

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2023
KISLEV - TEVET 5784

SHABBAT CHANUKAH SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE! WORSHIP

Friday, December 8 at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL CHANUKAH ONEG:

- *Sufganiyot* (jelly donuts), *Chanukah gelt*, and other yummy desserts!
- Games to play!
- Special gifts for our youngest members!

Let's celebrate the second night of *Chanukah* together!

Please bring your *chanukiyah* and candles to light during our evening worship.



Gan, Alef, and Bet students will lead us in songs and candlelighting.

Some of our upcoming *B'nei Mitzvah* students will help lead worship.





A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

Rabbi Ruth Adar shared an article on the Reform Judaism website (www.reformjudaism.org) called "**Teach (and Practice) a New Jewish Value Each Night of *Hanukkah*.**" Below are the values she suggests for the eight nights of the holiday. You can assign any value to any of the nights of *Chanukah*; in other words, the first value listed below does not need to be done on the first night of *Chanukah*.

1. **NIDIVUT, GENEROSITY**

- Go shopping for a needy family.
- Make breakfast in bed for the family cook.
- Visit an animal shelter and give them your old towels and sheets for bedding.
- Give gifts to one another.
- Shop for a local Toys for Tots drive or for the local food bank.

2. **TZEDEK, JUSTICE**

- Give *tzedakah* to an organization that works for justice.
- Write a letter to an elected official about some issue of justice. Visit the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Legislative Action Center for ideas and tools that make it easy to do so.
- Teach each other about a justice issue dear to us.
- Make and decorate a family *tzedakah* box.
- Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about a justice issue.

3. **HODA'AH, GRATITUDE**

- Write a thank-you card to someone who isn't expecting it.
- Write a thank-you card to another member of the household. Be specific.
- Make a list of things for which you are grateful. Then make a "bouquet" of those things by making paper flowers and writing the gratitudes on them. Use it to decorate the table next *Shabbat*.
- Play the ABC Gratitude game as a family, naming something for which you are grateful for each letter of the alphabet. ("I'm grateful for apricots," "I'm grateful for blankets," etc.)
- See how many times you can say "thank you" to people during the day.

4. **KIBUD AV V'EM, HONORING PARENTS**

- Give gifts to parents and grandparents.
- "Adopt" an elder who doesn't have children...
- Tell stories about family, maybe even crafting projects to honor family members who have died.
- Make a coupon book of things you will do for a parent or grandparent in the coming year.
- Visit the graves of parents or grandparents who have died. Leave a stone.



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5. **TALMUD TORAH, STUDYING TORAH**

- Play “*Torah Jeopardy*,” asking questions to which names and places from the *Torah* are the answer.
- Make a play of the *Torah* portion of the week...
- Draw a picture of how you imagine your favorite biblical hero or heroine looked. Tell his or her story to your family.
- Download and play “Middotopoly,” a game for learning Jewish values.
[<http://www.behrmanhouse.com/news/middot-opoly-the-educational-jewish-values-trading-game-free-download>]

6. **HACHNASAT OR'CHIM, HOSPITALITY**

- Have a *Hanukkah* party with your loved ones, whether in person or virtually.
- Have people over for *Shabbat* dinner and *menorah*-lighting.
- Invite someone who is single to dinner, services, or out to coffee.
- Volunteer to be an usher at your synagogue...

7. **AHAVAT YISRAEL, LOVE OF ISRAEL (THE COUNTRY OR THE PEOPLE)**

- Give *tzedakah* to an Israeli organization.
- Give *tzedakah* to a local Jewish organization.
- Watch an Israeli or Jewish-themed film together and discuss over popcorn.
- Put on Israeli music or klezmer and dance!

8. **RACHMANUT, COMPASSION**

- Volunteer at the local food bank or a similar nonprofit.
- Give out clean, new socks to people experiencing homelessness in your area.
- Visit someone who is homebound and, if possible, light the *menorah* with them...

Rabbi Adar's article was written before the war. For item #7 above, please consider helping Israel to rebuild its economy by not only donating to organizations but also by purchasing Israeli products. As I noted in my November 3rd e-mail to the congregation, here are a few places where you can purchase Israeli products: **the Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood Gift Shop**; **Yad LaKashish** (lifeline.org.il); **Local Shopping** (local-shopping.org); **Canaan Gallery** (canaan-gallery.com); and **Gabrieli Tallit** (gabrielitallit.com). On Facebook, search for "**Israeli Shops to Purchase From**" for a wide variety of items available for purchase.

Happy *Chanukah*!

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.

Oneg Sponsors



December 1 – Daphne/Richard Merryman, Elizabeth Michalek,
Karen Cayo/Phil Sharkey, Rachel Asbury/Steven Zumberg

December 8 – Darlene Morgan/Aaron Pollyea, Sue Safir, Naomi/Blake
Casher, Rhana/Zachary Dyme, Courtney/Brian Vincent

December 15 – Jessica Sender, Vida/Jeffrey Rothstein, Karen/Erik Shapiro

December 22 – Sisterhood

December 29 - Sisterhood

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

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1	Brian Kamer
1	Todd Cook
2	Phoebe Elder
3	Sara Lurie
4	Bonnie Radway
4	Kim Roth
8	Cathy Sernick
9	Deborah Ginsburg
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11	Adelaide Moser
11	Celiarose Varner
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17	Christina DeJong
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26	Krystal Sharpe-Kamer
26	Shawn Kamer
29	Naomi Casher
30	Sara Cook
31	Aaron Siegal

15	Robert & Sara Lurie
17	Richard & Bonnie Radway
18	Jackie & Don Holecek
19	Leon & Sheila Schafer
21	Steven Zumberg & Rachel Asbury
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23	Lisa and John Craig
26	Donald & Joan Gochberg
28	Edward & Tina Ozer
28	Stephen & Mitzi Goldstein
29	John & Ethel Anthony

יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)





GLTY Chanukah Party

DECEMBER 9 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

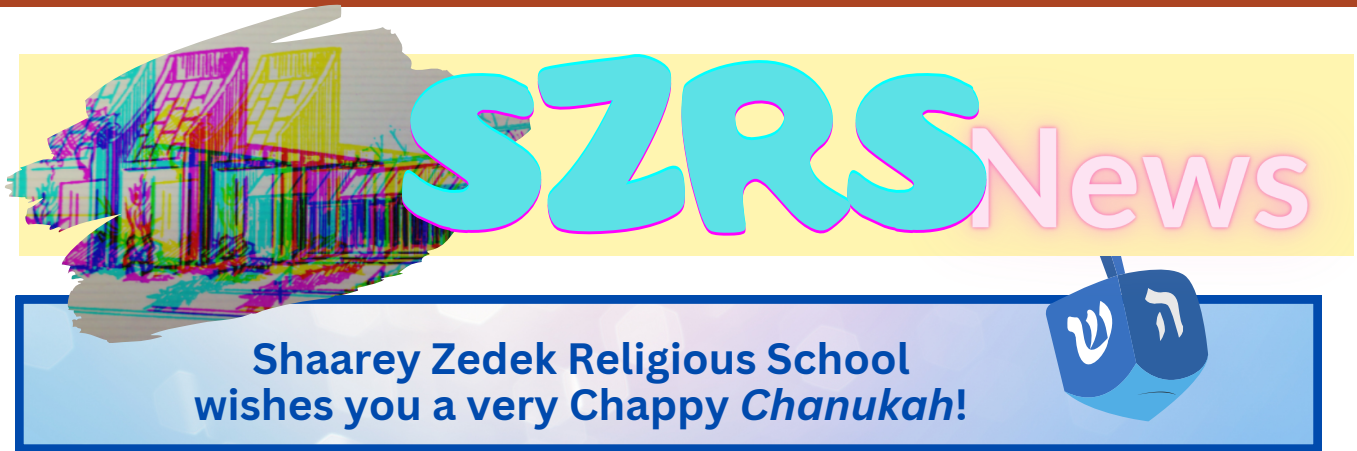
CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to a *Chanukah* Party!

Bring your *chanukiyot*, enjoy crafts, games, and memories with your friends.

Pizza dinner will be provided.

Parents and students in grades 6-12 please check your email for further information regarding this event. Questions? Contact GLTY Advisor: Ashley Maloff (maloffas@msu.edu)



SZRS Calendar for December / January

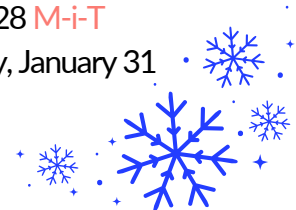
December:

Sunday, December 3 **M-i-T Confirmation**
Wednesday, December 6
Friday, December 8 **Special Shabbat Chanukah**
featuring our Gan, Alefbet (1st 2nd) Students
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.



January:

~~Wednesday, January 3~~
~~Sunday, January 7~~
Wednesday, January 10
Sunday, January 14 **MLK day; M-i-T**
Wednesday, January 17
Sunday, January 21 **Confirmation Kadima**
Wednesday, January 24
Sunday, January 28 **M-i-T**
Wednesday, January 31



Lifelong Learning News

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Continues on Thursdays, December 14 and 21 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

ReJewvenate **Three Ways to** **at Shaarey Zedek**

will not meet in December.
We will be back to nourish
your mind, soul and body on
January 6.



Needle Arts and Nibbles **Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club**

Schuler Books
Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who came to support the gift shop, bake sale and silent auction. Your contributions help to continue our ongoing support of both the religious school and our congregation.

**Sunday, December 10
at 2:00 p.m. RSVP to
wrenyk@aol.com**

BYOB (bring your own book) is back! Choose a book you like and share with everyone. A list of all books reviewed will be shared through email after the session.



The gift shop is open for
all your last-minute
Chanukah needs!



**Sisterhood Brunch
at Square One Breakfast
and Bakery**

4790 S. Hagadorn Road

**Friday, December 8
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Come join Sisterhood for
a brunch and schmooze.**

Get a gift for yourself and
Join us for an Evening of Elegance at



117 E César E. Chávez Ave, Lansing, MI 48906

For a Sisterhood Fundraiser on
Monday, January 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Indulge in an exclusive shopping experience and discover the
transformative power of a perfect fit while supporting Sisterhood!

5 REASONS TO JOIN US

1. Comfort Redefined - find the right fit
2. Feel Great About Your Body - you will feel like a million bucks
3. Confidence Boost - if you look good, you will feel good
4. Ignite a Romantic Spark - set the stage for a special moment
5. Contribute to Sisterhood - funds benefit our members and SZRS

Wine and light refreshments will be served

Please email rebeccabc@capitolfundraising.com to RSVP



INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN MAH JONGG

Are you interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg?

Mah Jongg is an interesting, social, stimulating, and fun rummy type game. If you would like to learn to play, please join us on Sunday, January 14 at 2 p.m. in the Davis Family Social Hall. Instructors will be available to teach you to play.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER

ROBIN WILLNER

332-3722

Ronit24@sbcglobal.net

OR

ROSLYN COVEY

230-6065

roslyncovey@att.net



Menorah Lighting and *Chanukah* Party

Where: Lansing City Hall

When: Monday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Donuts, latkes, and fun for the whole family!

Register at JewishFederationLansing.org
under 'Lansing Events'



IN HONOR OF JEWISH DISABILITY AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE,
AND INCLUSION MONTH

WE WELCOME COMEDIAN AND ACTIVIST

**PAMELA
RAE
SCHULLER**

Comedian Pamela Rae Schuller is relentlessly funny. Her observations on disability, mental illness, dating, family, and past misadventures have led to brutally honest confessions about what it's like being 4 foot 6 (and a half) and having a whole lot of Tourette Syndrome.

**FEB
03
8 PM**

At Congregation
Shaarey Zedek

18+ | \$10

**REGISTER AT:
JEWISHFEDERATIONLANSING.ORG**

This Event is sponsored by
Congregation Shaarey Zedek
The Ravitz Foundation
The Estate of Roselyn and Robert Solo
Greater Lansing Jewish Federation



COMMUNITY NEWS

TRIP TO THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS



Enjoy a special docent walking tour of the art in the DIA done by Jewish artists as well as Jewish Art created by non-Jewish artists.



We will make arrangements for a chartered bus if 50 people are interested. We need 50 of us to make this event happen and keep the cost of the trip to \$40.00 per person.



Meet at Shaarey Zedek at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7 and return by 4 p.m.



Karen Glickman from Kehillat Israel and Ethel Anthony from Shaarey Zedek are chairing this exciting and educational event.



Greater Lansing Jewish Federation graciously contributed part of the cost of the bus.



Please contact **Ethel Anthony** by December 31 at n8pwc1947@gmail.com to reserve your spot. You do NOT have to send your check. We will notify you by email when checks are due.

SOUND BYTES FOR 8 NIGHTS HANUKKAH AT HOME WITH URJ SMALL CONGREGATIONS

For the eight nights of Hanukkah, **December 7-14**, join rabbis from across North America as they tell stories, sing songs, and share reflections on the festival of lights.

Set up your own Hanukkiyah in a safe, visible place as we will kindle the Hanukkah lights and celebrate together at the end of each Zoom gathering.

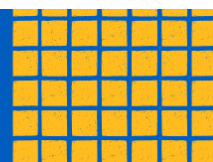
Register for free at the link below. Please note that the times and links are the same for each night.

7pm ET | 6pm CT | 5pm MT | 4pm PT



Rabbi Neal Katz | Rabbi Jennifer Weiner | Rabbi Shoshana Nambi
Rabbi Ellen Nemhauser | Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar | Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe
Rabbi Jeff Goldwasser | Rabbi Heather Miller

register @ 25Kislev.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 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
- Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund
- YES 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 Religious School Endowment Fund
- CSZ Endowment Fund
- L' Dor Vador Fund

BUBBE LYNN RYCUS BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In memory of Alan Wolfe
Ron Rycus

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of the birthdays of Ron Rycus, Penny Blumenstein, Stuart Morrison, Patty Warshaw and Bonnie Radway;
In honor of the anniversary of Dick and Bonnie Radway;
In memory of Abraham Morrison
Esther Morrison

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Alan Wolfe
Gail Wolfe
In memory of Alan Wolfe
Ken & Mary Marton

RUTH E. ROME ENDOWED MUSIC FUND

In memory of Jill Osias
Don and Joan Gochberg

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Alan Wolfe
Burt and Marlene Altman

ETHEL WOLFE KITCHEN FUND

In memory of Alan Wolfe
Stanley and Lois Checkoway; Scott and Allison Jay and Cindy Meyer
Karen Petersmarck
Janet Abramson
David and Suzanne Lowe
Dick and Bonnie Radway
Dalia Hoffman
Alan and Carolyn Zohott
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Cohen
Bernie and Jane Finn
Stanley and Joyce Aronovitch
The Bratschi Family (Lake Lansing Rd Mobil)
Don and Joan Gochberg
David and Jennifer Thompson
Margie and David Rosenberg
Allan and Nancy Dameshek
Elliot and Lynn Spoon



YAHRTZEITS



December 1

Ethel Altman
Belle Behrmann
Stan Cherniss
Wood Dunham
Clair Gassoway
Norman Hack
Al Kirsch
Bess Davis Kositchek
Audrey Mandel
Abraham Morrison
Morris Neiberg
Margaret Robinson
Minnie Ross
Louis Sernick
Zelda Shay
Benjamin William Simon
Helen Sommers
Arnold Trattler



December 8

Clifford J. Bardach
Bernard Danowitz
Gerald Danowitz
Ronald Dyer
Melvin Finn
Jack Frank
Jeff Gold
Irma Green
Harold Horowitz
Gertrude Kahn
Vera Katz
Elizabeth Kotzin
Manuel Leon Kruger
Dora Shooman
Hyman Shooman
Lou Warshaw
Leo Wegner
Lena Zohott



December 15

Ryan Anderson
Lillian Berman
Michael David Berman
Sterling Berman
Amy Gochberg
Jacqueline Gutowitz
Hilda Kirsch
Marjorie Lois Kremer
Paul Mandel
Phyllis Marion
Florence Miller
Irwin Mittleman
Philip Rachman
Dorothy Sharrow
Helen Tabak
Charlie Warshaw
Ralph Weinstein
Ellen Wolin

December 22

Shirley Finn Abelman
John Bathke
Henrietta Epstein
Mary Ezzo
Helen Gaal
David Kahn
Jean Loper
Ann Mermelstein
Lois Perelman
Jack Rachman
Isaac Guy Shapiro
Michael Sharrow
Marlene Shiovitz
Charles Vrabell
Eugene "Bud" White



December 29

Marcia Bayles
David Cohen
Larry Arnold Daniels
Tamra Freeman Gallo
Katherine Greene
Lillian Horowitz
Herb Klein
Sarah Levine
Ruth Marton
Betty Rosenfeld
Anna Rundell
Edward Schwartz
Ben Sigal



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.

CONDOLENCES are sent to

Gail Wolfe, on the death of her husband Alan Wolfe, on November 2

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

Friday, December 1 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, December 8 -- *Shabbat Chanukah* / Shaarey Zedek Live!
worship -- 6 p.m.

Friday, December 15 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, December 22 -- 7 p.m.

Friday, December 29 -- 7 p.m.

