

CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MONTHLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2025
SHEVAT 5785

Join us for

REFUGEE & SEVENTH GRADE SHABBAT Services



Friday, February 28, 7 p.m.



AT SHAAREY ZEDEK

**OUR SEVENTH-GRADE STUDENTS
WILL LEAD WORSHIP**

**SPONSORED BY CONGREGATIONS
KEHILLAT ISRAEL AND
SHAAREY ZEDEK**



Guest Speaker
THE REV. DONNA MCNIEL

FAITH COMMUNITIES SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN GREATER LANSING

The Rev. Dr. Donna McNiell is an Episcopal priest and chaplain at Michigan State. She is active in the Greater Lansing Interfaith Clergy Association and is currently chairing the All Faith Alliance for Refugees.



A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

SHUSHAN PURIM OR HOW WE'RE TURNING SHAAREY ZEDEK INTO A WALLED CITY

The holiday of *Purim* is celebrated each year on the 14th day of the month of *Adar*. In the ninth chapter of the Book of Esther, we read:

And so, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month -- that is, the month of *Adar* -- when the king's command and decree were to be executed, the very day on which the enemies of the Jews had expected to get them in their power, the opposite happened, and the Jews got their enemies in their power. Throughout the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the Jews mustered in their cities to attack those who sought their hurt; and no one could withstand them, for the fear of them had fallen upon all the peoples...

They disposed of their enemies, killing seventy-five thousand of their foes; but they did not lay hands on the spoil. **That was on the thirteenth day of the month of *Adar*; and they rested on the fourteenth day and made it a day of feasting and merrymaking. But the Jews in Shushan mustered on both the thirteenth and fourteenth days, and so rested on the fifteenth, and made it a day of feasting and merrymaking.** That is why village Jews, who live in unwalled towns, observe the fourteenth day of the month of *Adar* and make it a day of merrymaking and feasting, and as a holiday and an occasion for sending gifts to one another. [Esther 9:1-2, 16b-19]

Based upon this text, most Jews celebrate *Purim* on the 14th of *Adar* (this year that is Thursday night, March 13 - Friday, March 14) while those who live in Jerusalem and other walled cities celebrate on the 15th of *Adar* (this year Friday night, March 14 - Saturday, March 15).

This year we are going to be turning the Davis Family Social Hall into "The Walled City of Shaarey Zedek"! Thanks to our religious school's art class, the social hall will become a walled city and we will celebrate on Friday evening, March 14 (along with the other special *Purim* celebrations listed below).

On *Purim* we celebrate by observing four *mitzvot*: hearing *Megillat Esther*, *mishloakh manot* (sending gifts) to our family and friends, eating a special celebratory meal, and participating in *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts for the poor).

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A Letter from Rabbi Bigman

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We encourage people to bring boxes of pasta or other "noisy" foods to stamp out Haman's name when *Megillat Esther* is read and throughout our days of celebration. This food will be donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank as our congregation's *matanot l'evyonim*.

Costumes are encouraged at each of the following events:

Wednesday, March 12

Reading of *Megillat Esther* by our students 5:00 p.m. (open to all)

Friday, March 14

Dinner 5:15 p.m. (all ages)*

Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship 6:00 p.m. (all ages)

Oneg Shabbat 6:45 p.m. (all ages)

Adult *Purim* Celebration 7:15 p.m. (ages 21+)

*Reservations required

Saturday, March 15

GLTY set-up for carnival (time TBD)

Sunday, March 16

School 9:30 a.m.

Purim Carnival 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

I look forward to celebrating with you next month!

Prayers of Healing

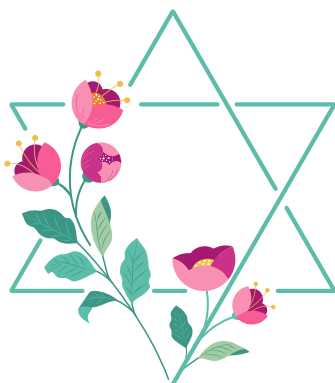
are sent to:

Norman Abeles
Brian Dunn
Marilynn Jones
Alon Kalay
Miriam Wheeler
Carolyn Zohott



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone—family and friends who remembered me on my 106th birthday. I am very grateful.
Esther Morrison



Oneg Sponsors



February 7 – Lorri/Andrew Gordon, Arthur/Rosanne Cherkinsky, Michelle Erskine/Jeffrey Cherkinsky, Courtney/Brian Vincent

February 14 – Sisterhood

February 21 – Gail Wolfe, Roslyn Covey, Laurie/Larry Bass, Lisa Bass

February 28 – Valerie Levitt/Steven Roth, Razi/Micah Lissy, Kim Roth,
Rebecca Bahar-Cook/Todd Cook

LEAVES, ACORNS, AND ROCKS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON
SHAAREY ZEDEK'S TREE OF LIFE:



1

LEAF \$125

2

ACORN \$250

3

ROCK \$500



The Tree of Life is the perfect way of honoring a *simcha*.

Contact Ethel Anthony at
N8PWC1947@gmail.com



SCENES FROM MITZVAH DAY



On Monday, January 20, 40 people gathered to put together bags of goodies for the Women's Center of Greater Lansing and Punks with Lunch - Lansing. Thanks to **Naomi Glogower, Ashley Maloff, and Jen Thompson** for coordinating this great event.



SOUP-ER *SHABBAT*



Friday, February 7
Dinner 6:15 p.m.
Shabbat Worship 7 p.m



WHAT: *Shabbat* dinner with soup, salad, and *challah*

COST: Cans of soup to be donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank

ATTIRE: Wear jeans and your favorite football team (NFL, college, or high school) sweatshirt for a casual *Shabbat* evening

RSVP: Required so that we have enough food.

Contact **Jenniffer Reaser** at

JennReaser1981@outlook.com by Wednesday,
February 5

Wine & Chocolate Tasting

Some people like wine. Some people like chocolate. Some people like wine and chocolate. Which are you? Please join us to taste and celebrate on a winter's night.

Saturday, February 8

6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek

For questions or to RSVP,
please contact Carol

Barrett:

517.410.0535 or
carol@qids.net



SHAAREY ZEDEK LIVE

DINNERS

- ARE BACK!-

Dinner 5:15 p.m. Service 6 p.m.
and *oneg* following.

Food provided by Fued.

Adults \$7, kids under 13 are \$5

Friday, February 14
RSVP by Thursday, February 13
using the link below:

www.bit.ly/LiveDinners

Sponsored by Ed and Alene Keller

*If you have any questions, contact Amy Shapiro at
312-841-8653 or AmyJShapiro6@gmail.com*

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MARCH

SUN

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

MARCH

Madness

SELECTION

SUNDAY

AT CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

We will be streaming the Selection Sunday broadcast in the Davis Family Social Hall. Food and beverages will be provided. We will have pizza, chips, dips, and other finger food.

For questions or to
RSVP, call Carol Barrett
517.410.0535 or
carol@qids.net

BIRTHDAYS

3	Aaron Dunn
5	Joan Gray
5	Jay Meyer
8	Shannon Cohen
9	Steven Siet
9	Debbie Richmond
9	Shawna Olds
9	Naomi Glogower
11	Sheila Schafer
12	Emuna Lissy
12	Micah Siegal
13	Jack Nolish
14	Rachel Olds
19	Patrick Schrody
23	Debby Flate
29	Dany Rothfeld
29	Sara Siegal

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Nina & Michael McNamara
11	Stephen & Joanne Guertin
17	Steven & Mary Siet
22	Ken & Patty Warshaw
26	Jeff Green & Nora Pasman-Green



יום הולדת שמח!
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)



BUSINESS VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOHN ANTHONY



Our efforts to keep our building in working shape have been many and expensive. Since our last major fund drive in 2013, we have expended over several hundred thousand dollars. This year alone, replaced items and repairs have cost over \$62,000.

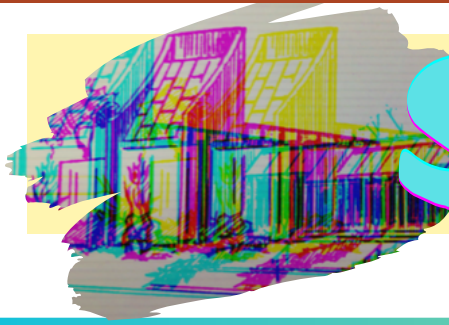
Our two major endowment funds (*L'DOR V'DOR* and General Endowment) have contributed close to \$460,000 since 2013. They desperately need to be restored in order to have strong financial viability.

Through the generosity of a small group of our members, we have raised more than \$100,000. We are now asking the other 180 families of our congregation to match this amount. All of the funds raised will be deposited into our two endowments and not be used for operations.

We are confident that you will help us meet our goals. Please send your support to our office indicating that your donation is for our Matching Fund. Your contributions will ensure we will have a synagogue now and in the future for our families.

Thank you very much,
John Anthony

SHAAREY ZEDEK RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



SZRS News

SZRS Calendar

February

2 Sun. SZRS

- Confirmation

5 Wed. SZRS

9 Sun. SZRS

- M-i-T

12 Wed. NO SZRS but

 **TU BISHVAT**
Congregational Seder
at 5:00 p.m.

16 Sun. NO SZRS

19 Wed. SZRS

23 Sun. SZRS

- M-i-T
- Confirmation

26 Wed. SZRS

28 Fri. 7th
Grade *Shabbat*

March

2 Sun. SZRS

5 Wed. SZRS

7 Fri. 5th/6th

Grade *Shabbat*

9 Sun. SZRS

- M-i-T
- Confirmation

12 Wed. SZRS

MEGILLAH Reading
at 5:00 p.m.

16 Sun. SZRS ends at
11:00 a.m.

PURIM Carnival

- No *Tichon*

19 Wed. SZRS

23 Sun. NO SZRS

26 Wed. NO SZRS

30 Sun. NO SZRS

April

2 Wed. SZRS

6 Sun. SZRS

- M-i-T

SZRS Model Seder

9 Wed. SZRS

11 Fri. 3rd/4th
Grade *Shabbat*

13 Sun. NO SZRS

16 Wed. SZRS

20 Sun. SZRS

23 Wed. SZRS

Yom Hashoah Observance

27 Sun. SZRS

- Last day of M-i-T
- Last day of *Tichon*
- Confirmation Rehearsal

30 Wed. SZRS

Yom Hazikaron /
Haatzmaut Observance

SZRS Policy for Canceling School due to Weather

Wednesdays: We follow the East Lansing Public Schools and will cancel school if the ELPS close. We will notify you by 2 p.m. at the latest.

Sundays: On Sundays, *Menahelet Margot* with consult with Rabbi Bigman and the school committee chair to determine if the roads are safe. If school will be canceled, a notification will go out by 7:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: After two cancelations, SZRS will be held online via Zoom.

7th Grade and Refugee Shabbat

Friday, Feb 28
7:00 p.m.

Join us as our ***Kitah Zayin***
(Seventh Grade)
participates in a special
Shabbat service in
partnership with KI.

Midrash and Mayhem: Adventures in Genesis

Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom (email Margot for the link)

ReJewvenate

Join us on *Shabbat* morning in the Davis Family Social Hall to nourish your body, mind, and soul on **February 1**.

- 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Stretching and Movement with Lauren Warshaw
- 10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Discussion with Margot Valles
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Creativity and Art

JEWS IN SPORTS

Jesse Goldberg-Strassler

The Voice of The Lansing Lugnuts

Sunday morning
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY 2

MARCH 2



Needle Arts and Nibbles Shaarey Zedek Knitting Club

Schuler Books
February 2
2:00 p.m.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Rabbis Amy Bigman and Margot Valles will take turns leading a discussion about the *Parashat Hashavua*, the weekly *Torah* portion. No prior knowledge is required but whatever wisdom you bring will be welcome.

12:00 - 12:40 p.m. Thursdays beginning January 9
via Zoom (link provided to those who register)

Winter 2024 Shaarey Zedek Adult
Education Classes Registration



To Register for weekly Torah study, please fill out this [form](https://forms.office.com/r/TWekwsfvsY):
<https://forms.office.com/r/TWekwsfvsY> (or use the QR code for it above)
or email menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com.

Shaarey Zedek's
Congregational

Tu Bishvat Seder

for all ages

Wednesday, February 12

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 9
using the link below, pointing your phone camera at the QR code,
or by emailing menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6vRTjsEHAN> 9

**What even is
a Tu Bishvat
Seder?**

The 16th Century Kabbalists of Tsefat took the 15th of *Shevat* (*Tu Bishvat* in Hebrew), the date used for calculating the age of trees, and imbued it with mystical significance. They developed a Passover *Seder* style ritual that involves the tasting of various types of fruit, 4 cups of wine/grapejuice and a festive celebration.





Bundt Bake-Off and Bingo!



Everyone is welcome for a
Bundt Cake Bake-Off and fun, free Bingo
Sunday, February 23
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
in the Davis Family Social Hall

Bake your favorite cake in a Bundt pan and enter it to win a prize!
Or just come for the tasting and vote for your favorite Bundt cake recipe.
We'll play free, no-prize Bingo while we enjoy these delicious treats!

Cake registrations and RSVPs are required by February 1
so we can make sure we have enough cake for everyone!

Ros Covey roslyncovey@att.net or 230-6065

MARCH 20
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m



You are invited to join us at Buddy's Pizza (2010 W Grand River Ave) on March 20 between 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Indulge in mouthwatering delights while supporting Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood as 20% of your orders will be contributed.

**SHAAREY ZEDEK
SISTERHOOD
FUNDRAISER**

Remember to tell your server that this is for a fundraiser for Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood.

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:

- Bette Sue Rittman All Children Are Special Fund
- Bubbe Lynn Rycus Beautification Fund
- Building Fund
- Cantor Pamela Schiffer Caring Community Fund
- David and Carrol Kahn Cultural Fund
- Esther and Justin Morrison Fund
- Ethel Wolfe Kitchen Fund
- Henry Fine and Annette Fine Burke Library Fund
- Jerry Cohen Photography Fund
- Joseph & Jeanette Lutvak Fund
- Joseph and Mable Meites Educational Fund
- Landscape Fund
- Planned Giving Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Rabbi Morton and Aviva Hoffman Tzedakah Fund
- Robert Goodman Music Fund
- Sophie Radway Memorial PJ Library 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



BUILDING FUND

In memory of Rosemarie Sender
Jessica Sender

ESTHER AND JUSTIN MORRISON FUND

In honor of the anniversaries of Stuart and Gayle Morrison and Kenny and Patty Warshaw; In honor of the birthday of Shawna Olds
Esther Morrison

In honor of Esther Morrison on her 106th birthday
Yvette Feldman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Arnold Zumberg, Blanche Crego, Archie Crego, Marlene Hoffman
Junis Zumberg

SOPHIE RADWAY MEMORIAL PJ LIBRARY FUND

For the recovery of Madeline Flaster
Burt and Marlene Altman

In memory of David and Sophie Radway; Ronald and Lila Radway; Anna Zidell
Richard and Bonnie Radway

In memory of Barbara Anderson
Steve and Mitzi Goldstein

YAHRTZEITS



February 7

Lee Abramson
Barbara Alpert
Paul Eisenberg
Marvin Engel
Andre Friedlis
Daniel Goldstein
Isadore "Tom" Goodman
Charles Israel
Beverly Kamins
Mordechai (Max) Kreinin
Benjamin Albert Levine
Maier Simon Levine
Abraham Marks
Donald Polin
Charles Rosenthal
Bernice Schlachter
Edwin Skuller
James Zachman

February 14

Joseph Bardach
Harry P. Berman
Craig Matthew Bigman
Julius Binder
Bess Blyveis
Benjamin Evans
Abe Gabin
Stanley Goorin
Benjamin Casey Lamb
Saul Liefer
Timothy Merryman
Edythe Meyer
Faylene Owen
Milt Price
Matilda Post
Arnold Robinson
Frank Selman
Rebecca Sernick
Colleen Siet
Betty Bloomfield Soffin

February 21

Paul Abramson
Edward Bloomfield
Pearl Cohan
Jacques Cohen
Jessie Silver Feinstein
Jack H. Finn
Joseph Gutoskey
Rhoda Kaye
Leonard Kerner
Marty Marquardt
Maurice J. Robins
Linda Lee Weingarten Roth
Winnie Rome
Howard Schlachter
Lee Gochberg Showstack
Morris Silverman
Irma Wald

February 28

Harvey Altman
Louis Bigman
Gussie Bloomfield
Ruth Bradshaw
Michael Craig
Robin Fields
Erwin Gutowitz
Abraham Hattner
Cecille Kerner
Susie Cohen Levine
Sylvia Rosenstein Levy
Howard Magen
Kitty Marks
Alan Neiberg
Dobe Rubiner
Anna Schwartz
Eve Silver
Philip Samuel Silver
Abraham Sommers
Yolanda Weiss



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

Burt and Marlene Altman on the death of their brother-in-law Bruce Billes

Howard Rittman on the death of his sister-in-law Naomi Shaberman

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East Lansing, MI 48823

Worship Schedule

Friday, February 7 — Soup-er *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
(Please see page 4 for details about dinner and attire)

Friday, February 14 — Shaarey Zedek Live! Worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, February 21 -- *Shabbat* Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 28 — Refugee *Shabbat* / Seventh Grade *Shabbat*
Worship, 7 p.m.