

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2024
SHEVAT - ADAR I 5784

Join us for

REFUGEE *SHABBAT* Services



February 10, 10 a.m.



KEHILLAT ISRAEL

"Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Resettlement in Michigan"

Mira Sussman (she/her) is the Resource Development Manager at Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. She supports resettlement programs and developing affordable housing for this population. She directed the refugee program in Ann Arbor from 2008-2013. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Jewish Studies, a Master's Degree in Social Work,, and a Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Service.



Guest Speaker
MIRA SUSSMAN



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

Dear Friends,

I hope the secular year of 2024 is treating you well! Below are my remarks from the final *Shabbat* of 2023. I hope you will find them to be meaningful:

I recently saw an interview with actor John Stamos as he was promoting his new book, If You Would Have Told Me: A Memoir. You may know John Stamos as Blackie Parrish on "General Hospital" or Jesse Katsopolis ("Uncle Jesse") on "Full House." He also played Dr. Tony Gates on the TV show "ER." He has also acted in various Broadway productions.

In the TV show "Full House," John Stamos played the live-in brother-in-law of Danny Tanner, helping to raise his three nieces after his sister's death. Danny Tanner was played by Bob Saget. In early January of 2022, comedian and actor Bob Saget was found dead from blunt head trauma resulting from a fall in his hotel room.

John Stamos and Bob Saget were great friends; in the interview I saw, John noted how Bob reminded him to always make time for loved ones. In the interview, John says, "We're always in a hurry to go somewhere next. It was [my last dinner with Bob] and you never think 'This is the last time I'm going to see my best friend.'" John was getting ready to leave dinner to go on to his next engagement when Bob said, "Let's order the cake." John related that they ordered cake and coffee and he then was reminded that "when you're with someone that you love, that you care about, slow down, take it easy, order the cake."

It's so easy in the hustle-and-bustle of today's fast-paced world to just grab a quick meal, perhaps eating at our desks when we're at work, or just getting some fast-food as we're rushing between appointments or *shlepping* our kids from school to their after-school activities. Some families don't sit down to a meal together all week long.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone could slow down and sit down for at least one meal per week (although preferably more than one)? I know of parents who mandate that Friday night is a family *Shabbat* dinner for this very reason. It's a time to spend time with family, to actually talk with each other, to share experiences.

As we are approaching the secular new year of 2024, people often make resolutions: go on a diet, exercise more, work less,... This year, let's resolve to visit and catch up with friends, especially those whom we perhaps haven't seen in a long time. Spend time with your friends -- and order the cake (and maybe have some coffee, too)!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024!

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Char Epstein
John Eulenberg
Marcia Eulenberg
Celia Guro
Marilynn Jones
Mike Levine
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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February 2 - Margot/Sean Valles, Shawn/Jeff Olds, and Courtney/Bethany Hollender

February 9 - Robyn/Eric Hughey, Mallory/Peter DePrekel, Celiarose/Ken Varner

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February 23 - Sisterhood

BIRTHDAYS



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יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)





SZRS News

SZRS Calendar

February

Sunday, February 4

- Special Program for Teens
- Confirmation

Wednesday, February 7

Sunday, February 11

- M-i-T

Wednesday, February 14

~~Sunday, February 18~~

Wednesday, February 21

Sunday, February 25

- M-i-T

Wednesday, February 28

March

Sunday, March 3

- Confirmation

Wednesday, March 6

Friday, March 8

- 3rd-5th Grade Service

Sunday, March 10

- M-i-T

Wednesday, March 13

Sunday, March 17

- Purim Carnival

Wednesday, March 20

~~Sunday, March 24~~

~~Wednesday, March 27~~

~~Sunday, March 31~~

April

Wednesday, April 3

Friday, April 5

- 6th-7th Grade Service

Sunday, April 7

- Confirmation

- M-i-T

Wednesday, April 10

Sunday, April 14

- Last day of Tichon

- M-i-T

Wednesday, April 17

Friday, April 19

- Graduation

Sunday, April 21

~~Wednesday, April 24~~

Sunday, April 28

- M-i-T Presentation Day

May

Wednesday, May 1

Sunday, May 5

- Confirmation Rehearsal at noon

Wednesday, May 8

~~Sunday, May 12~~

Wednesday, May 15

Sunday, May 19

- Last day of SZRS
- SZRS Family Picnic

Curriculum

In February, our *Gan* and *Alef-Bet* students will be learning about *Shabbat* and *Shalom Bayit* (Peace at Home). Our third- through sixth-graders focus on the value of *Hakarat Hatov*, seeking the good, or being grateful. Our seventh graders will continue their study of the *Torah* service.

Our fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders have been assigned pieces of *Megilat Esther*, the Book of Esther, to read for the congregation in celebration of *Purim*. Our third- and fourth-graders continue to work on developing their facility with the Hebrew language.

We now have *T'nua Ivrit* (Hebrew movement) on a weekly basis (instead of every two weeks), so students in *Gan* through seventh grade will get more exposure to spoken, modern Hebrew.

In *Tichon*, the eighth- and ninth-graders continue their study of ancient Jewish history, focusing on the period after the destruction of the first Temple.

The tenth- through twelfth-graders have just finished studying *cults* and are beginning their study of the *Apocrypha*.

Save The Date: *Megilah Reading*
Sunday, March 17 10:15 a.m.

Lifelong Learning News

Ongoing Classes

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

ReJewenate 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 **February 3** and **March 2**.

Please Rise!

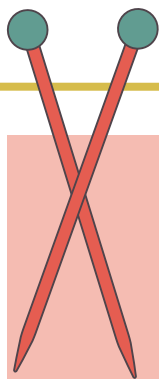
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Movement. Led by **Lauren Warshaw**.

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, February 4 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.



GLTY Goes Bowling

February 10 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CITY LIMITS, 2120 E. SAGINAW HWY EAST LANSING, MI

Students in grades 6-12 are invited for a *Havdalah* and bowling!

Pizza dinner will be provided

Cost \$15

Parents and students in grades 6-12 please check your email for further information regarding this event and to RSVP.

Questions? Contact GLTY Advisor: Ashley Maloff (maloffas@msu.edu)

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Hello my name is Alec Elia and I will be a Bar Mitzvah in April. As part of this I must do a mitzvah project. Me and my family have decided that we should collect cans and donate the funds we get to a worthy cause. Eventually I decided that we should donate to the synagogue itself, in order to aid the recent security efforts. If you would like to help call 517-580-9224 to schedule a can pickup.



Sisterhood *Shabbat*
is coming March 15.

Would you like to
be a part of the
celebration? We
have a part for you!
Email
wrenyk@aol.com

The Gift Shop will
be open every
Sunday that we
have religious
school.

Open 9:30 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.



Save the date!
Our first night
Seder will be on
April 22

If you would like to
attend the Sisterhood
Singing Bowl Group
Meditation, please
RSVP to
roslyncovey@att.net

SISTERHOOD NEWS



JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Feb 13, 2024

Time: 3:00PM to 9:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

2515 Lake Lansing Rd
Lansing, MI 48912
517-246-0010

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
and friends while earning funds in support of:

Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood

**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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

WINE & CHEESE

7 PM

PERFORMANCE

8 PM

At Congregation
Shaarey Zedek

18+ | \$10

REGISTER AT:

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This Event is sponsored by
Congregation Shaarey Zedek
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JEWISH SLEEP-AWAY CAMP

STIPENDS



Greater Lansing
JEWISH FEDERATION

Greater Lansing Jewish Federation is offering stipends for Lansing area Jewish campers!

TO APPLY

Email

LansingJewishFederation@gmail.com
with information below by **March 1:**

1. Camper(s) name(s)
2. Parents' names, address, phone, and email
3. Name of the camp
4. Number of weeks attending
5. Cost per week/total cost

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
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- Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library Fund
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- Rabbi Morton and Aviva Hoffman *Tzedakah* Fund
- Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund
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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
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- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Shapiro Religious School Endowment Fund
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BUILDING FUND

In memory of Ruth Kositchek
Barbara, Jeff, and David Kositchek

CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Amy Susan
Gochberg, Dorothy Frank Sharrow,
and Michael Sharrow
Don and Joan Gochberg

In memory of Katherine Greene
Charlene Epstein
Anita and Perry Parkhurst

EDUCATION

A generous donation was received from
Gretchen Smith

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In memory of Alan Wolfe
Robert Smith
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The Katz Family: Stephen and Charlotte,
Erin and Bryce, Alan and Holly



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HENRY FINE AND ANNETTE FINE BURKE LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Sarah Levine
Mary Levine

JOSEPH AND MABLE MEITES EDUCATIONAL FUND

In honor of Dr. Margot Valles' ordination
Mitzi and Steve Goldstein

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In memory of Rosemarie Sender
Jessica Sender

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of Sarah Marks birthday, Jeffrey
Olds birthday, Allen Frank birthday; In
honor of the birthdays of Shawn Olds
and Ben White; In honor of the
anniversaries of Stuart and Gayle
Morrison, Ken and Patty Warshaw
Esther Morrison

In honor of Esther Morrison's 105th
Birthday
Yvette Feldman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Arnold Zumberg, Archie and
Blanche Crego, and Marlene Hoffman
The Zumberg Family

In memory of Mel Finn
Bernie and Jane Finn

In memory of Ruth Marton and Miriam
Wetzler
Ken and Mary Marton

ROBERT GOODMAN MUSIC FUND

In memory of Jeanette Shaffer
Iris Linder

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Barbara Anderson
Mitzi and Steve Goldstein

SECURITY

In memory of Shirley Finn Abelman
Bernie and Jane Finn

Rev Dawn Christenson



YAHRTZEITS



FEBRUARY 2

Paul Abramson
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Leonard Kerner
Ethel Lindner
Maurice J. Robins
Jack Shanker
Pearl Shiovitz
Morris Silverman
Marvin Soifer
Bertha Wegner



FEBRUARY 9

Joseph Bardach
Andre Friedlis
Daniel Goldstein
Isadore "Tom" Goodman
Susie Cohen Levine
Saul Liefer
Sybil Markowitz
Donald Polin
Charles Rosenthal
Bernice Schlachter
Anna Schwartz
Ida Shanker
Eve Silver
Philip Samuel Silver
Edwin Skuller
Dennis Sobol
James Zachman



FEBRUARY 16

Craig Matthew Bigman
Julius Binder
Bess Blyveis
Jean Breslau
Elizabeth Gabin
Stanley Goorin
Erwin Harvith
Charles Kotzin
Benjamin Casey Lamb
Joseph Lutvak
Timothy Merryman
Edythe Meyer
Benito Perez, Jr.
Mary Pollack
Arnold Robinson
Howard Schlachter
Frank Selman
Lee Gochberg Showstack
Betty Bloomfield Soffin



FEBRUARY 23

Edward Bloomfield
Ruth Bradshaw
Pearl Cohan
Jacques Cohen
Jack H. Finn
Joseph Gutoskey
Irving Kessler
Gayle Lutvak
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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.

CONDOLENCES are sent to

Steve (Amanda) Idema, on the death of his mother Shirley Idema, on December 21
Jason (Christine) Pikstein, on the death of his father Daniel Pikstein, on December 26

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Worship Schedule

Friday, February 2 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 9 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 – Refugee *Shabbat* Worship at Congregation Kehillat Israel (see front page for further information)

Friday, February 16 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 23 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

