



Congregation

Kehillat Israel

Rabbi Kaufman and Rabbi Bigman
invite you to join us for a unique

JOINT CONGREGATION SHABBATON

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10 & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11

A VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND

- Dedicated to raising awareness about the refugee crisis
- Designed to celebrate Shabbat together with our school families

Friday February 10 at Shaarey Zedek

- Dinner at 5:30 pm
- Services at 6:00 pm

Saturday February 11 at Kehillat Israel

- Services at 10 am
- Lunch at 12:15 pm

Guest speaker **Erika Brown-Binlon, Executive Director of the Refugee Development Center**, will speak at KI on Saturday the 11th at approximately 11:30 am:

"Refugees: Global to Local"

Our wonderful school directors, Margot Valles and Nicole Ellefson, are preparing a dynamic program to engage our children during the Saturday morning service.

RSVP for Meals by Tuesday February 7:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSoT6Jwn89c-bfQ2xm4vD5BPecny9inHleJFY81STqWYuuJdg/vi/wform>

Both services will be live-streamed for those who cannot come in person.



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Saturday Service Schedule - 10:00 am

February 4, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew
- Kol Haneshamah

February 11, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Joint service
with Shaarey Zedek - Kivunim Shabbaton
- Kol Haneshamah

February 18, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew
- Kol Haneshamah

February 25, at KI and on Zoom - Sim Shalom

soup 'n shmooze
WITH ARTHUR
SLABOSKY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 AT KI (AND
ZOOM)

6:30 PM SOUP POTLUCK

7:00 PM PRESENTATION ON LOCAL
TRAFFIC ISSUES



From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

I am delighted to have accepted the congregation's invitation to me to serve you for the next five years. It is hard to believe that I am in the final half of my third year already. The time has flown by. I began working with KI during the pandemic, as you know, and initially served the congregation on Zoom from Toronto. Now that Stephanie and I have moved to East Lansing, we feel fully grounded and at home in this community.

Stephanie has taken up the mantle from Art Slabosky to run Soup 'n Shmooze this year, as you are aware, and our first event of 2023 was with author Lev Raphael. It was very engaging and well worth listening to him. For those of you who missed it, there should be YouTube recording of it posted to our KI YouTube channel by the time this newsletter is published.

Lev Raphael will come to KI to sign copies of his *My Germany* if there is sufficient interest. Please let Katherine know if you would be interested in purchasing a copy and we can make arrangements.

KI and Shaarey Zedek are organizing a very special shabbaton on February 10 and February 11, to mark the annual HIAS Refugee Shabbat as well as to offer our school children engaging programming. I hope you will join me for the weekend. Check out the details in this newsletter!

I hope also you will join me for the adult education discussions that I am leading in February. First, we are studying a classic rabbinic text called *Pirkei Avot*, which contains famous wisdom sayings known to many of us already—like Hillel's adage, "If not now, when?" You don't need to know Hebrew or anything about the text to get something out of it. And it's not too late to jump in! We will meet on February 12th to discuss it (see flyer in newsletter). Second, we are continuing our *Through a Reconstructionist Lens* series. This month's discussion will be about racial justice, and it will take place on February 18 (see flyer in newsletter). Make sure to sign up for it by the Thursday prior so that you will be able to watch a topical video beforehand.

I will be working with KI from February 4-18. As always, please reach out to me at Klrbibim@gmail.com if you need anything!

Klvunim

January, while a short month, has been a lovely one for our school. Most excitingly, we are delighted to welcome two new families to our community. Gali and Tomer Dor joined our school—Gali is with the Kitah Bet students and Tomer is with the Gan-Alef students. They are both Israeli and bring a wonderful new perspective to our classrooms! Most recently, Fletcher Colson joined our cohort of four-year-olds in Gan-Alef. He was outgoing and friendly and excited to have his first day at religious school! Please welcome their parents Nirit and Maoz Dor and Lauren and Adam Colson if you meet them at KI. We also have several other children exploring the idea of joining Klvunim before the end of the school year. Truly a month of blessings.

This month, Kitah Bet has begun a study of Shabbat. Students are exploring and discussing the textual basis for the observation of Shabbat. From that launching pad, we engaged the students in a study of the 39 melakhot (creative activities such as planting, harvesting, kindling a fire, etc.) that are forbidden on Shabbat. While none of our families are observant of Shabbat to that degree, the children dove into why those activities were chosen based on the lives Jews were living back in the day. Further, we challenged them to think of ways that they could liberate themselves from the “work” of their modern lives. Each child was encouraged to dream up a melacha that they would refrain from on Shabbat. While there were definitely some silly, kid-level suggestions a few suggested tasks that might lead them to just a bit more joy on Shabbat. Perhaps most interestingly, when we asked the class to reflect on the categories that might encompass the “new” melakhot that were suggested, the topic of mental health came up. If nothing else, may they learn that observing Shabbat in their own way can help with that! All this learning serves to prepare them for the February Shabbaton.

The Gan-Alef classroom continues the long saga of Jacob. One fun activity in this exploration of the Torah story included watching the Kitah Bet students perform a classic Sedra Scenes version of the birth of Jacob and Esau. We continue to find new ways to incorporate movement and the learning of the Hebrew Alef-Bet. As our two new students joined the class, it has been wonderful to see how welcoming and kind our students have been to one another. It’s great to know that friendships they kindle now will continue with them throughout their Hebrew school careers.



On January 22nd, Klivunim students and parents cooperated to assemble kits to be given to incoming refugees by the Refugee Development Center. Earlier in the month, Kirsten Fergaglich had organized a Kl Tikkun Olam event to gather the massive number of supplies needed to fill the bins with household supplies and staple food items. Kl members responded quickly and with great generosity, filling all the many slots required. All told, the supplies covered 4 of the large tables in Kl's social hall.

Each kit was completed and finished off with several welcome cards handmade by Klivunim students!

It was a wonderful event, with older children partnering with younger students to get each item to go in their team's kit. Thank you to all who contributed materials for the kits.



Congregation Kehillat Israel is pleased to announce the celebration of the **Bar Mitzvah** of *Elijah Braiman*, son of *Stuart Braiman and Chantal Tetreault*, which will take place on Shabbat morning March 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. There will be an in person and zoom option. Also on March 11, you and your family are invited to a dinner and dance party at Fenner Nature Center starting at 6 p.m.

Looking forward to celebrating with you and yours!



From the Tikkun Olam Committee

Message for composting event, Sunday, February 5

The Tikkun Olam committee welcomes everyone to a Tu B'shevat event dedicated to preserving the earth through composting! Jaime Davidson, who works as a lab technician in the soil ecology laboratory and teaches in the Horticulture department, will give congregants a hands-on demonstration of some of the basics of composting. Please bring food scraps or leaves with you!

Abby Morris, who is a Zero Waste Coordinator with Presidio Trust in San Francisco and the daughter of Bill and Sue Morris, will talk about different types of municipal composting, encouraging KI members to work on political advocacy for municipal composting in Ingham County. Sunday, February 5 Tu B'shevat Tikkun Olam event 10:30 am-noon In person at Kehillat Israel. We hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Fermaglich at fermagli@msu.edu.

Message for Refugee Shabbat, Feb. 11

Kehillat Israel had a very successful drive in January creating 5 welcome kits for refugee families new to the Lansing area—thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously! We would like to be able to create 2 more welcome kits, joining together with Shaarey Zedek as part of our joint Refugee Shabbat on Saturday, February 11. *Please go to the Sign Up Genius listed on the first page of email announcement* to sign up to bring items to KI. We need all items to be delivered to KI by Saturday, February 11. Please bring items when you come for the Refugee Shabbat on Saturday, February 11--there will be bins by the front door where you can put your items--or drop them off before the event during daytime hours.

If you have already donated for January's welcome kits, you certainly do not have to give again! But this is a second chance for people to help out if they missed the first announcement, and it is also a chance for Lansing Jewish residents from both SZ and KI to work together to welcome new families in our community as part of our shared shabbat.

Thank you so much for helping out!! Please let Kirsten Fermaglich know if you have any questions (fermagli@msu.edu).

Safety Update

I am trying to arrange to have someone take responsibility for Safety at each minyan. I can probably do so on Jan 28. - . However, I expect to be unavailable Feb 4, 11, 18 and would appreciate having some volunteers.

This is not a very demanding job. Ordinarily, It requires only

1. A few minutes of letting in those people who belong and (very rarely) refusing admission to those who are not known and have not taken those steps to get themselves on the approved list and
2. A few minutes of viewing the outside (from windows) approx. every half hour to have advanced warning of a threat.

It also requires being mentally prepared to act in an emergency. Those who have been on the Safety committee and/or have attended Safety Drills have seen information on this/

I just talked to Captain Katie Diehl of Lansing PD and requested that an officer drop by a couple of times during our Shabbat service to let those who might harm us know that we are being patrolled. She said that while she cannot assign an officer to make this their top priority, she will direct that when officers are in the area and are not needed for something else, they should stop by between 10 and 1 on Shabbat. I also requested that when officers have paper work to fill out that they do so in our parking lot and she agreed to suggest that to them as well.

Stan Kaplowitz



THANK YOU
for your support!

Consultant Fund

Marc Speiser

Appel Scholarship Fund

Michael Appel and /Ruth Kraut

Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund

Bud and Judy Shulman in memory of Art Seagull and
Paula Bladen

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, February 8 ,7:00 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/1273RVz5LmC8EDS3O3mvdvU-PkZUMrzWpFH-0yISl68/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 kikatherineb@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).



Yahrzeit's

Chris Linz, 12 Shevat, February 3

Gary Crakes, 12 Shevat, February 3

Matilda Post, 17 Shevat, February 8

Mark Levy, 18 Shevat, February 9

Robert Echt, 20 Shevat, February 11

Ruth Fox, 20 Shevat, February 11

Martin Fox, 24 Shevat, February 15

Happy

BIRTHDAY

Eileen Heideman

David Purvis

Liz Kaufman

Dany Rothfeld

Alan Posner

Val Thonger

Happy

Anniversary

Contact Katherine at
kikatherineb@gmail.com if
you want your anniversary
listed in the newsletter



KI's Website - kehillatisrael.net - February Topic

Venmo link on our website to pay for Kivunim, KI pledge, or donate to a particular fund.

<https://kehillatisrael.net/wp-admin/upload.php?item=11302>

Great Books - The next meeting of the Great Books group will be on Monday, 20 February, at 2:00 PM, at KI.

We will observe KI Covid protocols. We will discuss the next three stories in the Edith Pearlman collection, Honeydew: "Stone," "Her Cousin Jamie," and "Blessed Harry." Alan Posner

Hadassah Book Club Update

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month except when there's a conflict with holidays.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 1PM on Zoom. February's book is The Convert by Stefan Hertmans. Annette Weinshank will be our discussion leader. Enjoy your reading! Lois

Community Events

SAVE THE DATES FOR KEHILLAT ZEDEK SUMMER CAMP

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AUGUST 7-11, 2023



WHAT

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

WHO

Our camp is open to all children between the ages of 4 and 12 who are part of Jewish-identifying families, are part of families exploring Judaism, or who have Jewish heritage.

NEW THIS YEAR! Special Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program for post-B Mitzvah children under the age of 14.

PROGRAM INFORMATION



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

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

(Please pack a vegetarian / kosher lunch)

\$350 for the week

\$175 for first year CITs

Returning CITs Free!

Aftercare* until 5:30 p.m. \$100 for the week

*Please note: There is no aftercare on Friday, August 11

ACTIVITIES

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

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

HAVE QUESTIONS? KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM



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23rd annual William G. Anderson Lecture Series

Slavery to Freedom

An American Odyssey

MARLEY DIAS

February 2, 2023, 5 p.m.

Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Pasant Theatre

DR. ANGELA DAVIS

February 9, 2023, 5 p.m.

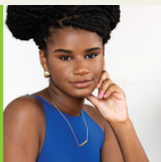
Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Pasant Theatre

DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI

February 23, 2023, 5 p.m.

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
Auditorium

Learn more at bit.ly/STF-2023 or scan this QR code:



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*Keynote
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Wharton Center for Performing Arts
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MARLEY DIAS

Marley founded #1000BlackGirlBooks in 2015 when she was 11 to collect and donate children's books that feature Black girls as the lead character.

Scan here for more information:



*Book
Giveaway*

Sunday, February 5, 2023
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

socialight
society

(In the Lansing Mall)
5454 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

To donate books, please click on this link:
[HTTP://tinyurl.com/msdiasbooks](http://tinyurl.com/msdiasbooks)

All activities are free of charge and open to the public.

For more information call (517) 432-4979 or e-mail breedlov@msu.edu.