

# CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

MAY 2024  
NISSAN - IYAR 5784

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

# Michigan's Adventure & Wild Water Adventure

We will be departing from Shaarey Zedek by bus at 9 a.m. and arriving at Michigan's Adventure at 11 a.m. We will be leaving Michigan's Adventure at 6 pm. and returning to Shaarey Zedek at 8 p.m.

The permission slip and money are due by May 19 to Rabbi Amy Bigman. This event is only open to children in grades 6-12. Younger siblings will not be permitted to attend this trip. If cost is a prohibiting factor from your child attending, please contact Ashley.



Online Form to RSVP due by May 19: <https://forms.office.com/r/8Gjy3ddzU7>



May 26



\$40/person includes admission to the park.

Contact Ashley Maloff  
[maloffas@msu.edu](mailto:maloffas@msu.edu)



# A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

This month we are reading from what one might call the "heart" of the *Torah*: the Holiness Code. The Holiness Code comprises chapters 17-26 of the Book of Leviticus; the beginning of Leviticus contains teachings for how the people were to bring sacrifices and how the priests were to officiate. Sacrifices were our ancestors' way of coming close to God. In this Book we also learn about *kashrut* (dietary laws), purity, and the rituals for *Yom Kippur* (as it was observed in ancient times).

The Holiness Code comprises five *Torah* portions: part of *Acharei Mot*; the entirety of *Kedoshim*, *Emor*, and *B'har*; and part of *B'chukotai*. Here we learn about the place and form of worship, improper sexual behavior, the priestly duties, the festivals and holy days, and laws about the ownership of land.

Some of the best-known verses in the Holiness Code are:

וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹךָ -- Love your neighbor as yourself [19:18]

וּקְרַאתֶם דְּרוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ לְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל -- You shall proclaim release (liberty) throughout the land for all its inhabitants" [25:10]

As is noted in our *Etz Hayim* commentary:

Two concepts embody the primary message of Leviticus. First, the Israelites are one community (*edah*), united by a common destiny and by a holy way of life as commanded by the Lord.... They are forbidden to worship any other deity or follow the impure ways of other nations (19:4, 20:13,6). Second, the Israelites were granted the Promised Land as an eternal estate (*ahuzzah*) on condition that they follow the laws of God and remain faithful to [God's] covenant. In Leviticus, the priests of Israel are instructed in the ways of holiness, and the Israelites are told what the Lord requires of them. [p.584]

As we approach our congregation's annual meeting on May 19, it is good for us to remember the first of these messages: we are a community, a *kehillah kedoshah* (holy congregation).

Based upon our mission statement, we are to nurture our members in the heritage of Judaism, striving to provide a center in the Greater Lansing area for Jews to learn about and to celebrate their Judaism. Shaarey Zedek is a community where we can "learn, pray, celebrate simchas, and comfort each other in times of need. Congregation Shaarey Zedek offers a rich and varied program of education, cultural and social events while reaching out to the Greater Lansing community to strengthen interfaith ties."

Each one of us is integral to this *kehillah kedoshah*. YOU are needed to continue the longstanding traditions and values of Shaarey Zedek by participating in the life of the congregation: learning, praying, celebrating, and comforting. We need you to buzz people into the building at worship and events; we need you to learn to lead *shivah minyanim* and *Shabbat* worship; we need you to help to set up and clean up from lifecycle events and programs. In order to survive, Shaarey Zedek needs YOU. Just as our members have volunteered in many ways during these past 100+ years, we need YOU to make sure that YOUR congregation continues for at least 100 more.

Please join us at the annual meeting as we conduct the business of the congregation and please let me know if you would like to learn to lead worship or are willing to volunteer in other ways. Thank you!

## 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

## SAVE THE DATE

### AS CONGREGATIONS KEHILLAT ISRAEL AND SHAAREY ZEDEK CELEBRATE **SHAVUOT TOGETHER!**

Tuesday, June 11  
Congregation Shaarey Zedek  
1924 Coolidge Road in East Lansing

6:00 p.m. Children's programming led by our school directors

6:30 p.m. Pizza Dinner

7:00 p.m. *Shavuot* worship, including *Hallel* and *Yizkor*

8:15 p.m. Study session led by our rabbis

## MAZAL TOV!

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

Maddie Idema, daughter of Amanda and Steve Idema, will be called to the *Torah* on *Shabbat* morning, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. Maddie is in seventh grade at Chippewa Middle School. She plays the bass clarinet in band, and plays travel softball and basketball. For her *mitzvah* project, Maddie is doing a fundraiser for the Constellation Cat Café in East Lansing, where she will also volunteer her time to help support one of her favorite local organizations. If you'd like to support Maddie, you can donate at <https://tinyurl.com/msb7x2dh>.

### Oneg Sponsors

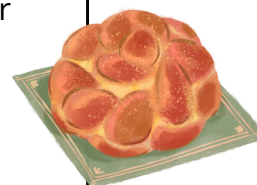
May 3 - Candace Metcalf, Roslyn Covey, Alene/Ed Keller

May 10 - The family of Maddie Idema

May 17 - The family of Noah Remes

May 24 - Sisterhood

May 31 - The family of Miriam Wheeler



CONGREGATION  
SHAAREY  ZEDEK

**PERMISSION SLIP TO ATTEND THE  
GREATER LANSING TEMPLE YOUTH (GLTY) EVENT**

This consent is given on the date set forth below for the Greater Lansing Temple Youth Event scheduled to be held at Michigan Adventure Amusement Park in Muskegon County, MI

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, Attend the GLTY event at Michigan Adventure on May 26, 2024. I understand that my child will be taking the bus to and from the event and give permission for them to do so.

During the event, I can be reached at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_.  
In the event that you are unable to contact me please contact:

This individual is designated to pick up my individual from the event: \_\_\_\_\_.

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned shall fully defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Congregation Shaarey Zedek of East Lansing, Michigan, and any and all employees or volunteers participating in this event from any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, causes of action, liability, loss, damage and/or injury, of any kind whatsoever (including without limitation all claims for monetary loss, property damage, equitable relief, personal injury, and/or wrongful death), whether brought by an individual or other entity, or imposed by a court of law or by administrative action of any federal, state, or local governmental body or agency, arising out of, in any way whatsoever, any acts, omissions, negligence, or willful misconduct on the part of the said Congregation Shaarey Zedek of East Lansing, Michigan, or its officers, owners, personnel, employees, agents, contractors, invitees, or volunteers. This indemnification applies to and includes, without limitation, the payment of all penalties, fines, judgments, awards, decrees, attorneys' fees, and related costs or expenses, and any reimbursements to Congregation Shaarey Zedek for all legal fees, expenses, and costs incurred by it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS

## BIRTHDAYS

3	Iris Linder
3	Ephram Rosenberg
4	Erik Shapiro
7	Anita Parkhurst
8	Jessie Kalay
9	Brynn Delaney
10	Carol Barrett
12	Daniel Feinberg
13	Nancy Pollack
14	Candace Metcalf
15	Michael Hull
16	Rhana Dyme
16	Razi Lissy
16	Ami Lissy
17	Jerry Fine
18	Micah Lissy
19	Laurie Bass
19	Larry Sernick
20	Carolyn Zohott
20	Jason Pikstein
21	Karen Shapiro
23	Susan Bathke
24	Kenneth Marton
24	Micah Lurie
24	Vesna Srkalovic
25	John Anthony
26	Carey Elder
27	Alan Bloomfield
29	David Siegal
30	Barbara Robinson-Dunn
31	Jackie Holecek



## ANNIVERSARIES

2	Raphael & Rebecca Kasen
2	Ronald & Carol Horowitz
3	Jayson & Sara Chizick
16	Gabriel Elia & Giselle Claux
19	Glenn & Jan White
25	Joanne Gilbert & Michael Bishop
26	Michael & Mary Levine
30	Paul & Sara Jodoin

## 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](mailto: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.

# SYNAGOGUE NEWS

Photos featuring our spring concert from April and the incredible Baritone Gerardo De La Torre!



**PJ Library**

CHILL WITH US

## IT'S A *SHABBAT* SUMMER PARTY

JUNE 15

11:00 a.m. at Patriarche Park

We will provide Kosher hotdogs and buns as well as ice cream for dessert.

**BRING A NON DAIRY DISH TO SHARE.**

ACTIVITIES: *SHABBAT* SONGS, OUTSIDE FUN, STORY TIME.



# KEHILLAT ZEDEK SUMMER CAMP

# מחנה קהילת צדק



**AUGUST 5-9, 2024**

## WHAT

Camp Kehillat Zedek is a week-long day camp held on the Shaarey Zedek campus, providing a safe, warm, and inclusive environment where kids in our extended community can explore nature, crafts, Hebrew, and Judaism on their own terms.

## WHO

Our camp is open to all children between the ages of 4 and 11 who are part of Jewish-identifying families, are part of families exploring Judaism, or who have Jewish heritage. Kids ages 12 and 13 can be CiTs (Counselors-in-Training).

**NEW THIS YEAR!** We will spend Tuesday, August 6 at a nearby park. Drop off and pick up will happen at that location.



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Drop off: 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Pick up: 3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

(Please pack a vegetarian / kosher lunch)

\$350 for the week

\$175 for first year CiTs

Returning CiTs Free!

## ACTIVITIES

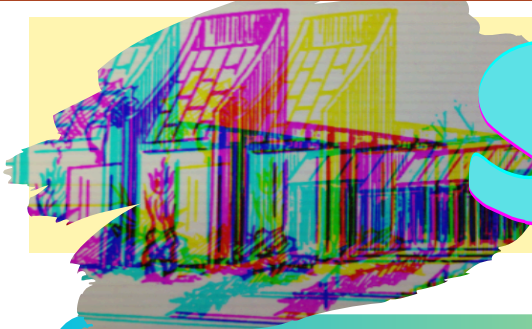
Each day will begin with a short, fun ritual for the whole camp where the daily theme will be introduced. The themes will be related to Jewish values, customs, and fun traditions!

Activities will include movement and sports (capture the flag, gaga, yoga, soccer and more); arts and crafts; Hebrew games; quiet time / free choice; *hugim* (electives) including photography, cooking, Israeli dancing, and more!

<https://bit.ly/RegisterFor2024CampKZ>

HAVE QUESTIONS? [KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM)





# SZRS News

## SZRS Calendar

### 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

## SZRS Family Picnic May 19

**SCHOOL WILL BE  
IN SESSION  
FROM 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.  
FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY  
BY THE PICNIC.**

Picnic will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a brief celebratory ceremony. Please bring a dish, a drink, a game or sports equipment to share. In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the social hall.

## Great Teachers Wanted!

The Shaarey Zedek Religious School is looking for warm, responsible and inspiring teachers for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you are interested, please reach out to

*Menahel Margot*

([menahel.margot@shaareyzedek.com](mailto:menahel.margot@shaareyzedek.com) or 412-614-0310)



# SHAAREY ZEDEK ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Ongoing Classes

### **Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis**

Thursdays, May 9, 16, 23 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 **May 4**.

### **Please Rise!**

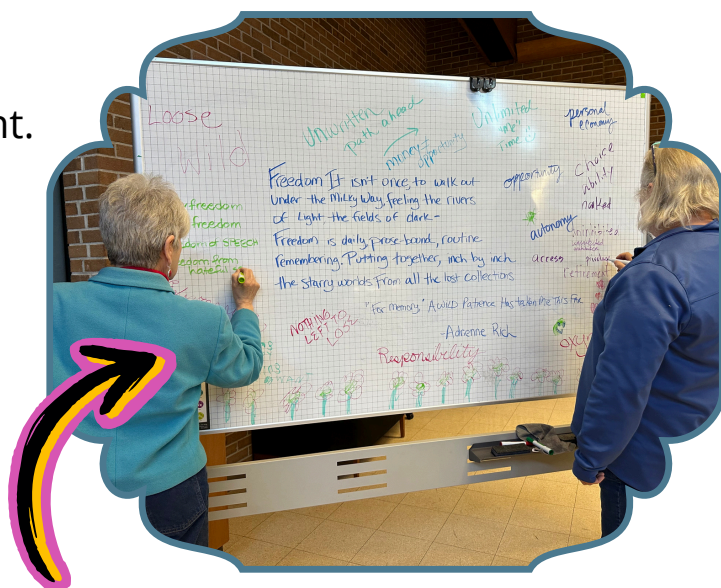
9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Movement.  
Led by **Lauren Warshaw**.

### **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**.



April's theme was "Freedom" in honor of Passover, and we covered the board in our free associations



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

Schuler Books  
Sunday, May 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](mailto:menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com).



# SIMCHAGRAMS JULY - DECEMBER 2024

SimchaGrams 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"/>	<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>
	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 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"/>	<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years</b>
	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 Winnie Rome and Colleen Siet  
Ethel and John Anthony

## **BUILDING FUND**

In memory of Colleen Siet  
Sue Safir

## **CANTOR PAMELA SCHIFFER CARING COMMUNITY FUND**

In memory of Colleen Siet  
Sue and Jerry Weiss  
In memory of Stephen Gochberg  
Don and Joan Gochberg

## **ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND**

In honor of the birthdays of Iris Linder, Jerome Fine, Larry Sernick and the anniversary of Ronald and Carol Horowitz  
Esther Morrison

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

In memory of Winnie Rome  
Joe and Cheryl Wald

## **RABBI MORTON AND AVIVA HOFFMAN TZEDAKAH FUND**

In memory of Arthur Goodman  
Gale Rosen

## **RUTH E. ROME ENDOWED MUSIC FUND**

In memory of Winnie Rome  
Wendy Kahn and Susan K. Stern  
Donald and Joan Gochberg  
Sue Safir  
Marilynn Jones  
In memory of Ellyce Field  
Doug Ruben and Arlene Allan

## **SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND**

In memory of Sophie Radway  
Bonnie and Dick Radway  
In memory of David and Bernice Schafer  
Patrick and Anita Mitchell

# YAHRTZEITS



## May 3

Anne Bigman  
Sadye Blechman  
Peter Blyveis  
Charles Bressler  
Edna Dyme  
John Eliasohn  
Audrey Gienapp  
Helen Handelsman  
Eva Hattner  
Jim Johnson  
Harriet Lieberman  
Joseph Marton  
Mildred Molner  
Nick Roth, Sr.  
Thelma Saper  
Leonard Silk  
Donald Weinshank



## May 10

Miriam Barshefsky  
Gerson Bernstein  
Rita Clark  
Louis Eyl  
Francis Fine  
Meyer Garbel  
Shirley Gaynor  
Neil Norman Gould  
Marlene Hoffman  
Alan Schwartz  
Rose Smith  
Avi Teles



## May 17

Robert Blau  
Sylvia Brothers  
Jules Danowitz  
Irene Ely  
Judy Frank  
Alexander Kahn  
Jerold Saper  
Leonid Spivak  
James Wilson



## May 24

Andre Elia  
Edith Reid Flaster  
Tom Gochberg  
Toddy Gold  
Raymond Grigg  
David Kaplowitz  
Ethel Kirschman  
Lillian Mattes  
Blanche Oxer  
Bekah Rosenfeld  
Simon Silverman  
Louis Zidell

## May 31

Louis Jack  
Abramson  
Max Feintuch  
Charles Fenberg  
Lillian Fenberg  
Henry Fine  
Fannye L. Gittlen  
Stanley Gold  
Patrick O'Brien  
Charles Ruben  
Helen Schachter  
Sylvia Schwartz  
Jerrold Selman  
Freida Silverman  
Judith Smookler



## 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

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## Worship Schedule

Friday, May 3 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 10 – Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 – *Shabbat* Morning Worship, including the *Bat Mitzvah* of Maddie Idema, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 17 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 – *Shabbat* Morning Worship, including the *Bar Mitzvah* of Noah Remes, 10 a.m.

Friday, May 24 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 31 – *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 1 – *Shabbat* Morning Worship, including the *Bat Mitzvah* of Miriam Wheeler, 9:30a.m.