

Congregation

Kehillat Israel

High Holidays 5783

Yom Kippur 5783 – G'mar Hatima Tova!

Kol Nidre, Tuesday October 4, 7:00 pm

***Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 5, 9:30 am**

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

4:30 pm Rabbi Kaufman: Eradicating Hate

5:30 pm Yizkor

6:00 pm Mincha

7:30 pm Neilah

approx. 7:55 pm Break Fast

***childcare available**

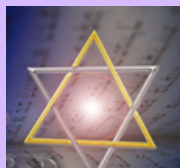
Zoom registration is now open for High Holidays! Your registration will work for all of our services, so you only need to sign up once. Click this link to be taken to the registration page:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZ0kfumoqj4qGdZiVimRvDFZ6ITBvL2m07zt>

We are delighted to offer both in-person and virtual seating at our High Holidays services this year! Services will be held in-person at KI and they will also be on Zoom.

You will experience warm and haymische services however you choose to attend!

Please bear in mind that in order to ensure community safety, all persons entering the building are required to be fully vaccinated, boosted and masks are encouraged.



**Saturday Services
10:00 am**

**October 1 *
October 8 *
October 15 *
October 22 *
October 29**

***With Rabbi
Matthew**

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Soups in the Sukkah

We'll share soups in the Sukkah on Sunday October 16th, from 11:30 to about 1:00 pm - please join us for a sampling of great soups and bread and cheese, and for a short Sukkot celebration.

If you'd like to help decorate the sukkah, please join us the week before, on October 9th, about 11 am, with any branches leaves or stalks that would help cover the shelter. We need SOUPS for Soup in the Sukkah—do you have a recipe you want to try?

To volunteer to make a soup, or to help decorate the sukkah, please email lizharrow@gmail.com to tell her you're in. Thanks Liz Harrow

From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

“Why are we here?” Rabbi Deborah Waxman, president and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism, posed this rhetorical question in her thought-provoking message for this year’s high holidays season (you can watch her message here: <https://youtu.be/cQbyyzXp5qM>). As we begin the month of October, we enter into the Aseret Yemei Tshuvah, the somber period of reflection on the meaning of our lives that spans the time from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur. Rabbi Waxman reminds us that this intensely personal question, potentially fraught with existential angst, is a question that need not – indeed, should not – be contended with alone. It is a question meant to be asked with one other, and answers are meant to be co-constructed in conversation with one another and with one’s own perception of the Divine.

“Why are we here?”, she contends, is a question to be asked and answered with community. Because it touches on how we live in the world, and any attempt to answer it must engage with what sense of responsibility we carry for our relationships with others and for the natural world.

I cannot imagine a more Reconstructionist approach to the high holidays than this. A Reconstructionist approach insists on the priority of community in the classic triangle of God, Torah, and Israel. In a traditional context, God and Torah are the true and only answer to the question of why we are here. The Kaplanian response to that is to turn our gaze expectantly instead to the community of Israel.

Seen in this light, the fast-approaching Day of Repentance asks of us to embrace our fragility, and to share that acceptance with others. Through that sharing, we shall create our own meaning. We shall write our own Book of Life.

Presidents Column

Shana Tova! I am giving 3 consecutive Welcomes to the Congregation on Rosh Hashanah!! I will look forward to seeing you.

In lieu of a column I want to share the following with you.

!!!Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!!!

Soup 'n Schmooze Coordinator

You have an opportunity to takeover a venerable KI program!

Soup 'n Schmooze is one of those quintessentially KI programs that allows us to do two of the things we most enjoy: eating and talking. And also learning.

After many years, Art Slabosky is relinquishing the post of Coordinator and we NEED a replacement to start in the 2023.

Currently the program meets on Zoom, so the Soup side of the equation has lapsed somewhat (although people join and eat a meal while participating). When we will actually return to people's homes remains unclear at this time. So, as coordinator you would be responsible primarily for securing speakers for the series. We aim to have one presentation per month, excepting September. These speakers could be connected to the synagogue directly, or they could be others who are sponsored by members. Arthur has already volunteered to be one of those speakers.

If this opportunity piques your interest, please contact me directly at moftat@msu.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

October Prayer Book Rotation

Oct 1 - KI Kol Haneshamah

Oct 8 - KI Sim Shalom

Oct 15 - KI Kol Haneshamah (Sukkot)

Oct 22 - KI Sim Shalom

Oct 29 - KI Kol Haneshamah

Klvunim

L'Shanah tovah to everyone. Our school year is well underway. This year we welcome Asher Froebe as an apprentice teacher! He joins Raphael and Jonny as our Klvunim alums leading classes.

Kitah Bet kids are engaged in chugim including a board-game-like simulation of immigration patterns of Jewish people in Europe and Asia from 1900-1948. Here are some pictures of the kids during round one.... Each child managed one or more political entities. In the 1900s that meant big empires in Europe. Each country was assigned blocks representing the number of Jews in that location. The round unfolded as children learned about the challenges or successes of Jews in each location. Each round ends with a migration phase, where the children have to "move" specified numbers of Jews to new locations as determined by the actual immigration patterns of that time. The kids were surprised to find out there were very few Jews in the USA and what is now Israel in 1900!

Kitah Gan/Alef, fondly known as the Ganalefers, have been working on developing their Hebrew skills and learning about the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Each Sunday, we spend time as a whole group to do active learning. In this picture you can see Dalia and Aviva creating the Hebrew letter Alef using their bodies!

Liz and Madeline continue to lead the children in drama classes on Wednesdays. Madeline has started a new tradition of warming up the class with Jewish folk dancing. She found an amazing version of Hinei Matov sung disco style by a Jewish boys' choir from Miami. After that, everyone has been limber and ready to join in with their best dramatic presentations!



Join Rabbi Matthew to learn about the festival of Sukkot through the eyes of the earliest Sages

MISHNAH SUKKOT

Sunday October 9 at 4 p.m. on Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/t70scuGsrj0vGN1RePG3jarjJOe3GKLncaxZ>

Through a Reconstructionist Lens – with Rabbi Matthew

Interested in exploring Jewish learning, prayer, God, and how to think Jewishly about the issues of our day?

Join Rabbi Matthew for the ultimate Reconstructionist introduction to Judaism class. *Exclusively for KI members (and prospective members).*

Shabbat: Celebration and Observance

Saturday October 15 at 4 pm

Register in advance (by Thursday is recommended):

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYvd-mrqTlvH9HOvyRpEaFz47sg_YEc3vPZ

This is not your average basic “informational” or “how-to” class! This innovative adult education series, developed by Reconstructing Judaism, asks important questions of us even as it offers a wonderful entry point to learning. It teaches that Jewish life is as much about creating meaning as it is about responding to tradition.

Learn and discuss a wide range of topics monthly with Rabbi Matthew. Join for any or all of them! This class features engaging video interviews with knowledgeable speakers and other materials that are provided to class registrants in advance of each class. Once you've looked at the background material, simply join Rabbi Matthew for a group discussion on that month's topic, and let's learn together!

Upcoming topics include:

- Classical Jewish Texts (November 19)
- Kashrut and Justice (December 17)
- Israel
- Racial Justice
- Economic Justice
- Community



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High Holiday Food Drive: (from Stan Kaplowitz)

We will continue our ancient tradition of collecting food for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Please bring bags of food to KI for Kol Nidre Tues eve Oct 4 or for other services on YK Wed Oct.5. My Food Bank contact says "remind folks to donate non-perishable food that isn't packaged in glass. Our most requested items include canned fruit and vegetables, chicken/tuna, beans, cereal, pasta, and peanut butter. Non-food items can be donated as well, such as socks, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc., please keep these items in their own box."

Food bank will pick up what we have collected as long as it is over 500 lbs. My contact tells me that we donated approximately 520 lbs, each of the last two years that we have done this. So if we collect over 500 lbs again, they will continue to pick up our food.

Here is a link to your drive's donation page.
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/kehilla>

Hadassah Book Club

This month we will read our last book from the current list, Golem Girl by Riva Lehrer. I hope we can adopt our new list at this meeting from the "Possible Books" so the next list can be ready for November. The Hadassah Book Club will meet on zoom on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. The October book is Golem Girl, a memoir by Riva Lehrer with pictures. Claire Berkman will be our discussion leader.

Lois Rosen

Great Books

**The next meeting of the KI Great Books group will be on
Monday, 17 October, at 2:00 PM.**

Barring the unforeseen or new developments, we will be meeting IN-PERSON at KI. We will be discussing the next two stories in The Best American Short Stories 2015, edited by T.C. Boyle: "You'll Apologize If You Have To," by Ben Fowlkes and "The Fugue," by Arna Bontemps Hemenway. At our last meeting, we discussed the option of having a parallel text of short stories, possibly by a single author.

Let me know if you have a suggestion. If you have questions about this or the change in meeting format, please let me know. Thanks, and Happy New Year.



Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund

Ken and Karen Glickman in memory of Daniel Glickman's yearzeit.

Consultant Donations

Arthur Slabosky and Robin Willner

Ken Nadler

Paul and Bettie Menchik

Ody Norkin

Ken and Karen Glickman

Stan and Toba Kaplowitz

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Doug Moffat

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Annette Weinshank in honor of ken Nadler's 80th Birthday.

General Fund

Susan Cogan in honor of Ken Nadler's 80th Birthday.

Neil and Linda Schwartz in honor of Ken Nadler's 80th Birthday.

Mark Krefman

Sapat Aviyente

Fundraising for KI through Amazon

Shop Smile Amazon and earn money for KI. The link below will take you directly to smile.amazon.com and you can shop and support KI. We will earn .5% of your purchase. Look us up as - Kehillat Israel Lansing Michigan - and shop.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1918632>

Kroger fundraising to earn money for KI

Members can sign up by searching for Congregation Kehillat Israel and connecting KI to their Kroger plus card. Our account number is nv535. You can go to the Kroger Community Funds home page for instructions. Copy and paste this link to your browser or click : <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>
KI will earn a percentage of your purchases. No cost to you.

Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 7 pm Zoom

Board of Directors

Doug Moffat - President - 2024

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WE HAVE ADDED MORE DATES TO OUR TORAH & HAFTARAH SIGN-UP

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1273RVz5LmC8EDS3O3mvdvU-PkZUMrzWpFH-OyISl68/edit?ts=604a403d#gid=0> to sign up to give a dvar or chant Torah/haftarah. If you don't see the date you want on there, please reach out to kikath-erineb@gmail.com.

Zoom Gabbaim for Shabbat Services - If you are comfortable using Zoom (or would like to learn more), please contact Judy Spanogle at kikatherineb@gmail.com (this is open to teens as well as adults).



September Yartzeit's

Pat Geller, 6 Tishrei, October 1

Emily Swanson-Robbins, 9 Tishrei, October 4

Shelia Kollenberg, 18 Tishrei, October 13

Chuck Ellstein, 21 Tishrei, October 16

Martin Balaban, 28 Tishrei, October 23

Ada Finifter, 1 Cheshvan, October 26

Toni Pollack, 2 Cheshvan, October 27

Happy

BIRTHDAY

Paula Bladen

Toba Kaplowitz

Sheryl Groden

Liz Harrow

Nancy Pogel



PLAY BY STEVE YELON

Inspired by a true story told to me by my friend Melanie Morrison, I wrote a play called "The Vote." The drama is about a formative period in the lives of her parents, Truman, and Eleanor Morrison, people dedicated to social justice.

The Morrison family came to Michigan in the fall of 1954 for Truman to become the founding pastor at Edgewood United Church in East Lansing. Truman was also the founder of the East Lansing Citizens for Human Rights. Each year the Church has honored the memory of their founding pastor by sponsoring a program reminding the community of Reverend Morrison's devotion to social justice. This year they will present "The Vote."

The play is set earlier in 1954, in a town called Maywood, a suburb of Chicago, where a young pastor, Truman, and his wife, Eleanor, plan to integrate an all-White church.

The relevant question the play asks is: how will powerful religious principles match up against group pressure fueled by prejudice, fear, and greed?

Jane Falion will direct a cast of local actors. The play will be done as a staged reading, meaning that, during the performance, the actors, seated in front of the audience, will stand, move, and read from the script as their role dictates.

KI members are invited! No tickets needed – No charge

DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2022

TIME: 7 PM

**PLACE: Edgewood United Church,
469 N Hagadorn Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823**

The Leonard Gilman Symposium on “Jewish Perspectives on Reproductive Rights: Jews, Religious Liberty, and Reproductive Freedom in the United States” - Part 2

Sunday, October 16th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm

International Center Conference Rooms 303 and 305, 427 N. Shaw Lane

Lecture and discussion by Dr. Gillian Frank from 12:00-1:00 pm

Representative Elissa Slotkin and Attorney General Dana Nessel will talk about the current fight for reproductive freedom in Michigan in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that legalized abortion; Rep. Slotkin will speak at 1:00 pm and Attorney General Nessel at 1:15 pm.



Dr. Gillian Frank will discuss the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion and liberal religious reproductive activism in Michigan from his forthcoming book *A Sacred Choice: It centers Jewish history by using Michigan's 1970 prosecution of an Illinois based rabbi (and the attempt to extradite him) for abortion counseling and referral. He uses this story as a jumping off point to broader questions of abortion & pastoral counseling and abortion travel.*

Gillian Frank is a historian of sexuality and religion and a visiting affiliate fellow at Princeton University's Center for Culture, Society and Religion. He is the author of numerous academic articles on the histories of sexuality, gender and religion (which have appeared in venues like the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *American Jewish History*, and *Gender and History*) and public facing scholarship (with bylines in publications including *The Washington Post*, *Time*, *Jezebel* and *Slate*). He is co-editor of *Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the 20th Century United States* (UNC Press: 2018). Frank is currently at work on a manuscript called *A Sacred Choice: Liberal Religion and the Struggle for Abortion Before Roe v Wade* (forthcoming UNC Press). You can listen to his podcast *Sexing History* co-hosted with Lauren Gutterman which explores how the history of sexuality shapes our present, wherever you stream your shows.

Representative Elissa Slotkin is currently in her second term as Congresswoman for Michigan's 8th Congressional District, which includes all of Ingham County, all of Livingston County, and the Northern portion of Oakland County. Rep. Slotkin has spent her career in national service. She served in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to be a Middle East analyst, working alongside the U.S. military during three tours in Iraq as a militia expert. In between her tours in Iraq, Rep. Slotkin held various defense and intelligence positions under President Bush and President Obama, including roles at the White House and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. In 2011, Rep. Slotkin took a senior position at the Pentagon and, until January 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.



Attorney General Dana Nessel is a former criminal prosecutor and civil rights attorney. Dana Nessel was sworn in as Michigan's 54th Attorney General on January 1, 2019. She has taken a lead in consumer protection, environmental protection, as well as worked to protect elders from abuse. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School.

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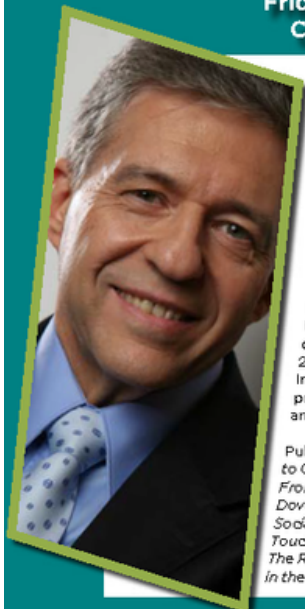


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Serling Lecture on Modern Israel: “Secrets I Won’t Take With Me” by Yossi Beilin

Friday, October 28th from 12:30 - 2:00
Club Spartan (3rd Floor, Case Hall)



In his autobiography, Dr. Beilin tells the story of a person who was born in Israel a few weeks after its establishment. Aside from his book telling the story of his country, it is also a suspenseful story of the man behind two major milestones in Israel and in the Jewish world: the Oslo agreement between the PLO and Israel, and the Birthright-Israel project. It is a unique opportunity to understand the motivations, the impediments, and the emotions behind the scenes of the projects which have influenced Israel and world Jewry.

Yossi Beilin is a politician and researcher. For 24 years he has held senior positions in the Knesset and the Israeli Government. His most latest ministerial role was as Minister of Justice. Dr. Beilin taught in the Political Science department of Tel Aviv University for 13 years. In 2019-2020 he served as a visiting professor at NYU. In addition to the Oslo process and the Taglit-Birthright project, he initiated the Beilin-Abu Mazen understandings and the Geneva Initiative.

Publications: *Secrets I won't Take With Me*, 2021; *The Path to Geneva: The Quest for a Permanent Agreement*, 2004; *From Hachula to Geneva*, 2004; *Manual for a Wounded Dove*, 2001; *His Brother's Keeper*, 2000; *From Socialism to Social Liberalism*, 1999; *The Manual for Leaving Lebanon*, 1998; *Touching Peace*, 1997; *Israel: A Concise Political History*, 1992; *The Roots of Israeli Industry*, 1987; *The Price of Unity*, 1985; *Sons in the Shadow of Their Fathers*, 1984.

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