

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

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CHESHVAN - KISLEV 5784





A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

As I write this, we are one week into war which broke out on *Shabbat / Simchat Torah*. I pray that by the time you read this, peace has come and people are healing and starting to rebuild their lives.

As we pray for peace, we also mourn the loss of innocent lives. May their families find strength and may their memories be a blessing.

Below please find some prayers that I have found comforting this week, as well as the words to the Israeli national anthem: *Hatikvah* -- The Hope. May these words provide comfort to you as well.

I Have No Words

by Rabbi Barry L. Schwartz

As a rabbi, a man of words, I am supposed to know what to say.

As an author, a man of words, I am supposed to know what to write.

But as a rabbi, an author, a Jew, an American citizen, an Israel citizen, a human being, I have no words.

I have no words for the atrocity that happened in Israel on Saturday, October 7, *Shabbat-Simchat Torah*.

I have no words for the utter depravity of terrorists who indiscriminately slaughtered men, women, and children.

I have no words for the utter inhumanity of terrorists who raped and mutilated.

I have no words for the utter viciousness of terrorists who ripped children from their parents, and kidnapped the elderly and the infirm, to take as hostages and to use as human shields.

Words fail me.

Words cannot convey the depths of my emotions.

Words cannot convey the degree of my condemnation.

Yes, I am writing words right now, but they are not strong enough.

Even the holy words of the *Torah* do not reach deep enough, though they recognize, in the very portions we read this week and next, the depths that humanity can so easily slip to; that "sin couches at the door" (Gen.4:7); that "your brother's blood cries out" (4:10), and "how great was human wickedness on earth" (6:5).

Words fail and we stand in shaken silence.

Words fail and we stand in despairing tears.

And then, because we are human, and because we love life, we try to summon words.

Maybe it is the somber verse of the *Haggadah* that rings truest:
Ella shebechol dor vador 'omdim 'alenu lechalotenu

"But in every generation they rise against us to destroy us."



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In our great grandparents' generation they
rose up to slaughter us in the pogroms.
But the people of Israel live.

In our grandparents' generation they rose up
to slaughter us in the Holocaust.
But the people of Israel live.

In our parents' generation they rose up to
slaughter us in the War of Independence
and the Yom Kippur War.
But the people of Israel live.

In our generation they rise up to slaughter us
on the borders.
But the people of Israel live.

We live as we count the dead, and mourn
the dead.
We live as we tend to the wounded, and
pray for the wounded.
We live as we fight on for the captives, and
redeem the captives.

We live as we cry out for vengeance.
We live as we shout for justice.
We live as we pray for the soldiers.
We live as we comfort the afflicted.

But right now I am mostly mute.
I have no words.
With a broken heart and a clenched fist all I
can manage to choke out:
The people of Israel live!

War on Simchat Torah

by Alden Solovy

On the ground,
We rejoice with the *Torah*.
In the air,
The missiles fly.
On the ground
The attack has come, as well.
Some still dance
With the *Torah*,
While others shelter in place.

We are at war,
Even as we remember
The blessings of God's word,
Even as we pledge
To be true to our faith
And to live according
To God's instructions.

"For *mitzvot* are a lamp
And *Torah* is light
And the way of life." (Proverbs 6:23)
God of Israel,
Bless this nation
And protect us
Even as the sirens blare
And combat has come
To our streets.
Let peace be close at hand,
So that we dance
In the gardens and the groves,
In the heights and in the deserts
Once more
In joyous celebration
Of *Torah* and life.

For Us, For the Innocent, For Our Souls

by Rabbi Lauren F. Werber

Golda Meir is said to have stated:
"We can forgive the Arabs for killing our
children, but we can never forgive them for
forcing us to kill their children."

We as a people – our children, our friends –
have been called to the unthinkable.

In the name of freedom and security,
For the sake of the undying dream of peace,
With hearts on the edge of breaking,
Our people have been called to kill and to be
killed.

Through the gruesome harshness of battle,
Despite the soul-crushing savagery of war,
In the face of barbarism of almost
unimaginable proportion,
Help us, Spirit of Holiness, to soften our
hearts,



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To safeguard our souls,
To hold tight to our humanity and
compassion.

Just as You reminded us when we crossed
the sea toward freedom
That our enemies remain Your children,
Remind us today and every day
That death and devastation must never feed
our souls,
Must always pain us to our very core.

May we remember to cry for all victims of
terror and hate,
In our land of Israel, in Gaza, and wherever
they suffer and fall.
May we remember that we do not seek
vengeance and we do not revel in killing,
But rather, we grieve that we are called to
destroy in order to create.

Bamakom sh'ein anashim, in a place where
no one is human,
Hishtadel l'hiyot ish, we must strive to be
human.

As we fulfill this terrible and holy mission,
As we witness inhumanity and devastation,
Help us to be human,
to feel the pain of all who hurt,
And still to fight, even with our lives, for a
better day.

Spirit of Holiness, safeguard our souls as we
march to war.

Prayer for Israel

by Rabbi Sheldon Marder

[from the *Mishkan HaNefesh* High Holy Days
prayerbook]

Sovereign of All the World —
accept our plea on behalf of the state and
people of Israel;
pour forth Your blessing on the land and all
who call it home.

May Your laws of kindness guide its people;
and may the teaching of Your prophets

live within their hearts and ours —
"Only to do justice,
and to love goodness,
and to walk humbly with your God."
(Micah 6:8)

Awaken Your spirit in the Jewish people and
the whole human family;
implant within us all patience and mutual
respect;
uproot from our midst hatred, violence,
coercion, and exploitation.

We pray for strength of body and spirit to
journey to the land,
and to be a true friend of the land and its
people — a lover of Zion.
May life there become "*shevet achim gam
yachad* . . .
brothers and sisters dwelling together."
(Psalm 133:1)
And in every corner of the earth,
spread Your shelter of peace over the House
of Israel.

Strengthen the will and stamina of Israel's
soldiers;
fill with courage the hearts of those who
shield the land.
Let their spirits be resilient
and their use of arms pure.
Valiant in war, ever-striving for peace —
may they overcome all enemies,
as You guard them in the shadow of Your
wings.

For this, and this alone, we pray:
Make peace in the land;
may all its inhabitants be blessed;
and may this vision of Your prophet soon be
achieved —

"Nation shall not lift up sword against
nation;
Neither shall they learn war anymore."
(Isaiah 2:4)

Amen.



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Prayer for the State of Israel

צור ישראל וגואלו ,
ברך את מדינת ישראל ,
ראשית צמיחת גאלתנו .
הגן עליה באברת חסדך ,
ופרש עליה סכת שלומך ,
ושלח אורך ואמתך לראשיה ,
שריה ויועציה ,
ותקנם בעצה טובה מלפניך .
חזק את ידי מגגי ארץ קדשנו ,
והנחילים אליהנו ישועה
ועטרת נצחון תעטרים ,
ונתת שלום בארץ ,
ושמחת עולם ליושביה .
ונאמר: "אמן ."

Our Parent in Heaven, Rock and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel, the first manifestation of the approach of our redemption. Shield it with Your lovingkindness, envelop it in Your peace, and bestow Your light and truth upon its leaders, ministers, and advisors, and grace them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land, grant them deliverance, and adorn them in a mantle of victory. Ordain peace in the land and grant its inhabitants eternal happiness. And let us say: *Amen*.

Hatikvah (The Hope)

כל עוד בלבב פנימה
נפש יהודי הומיה ,
ולפאתי מזרח קדימה ,
עין לציון צופיה ;

עוד לא אבדה תקותנו ,
התקנה בת שנות אלפים ,
להיות עם חפשי בארצנו ,
ארץ ציון וירושלים .

Kol od ba-leivav p'neemah, nefesh Y'hudee homeeyah -- So long as within the inmost heart a Jewish spirit sings,

Ul'fa'atei meezrakh kadeemah, ayeen l'tzeeyon tzofoeyah -- so long as the eye looks eastward, gazing toward Zion,

Od lo avdah teekvateinu, ha-teekvah bat sh'not alpayeem -- our hope is not lost -- the hope of two thousand years:

Leeh'yot am khofshee b'artzeinu, eretz tzeeyon vee'rushalyeem -- to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem.

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Char Epstein
John Eulenberg
Marcia Eulenberg
Celia Guro
Marilynn Jones
Mike Levine
Brenda McCloud
John McCloud
Milt Price
Winnie Rome
Dany Rothfeld
Shari Wilson
Alan Zohott



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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[2023-2024](#)

DIRECTORY UPDATES!



Please send in your name, address, and phone number changes that you want updated in the directory. Send to **Marilyn Ruben** mjruben@aol.com



BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Rabbi Bigman
1	Christine Pikstein
1	Cidney Nicholson
4	Mary Lou Warnke
4	Jeffrey Green
4	Alexander Spivak
5	Sage Cohen
5	Jerrold Weiss
6	David Richmond
7	Monica Resnick
7	Sue Safir
8	Judy Nolish
8	Daphne Elder
9	Judy Friedlis
9	Jill Rycus
11	Todd Cohan
13	Randy Israel
13	Idan Lissy
15	Natalia Feinberg
16	Marcia Eulenberg
17	Audrey Jodoin
20	Carol Horowitz
20	Sandra Soifer
20	Ira Gabin
23	Judy Walker
23	Stefan Gleibermann
23	Jessica Sender
24	Tina Ozer
25	Kenneth Bardach
26	Leon Schafer
27	Anita Mitchell
29	Vicki Neiberg
30	Nora Pasman-Green

7	Brian & Courtney Vincent
11	Lee & Nancy Kronenberg
22	Deborah Gouin & Wilbert Hines
25	Naomi & Blake Casher
28	Charles & Regan Johnson

יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



Oneg Sponsors

November 3 – Billie Berman, Mitzi/Steve Goldstein,
Carla/Randy Israel

November 10 – The Family of Addy Moser, *Bat Mitzvah*

November 17 – Howard Rittman, Nancy/Lee Kronenberg,
Sarah Percival

November 24 - Sisterhood



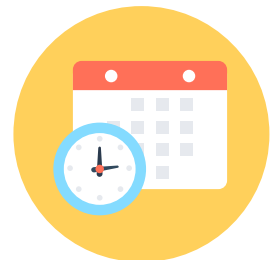
GLTY EVENTS

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





Global Day of Jewish Learning



Sunday, Nov 5 | 10:00 a.m.

At Shaarey Zedek; combined program with *Kivunim* (KI's Religious School). School will be dismissed at 12:00 for students in *Gan* through 7th grade. We promise a very exciting and unique learning opportunity for the kids.

Tichon will meet as normal 12:00 - 1:30.

RSVP for the Only One Program

See the flyer on the next page for more information.

SZRS Calendar for November / December

November:

Wednesday, November 1
Sunday, November 5 **Global Day of Jewish Learning**
Wednesday, November 8
Sunday, November 12 **M-i-T Kadima Confirmation**
Wednesday, November 15
Sunday, November 19 **Only One Program**
~~Wednesday, November 22~~
Sunday, November 26
Wednesday, November 29

Thanksgiving Break: November 20 - 28
Winter Break: December 21 - January 9

December:

Sunday, December 3 **M-i-T Confirmation**
Wednesday, December 6
Sunday, December 10 **Kadima**
Wednesday, December 13
Sunday, December 17 **M-i-T**
Wednesday, December 20
~~Sunday, December 24~~
~~Wednesday, December 27~~
~~Sunday, December 31~~
School resumes January 10.



"Only One" Program: Supporting Jewish Families

Please join the Kehillat Israel and Shaarey Zedek religious school communities for a one-time event to explore and process challenges associated with being a minority and at times the "Only One" Jewish person in a group setting. Light Refreshments will be provided.

Led by Jewish Mental Health Clinicians in the community, this two-hour event will provide developmentally appropriate activities and discussions for children and their parents (divided by age/grade level for children and a separate space for adults/caregivers).

Topics Covered:

- Jewish minority identity development
- Navigating challenges associated with being the "Only One" in community settings
- Coming together as a community to build support and connection
- Working together as a community to address anti-semitism and advocate for Jewish children and their families

Date: Sunday, November 19

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Address: Shaarey Zedek --1924 Coolidge Rd, East Lansing

Ages: Pre-K to 12th Grade and Adults/Caregivers

[CLICK HERE to RSVP and submit questions/topics to be covered via the Google Form.](#)

Questions: Nicole Ellefson: nicole.ellefson@gmail.com OR
Margot Valles: menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com

SAFETY, SOLIDARITY, AND HOPE



**RABBIS KAUFMAN AND BIGMAN LEAD A
CONVERSATION FOR SYNAGOGUE
MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO EAST
LANSING AREA CLERGY STATEMENTS
REGARDING THE WAR**

5 November 2023
Shaarey Zedek
11 a.m.

Lifelong Learning News

Ongoing Adult Learning Opportunities

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 and 30 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

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 **November 4** and **December 2**.

Please Rise!

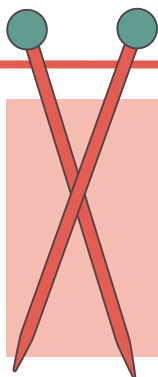
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Movement. Led by **Lauren Warshaw**.

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**.



Needle Arts and Nibbles Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club

Schuler Books
Sunday, November 5 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.

Annual *Chanukah* Super Sale and Bake Sale

If you would like to sell your craft items at the Super Sale, please
contact Marilyn at Mjruben@aol.com



Support
Sisterhood and our
local Judaica gift
shop!

Join us on
November 19
between 9:30 a.m.
and 1 p.m.



Find all of your *Chanukah* needs:

Menorahs

Candles

Dreidels

Gelt

Wrapping Paper
and much more!

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Come inside to bid
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Call or email Shawn to
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basket, or gift
certificate
896-5199
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SIMCHAGRAMS JANUARY ~ JUNE 2024

*Simcha*Grams 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 *Simcha*Gram 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 & Nell Kuhnmuensch	1-Apr	40
__Perry & Anita Parkhurst	7-Apr	40
__Lawrence & Laurie Bass	21-Apr	50
__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:

Name on Card (printed) _____

Signature_____

Card Number_____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code_____

Or pay by check to "Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood"

Due Date: November 30

Please mail completed form with your payment to:

Marilyn Ruben
502 E. Geneva Dr.
DeWitt, MI 48820
980-3755 or mjruben@aol.com

WEEKLY BOWLING LEAGUE!

Sunday Morning Rollers

October 1 - December 31

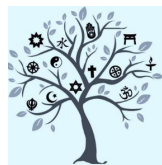
9:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

11 teams of 3 each

Located at City Limits on US-69

Bagel "breakfast" included

Please contact Bonnie Radway 351-7195



Interfaith
Clergy Association
of
Greater Lansing

A Gathering of Solidarity and Hope

This Greater Lansing Interfaith Service will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing on 1315 Abbot Road on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.



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
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- Joseph & Jeanette Lutvak Fund
- Joseph and Mable Meites Educational 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
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- Ruth E. Rome Endowed Music Fund
- Florence Rudman Education Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Shapiro Religious School Endowment Fund
- CSZ Endowment Fund
- L' Dor Vador Fund

BUBBE LYNN RYCUS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of David N. Casher
Blake and Naomi Casher

In memory of Sylvia Martin
Burt and Marlene Altman

CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Robert Olson
Sue Safir

In memory of Miriam Winnig
Robin Hoehler

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In memory of Lillian Z. and Byron S. Berlin
Children and Grandchildren of Lillian Z.
and Byron S. Berlin



GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of birthdays of Rabbi Bigman,
Jerry Weiss, Jill Rycus, Sandy Soifer, Carol
Horowitz, and Judy Walker
Esther Morrison

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Lawrence Alexander,
Mary Baron, Ruth Kositchek, Betty
Soffin, Curt Laonge, The L. Siemens,
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Carryl Alexander

RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of Rabbi Morton Hoffman
Dalia Hoffman

In memory of Herbert Hattner and
Roland Parkhurst
Char Epstein, Anita and Perry
Parkhurst

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In memory of Faye Spiro
Michael Rubner

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A generous donation was received from
Burt and Marlene Altman

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In memory of Sara Bahar
Rebecca Bahar-Cook and Todd
Cook

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

A generous donation was received from
Matthew Aldridge

A generous donation was received from
Ken Norris

In memory of Ken Shapiro and Morris Altman
Burt and Marlene Altman

In memory of Ronald Bigman
Marilyn Ruben

In memory of Sylvia Woodrow
Michael Woodrow

BARUCH DAYAN HAEMET

Our long-time member Miriam Winnig died on
September 28. No funeral held.





November 3

Hattie Abramson
Sara Bahar
Marilyn Balan
Rose Carp
Jeanette Clayton
Mary Esther Garbel
Helen Goodman
Rabbi Morton Hoffman
Morey Kotzin
Stanley Leebaw
David Metcalf
Frank Singer
Catherine (Kay) Steadman



November 10

Jeanette Bardach
Jerry Cohen
Simon Danowitz
Joel Eisenberg
Jacob Gabin
Harry Harris
Carl Perelman
Herb Rudman
David Shafer
A. Benjamin Shapiro
Leo Sklar
Betty White



November 17

Harry Berman
Linda Burch-Fisher
Alan Cohen
Pauline Craig
Yetta Morgenstein Fields
Cora Friedlis
Alex Friedman
Rose Gladstone
Miriam Greenberg
Herbert S. Hattner
Kevin Hopkins
Anne (Hannah)
Bloom Kaplowitz
Joel Klein
Rena Kositchek
Roland Parkhurst
Sylvia Woodrow



November 24

Sherwood Berman
Phillip Dunn
Rosalie Eliasohn
David Mark Eulenberg
Gretl Frank
Alvin Hack
Phyllis Hendrick
Betty Klein
Martin Landay
Alice I Lawitzke
Joseph Levine
Helen Lewenhof
Werner H. Luebke
Israel Margolis
Jill Osias
Irving Panush
Judith Morrison
Pollyea
Merrill Pollyea
Freda Kaplowitz
Shapiro
Harry Silverman
Irwin Leo Carl Tessmer



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.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

Friday, November 3 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, November 10 -- Shaarey Zedek Live! -- 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 11 -- *Bat Mitzvah* of Addy Moser -- 10:00 a.m.

Friday, November 17 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, November 24 -- 7 p.m.

