm this winter! Your thoughtful generosity goes a long way to helping our community partners support our friends and neighbors in need of a helping hand. We were able to take 142 pairs of socks, 34 pairs of mittens, and 40 winter hats to the Fretail Store, which will then distribute them directly to those in need.

## Organization Spotlight

**Punks with Lunch Lansing** is a not for profit outreach organization providing food, personal care, season attire, and harm reduction. Learn more about this amazing organization that our community supports through donations to the *Tzedakah* Committee by visiting their website [www.punkswithlunchlansing.org](http://www.punkswithlunchlansing.org) 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](mailto:merrymand@outlook.com).

# 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

## JUSTIN AND ESTHER MORRISON FUND

In honor of Esther Morrison on her 104th birthday  
Carol and Ron Horowitz

Happy Birthday to

Shawn Olds

Happy Anniversary to

Gayle and Stuart Morrison

Patty and Ken Warshaw

In memory of Don Baron

Esther Morrison

## DAVID AND CARROL KAHN CULTURAL FUND

In memory of David Kahn

Wendy Kahn and Susan K. Stern  
and their families

## BUBBE LYNN RYCUS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Donald Baron

Burt and Marlene Altman

## GENERAL FUND

In honor of Marty Pearlman on his 80th birthday  
Barbara and Jerry Cook

## LANDSCAPE FUND

In memory of Joel Klein

Carol and Ron Horowitz

## JOSEPH AND MABLE MEITES EDUCATION FUND

A generous donation was received from Gretchen Smith

## SOPHIE RADWAY PJ LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Marty Pearlman on his 80th birthday  
Marlene and Burt Altman

## GENERAL FUND

In memory of Don Baron

Rochelle Sampson

## Birthdays

3. Aaron Dunn
5. Joan Gray, Jay Meyer
8. Shannon Cohen
9. Naomi Glogower, Shawn Olds, Debbie Richmond, Steven Siet
11. Sheila Schafer
12. Emuna Lizzy, Micah Siegal
13. Jack Nolish
14. Rachel Olds
18. Dany Rothfeld
23. Melinda Adams, Debby Flate
29. Sara Siegal

# Mazal Tov

## Anniversaries

7. Stuart and Gayle Morrison
11. Stephen and Joanne Guertin
17. Steven and Mary Siet
22. Ken and Patty Warshaw
26. Jeff Green and Nora Pisman-Green

# ***Yahrtzeits***

## **February 3**

Barbara Alpert  
John Blakeslee  
James Carson Bowler  
Paul Eisenberg  
Marvin Engel  
Andre Friedlis  
Steve Gold  
Daniel Goldstein  
Kurt Gorwitz  
Charles Israel  
Beverly Kamins  
Max Kreinin  
Benjamin Shalom Kruger  
Fred LaBelle  
Benjamin Albert Levine  
Ethel Lindner  
Abraham Marks  
Faylene Owen  
Matilda Post  
Frank Selman  
Jack Shanker  
Marilyn Soifer  
Bertha Wegner

## **February 10**

Joseph Bardach  
Harry P. Berman  
Bess Blyveis  
Benjamin Evans  
Abe Gabin  
Isadore Tom Goodman  
Leonard Kerner  
Sybil Markowitz  
Saul Liefer  
Donald Polin  
Charles Rosenthal  
Bernice Schlachter  
Rebecca Sernick  
Ida Shanker  
Morris Silverman  
Dennis Sobol  
Erwin Skuller  
James Zachman

## **February 17**

Paul Abramson  
Craig Matthew Bigman  
Julius Binder  
Jessie Silver Feinstein  
Jack H. Finn  
Stanley Goorin  
Rhoda Kaye  
Benjamin Casey Lamb  
Marty Marquardt  
Timothy Merryman  
Edythe Meyer  
Benito Perez, Jr.  
Maurice J. Robins  
Arnold Robinson  
Howard Schlachter  
Anna Schwartz  
Lee Gochberg Showstack  
Eve Silver  
Betty Bloomfield Soffin  
Irma Wald  
Arthur Winnig

## **February 24**

Harvey Altman  
Gussie Bloomfield  
Ruth Bradshaw  
Pearl Cohan  
Jacques Cohen  
Elizabeth Gabin  
Joseph Gutoskey  
Cecille Kerner  
Susie Cohen Levine  
Mary Pollack  
Linda Lee Weingarten Roth  
Philip Samuel Silver  
Abraham Sommers  
Yolanda Weiss

### **CONDOLENCES**

Condolences are sent to Cathy (Larry) Sernick on the death of her mother, Mary Ezzo, on December 23.

Condolences are sent to Anita Baron and family and Neil (Elsy) Baron and family on the death of Don Baron, beloved husband, father and grandfather on January 14.

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**Friday, February 3**

*Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
*Oneg* Sponsored by the family and friends  
of Juliet Feinberg, our *Bat Mitzvah*

**Saturday, February 4**

*Shabbat* Morning Service including the *Bat Mitzvah* of Juliet Feinberg, 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, February 10**

Refugee *Shabbat*  
Dinner 5:30 p.m.  
Shaarey Zedek LIVE! Service 6:00 p.m.  
*Oneg* Sponsors: Sara/Jayson Chizick, Nell  
Kuhnmuench and Roy Saper, Celiarose/Ken  
Varner  
See page 4

**February 17**

*Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

**February 18**

Third *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.

**February 24**

*Shabbat* Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
*Oneg* Sponsors: Roslyn Covey, Marilyn Ruben,  
Gail/Alan Wolfe

# Worship Schedule

