CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER, 2023 TISHREI - CHESHVAN 5784





A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

THE HOLIDAY PAR EXCELLENCE

As we reach the beginning of October / end of *Tishrei*, it may seem as if "the holidays" are over. We have celebrated *Rosh Hashanah* and observed *Yom Kippur*. However, five days after the conclusion of *Yom Kippur* begins what is known by the rabbis as "the holiday -- *he-chag*: *Sukkot*." *Sukkot* has many names, including "the time of our happiness or rejoicing (z'man simchateinu)."

Many of us are aware of the custom of building a *sukkah* and sleeping in it (or at least eating our meals in it) and waving the *lulav* and *etrog*. During worship we recite *Hallel*, the psalms of praise (Psalms 113-118). But did you know that on the *Shabbat* during *Sukkot* we read the Book of Ecclesiastes?

It's a difficult book, beginning with the words "Futility, utter futility, what do we gain by all of our toil under the sun?" and continuing with a very pessimistic view of life. But it also contains kernels of hope and wisdom.

We struggle and we despair at times in our lives, and there are times when we don't have the answers, yet Ecclesiastes reminds us that "for everything there is a season [and] a time for every experience under the sun." [3:1] There is a time for difficulties and a time for happiness: "Whatever it is in your power to do, do with all your might." [9:10]

Even if we don't understand the ways of the world, even if the world doesn't make sense to us, we can find purpose, happiness, and satisfaction in our lives. It may be difficult at times, but we can do it if we put our minds to it.

On *Yom Kippur* we may have struggled with the concept of God judging us and of God writing our names in the Book of Life or the Book of Death. We may have struggled with this theology which was meaningful to prior generations but may not hit the mark for us today. The writer of Ecclesiastes, traditionally believed to be King Solomon who wrote it in his old age, also struggled.



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

Rabbi Mari Chernow writes:

Kohelet [Ecclesiastes] teaches us to concentrate on the matters that we can control without losing sleep over those we can't. We are off the hook from trying to change the rhythm of the seas and the stars. We are off the hook from trying to find the fountain of youth. We are off the hook from trying to find the magic insight that is going to fix all of humanity and create a struggle-free life. Rather, we can live in the moment and infuse each breath with meaning. Kohelet says, "Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for Adonai has already approved what you do. Let your garments always be white, and do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the person you love, all the days of your life of breath.... Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:7–10). In other words, live every single moment under the sun that God has given you.

["Hakol Havel, Everything is Breath," by Rabbi Mari Chernow, "Torat Chayim," Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot, Vol. 9, No. 55, October 22, 2005 / 19 Tishrei 5766, emphasis added]

As we celebrate the seven days of *Sukkot*, let us remember to live every single moment and to cherish every day as a gift.



Throwing our sins away and enjoying the Birthday Party for the World on *Rosh Hashanah* afternoon!

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Char Epstein
John Eulenberg
Marcia Eulenberg
Lorri Gordon
Celia Guro
Mike Levine
Brenda McCloud
John McCloud
Winnie Rome
Dany Rothfeld
Shari Wilson
Alan Zohott



MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE

New address for

Amy and Adam Lafferty 2633 Roseland Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823



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.



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The Memorial Booklet
2023-2024

We are selling coupon books to support PJ Library. For \$25 you can get \$5000 worth of coupons for local restaurants and businesses. Please contact **Burt Altman** at 339-3374 to purchase one. Thank you!



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Friday, October 13 – Anita/Pat Mitchell, Sandy/Jay Goodman, Tina/Ed Oxer, Sheila/Leon Schafer

Friday, October 20 – Rebecca Bahar-Cook/Todd Cook, Nell Kuhnmuench/Roy Saper, Amy Shapiro

Friday, October 27 - Sisterhood



GLTY EVENTS

October 15: (GLTY Jr. Grades 6-8)

Uncle John's Cider Mill Field Trip after Sunday School. We will depart from and return to Shaarey Zedek's parking lot.

November 17: (GLTY Sr. Grades 9-12)

Joint Shabbat Dinner/Program with MSU Hillel

December 9: (All GLTY Grades 6-12)

Chanukah Party at Shaarey Zedek



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19	Elliot and Lynn Spoon
30	Sean and Margot Valles

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(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



SHAAREY ZEDEK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m.
Celebrate Simchat Torah and the
Consecration of our youngest new
religious school students
in the sanctuary.



So many great things begin today! TICHON (8TH-12TH)

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Pizza Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Class

MADRICHIM-IN-TRAINING 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

KADIMA 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD Global Day of Jewish Learning

Sunday, November 5 **"Only One" Program**Sunday, November 19



PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY.

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Congregation Shaarey Zedek

Let's Go to Potter Park Zoo!!

Saturday, October 21 10:00 a.m.

We will meet at the open pavilion by the playground next to the zoo.

Let's hear about the story of
Noah in True PJ Library
Fashion.
Fashion.
We will read a PJ Library story
followed by some songs with
Rabbi!

Nosh and schmooze with friends while enjoying zoo!

The first 15 children and up to 2 adults per child will get in for free.

RSVP to Karen Weinstein Wrenyk@aol.com

Parking is \$3 Ingham County Residents and \$5 nonresident. Tickets to the zoo will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.











Lifelong Learning News

Ongoing Classes

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays, October 12 and 19 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom



Join us on *Shabbat* morning in the Davis Family Social Hall to nourish your body, mind, and soul on **October 7** and **November 4**.

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**.

Please let me know if you will be joining us!

https://bit.ly/reJEWvenateApril23



Needle Arts and Nibbles Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club

Schuler Books Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m.

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



SISTERHOOD NEWS



Sisterhood Kickoff Meeting Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Davis Family Social Hall

Come hear Rebecca Kasen speak about the Women's Center and its impact on the Lansing Area.

RSVP to roslyncovey@att.net

There will be:
Light Lunch Served
Schmooze with Friends
Put together hygiene bags for the
Women's Center

Time gone by.... I cannot believe it is already October! I hope everyone had an amazing summer and a peaceful and meaningful High Holy Days. Sisterhood is gearing up for a great year of programs and activities. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Upcoming Events

October 15 - Kickoff Meeting
November 19 - Silent Auction/ Chanukah
Supersale
December BYOB (Bring your own book) TBD
See you soon ...

Karen Weinstein Sisterhood President



Gift Shop News

We will be back in person on the first Sunday of religious school October 1.

Looking for bulk order *Dreidels*?

Place your orders at the gift shop by

October 15.

Sisterhood is Collecting Hygiene Products for the Women's Center

Please consider donating

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Small soaps
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Gently used purses

We will use these items to make hygiene bags for local women in need at the Women's Center.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood is excited to invite you to participate in our silent auction on November 19 inside the Davis Family Social Hall during the annual Sisterhood Super Sale. We are counting on your generous support to make it a resounding success.

Why Donate?

Donating items to the silent auction is a wonderful way to support Sisterhood. Your contributions can be anything from new or gently used goods to unique experiences and services. Here is why your donations matter:

- <u>Supporting a Worthy Cause</u> By donating items or services, you are directly supporting our efforts to promote closer fellowship among members and support religious, social, and educational activities at Shaarey Zedek
- <u>Building a Stronger Community</u> By donating, you demonstrate your commitment to creating a stronger and more supportive Jewish community for everyone.
- <u>Showcasing Your Talents</u> Are you an artist, artisan, or business owner? Donating your creations or services to the auction promotes your talent and helps create a unique and diverse array of items for others to bid on.

Why Attend?

By stopping by on November 19 to bid on items, you will support Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood and our members' work to bolster our synagogue. It's a great place to look for *Chanukah* gifts right before the holidays!

- <u>Discover Unique Treasures</u> Our silent auction will feature an assortment of items, experiences, and gift certificates generously donated by local businesses and individuals. It's a perfect opportunity to find treasurers while supporting a good cause.
- <u>Make a Difference</u> By bidding on items, you actively contribute to the fundraiser's success. Your bids and purchases directly translate into resources for Shaarey Zedek.

How to Get Involved:

- <u>Donate Items or Services</u> Contact Shawn Olds at <u>Shawnolds1967@gmail.com</u> or 896-5199 to arrange pick up for small to medium items and delivery for larger items. Your contribution, no matter the value, will be greatly appreciated.
- <u>Join Us November 19</u> Add November 19 to your calendar and share the news about the fundraiser with your network.
- <u>Spread the Word</u> –The more people who attend and bid, the more significant an impact we can make together.
- <u>Bid with Purpose</u> Bid generously and bid often. Because there isn't any overhead, every dollar raised will help one of our Shaarey Zedek children go to camp, support our social and educational programs, and help fund our Religious School.

SIMCHAGRAMS JANUARY ~ JUNE 2024

SimchaGrams are greetings sent to members of our Congregation honoring:

Special birthdays: 30, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, etc.

Wedding anniversaries: 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, etc.

The cost to add your name to a SimchaGram is \$1 per recipient. Proceeds benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund & Women of Reform Judaism.

Birthdays

Esther Morrison	4-Jan	105
Joanne Guertin	11-Jan	75
Sandy Gladstone	22-Jan	85
Allen Frank	31-Jan	80
Sara Siegal	Feb-29	40
Robert Lurie	2-Mar	65
Joseph Wald	4-Mar	75
Deborah Gouin	28-Mar	70
Bernard Finn	30-Mar	75
Margot Valles	1-Apr	40
James Danowitz	1-Apr	65
Daniel Feinberg	12-May	50
Larry Sernick	19-May	65
Jason Pikstein	20-May	50
Karen Shapiro	21-May	50
Carey Elder	26-May	50
Linda Adams	7-Jun	75
Jan White	7-Jun	70
Ronald Horowitz	14-Jun	85
Elissa George	18-Jun	75
Lily St. Clair Brown	19-Jun	30
Daphne Merryman	26-Jun	40
Ira Ginsburg	26-Jun	80

Anniversaries

Erik & Karen Shapiro	28-Mar	20
Roy Saper and Nell Kuhnmuench	1-Apr	40
Perry & Anita Parkhurst	7-Apr	40
Lawrence & Laurie Bass	21-Apr	50
Michael & Dana Flink	23-May	25
Paul & Sara Jodoin	30-May	20
David & Jennifer Thompson	13-Jun	20
Naomi Glogower & Jonathan Berman	15-Jun	10
Joseph & Cheryl Wald	16-Jun	40
Kenneth & Lynne Page	16-Jun	40
Patrick & Anita Mitchell	20-Jun	60
Alex & Georgia Spivak	23-Jun	40

Please check the names of the people and couples you wish to honor, \$1 per person or couple checked, or \$35 for all.

Your Name

Amount \$

Pay by credit card:

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Exp. Date ______ Security Code_____

Or pay by check to "Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood"

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OCTOBER EVENTS



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Fall 2023 Classes

(Beginning after Yom Kippur)

Writing the Sacred Story: Classical and Creative Midrash



Rabbi Leah Berkowitz

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Prophecy and Social Justice

Pirke Avot Study Group



Rabbi Micah Streiffer Introduction to Reform Responsa

Rabbi Mark Washofsky, Ph.D



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Israeli Women's Torah Commentary

Rabbi Alona Lisitsa, Ph.D.



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Get info or register at LAASOK.org

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OCTOBER EVENTS



U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan and Jewish Leaders United Against Hate: Identifying, Reporting, and Preventing Acts of Hate



Time: 7:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Location: Congregation Shaarey Zedek 1924 Coolidge Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823

RSVP to Shayla Phan at shayla.phan@usdoj.gov

Details: This event is being presented by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan, in partnership with law enforcement and Lansing-area Jewish community leaders, to discuss effective strategies to prevent and respond to hate crime incidents and civil rights violations.

Program Overview

1

Learn how to identify hate crimes and incidents

2.

Understand the importance of reporting

3.

Discuss strategies to prevent acts of hate

To request interpreter services or reasonable accommodation, contact Shayla Phan, U.S. Attorney's Office, shayla.phan@usdoj.gov

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:

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- · Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library Fund
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In memory of father, Simeon Spalter Erik and Karen Shapiro

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In honor of Ros Covey's 80th birthday, Burt and Marlene Altman's anniversary, Burt Altman's birthday, Thea Glicksman's birthday, Jill and David Mittleman's anniversary, In memory of Gayle Morrison's mother, Sylvia Leveskyn, Evie Gladstone's birthday, Pamela Schiffer's birthday, Marv and Sandy Gladstone's anniversary, Marv Gladstone's birthday. **Esther Morrison**

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In memory of Anna Marks Sarah Marks

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In memory of Allen Silver, Esther Sirlin

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In memory of Richard Kositchek and Louis Kositchek

David Kositchek

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GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

DAVID AND CARROL KAHN CULTURAL FUND

In memory of Carrol Kahn Wendy Kahn, Susan K. Stern, and their families

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In memory of Jud Morrison, Rose & Milt Bernstein, Rose & Abe Morrison, Ruth & Louis Coffman, Lee & Gerson Bernstein. Irv Kanat, Florence & Ralph Miller, Ruth & Irv Nedelman, and Duane Searles; Gayle Morrison, birthday Esther Morrison

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In thanks for Susi Greiner's singing at my Bat Mitzvah Ella Gilad

JOSEPH AND MABLE MEITES EDUCATIONAL FUND

In honor of Patty Warshaw Joanna Stark

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A generous donation was received from John and Ethel Anthony

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In honor of Patty Warshaw Joanna Stark

SCHOOL FUND

In thanks to Margot Valles for preparing me for my Bat Mitzvah Ella Gilad

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In memory of Ronald Bigman Linda Gold/Michael Ranieri



YAHRTZEITS



OCTOBER 6

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Belle Lee Reizner Eulenberg,
Leo M. Halco
Ella H. Kamins
Delia Koo
Ruth LaFlesh
Sylvia Martin
Marjorie Mittleman
Seymour Silverman

OCTOBER 13

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OCTOBER 20

Kathryn Emery
Samuel Flaster
Ruth Claire Lehmann
Max Lewenhof
William Frank Lowe
Robert Olson
Leo H. Ormos
Joseph Oxer
Joe H. Rosenberg
John Parmenter
Elaine Slovnick
Sadie Teguns
Irving Warshaw

OCTOBER 27

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MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUES

Memorialize your loved one and honor their name with a plaque in the Shaarey Zedek sanctuary. Plaques are \$550 and proceeds support the General Fund of the annual budget.

Worship Schedule

Friday, October 6 -- Shabbat / Shemini Atzeret Yizkor -- 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 8 -- Consecration / Simchat Torah -- 11 a.m.

Friday, October 13 -- Shaarey Zedek Live! -- 6 p.m.

Friday, October 20 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, October 27 -- 7 p.m.

