

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

MARCH 2024
ADAR I - ADAR II 5784

OPEN TO ALL members of KI and Shaarey Zedek

KEHILLAT ISRAEL'S ANNUAL *PURIM SPIEL*: "SHUSHAN REVUE"

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Megillah Reading at 6:00 p.m. followed by a light
dinner on March 23

SHAAREY ZEDEK'S ANNUAL ADULT *PURIM* EVENT!



March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Every participant will be assigned a role to play. Roles will be
assigned after registration. **Registration due by Friday,
March 8.**

To register, please complete form:
<https://bit.ly/80sMallPurimParty>



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

IT'S A LEAP YEAR!

Yes, we all know that 2024 is a leap year in our secular calendar. February 29 comes around once every four years to fix the problem of our solar calendar actually being 365 1/4 days long. Since we can't actually have a quarter of a day, we add one full day every four years to address this issue.

This year is also a leap year in the Jewish calendar. The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar adjusted for the solar cycle. The moon takes an average of 29 1/2 days to complete its cycle giving us 354 days in a twelve-month calendar.

For us a lunar calendar would be perfectly fine except for one thing: three of our festivals originated as harvest festivals so they must be observed at the appropriate harvest times. (*Sukkot* is the fall harvest festival; *Pesach* is the early spring harvest festival; and *Shavuot* is the late spring harvest festival.) Hillel II, who lived from 330-365 C.E., set up a system of leap years: an extra month of *Adar* is added seven times during a 19-year period. (The years are #3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19.)

This year *Adar I* (*Adar Rishon* = First *Adar*) began at sundown on February 9; *Adar II* (*Adar Sheini* = Second *Adar*) begins at sundown on March 9. During leap years, *Purim* is celebrated during the second month of *Adar*.*

When we add in a second month of *Adar*, this pushes everything back one month so that our harvest festivals are celebrated at the correct time. For 2024 this means that the High Holy Days will begin in October and *Chanukah* begins the evening of December 25. The following year they will be earlier in the secular calendar. They will move earlier for a few years until our next leap year in 5787 (2027). While holy days, festivals, and holidays may seem late this year, as always, they are right on time!

As is customary in *Adar*, as we celebrate the holiday of *Purim*, we say "Be Happy, It's *Adar*!" May all peoples everywhere have reason to rejoice this month and always. *Kein y'hi ratzon* -- May this be God's will.

*This year *Purim* begins on Saturday evening, March 23 and lasts until sundown on March 24. As these dates coincide with our children's public school vacations, Shaarey Zedek will be celebrating *Purim* the previous week. Please see the numerous opportunities to celebrate with our religious school students and with our friends at Congregation Kehillat Israel in this bulletin.

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

Char Epstein
John Eulenberg
Marcia Eulenberg
Celia Guro
Marilynn Jones
Mike Levine
Winnie Rome
Dany Rothfeld
Shari Wilson



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



March 1 - Mathew Zatkin, Amy Rosenberg, Barbara/Stephanie Wieland

March 8 - Amy/Adam Lafferty, Sara/Micah Siegal, Naomi Glogower/Jonathan Berman

March 15 - Alexandra Robinson, Marilyn Ruben, Roslyn Covey

March 22 - Sara/Jayson Chizick, Shannon/Matt Cohen, Beth Brauer

March 29 - Sisterhood

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Madeline Idema
1	Robert Warnke
2	Glenn White
2	Robert Lurie
4	Joseph Wald
6	Giselle Claux
7	Wesley Elder
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13	Terry Zumberg
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16	Mary Siet
16	Georgia Spivak
19	Carol Beals
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23	Jonah Kalay
25	Madeline Flaster
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28	Don Holecek
28	Deborah Gouin
29	Michael Levine
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30	Bernard Finn
31	Sarah Meadows

2	Jerrold and Sue Weiss
23	James and Mary Danowitz
28	Erik and Karen Shapiro
30	Scott Mandel and Maureen Dyer

יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)





Join us for the *Purim* Carnival!

March 17: Join us for a *Purim* Carnival
from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Ashley Maloff, GLTY Advisor
maloffas@msu.edu

BOWLING

LOLLIPOP
TREE

RING TOSS

EGG RACE

BEAN BAG
TOSS

ARTS AND
CRAFTS

BASKETBALL

PIN THE HAT
ON HAMAN

JAIL

GUESS THE
CANDY IN JAR

COSTUME
CONTEST

IDAN'S MITZVAH PROJECT & BAKE SALE

All proceeds go
to IDF soldiers,
and the
evacuated
families in
Israel.

WHEN: MARCH 17

**WHERE: DURING THE *PURIM*
CARNIVAL AT SHAAREY ZEDEK**

**BAKE SALE:
HOT COCOA, CHOCOLATE CHIP
COOKIES, GLUTEN FREE COOKIES,
VEGAN CAKE**



Cash only
please.

SPRING *Concert*

OF ART SONGS, OPERA ARIAS, JEWISH MUSIC, JAZZ,
AND TANGO



BARITONE GERARDO DE LA TORRE
Accompanist Jeff Richards



Saturday, April 20
8 p.m.

Reception at 7 p.m.



Mr. de la Torre is pursuing his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. He earned his Master's Degree of Music at the Manhattan School of Music. Mr. de la Torre has won top prizes in international voice competitions across the United States and Mexico.

RSVP by April 15 to RabbiBigman@shaarezedek.com

Sponsored by the David & Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund.



SZRS News

SZRS Calendar

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

This month, our *Gan* (Pre-K/K) through *Kitah Zayin* (7th Grade) will be learning about the holiday of *Purim*. They will also be continuing their study of Jewish values. Our younger, Sunday-only students will be studying *Shalom Bayit* (Peace in The Home) and *Kavod* (Respect). Our 3rd through 6th graders will be studying *Hakarat Hatov* (Gratitude) and *Koach Hadibbur* (The Power of Words). The 7th graders will be looking at ancient texts and studying them in relation to being a tween today. All of our Sunday-Wednesday students are continuing their study of Hebrew and our 5th-through 7th-graders are practicing reading the Book of Esther for the synagogue's *Megillah* Reading on March 17. After *Purim*, the students will begin learning about *Pesach* (Passover) which is right around the corner. Our 8th/9th Grade class is continuing its study of ancient history, focusing in March on the Babylonian captivity. Rabbi Bigman's class of 10th - 12th graders will be studying the students' choice of topics.



On Friday,
March 8, our
3rd-5th Graders
will be helping
to lead *Shabbat*
services. Please
come join us in
celebrating
Shabbat!

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

Lifelong Learning News



Continuing Hebrew

Wednesdays
April 10 - May 15
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

You know the letters of the *Alefbet* and how to sound out Hebrew words and now you want to deepen your knowledge and skill. This class will provide you with an understanding of Hebrew grammatical structures, help you become familiar with key sight words and deepen your understanding of prayer vocabulary. Registration required by April 3 to RabbiBigman@shaareyzedek.com

Ongoing Classes

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays, March 7, 14 and 21 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 **March 2** and **April 6**.

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, March 3 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.

Be Happy It's Adar



March 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come join **PJ Library** Bring Jewish stories home for an afternoon filled with *Purim* fun and good friends!

Hamantaschen

Learn about Mishloach Manot

Grogger making

At Congregation Shaarey Zedek in the Davis Family Social Hall.
Parents if you would like to help make *Hamantaschen* or groggers
please let me know....

Please RSVP to wrenyk@aol.com before March 8.
We look forward to a fun afternoon. Please share with all of
your PJ Library friends.



CONGREGATIONAL *SEDER*



JOIN YOUR SHAAREY ZEDEK FAMILY FOR A LIGHT DINNER THE FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER MONDAY, APRIL 22, 6:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and/or clean up. Please contact Amy Shapiro
312-841-8653 or amyjshapiro@yahoo.com

Please make your reservation by Monday, April 8. Limited to first 100 reservations. No walk-ins, please.

\$20 per adult, \$8 per child 6-12, \$0 per child 5 or under

Mail check, payable to "Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood," to:

Roslyn Covey, 2320 Sapphire Ln. East Lansing, MI 48823

Questions? Call Roslyn 230-6065

*For complementary tickets please call Rabbi Bigman at 351-3570

***SEDER* RESERVATION**

Name _____

No. of adults \$20 x _____ = \$ _____

No. of children 6-12 years old \$8 x _____ = \$ _____

No. under 6 yrs. ____ (No charge)

TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

Gift Shop News

We have all of your *Judaica* needs. Special items can be ordered upon request. We are open 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. each Sunday there is religious school.



Have you ever wanted to be part of a Friday night service? Please consider participating at Sisterhood *Shabbat* on March 15.

**Please email Sarah Percival:
perciva9@gmail.com**

Sisterhood Youth

Camp Scholarships Applications are Open



Helping our kids by nurturing their
personal growth and a strong
Jewish identity.

**To apply for scholarships for day camps
and overnight camps, please contact
Elizabeth:**

EFMICHALEK@GMAIL.COM

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SISTERHOOD *SHABBAT*

GUEST SPEAKER
DR. AMY SIMON

AND SPECIAL GUESTS WRJ AREA
DIRECTORS MARCIA PERSIN AND
WENDY KOHLENBURG

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 p.m. in the Shaarey
Zedek Sanctuary

Join us for an *Oneg* and great
company after worship.

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
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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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Thank you to Dr. Yael Aronoff, professor of Political Science/International Relations at the James Madison College at Michigan State University and the Director of the Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, for the donation to our temple library of her books (see names of books listed below):

The Political Psychology of Israeli Prime Ministers: When Hard-Liners Opt for Peace

Continuity and Change in Political Culture: Israel and Beyond



GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In memory of Bud Marks
Sarah Marks

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In honor of Esther Morrison's birthday
Yvette Feldman

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In memory of Alan Wolfe
Rosanne and Arthur Cherkinsky

RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of Philip Bernice
Howard and Helen Schlachter,
Bernice and David Schafer
Sheila and Leon Schafer

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

Ros Covey



YAHRTZEITS



MARCH 1

Harvey Altman
Sarah Berman
Louis Bigman
Gussie Bloomfield
Michael Craig
Bertha Fernholz
Robin Fields
Erwin Gutowitz
Sylvia Harvith
Abraham Hattner
Cecille Kerner
Sylvia Rosenstein Levy
Howard Magen
Kitty Marks
Alan Neiberg
Dobe Rubiner
Rebecca Silverman
Yolanda Weiss

MARCH 8

Gerard Abeles
Edith Adele Cherkinsky
Luiz Costa
Charles Feigelson
Rabbi Philip Frankel
Jeffrey Friedlis
Harry Gittlen
David Jacob Hull
Solomon Lindner
Ethel Neiberg
Irving Pfeifer
Marc Polster
Pati Ranieri
Altamae Rosenthal
Duane Searles
Elmer J. Shapiro
Neza "Nickie" Shulman
Marge Simon
Blanka Papo Srkalovic
William Thompson

MARCH 15

Michael Burney
George Cohan
June Ehrlich
Helen M. Fox
Robert David Freeman
Samuel Ginsburg
Arthur Goodman
Stel Finn Litwack
Joanne L. Lunn
Monroe Molner
Anna Norris
Ronald Rosen
Saul Rothenberg
Bella Ruben
Yetta Sacks
Bernice Schafer
Shirleyetta Sernick
Anne Varner
Morrie Zumberg

MARCH 22

Chelsea Barker
William Bass
Alvin Danowitz
Soll Gaynor
Doug Lippincott
Ruth Magen
Jay Ormos
Sarah Rimar
Audrey Rubner
Craig Saper
Martin Saper
Victor Saper
Harry Smallberg

MARCH 29

Edna Rosenberg Cohen
Harold DeJong
Morris Goldstein
Sylvia Goldstein
Joseph Gulvezan
Hyman Guttell
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Louis Kamins
Phillip Margules
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Milt Seaver
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Jacob Stark
Linda Woodrow



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

Carolyn Zohott, on the death of her husband Alan Zohott.
The family of Milton Price on his death.
Steve (Mary) Siet on the death of his mother Colleen Siet.

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1924 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

Friday, March 1 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 8 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship led by 3rd-5th grade students, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 15 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship led by Sisterhood, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 22 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 29 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

