

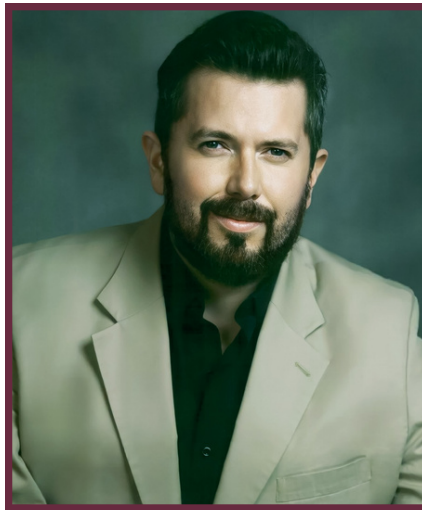
CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

APRIL 2024
ADAR II - NISSAN 5784

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@shaareyzedek.com

Sponsored by the David & Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund.



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

On the *Shabbat* morning on which we celebrate our *B'nei Mitzvah*, the students receive several gifts; among them are a *Kiddush* cup from the congregation, a book from the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation, and the home prayer book *Al Mezuzot Betekha: On the Doorposts of Your House* from our Sisterhood. This home prayer book contains prayers and readings for every day and special readings for *Shabbat*, festivals, and holidays. It also contains prayers and readings for lifecycle events from birth through death.

In the section titled "Welcoming *Yom Tov* [Holiday]," the book notes that "it is customary, before the beginning of *Yom Tov*, for each member of the household to put money aside for some worthy cause." [p. 63 in the 1994 / 5755 edition] This is followed by the following prayer (which I have edited here):

Happy are those who consider the poor.
[Psalm 41:2]

We hereby vow to fulfill the *Mitzvah* of *Tzedakah* as we begin this festival. We remember the words of Your prophet, who called us to share our bread with the hungry, to clothe the naked, and never to hide ourselves from our own kin.

May we, together with the whole House of Israel, be mindful of the needs of others, sharing with them the fruits of our labor and helping to sustain them...

Traditionally Jews remove all *chameitz* (leavened products) from their homes in preparation for *Pesach*. Whether or not you thoroughly clean out the *chameitz* from your homes, think of the *mitzvah* it would be to take some *chameitz* from your cupboard or perhaps buy some food at the grocery store to donate to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. (There is a table in the Mittleman Family Lobby at temple where we can collect your items if you don't want to drive to the food bank itself. This table is available year-round for you to donate food.)

At our temple *seder*, we pass around *tzedakah* boxes to collect funds for *MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger*. This is an important organization that not only supports food banks but also organizations which help people to learn skills that will enable them to find jobs and thus be able to support themselves.

Please join me in supporting these organizations. You can learn more and/or donate here:

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
www.mazon.org

Greater Lansing Food Bank
www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org

Wishing you a *Chag Pesakh Sameakh!* May it be a meaningful festival for you and your loved ones!

Prayers of Healing

are sent to:

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 19
3 p.m. in the sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Please join us on Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. as Rachel Minkin is inducted into the *Yad* Squad!

To become a member of the *Yad* Squad one must learn to chant *Torah* and then chant 100 unique lines of *Torah*. Rachel will chant *Torah* on April 5 and receive a gift of a *yad* from the congregation.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Our *Pesach* / *Yizkor* worship will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

Judaism teaches us to honor the memory of our loved ones by saying *Kaddish* on a *yahrtzeit* and to remember our loved ones with the *Yizkor* prayers on *Yom Kippur* as well as on the last day of each of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals (*Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret*, *Pesach*, and *Shavuot*). Please join your congregational family on April 28.

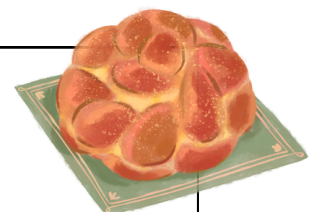
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April 5 - Jackie Holsclaw, Renee Holsclaw, Kim Roth

April 12 - The family of Alec Elia

April 19 - Sisterhood

April 26 - Sisterhood



BIRTHDAYS

1	Margot Valles
1	James Danowitz
1	Rebecca Bahar-Cook
4	Courtney Hollender
4	R.B. Brown
4	Janet Abramson
8	Jonah Rosenberg Hicks
8	Ethel Anthony
11	Charles Johnson
11	Maria Costa-Fox
15	Norman Abeles
15	Jesse Goldberg-Strassler
15	Mary Marton
16	Joan Gochberg
16	Jill Fine
16	Gail Eisenberg
17	Susan Mermelstein
20	Marilynn Jones
22	Karen Batchelder
22	Bradley Shafer
23	Raphael Kasen
25	John Eulenberg
26	Beatrice Linder
26	Eloise Siegal
30	Kairi Collins

יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



ANNIVERSARIES

1	Roy Saper & Nell Kuhnmuensch
7	Perry & Anita Parkhurst
14	Brian Dunn & Barbara Robinson-Dunn
21	Lawrence & Laurie Bass

MAZAL TOV!

Please join us in helping with **Miriam Wheeler's Bat Mitzvah** 2-prong project supporting Saved by Zade <https://savedbyzade.com/> and their great work to help reduce cat overpopulation in the greater Lansing area.

Miriam is volunteering at the Constellation Cat Café <https://constellationcatcafe.com/> which houses rescue cats, including those from Saved by Zade, looking for their forever homes. Miriam will be caring for the cats and cleaning their spaces. The café is a great place to spend time enjoying a tasty drink and then hanging out with some adorable cats. Additionally, she is also raising money to directly donate to Saved by Zade. As a Center Back in soccer, Miriam is accustomed to defending her team. She's going to use those defense skills to protect rescue cats as well.

Please support Miriam by pledging \$1 for every game this season where she blocks a shot. Her 10 game season runs until early June, and she should have a blocked shot in all 10 games. If you're interested in financially supporting Miriam's efforts by a pledge or set dollar amount, please email her dad, Abe - abewheeler@gmail.com

If you would like to directly support Saved By Zade, you can click the "Make a Donation" button in the upper right hand corner of their website. Please let them know you're donating towards Miriam's *Bat Mitzvah* project.

Religious School Graduation

Please join us on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. as we honor our student who has continued their Jewish studies through high school



MADISON MERRYMAN, CHILD OF DAPHNE AND RICHARD MERRYMAN



SAVE THE DATE!

CALLING ALL 6th-12th GRADERS!!

GLTY and GLTY Jr. ARE GOING TO MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE!
ALL DAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 26!

Details will be sent to parents, but if there are any questions now, please contact youth groups advisor Ashley Maloff at maloffas@msu.edu

Lansing Hadassah
& Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood



Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 1 pm ET

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

\$10 Event Fee • High School Students Free

Register by April 25
www.events.hadassah.org/LansingDoll

Join Lansing Hadassah and Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood to create dolls, which will be given to children in local hospitals. Hadassah has supported the doll project for over 25 years, sending more than 80,000 dolls throughout the nation and to Israel. No experience or sewing skills necessary. All supplies will be provided. Refreshments will be served.

*All attendees will be required to sign a Hadassah Event Participation Release to attend Hadassah in-person events. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Questions? ☎ 248.683.5030 ✉ midwest@hadassah.org

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CONGREGATION
SHAAREY ZEDEK

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Post-Passover Pizza & Pasta Party



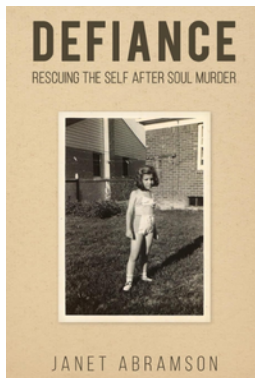
4790 South Hagadorn
East Lansing

Please join us as we “break” Passover together by eating pizza and other breaded foods at Pizza House. This Pizza House **FUNdraiser** will be held on April 30. Just bring this flier or mention Shaarey Zedek and 15% of your bill will be donated to the synagogue.
(This offer is also good for carry-out and delivery.)

Tuesday, April 30

(From 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. the back room of the restaurant will be available for Shaarey Zedek members and guests.)

* Out of respect for our members who observe eight days of Passover, we are holding this event on the eighth day so that all members of our congregation can participate.



Congratulations to our congregant, Janet Abramson, who recently published a book.

In *Defiance*, delve into the profound journey of overcoming generationally transmitted trauma. Witness how, with the right blend of therapy and education, a child subjected to profound distress can evolve and rise as a Woman of Valor. This book underscores the resilience of the human spirit and the transformative power of healing.

TRIP TO THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Congregations Kehillat Israel and Shaarey Zedek announced several months ago a fieldtrip to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). The DIA has a special docent tour which takes us on a walking tour of the art done by Jewish artists as well as Jewish art created by non-Jewish artists. Tuesday May 7.

We are happy to report that we have more people interested in this than the originally chartered small bus can hold. So, we have decided to charter a larger bus. The Greater Lansing Jewish Federation has graciously subsidized the cost of this event.

We would like to fill the larger bus as well as keep the cost to between \$40 and \$45 per person. This cost covers the bus trip, museum entrance fee, docent fee, water for the bus trip, and a tip for the bus driver.

Please notify Ethel Anthony if you would like to join us but have not already registered:
N8PWC1947@gmail.com or 285-0477

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 \$ _____



SZRS News

SZRS Calendar

On **Friday, April 5**, please celebrate *Shabbat* and *Morah Rachel's* induction into the *Yad Squad* with substantial participation from our

Sixth & Seventh

• Graders •

April

Wednesday, April 3

Friday, April 5

- 6th-7th Grade Service

Sunday, April 7

- Confirmation
- M-i-T

Wednesday, April 10

Sunday, April 14

- Kadima
- Last day of Tichon
- M-i-T

Wednesday, April 17

Friday, April 19

- Graduation

Sunday, April 21

- SZRS Model Seder

~~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

Save The Date:
SZRS Family
Picnic | May 19

SZRS
Model Seder

Sunday,
April 21
11:00 a.m.

Each grade will be responsible for bringing an element of the meal and an element of the ritual.

Families and siblings welcome!

Mazal tov to **Luca (Madison) Merryman** on graduating SZRS!

It has been such a pleasure to see you evolve into who you are growing to be as a young adult. Thanks for your commitment to your Jewish education and your work as a *madricha* in our school.

מזל טוב!
Mazal Tov!

SHAAREY ZEDEK ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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 help you deepen your understanding of prayer vocabulary. RSVP to Rabbi Bigman by April 3.

Ongoing Classes

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Thursdays, April 4, 11 and 18 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 **April 6** and **May 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**.



Needle Arts and Nibbles Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club

Schuler Books
Sunday, April 7 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.

SIMCHAGRAMS JULY - DECEMBER 2024

*Simcha*Grams are greetings sent to Congregation members honoring their special birthdays or anniversaries for 5, 10, 15, 20 years, and more. Check the names of the people you wish to honor.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Birthdays	Date	Age
	Billie Berman	Jul-9	75
	Blake Casher	Jul-14	75
	John McCloud	Jul-23	75
	Cindy Meyer	Jul-26	65
	Ken Warshaw	Jul-29	70
	Larry Vert	Aug-1	80
	Stephen Flaster	Aug-10	80
	Robbie Levine	Aug-11	80
	Stephen Guertin	Aug-22	75
	Natalie Moser	Aug-25	45
	Jason Moser	Sep-13	45
	Nell Kuhnmuensch	Sep-19	75
	Howard Rittman	Sep-23	85
	Darlene Pollyea Morgan	Sep-24	55
	Evie Gladstone	Oct-11	100
	Richard Radway	Oct-14	90
	Steve Goldstein	Oct-14	65
	Brian Dunn	Oct-14	70
	Shari Wilson	Oct-24	70
	Aiko Magen	Oct-26	30
	Gale Rosen	Oct-28	75
	Brenda McCloud	Oct-28	70
	Mary Lou Warnke	Nov-4	75
	Judy Nolish	Nov-8	75
	Judy Friedlis	Nov-9	80
	Ira Gabin	Nov-20	65
	Stefan Gleibermann	Nov-23	60
	Todd Cook	Dec-1	55
	Deborah Ginsburg	Dec-9	75
	Stuart Morrison	Dec-12	80
	Krystal Sharpe-Kamer	Dec-26	40

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anniversaries	Date	Years
	Doug & Karen Batchelder	Jul-9	45
	Todd Cook & Rebecca Bahar-Cook	Sep-5	25
	Jeffrey & Vida Rothstein	Sep-6	15
	Elliot & Lynn Spoon	Oct-19	50
	Brian & Courtney Vincent	Nov-7	15
	Robert & Sara Lurie	Dec-15	40
	Arthur & Rosanne Cherkinsky	Dec-23	55

Please check the names of the people and couples you wish to honor, \$1 per person or couple checked, or \$38 for all.

Your name:

Amount \$ _____

Or pay by credit card:

Name on card:

Signature:

Card number:

Expiration date: _____

Code on back of card: _____

Or pay by check to "Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood" and mail your completed form to:

Marilyn Ruben
502 E. Geneva Dr.
DeWitt, MI 48820

980-3755 or mjruben@aol.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 Colleen Siet
Burt and Marlene Altman
John and Ethel Anthony

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Anna Schwartz
Janet Abramson
In memory of Larry Shanker
Marcia Salkin
In memory of Phillip Margules
Suzanne and David Lowe
In memory of Milton Price
Amber and Marvin Argersinger

CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND

In memory of Alan Zohott
Charlene Epstein
Eve Applebaum
Anita and Perry Parkhurst
In memory of Milt Price
Charlene Epstein
Anita and Perry Parkhurst
In memory of Daniel Goldstein
Steve and Mitzi Goldstein
In honor of Cindy Hughey's retirement
Jay and Cindy Meyer



GIFTS, HONORS AND MEMORIALS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In memory of Luiz Costa
Maria Costa-Fox

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of the birthdays of Ethel Anthony,
Mary Marton, Jill Fine, Susan Mermelstein,
and Bea Linder. In honor of the anniversary
of Lawrence and Laurie Bass
In memory of Rose Morrison
Esther Morrison

JERRY COHEN PHOTOGRAPHY FUND

In memory of Myron, Ruth, and Howard Magen
Jed Magen and Carol Barrett

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Alan Zohott
Marsha and Paul Kimmelman
In memory of Myron, Ruth, and Howard Magen
Jed Magen and Carol Barrett
In memory of Colleen Siet
Debbie, Dave, and Isaac Richmond
In memory of Milt Price
Don and Joan Gochberg
In memory of Hyman H. Guttell
Joan Gray

RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND

In memory of Colleen Siet
Blake and Naomi Casher
In memory of Myron, Ruth, and Howard Magen
Jed Magen and Carol Barrett

RUTH E. ROME ENDOWED MUSIC FUND

In memory of Winnie Rome
Todd Cook and Rebecca Bahar-Cook
Debbie, Dave, and Isaac Richmond
Sandra K. Thayer
John and Ethel Anthony

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Harvey Altman and Erwin
Gutowitz
Burt and Marlene Altman

SECURITY

A generous donation was received
from Carol Bigman

In memory of Alan Zohott
Sharon Herman and Arnie Miller



YAHRTZEITS



APRIL 5

Dorothy Abramson
Harry Abramson
Igor Guro
Leon Handelsman
Sanford Meyer
Sophie Radway
Harry Rimar
Ruth E. Rome
Margo Rubens
Barbara Schwartz
Simone Soltan
Loralee Tessmer

APRIL 12

Fannye Abramson
Jane Abramson
Ida Katz Bloom
Stephen Carl Clayton
Sharren Cook
Clara Fine
Harold Gladstone
Maureen Gladstone
Eli Gleibermann
Will Greenberg
Warren Johnson
Phyllis Litwak
David Luebke
Robert Norris
Ronnie Pikstein
Eva Shuman
Harold Trippe
Cynthia Eulenberg Weisz
Joseph Wepman
Rebecca Smookler White
Thomas Zohott

APRIL 19

Lillian Briggs
Herman Byron Bueller
Ellyce Field
Emily Frischman
Hyman Gochberg
E.I. Greenberg
Donald Harrell
Dora Israel
Jack B. McDonald
Jenny Meadows
Rose Tillie Morrison
Lillian Pearl
Zelda Rose
Florence Rudman
Margie Shanker
Helen Tanenbaum
Seth Weisman
Markus Weiss

APRIL 26

Jacob Baker
David Friedland
Jack Frischman
Steven Gochberg
Margo Beth Jaslove
Bernard Kaplowitz
Irving B. Kremer
Eleanor Metcoff
Steven Ormos
Myrna Rubin
Louis Shanker



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

The family of Winnie Rome on her death.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek
1924 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

Friday, April 5 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, led by our 6th and 7th-grade students, including Rachel Minkin's induction into the *Yad* Squad, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 12 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 13 – *Shabbat* Morning Worship, including Alec Elia becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 19 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, including Graduation, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 26 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 – *Pesach / Yizkor* Worship, 7 p.m.