



Congregation Shaarey Zedek

Commentary

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Sabbath Services and Events

Friday, August 31

Shabbat Evening Service, 8:00 pm
Rabbi Morton Hoffman, Cantor Pamela Schiffer
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by family and friends of
Alex Bez, our Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, September 1

Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Alex
Bez, son of Joel and Leslie Bez, 9:00am

Wednesday, September 5

Religious School Open House and Ice Cream Social,
6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, September 7

Shabbat Evening Service, 8:00 pm
Rabbi Amy Bigman, Cantor Pamela Schiffer
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by John/Marcia Eulenberg,
Josh Fields /Susan Anderson, Betsy Hull, Bonnie /
Dick Radway and Patty/Ken Warshaw

August and September Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, September 8

Shabbat Morning Service, 9:00am
S'lichot Intergenerational Service, 7:00 pm**

Sunday, September 9

Religious School begins, 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 12

Erev Rosh Hashanah, office closed at noon**

Thursday, September 13

First Day Rosh Hashanah**

Friday, September 14

Second Day Rosh Hashanah**
Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service, 8:00 pm
Oneg Shabbat sponsored our Sisterhood

Saturday, September 15

Shabbat Morning Service at 9:00 am

Sunday, September 16

Religious School, 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 29

Religious School, 4:30 pm

Friday, September 21

Shabbat—Kol Nidre Service, 7:00 pm**

Saturday, September 22

Yom Kippur **

Sunday, September 23

Religious School, 9:30 am

Tuesday, September 25

Hadassah Meeting with Guest Speaker, Rabbi Amy
Bigman, 7:30 pm in the social hall

Wednesday, September 26

Religious School, 4:30 pm

Thursday, September 27

First Day of Sukkot Morning Service 9:00 am

Friday, September 28

Second Day Sukkot, Morning Service, 9:00 am
Shabbat Evening Service, 8:00 pm
Oneg Shabbat sponsored by our Sisterhood

Saturday, September 29

Shabbat Morning Service, 9:00 am

Sunday, September 30

Religious School, 9:30 am

****A complete High Holy Days schedule is included
in the Commentary.**

Congregation Shaarey Zedek

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RABBI AMY B. BIGMAN

In our yearly cycle of *Torah* readings, we are nearing the end of the Book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy, or *D'varim* ("Words"), is a re-telling of our history. Moses gives three long speeches as the people are about to enter into the holy land. He reiterates the nation's history, reminding the people to follow God's teachings.

Many commentators have noted that the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the promised land need not have taken 40 years. Although I presume they did not have any maps to guide them, they did have God to do so; with God's guidance the journey should have taken a few years at most. Yet it took them 40 years to travel from one place to another. Now – finally! – 40 years later, after those who had been slaves in Egypt had all died, a new generation stands poised at the edge of the land, ready to inherit it.

Our ancestors knew where they were going physically, geographically; that is, they knew what their final destination was. However, they were not yet spiritually ready to enter the land and the great inheritance that God had given them. Those who were slaves in Egypt, who wanted to return to Egypt at the sign of even the slightest of hardships, who only knew what it was like to have someone (Pharaoh) provide for them, needed to be replaced by a new generation who was ready to work hard, take care of themselves, and follow God's ways.

They were on a journey – both a physical journey from Egypt to the Land, and a spiritual journey, leaving behind one leader (Pharaoh) before fully accepting another (God).

So, too, are we on a journey. I noted during my first sermon in July that each of us is on our own journey and, at the same time, we are on a congregational journey. Together we will explore new ideas, new modes of worship, new learning experiences. We will work to help each individual find the right path on his/her own spiritual journey; we will work to find a congregational path as well.

The way to establish a strong spiritual life is by creating authentic Jewish experiences in our homes and in our synagogues. By teaching our children and grandchildren by example, through Shabbat dinners and holiday celebrations, by engaging in study, by participating in worship and social action activities, we give a gift to them and to ourselves. We open ourselves to finding deeper meaning in our lives.

May this new year of 5768 be one of great meaning and love for you and yours. *Shanah tovah u'm'tukah!*

HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

I join with my colleagues in wishing each of you a happy and healthy new year. May this new year bring you peace, comfort, and joy. And may it also bring peace, comfort, and joy to our brothers and sisters around the world. *Shanah Tovah u'm'tukah!*

Rabbi Amy Bigman

Cantor Schiffer's holiday message is on the music newsletter page.

Dear Friends,

Aviva and I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and fulfilling year 5768. During the past few decades since our arrival here in 1983 we have truly been privileged to work closely with many of you and through that work we have made many wonderful friendships. We also extend our good wishes to others whom we know less well—to the people who have joined Shaarey Zedek since my retirement and to the members of our sister congregation Kehillat Israel. We hope that 5768 will bring many opportunities for us to get to know one another better and to create friendships that will be mutually beneficial.

May the year ahead be a year of quiet for our brothers and sisters in the State of Israel—a year that may hopefully bring the end of the indoctrination for hatred and the beginning of an education for peace among those who would be our enemies.

There is a prayer we recite with the appearance of every "new moon" throughout the year (oddly with the exception of the new moon of Tishri—the month during which Rosh Hashanah is observed). In it there is one especially fitting and very wise verse in which we ask God: "May the fondest wishes we hold in our hearts be fulfilled for our good." Our liturgist is aware that not every fond wish we entertain is for our own good. I close with that hope for the fulfillment of our wishes for our own good. Amen

Rabbi Hoffman, Aviva and family

Dear Friends,

Gail and I extend to our Shaarey Zedek family wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. May we work together to bring peace and harmony to our congregation, our community and the world.

Alan Wolfe
President

On behalf of my family and the Religious School faculty and staff, I wish the Shaarey Zedek community a *Shanah Tovah u'metukah*, a good and sweet new year. May it be a year filled with health, happiness and prosperity, a year of peace in Israel, the Middle East and throughout the world, a year of friendship, learning and continued growth.

Aviva Panush
School Director

Kenny and Lauren join me in hope and prayer that this year, 5768, brings health, happiness and peace to all people of our community and the world. May we be blessed with friendship, love and laughter and may God's blessings be with us always.

Patty Warshaw
Administrator

Dear Friends,

Miriam joins me in wishing Congregation Shaarey Zedek and all its members the very best for the New Year. We miss all of you very much. We hope and pray that the New Year 5768 brings peace to Israel and to the whole world. The prayer book is our guide, to help bolster the relationship between those nations, who love freedom and equality for every human being.

May all of you be inscribed in the book of life. Our family, Debbie and Michelle and their families are doing fine and they send their best wishes together with ours.

SHANAH TOVA TIKATEVU

Faithfully yours,
Cantor and Miriam Wetzler

OUR BAR MITZVAH

Alexander David Bez

Alexander David Bez will be called to the Torah on Saturday, September 1 at Shabbat morning services, 9:00 am. Alex is the son of Joel and Leslie Bez, older brother to Bradley and grandson of Bert and Carol Bez. He was born on August 10, 1994.

Alex's parents describe him as follows: "Alex is an eighth grader at Kinawa Middle School where he is an excellent student. Alex plays football and basketball for Okemos. Alex enjoys boating, reading, listening to music and hanging with his friends and family. Alex is smart, funny, hard working, thoughtful and above all kind-hearted. Alex is a special person and a blessing to all of us."

Congregation Shaarey Zedek wishes a hearty Mazal Tov to Alex and the entire Bez family.

BABYSITTING FOR HIGH HOLYDAYS

Shaarey Zedek will provide baby-sitting for children 12 months through 7 years old for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please note: To ensure a safe and secure environment for your children, **ONLY PARENTS** will be allowed in the baby-sitting area to check on children or pick them up.

ONLY children registered for baby-sitting may be present in the baby-sitting area!

ONLY children 12 months and older are eligible.

The cost is \$5 per session, per child, with a \$10 maximum per family, per session.

Reservations (with payment) must be made by Friday, September 7, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS CAN BE MADE. For the safety of your children and to keep the correct baby-sitter to child ratio, cannot accept drop-ins.

Please use the 2007 High Holy Days Baby-sitting form (enclosed) to register your child(ren). If you have any questions, please call Patty Warshaw at 351-3570.

ROSH HASHANAH ONEG

Sisterhood will sponsor the Rosh Hashanah Oneg following services on Wednesday, September 12. We are requesting your help in baking desserts, supplying nuts, cheese and crackers or fruit. We ask that your items be delivered to Shaarey Zedek by 5 pm on Tuesday, September 11 or on Wednesday morning by noon. We also need help setting up the trays on Wednesday morning at 10 am. If you are able to help us, please call Roz Covey at 337-1079. Thank you in advance for your support.

YOM KIPPUR BREAK- FAST 2007

The High Holidays are almost here! Now is the time to make your plans for the Yom Kippur Break-Fast. This year the Break-Fast will be served immediately following Neilah (concluding services) on Saturday, September 22.

The charge will be \$10 per person, or \$25 per family. A family reservation includes all persons residing at the same address. Children under the age of 13 are free. You are more than welcome to add extended family members to your reservation, but please include \$10 for each additional guest over the age of 13 that is included with your reservation. Your reservations and checks must be sent in advance, as no money will be accepted at the Break-Fast. Please complete the reservation form and mail to Royalyn Vert at 3433 Springbrook Lane, Lansing, MI 48917. Please make your check payable to **Congregation Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood**. Your ticket will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation and check. If you have any questions, please contact Royalyn at 323-4355.

GRANDPARENTS AND RETIREES

In observance of the High Holy Days, there will be no September meeting. Look for our October program information in the October Commentary. The planning committee, Martin Saper, Betty Krohngold, Betty Soffin and Lillian Berlin, are looking for your ideas for upcoming programming. What are your interests? What topics would you like explored —would you like more educational opportunities? Give us your suggestions. Your call to any member of the planning committee will be welcomed.

5768 JEWISH Calendars

Estes Leadley Funeral Home has generously provided us with Jewish calendars for 5768. They are available in the lobby.

B'NAI BRITH BOWLING

It's that time of year again! Join old friends and make new ones. Drop your children off at Sunday School, Have a bagel , bowl 3 games and then pick your children up. New teams forming. Season starts Sept. 9. Call Steve Siet, **381-0636 or 974-0544**. What are you waiting for? We are CO-ED. **CALL NOW**

BOY SCOUTS

Welcome back to our Boy Scout Troup 180, under the direction of leader Bruce McCrea. The Troop meets on Tuesday evenings in our social hall and they will be helping us set chairs and prayer books in preparation for our Holy Days. Thank you Troop 180.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

MESSAGE FROM MARILYN RUBEN, PRESIDENT

The Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood held its third meeting of the summer on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. Our focus was on lining up fun activities as well as fund-raiser activities for the new year. Our calendar is packed with exciting events. We have more than enough fun and cultural activities to do. There is truly something for everyone. Refreshments were served from our hospitality committee headed up by **Cathy Gorwitz**. A special thanks goes out to our sisterhood members who took time out of their busy schedules to come to the meeting in the 90+ degree heat to help us plan upcoming events. Our next sisterhood meeting is open to everyone and is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Shaarey Zedek social hall.

Our sisterhood meeting was even more interesting when **Sandy Soifer** showed us some of the beautiful jewelry available for sale in the Gift Shop by Israeli designer Michal Negrin. Please visit the Gift Shop and see what lovely items are available and if you don't find what you are looking for, then Sandy will try to get it for you.

Christine Schwitzer and **Shawn Olds** have setup a sisterhood web site at <http://szsisters.googlepages.com/>. There is also a calendar of events at <http://szsisters.googlepages.com/sisterhoodcalendar>. We will be keeping the calendar updated so you can always check it to see what is happening that you don't want to miss.

Shawn and Jeff Olds hosted a wonderful open house on Sunday, August 19 for sisterhood members to meet our new Rabbi Amy Bigman. The turnout was excellent and everyone had a great time and good conversation. Thank you Rabbi for sharing your wonderful stories and being part of our lives.

The High Holy days are fast approaching. During this period of self-examination, we look over the previous year with its accomplishments and regrets. We make apologies to family, friends and God in our attempt to bring our lives into alignment with God's commands. Sisterhood hopes the new year will be better for you and your family.

Watch your mailboxes and check your Commentary for information and sign-up dates for Break the Fast, the Memorial Booklets, Younkens Coupon booklets, Oneg sign-up dates, and more.

Is your listing in the Sisterhood Directory current? Do we have your correct e-mail address? Did your cell phone number change during the year? These are some of the questions we need to know about for the next edition of the Sisterhood Directory scheduled for distribution around Thanksgiving time. Have you considered advertising your

business or service in the directory which is seen by all families in the congregation? We count on you to let us know when things in your life change. Directory changes will only be made if you tell us what to change. Please take the time to fill in the changes which have occurred in your listing. The form is enclosed.

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAY SALE

Sisterhood is again participating in the Younkens Community Day Sale on November 10. Coupon books have been mailed to congregation members for purchase. They make great gifts for housekeepers, hair dressers, teachers, etc. Sisterhood would like to thank all the people who have responded so generously to the Younkens Fund Raiser. If you have not yet responded please take a minute to do so by September 15. If you have any questions or would like additional books, please call **Ros Covey** at 337-1079.

MAH JONGG ANYONE?

Mah Jongg players wanted! Are you a seasoned player or a beginner? Never played but always wanted to learn... We are putting together a list of players that want to learn and those who might be interested in playing in a tournament (Spring 2008). Call **Ros Covey** at 337-1079

SISTERHOOD AREA DAY

On Saturday, August 4, 2007, a group of 35 women representing six member Sisterhoods in the combined Eastern Michigan/Western Michigan Areas gathered in Ann Arbor, Michigan for a day of study, education, friendship, lunch and great conversation. Our Torah Study was led by Dr. Lisbeth S. Fried, a member of Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor and one of the women whose comments and interpretations are published in the soon to be released The Torah: A Women's Commentary. The portion we examined was from parashat "Shemini" (Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47) about "Purity and Danger in the Sanctuary and the Home". Following a delicious lunch hosted by the women of Sisterhood Beth Emeth, WRJ Central District President Bette Jo Stempel treated us to an updated and thorough review of the mission, organization, functions, and future of Women of Reform Judaism. We wrapped up the day with a casual, but informative open discussion about our Sisterhood's issues, strengths and areas of concern. Our Sisterhood President, **Marilyn Ruben**, and **Royalyn R. Vert**, WRJ Central District Area Director for Western Michigan, represented Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood. It is our hope that more Shaarey Zedek Sisterhood members will be able to attend when we have our 2008 Area Day. On behalf of the WRJ Central District Board, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a L'shana Tovah Tikatevu.

Royalyn R. Vert

TZEDAKAH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Tzedakah Committee has been working hard and having fun at the time. We purchased 130 backpacks, paper, pens, crayons, pencils and glue which were donated to St. Vincent's Catholic Charities on August 21. We toured the facility and saw ways the Tzedakah Committee could help.

I would like to give special thanks to **Chris Wilson**, Store Director of the Lake Lansing Meijer's, who gave us a 40% discount off our purchases as well as a \$100.00 gift card toward our purchase. He r made the experience a pleasure and went out of his way to help.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to **Jeff Olds** who helped me pick up all the school supplies and deliver them back to Shaarey Zedek. A special thank you as well to **Royalyn Vert** who helped with the selection and purchase of these items.

Lastly, thank you! Because of your generosity and donations to the Tzedakah fund, we are able to do these mitzvahs. On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish all of you L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu.

Cathy Gorwitz, Chair

BAGGED FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK

This year's High Holy Days will again be a time for all of us together to give a boost to the less fortunate in our community. Shaarey Zedek has the honor of being the largest contributor in the area to the Food Bank. Last year we collected 2.5 TONS of food!!! Our goal this year is 3 tons. Our Religious School students will be helping to load the Food Mover Trucks. Paper grocery bags will be distributed on Rosh Hashanah which we ask you to return, filled with non-perishable foods and toiletries to Shaarey Zedek. Envelopes for donations to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger will be attached to the grocery bags or you may use the donation slip below. CANNED FRUITS were specifically requested from the Food Bank. Fill one or more bags and please observe the following:

- ** Sealed, unopened containers that have not reached their expiration
- ** Only items which do not require refrigeration
- ** No glass containers
- ** Mix heavy and light items so the bag will not be too heavy
- ** Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. are especially welcome as well.

Please bring your filled bags to Shaarey Zedek between **September 12 and September 26** and put them on the **stage**. Thank you for your continued commitment to this community project.

HADASSAH News

The Central States Region Fall Conference will be held October 19-21, 2007 at the Campus Inn in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our theme for the Conference, "**Hadassah: A Family of Women**", will celebrate members of all ages, who bring different life experiences to our organization, making us richer because of diversity, yet recognizing the beliefs we all have in common, that truly make Hadassah a family. ***Come gather under our Red Tent!*** Inspired by the book of the same name, our Red Tent will be a place to gather for personal growth, information and resources, leadership development as well as good food and conversation with members across our region.

Two members from the **Lansing Chapter of Hadassah**, will be participating in the conference. **Dr. Annette Weinshank will lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, October 19. Sandy Soifer will be participating in the Jewish Women in Philanthropy breakout session on Saturday, October 20.**

For more information contact Eileen Thacker, conference chair, tethacker@yahoo.com; 734-302-1810 or Sandy Goodman, 332-1700; goodmans@msu.edu. Limited subsidies are available from Marci Carron, mjcarron@columbus.rr.com.

DATE CORRECTION!!!!

The first Hadassah meeting for the 2007-08 year is scheduled for **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH** in the Shaarey Zedek Social Hall, 1924 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI, 7:30PM.

Our speaker will be Rabbi Amy Bigman
Topic: Judaism and the Pro-Choice Movement: The relationship between Hadassah and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Sandy Goodman 332-1700; goodmans@msu.edu or
Ziona Bisno 339-9573; bisno@comcast.net

MACY'S SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, 2007

We will be selling Shop For A Cause shopping passes again this year for \$5.00 each. The passes can be used only on October 13 and October 14. Hadassah keeps the money for each pass we sell. (We will not receive a share of the passes sold in the store on October 13 and 14 as we did last year.) This is a terrific fundraiser for Hadassah. Last year, with not a lot of advance notice, we sold 111 shopping passes to our members, to our friends, and to our relatives. This year we hope to sell 200 or more passes. The savings passes allow us to take advantage of special savings on select merchandise throughout the store in addition to regular

and sale merchandise specials. Save 20% off regular, sale and clearance women's, men's and kids' apparel and accessories; 20% off fine, bridge and fashion jewelry; bed and bath items; house wares; frames, luggage, china, crystal and silver, and more. (As always, there are some exclusions.)

For more information contact:
Sandy Goodman
332-1700
goodmans@msu.edu

Hadassah Book Club:
Wednesday, September 26, 12:30 PM at K.I.
Book: "My Grandfather's Blessings" by Rachel Naomi Remen
For more information, contact: Lois Rosen 337-2275 of Ziona Bisno at bisno@comcast.net

Sunday, October 28
Hadassah-Jewish Studies Brunch, University Club of MSU. 10 AM to 12 Noon

Fun-draiser at Max and Erma's on October 30th
Distribute the Max and Erma's coupons to anyone who will dine at Max and Erma's for lunch and/or dinner on October 30th. Hadassah will receive 20% of the sales for each person who uses a coupon. There is no cost for the coupons. You can duplicate the coupon. For additional coupons please contact: Gale Schiamberg 349-4747; gschiamberg@hotmail.com or Sandy Goodman 332-1700; goodmanbs@msu.edu

Wednesday, December 12
Shirley Finn Abelman Mitzvah Day
Chanukah Celebration
Burcham Hills Retirement Home, 7 PM

Hadassah Cards and certificates: Contact Ziona Bisno - 339-9573; bisno@comcast.net or Anita Mitchell - 485-5369

Jewish National Fund:
Trees are \$15. contact Este Wolkinson - 337-0710 JNF
Blue Box: contact Gail Wolfe - 349-9873

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning Hebrew -- 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. -- Begin with the Hebrew alphabet and by the end of the course, you'll be reading Hebrew prayers! This fourteen week course will give you the background you need to feel comfortable with synagogue worship as well as home celebrations. Cost: Price of textbook to be announced

Introduction to Judaism -- 8:00 - 9:15 p.m. -- Never had a chance to go to religious school? Or perhaps you've forgotten some of what you learned as a child? Pursuing an interfaith relationship and want to understand your partner's faith tradition? Or perhaps you are thinking of becoming Jewish? Then this is the course for you! We will cover holidays, lifecycle and more!

Cost: Free for Shaarey Zedek members; \$36 for non-members (Please note: Students will be asked to purchase books.)

Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings:
October 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 28
December 5; January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6, and 13.

Instructor: Rabbi Amy Bigman

Please call the Religious School office 351-3570 ex. 4 to register.

Jewish Studies Program AT MSU

Listed below are dates and times for the Israeli Film Festival to be held at MSU. For more information, please contact the Jewish Studies Program at MSU.

Wednesday, September 19, "Halleluiah": 7:00 pm, 118 Psych. Building
Monday, November 5, "A Green Chariot": 7:00 pm, 108 Bessey Hall
Sun., March 30 (afternoon/evening)
Mon., March 31 (evening)
Tues., April 1, 2008 (evening).
Times & films: To be announced.
Location: Communication Arts & Sciences.

MSU HILLEL

September programming flyers are available in the lobby and on our bulletin board. Help yourself to a copy.

GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes for continued good health to:

Naomi Weitzman
Gayle Lutvak
Naomi Rachman
Martin Saper
Milt Firestone
Phyllis Covey
Linda Woodrow

MAZEL TOV

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Pearlman are delighted to announce the birth of Jonathan Noah Pearlman to Dr. Robert and Liad Pearlman on July 2 in Chicago. Yoni, as he likes to be called, is named for his paternal grandfather Jacob (Jack) Pearlman. He celebrated his Pidyon Haben on July 31 and remarked that the Pidyon Haben was more fun than his Brit Milah. He was redeemed with 5 silver coins specially minted for that purpose in Israel. These were supplied by his maternal grandparents, Menachem and Dalia Ganz of Long Island, New York.

The Pearlman family is also thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter Aviva Jill, to Nossan David Knobloch of Chicago. Nossan is entering his third year at the University of Chicago Law School where he serves on the Law Review Board. Aviva teaches at Lake Forest, Illinois and at Northwestern University. We plan to celebrate these Simchas as part of Shabbat on September 29 during Chol Hamoed Sukkot.

Our former student Rabbi Oren Hayon and his wife Julie Hayon are the proud parents of a baby girl, Avital Yardena (they'll call her Avi) born on July 12. Cards may be sent to Rabbi Oren and family at:

Temple Emanu-El
8500 Hillcrest Road
Dallas, Texas 75225

Mazal Tov to Ron and Carol Horowitz on the birth of their grandson, Noah Samuel, born to David and Marci Horowitz on August 10. Big brother Daniel welcomes Noah as well.

Member News and Views

Mazal Tov to Larry and Gale Schiamberg on the birth of twin granddaughters' Mireille Friedman and Eloise Perkins born on August 22. Proud parents Judith and Scott Schiamberg share in their excitement.

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Bigman on the birth of her nephew, Jack Philip Bigman born on August 24. Proud parents Kevin and Laura Bigman of Chicago and grandparents Ronald and Carol Bigman share in their joy.

Mazal Tov our Boy Scout Troop Leader Bruce McCrea who was presented with the United Methodist Church's Torch Award during a August Sunday morning church service at Asbury United Methodist Church.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all my friends who remembered my 85th birthday on July 28. I am still vertical and promise to laugh at all your jokes.
Leonor Reizen

NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation welcomes the following new members who have joined our community since August 2007.

Karen and Zoe Weinstein
1530 S. Williamston Road
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We look forward to your involvement in services and at our many events and activities.

NEW Addresses

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Sylvia Schwartz
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Lisa Bass
211 Lahoma (corrected)
Lansing, MI 48915
517-230-0111
ahava1978@yahoo.com

INVITATION

All are invited to share in the four score birthday celebration of Irv Lehmann at Shabbat services on Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 am.

HOME FOR A SUKKAH or SUKKAH FOR A HOME

I have a wonderful Sukkah given to me by Bruce Wetzler about 7 years ago, used 4 times for Sukkah parties at my house. It is four-sided, plastic enclosed, with laced wood beams above. I would really like to donate it to any congregation family with little kids who would like a Sukkah. Please contact Doug Ruben at RubenDoug@aol.com if you are interested.

September Calendar

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Ken Adams, Jamie Ravitch
6. Devon Casher, Lynn Rycus
7. Ken Klegon, Anna Norris
8. Thea Glicksman, Ryan Landay, Judson Werbelow
10. Arnold Zumberg
11. Zachary Dyme, Marvin Lieberman
12. Lauren Warshaw
13. Hal Morley, Michele Meyrowitz
15. Joyce Lazer
18. Lauren Cohan, Suzanne Lowe, Jill Mittleman
19. Roz Covey, Nell Kuhnmuensch, Irv Lehmann, Flo Levy, Lori Rudman
20. Rebecca Marvin, Frank Ravitch, Isabelle Rycus, Erica Holman
21. Harlan Grund, Audrey Rubner
22. Susan Danovitz
23. Barb Jackson, Brooke Meyer, Howard Rittman
24. Kenneth Norris
25. Hannah Bez, Tom Morley, Robyn Robins
27. Renee Firestone, Jonathan Flaster
28. Matthew Clark, Paul Eisenberg
29. Burt Altman, Lindsay Casher, David Mittleman, Daniel Pasman
30. Beatrice Rabin

EARLY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Laura Walker
2. Steve Saltzman

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1. Maureen and Doug Bez, Marsha and Ray Foresman
2. Karen and Chuck Rossen
6. Debora and Marcos Dantus, Steve and Christina Schwitzer
8. Lauren Wolfe and Casey Lamb
9. Mildred and Joe Schlesinger, Lynn and Skip Hecht
11. Janet and Paul Abramson, Mark and Jaye Clark, Tamie and Barry Kaufman
15. Marlene and Burt Altman
16. Rachel and Michael Zakhem
19. Shirleyann and Harvey Altman
24. Flo and Ted Levy

Condolences

Condolences are sent Margie Shanker and family on the death of her uncle Leo Klein on July 31.

Condolences are sent to Judy Frank on the death of her aunt Mae Greenstein.

YARHZEIT LIST

August 31

Yehuda Barch, Marvin Canvasser, Robert Cherin, Rachel DeStigter, Evelyn Frank, Bernard Magen, Minna Reizen, Morris Teles, Helen Murphy, Tillie Levinson, Ethel Stollman, Sigmund Cahn, Dorothy Prague, Eva Gittlen, Max Dorn, William Zietz, Joseph Goodman, Samuel Kaplowitz, Erol Preiss, Julius Keller, Mark Walker

September 7

Walter and Nellie Balzer, Hannah Harvith, Florence Kessler, Jack Behrman, Robert Goodman, Clarita Krohngold, Anna Marks, Herman Tannenbaum, Sallie Weil, Jane B. Fishel, Benjamin Rosenberg, Bella Kominars, John Mitchell

September 14

Lillian Frank Bellows, Katherine Blau, Donald Hack, Paul Jackson, Seymour Lurie, Sadie Nedelman, Milton Greenberg, Miriam Holtz De Gitlin, Rose Bassing, Lori Cohen, Morris Shriman, Carl Marion, Fae Goodman

September 21

Sylvia Friedland, Julius Friedlis, Jack Burke, Marcia Domanick, Jeffrey Ginsburg, Harriet Ginsburg, Murray I. Jacobs, Chana Kamins, Joan Kuhnmuensch, Florence Lachman, Harold Marvin, Joseph Rubin, Harold Shnider, Milton Sondel, Robert Warnke, Paula Baron Simon, Martin Alexander, Malcolm Whitford, Donald Hillel Hull, Enid Kaplowitz, Helen Drelich

September 28

Felix Abeles, Jean Asher, Albert Bassing, John B. Nelson, Louis Slusky, Zvi Hirsch Epstein, Marston

Busch, Maxine Greenberg, Irving L. Marks, Sylvia Martin, John Mitchell, Miriam Rycus, Iris Saul, Bernard Shnider, Jennie Soffin

Scheduling Events at Shaarey Zedek

All scheduled meetings, classes, events, special functions, etc-anytime the building will be used for any reason, must first be approved for availability through Patty Warshaw in our office. We try our best to avoid duplication of SZ events as well as events in the community. It is hoped that through increased communication and notification, more members will have the opportunity to participate in the many programs Shaarey Zedek has to offer.

We Care!!

Your congregational family is eager to serve you. However, unless you call us, we cannot always be successful in knowing something has occurred in your family which would be enhanced by a visit from our clergy. The new HIPAA laws preclude hospitals from releasing any medical information to temples and clergy. Call us when you need us— please don't assume that we have heard your news from someone else. Please telephone the office at 351-3570 if you know of a member who is in the hospital or ill at home.

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If you would like a loved ones name read for a Mishebarach, a prayer of healing, please call the office by 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon.

Gifts, honors and memorials...

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ROBERT GOODMAN MUSIC FUND

In memory of Julian Feiler, brother of Betty Krohngold Mordechai and Marleina Kreinin

BUILDING

In memory of Jane B. Fishel
Larry Fishel

FLORENCE RUDMAN EARLY EDUCATION FUND

Winnie Rome, Chair

In honor of Herb Rudman's birthday
Marlene and Burt Altman

GENERAL FUND

A contribution was received from Dr. Murray and Roslyn Vinnik

JUSTIN MORRISON MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Leo Klein
Ida and Jack Shanker

Happy Birthday to Lynn Rycus
Happy Birthday to Jud Werbelow
Happy Birthday to Marvin Lieberman
Happy Birthday to Yvette Feldman
Happy Birthday to Barb Jackson
Happy Anniversary to Nancy and Irv Kanat
Happy Anniversary to Melissa and Randy Shanker
Happy Anniversary to Lynn and Skip Hecht
Happy Anniversary to Marlene and Burt Altman
Happy and Healthy New Year Wishes to Mark and Gayle Lutvak
Happy and Healthy New Year Wishes to my Lansing friends
In honor of the marriage of my grandchildren Jenny and Jordan Glass
In memory of Leo Klein
Esther Morrison

In loving memory of our beloved father, Leo Klein
Marilyn and Steve Kulp

A speedy recovery to Naomi Rachman
In honor of Aviva Pearlman's engagement to Nosson Knobloch
In honor of the engagement of Lisa Bass to Mark Semen
Mazel Tov to Gale and Larry Schiamberg on the birth of twin granddaughters, Mireille Friedman Schiamberg and Eloise Perkins Schiamberg
Carol and Ron Horowitz

ETHEL WOLFE KITCHEN FUND

Gail Wolfe, Chair

In memory of Nancy Dameshek's son Terry
In honor of the birth of Marty and Elian Pearlman's grandson Jonathon Noah
In honor of Horowitz grandson
Alan and Gail Wolfe

In memory of Evelyn Goodman
Ethel and John Anthony

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Harold B. Dorman
Michele and Michael Meyrowitz

LANDSCAPE FUND

Sue and Jerry Weiss, Chairs

In memory of Madelyn Harrigan
Martha Jane Mueller

In memory of Marlene Altman's father, Jack Martin
In memory of Leo Klein
Margie and Larry Shanker

TZEDAKAH

Cathy Gorwitz, Chair

In honor of the recovery of Steve and Mark Siet
In honor of the recovery of Sylvia Schwartz
Norman and Shirleyetta Sernick

In memory of Bernice Gordon
Mildred and Joseph Schlesinger

In honor of the recovery of Naomi Rachman
The Tzedakah Committee

JOSEPH AND JEANNETTE LUTVAK MEMORIAL FUND

Lynn Rycus, Chair

In memory of Jack Rotofsky
In memory of Irv Weinberg
In memory of Mary Pollock
In memory of Harry Harrey
In memory of Morris Silverman
A speedy recovery to Elaine Flynn
Happy Birthday to Lynn Rycus
Happy Birthday to Kathy Keene/Kesel
Happy Birthday to Steve Lutvak

New Years 5768 Greetings to:

Harry Gittlen
Dorothy Goodman
Estelle Danowitz
Evie Gladstone
Phyllis Cohen
Carrol Kahn
Sophie Radway
Betty Soffin
Esther Morrison
Judson and Louise Werbelow
Don and Anita Baron
Bruce and Miriam Wetzler
Norm and Shirleyetta Sernick
Michele and Michael Meyrowitz
Carolyn and Alan Zohott
Herb and Judy Rudman
Jack and Ida Shanker
Roz and Murray Vinnik
Stuart and Gayle Morrison
Robert and Julie Eliasohn Luebke
Ron and Carol Horowitz
Elaine Flynn, Jamie Samuel and Family, Les/Joan Lunsky, Alex/Peggy Saunders, Lois/Ira Manaster, Reza/Margit Ghavami, Harold/Evelyn Danowitz, Sherie Snover, Barry/Darlene Fayne, Kathy/Tom Keene/Kesel, Molly Herskowitz, Ron/Sherrie Grabois, Mr./Mrs. Arnold Spielberg, Audrey Friedman, Ron Blackman, Edith Samuel, Monte Nagler, Bob/ Sophie Mordis, Steve/Ireena Lutvak, Louise Ziff, Judy Blake, Elaine/ Peter Schwartz/Lipman, Sandy Weinberg/ Moyer, Betty Lou Pollack, Diane/Howard Silverstein, Barb/Bob Ward, Michael/Joanne Pollack, Abe/ Marion Sparer, Jerry/Mariann Mandell, Larry/Joanne Kahn, Mark and Jackie Putterman, Steven Samuel
All our best, Mark and Gayle Lutvak

BERNARD B. FRIEDLAND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FUND

Laurie Bass, Chairperson

In honor of the engagement of Lisa Bass to Mark Semen.
In Memory of Sylvia Friedland
Laurie and Larry Bass

HENRY FINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A speedy recovery to Naomi Rachman
Mazel Tov to Dolores Colangelo
Norman and Shirleyetta Sernick

In celebration of the engagement of Elaine and Marty Pearlman's daughter, Aviva Jill Pearlman to Nosson David Knobloch
Gale and Larry Schiamberg

Happy Anniversary to Bette Sue & Howard Rittman
Happy Anniversary to Gale & Larry Schiamberg
Happy Anniversary to Christina & Stephen Schwitzer
Happy Birthday to Patrick Mitchell
Happy birthday to Max Mittleman
Happy Birthday to Louise Siegel
Happy birthday to Tonya Sparks
Happy Birthday to Marc Silverstein
In honor of Dolores Colangelo's choice of Judaism
A speedy recovery to Naomi Rachman
A speedy recovery to Rita Echt
In memory of Leo Klein, uncle of Margie Shanker
In celebration of the birth of Jonathan Noah Pearlman, grandson of Elaine and Marty Pearlman
In celebration of the engagement of Elaine and Marty Pearlman's daughter, Aviva Jill Pearlman to Nosson David Knobloch
In celebration of the birth of Mireille Friedman Schiamberg and Eloise Perkins Schiamberg, twin granddaughters of Gale and Larry Schiamberg
Sue and Jerry Weiss

In honor of the 85th birthday of Leah Friedman
In honor of the marriage of Esther Morrison's grandson
Annette Fine Burke

In honor of Dolores Colangelo's choice of Judaism
Gale and Larry Schiamberg

MAUREEN GLADSTONE FLOWER FUND

Winnie Rome, Chair

In memory of Margaret Grigg, mother of Mary Marton
Cheryl and Joe Walk

HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE 2007- 5768

Saturday, September 8 Selichot

Intergenerational Service 7:00PM
Dessert to follow

Wednesday, September 12 Erev Rosh Hashanah

Evening Service (followed by Oneg) 8:00 PM

Thursday, September 13 Rosh Hashanah First Day

Mahzor Hadash Morning Service 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Gates of Repentance Service 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM
Intergenerational Service 2:00 PM
Tashlich Service at Ferguson Park in Okemos 4:00 PM

Evening Service 7:30 PM

Friday, September 14 Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Mahzor Hadash Morning Service 9:00 AM
Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service 8:00 PM

Friday, September 21 Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 22 Yom Kippur

Mahzor Hadash Morning Service 8:00 - 10:00 AM
Mahzor Hadash Yizkor Service 10:00 - 10:45 AM
Gates of Repentance Morning Service 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM
Gates of Repentance Yizkor Service 1:15 - 1:45 PM
Mahzor Hadash Musaf 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Intergenerational Service 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Mincha (Afternoon) Service 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Neilah (Concluding) Service 6:00 PM
(followed by Break the Fast)

Bakers and volunteers are needed to help set up for our Rosh Hashanah Oneg on Wednesday, September 12 following the evening service. Please call Roz Covey at 337-1079 for more information.

Letters of Reciprocity are available to those members in good standing of the congregation, to attend High Holy Days services at other Reform congregations. Please contact Patty Warshaw in the office.

For your safety and protection, additional guards have been hired and extra security measures will be taken. Entrance to our building will be limited to the east and west LOBBY doors—the north parking lot entrance will not be open. Tickets will be checked—please have them available.

Babysitting will be available again this year. Please see enclosed flyer for registration.

If you need transportation to any service, please call Patty Warshaw in the office by Monday, September 10.

The Shaarey Zedek office will be closed on these dates and times:

Wednesday, September 12, close at noon
Thursday and Friday, September 13 and 14, closed all day
Friday, September 21, close at noon
Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28, closed all day
Thursday, October 4, closed all day

Commentary

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