## September Newsletter 2022

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# Congregation Sehillat Israel

## High Holidays 2022 / 5783

Erev Rosh Hashanah - 7:30 pm Sunday, September 25, 2022

Rosh Hashanah (1st day) - 9:30 am Monday, September 26, 2022 Tashlich at Crego park - 2:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) 9:30 am Tuesday, September 27, 2022

> **Kol Nidre** Tuesday, October 4

Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 5

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 havmishe 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

September 3 September 10 September 17\* September 24 \*

at KI and on zoom

\*With Rabbi Matthew

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Please join Congregations Kehillat Israel and Shaarey Zedek for a special Selichot Service and Program as we prepare for the High Holy Days Saturday, September 17 at Congregation Kehillat Israel 2014 Forest Road Lansing 7:00 p.m. Worship led by Rabbi Amy Bigman and Rabbi Dr. Matthew Kaufman 7:30 p.m. Program: "On Repentance and Repair"

#### From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

As most of you are probably aware, I and my family were in a very serious car accident recently. We are most fortunate in that our injuries were not serious, but it is taking some time for us to heal. The outpouring of support that we have received from all of you, our dear friends, has touched us greatly. We are very grateful.

This incident has spurred me to reflect on our Torah readings for Rosh Hashanah from a new perspective. We read two difficult passages from parshat Vayera. One relates the banishment of Hagar and the near death of Ishmael. The other tells us about the near sacrifice of Isaac. In both readings, the fragility of life is foregrounded. But the miracle of life is also affirmed, as both Ishmael and Isaac are saved by an act of divine grace. The Torah readings seem meant to teach us that Rosh Hashanah is a time for us to reflect on our mortality, and to cultivate within us a feeling of gratitude for the gift of life.

Stephanie and I look forward to seeing you at this year's high holiday services. In preparation for Rosh Hashanah, Rabbi Bigman and I are preparing a special program. It will take place on Saturday evening, September 17th (see flyer in this newsletter). After a brief joint Kehillat Israel – Shaarey Zedek service, we will engage with the theme of teshuvah through study and reflection on the topic of repentance and repair. Watch for further details in the weekly announcements.

I hope that you will all join me on Yom Kippur afternoon (October 5) for a

special study session entitled "Eradicating Hate." Following the lead of Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the URJ, I will lead discussion and reflection on how Jewish sources may help to inoculate us against the pandemic of hate gripping our society. Watch for further details in announcements. My scheduled time with KI has been adapted to work with the high holidays. In the month of September, I begin working with KI on Saturday the 17th, and I will continue through late October (the 22nd).

L'shana tova

# Tashlich – A time to cast away sins 9/26/22 2pm



Have there been times since last Yom Kippur where you may have missed the mark in terms of doing the right thing? Tashlich is a tradition where one goes to a living body of water where fish swim and symbolically casts one's sins to flow away with the current. Tashlich originated during the Middle Ages and was inspired by a verse uttered by the prophet Micah:

God will take us back in love; God will cover up our iniquities, You [God] will hurl all our sins Into the depths of the sea. (Micah 7:19)

Please join us following services (about 1:30pm) on the 1st day of Rosh Hashana for a very short Tashlich service. It will take place at Crego Park which is east of Aurilious Rd. on Mt. Hope Rd. From KI, take Aurilious to Mt. Hope. Turn right. Turn left at the sign that points to Crego Park

This is a family friendly (and fairly short) service that includes a little prayer, a little poetry, a little song and of course, some self-reflection as we cast our "sins" (and feed the ducks and fish) into the river. Please bring some bread to share as bread is the vehicle through which we perform this tradition.

## **Presidents Column**

September, as usual, means Rosh Hashanah. (Yes, I do know it can occur in October.) At this writing, Rabbis Kaufman and Bigman are working on a joint Selichot service for KI and Shaarey Zedek. This service, an introduction (or maybe a spiritual shifting of gears) for the High Holidays, will occur on Saturday evening, September 17. As you can see elsewhere in the newsletter, this program will begin at 7:00 pm and NOT the traditional 12:00 am! Thank goodness.

Erev Rosh Hashanah will occur on Sunday, September 25. I am hopeful that we will all be together again in the Sanctuary this year. Our Reopening Committee meets on September 6 to make a recommendation and the Board will weigh in shortly thereafter.

A question that many of you have for me and for the Board of Directors is, where are we in regard to making a decision about the KI's future at 2014 Forest Road? I can assure you that your Board of Directors, as well as a number of other volunteers, is working very hard on this question. The Board has had 2 special meetings this summer devoted only to this topic. We are continuing to evaluate our options carefully, and we promise to keep you informed as we move through this process.

# **KIvunim**

Greetings—summer always seems to fly by. But this summer, even more so as we had an amazing first ever Camp Kehillat Tzedek. The Shaarey Zedek religious school director Margot Valles and I collaborated to host a weeklong day camp on SZ's lovely property. We welcomed 25 kiddos from preschool to sixth grade, 5 of whom are KI kids! Camp counselors represented former students from both congregations and a new friend from MSU.

Over the course of the week, both kids and counselors ran, played, sang, prayed, arted and natured, and became fast friends. Margot and I ended the week exhilarated and exhausted at the same time. A special thank you to Devorah Tucker Fick and Madeline Lenski for helping. Devorah came each morning to lead us in morning prayers and song. Madeline came on Monday for Israel Day and led two sessions of Israeli dancing, including one where we summoned more rain by dancing the Mavim dance!

Other days in our week included a beach day (with a slip and slide, beach games, and a sprinkler), a sports themed day (with Ultimate frisbee and badminton plus sack races and three-legged races), a circus day (with carnival games, face painting and a magic show by Jeff the Magician), and shabbat preparation day (with candle making, challah baking, and spice box making).

Each day, kids engaged in a shmita themed activity—including digging a hole to explore life underground, creating art from natural materials, and building tiny houses out of natural materials, made by our oldest campers to house the tiny frogs that two girls gently caught and studied.

And GAGA.... So much Gaga! The kids loved playing, many times, many days, many happy rounds of this loved Israeli game.

A final thank you to both the Daniel Glickman Camp Scholarship Fund and the Greater Lansing Jewish Federation for providing scholarships to KI kiddos so they could attend. And a huge shout out to Patty Warshaw and Rabbi Bigman for being such wonderful hosts. Margot and I are already counting down the days until next year!

#### **Important Klvunim Dates:**

- Wednesday, September 7: First Kitah Bet IN PERSON starting at 4:15-5:45pm
- Sunday, September 11: First Sunday School/Open House. Kitah Preschool/Gan and Kitah Bet will be in session from 10:00am-12:15pm. We welcome visitors from the congregation to come and observe quietly as we get our year started.

# Prayerbook Rotation August 2022 DATE PLACE Prayerbook

Sept 3 KI Kol Haneshamah Sept 10 KI Sim Shalom Sept 17 KI Kol Haneshamah Sept 24 KI Sim Shalom

## **Hadassah Book Club**

Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 1pm on zoom.

The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck.

Post WWII fiction.

Discussion leader Liz Kaufman.

## **Great Books**

The next KI Great Books meeting will be on Monday, 19
September, at 2:00 PM, Zoom for now. We will be discussing the next two stories in The Best American Short Stories 2015, edited by T.C. Boyle: "Bride," by Julia Elliott and "The Big Cat," by Louise Erdrich. Be well.
Alan Posner



The synagogue would like to thank Randy Jasman of Jasman Asphalt Inc. for sealing our upper and lower parking lots for free and also re-lining our parking spaces. I am sure we are very grateful for this repair.

And while we are on the subject of building repairs and improvements, the Board of Directors wants to thank Rachael Amber for her diligence and commitment during her time as the VP of Building.

The Board also wants to thank Ody Norkin for agreeing to take on the VP of Building position for the balance of the Rachael's term. His insights and expertise will be crucial in the coming months.





#### **Beth Olam**

David and Beverly Wiener

#### **General Fund**

Alene Dixon in honor of Rabbi Matthew

#### 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.

# Member News Sandi and Barry Gross would like to

A Banker's Journey: How Edmond J. Safra Built a Global Financial Empire, is out August 30. Check it out. https://abankersjourney.com/ t

### Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 7 pm Zoom

Board of Directors
Doug Moffat - President - 2024
Kirsten Fermaglich - Executive VP - 2024
Susan Morris - Secretary - 2023
Leon Puttler - VP for Finance - 2023
Ody Norkin- VP for Facilities - 2023

Richard Block/Gail Richmond - VP for Religious Affairs - 2024

Arlene Sharkey - VP for Education - 2024

Liz Harrow - VP for Programs - 2023

Robin Willner - First Trustee - 2024

Judy Spanogle - Trustee - 2023

Emily Schnurr - Trustee - 2024

Stuart Braiman - Trustee - 2023

Michelle Loree - Trustee - 2023

Neil Gordon - Past President

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

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1273RVz5LmC8EDS3O3mvdtvU-PkZUMrzWpFH-0ylSl68/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

Jonathon Schneider, 15 Elul, September 11
Daniel Glickman, 17 Elul, September 13
Margo Malchman, 18 Elul, September 14
Arthur Kohrman, 19 Elul, September 15
Jeffery Austin, Elul 16, September 16
Erni Goldstein, 24 Elul, September 20

# Happy BIRTHDAY

Paula Bladen Toba Kaplowitz Sheryl Groden Liz Harrow Nancy Pogeld

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Please use this form to tell us how you would like to participate in High Holiday services and return to the KI office by July 31. It helps us if you provide several options. Please use a separate form for each family member who is participating.

Your Name:	Email:

1. I can lead/co-lead the following service segment(s) in

Service Segment	ER	ERH RH1		ł1	RH2		YK	
Ma'ariv	Н	E					н	E
P 'sukei D 'zimra			Н	E	Н	E	н	E
Shacharit			Н	E	Н	E	н	E
Torah Service			Н	E	Н	E	н	E
Shofar Service			Н	E	Н	E	н	E
Musaf			Н	E	Н	E	н	E

Hebrew (H) or English (E). (Circle your choice):					
YK-Specific Service Segments					
H E					
H E					
H E					
H E					
H E					
H E					
H E					

2. I am interested in doing a special English reading in a service segment, please explain.

□ Erev RH n RH1 □ RH2 □ YK am

□ YK pm

3. I am interested in doing the following for the main service. (Circle your choice):

	Service		Service
Reading Torah	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm	Reading haftarah	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm
Delivering a d'var Torah	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm	Having an <i>aliyah</i> *	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm
Leading Tashlich	RH1	Torah bearer	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm
Hagbah (lifting scroll)	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm	Gelilah (dressing scroll)	RH1 RH2 YK am YK pm
Shofarist	RH1 RH2 YK pm	Shofar caller	RH1 RH2

<sup>\*</sup>Please give us your Hebrew Name if requesting an Aliyah.

High Holiday services will be held at KI in the Sanctuary with family services (time to be announced) held in the Social Hall. Service leaders will be in-person in the Sanctuary. There will be a Kiddush after services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, as well as for the breaking of fast on the evening of Yom Kippur. Whether the Kiddushim take place in the social hall or outside the building will be decided at a later date and depends upon the Executive Board's decision regarding food consumption indoors. Vaccination and masking policy will be in effect, and will also be in adherence with Executive Board policy.

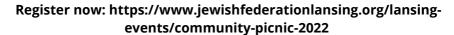
- 4. I am interested in planning and helping to run the family service. (Please circle if interested.)
- 5. Request specific reading
- 6. Other family needs (parking, seating, etc.):

PLEASE—mail, scan & email, or send this form as an attachment to the KI office.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 AT 8 PM – 10 PM
Settlers of Lansing: A Young Adult Board Game Mixer
and Oneg Calling all young Jewish folks/Jewish
adjacent folks in the Lansing area who are between
20-41! Join in this fun event sponsored by The Well of
greater Detroit (http://www.meetyouatthewell.org/),
Kehillat Israel, and MSU Hillel. Celebrate Shabbat,
play some games, meet new folks, and check out one
of Lansing's newest spots, the Rooted Socialite.
Tickets required: https://fb.me/e/1Zpqwlv33





\$5 for adults, \$3 for children.

The Greater Lansing Jewish Federation Presents

# END OF SUMMER COMMUNITY PICNIC

Kosher Food Truck • Games • Other Fun

Thursday, September 8 at 5 p.m.

Hartrick Park

3685 Hulett Road in Okemos

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register or for details go to jewishfederationlansing.org

