



# Congregation *Kehillat Israel*

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.



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**Hear ye, hear ye!** Fulfill the mitzvah of k'riyah haMegillah (hearing the Megillah of Esther read publicly) at KI on March 6 at 6PM. There will be much cheering and jeering. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Noisemakers will be available, or bring your own!

The Megillah reading will be followed by pizza and salad at around 6:30 pm. At around 7 pm, join the KI/SZ Purim Spielers in the social hall for a revolutionary performance of ***Hamil-tashen***, adapted by Jeff Olds. The spiel can also be enjoyed on Sunday evening at 7pm at Cong. Shaarey Zedek.



# Saturday Service Schedule - 10:00 am

**March 4**, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Sim Shalom

**March 11**, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah  
- Elijah Braiman Bar Mitzvah

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

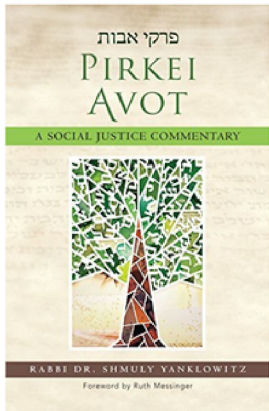
**March 25**, at KI and on Zoom - Sim shalom



We need helpers for the purim carnival! Carnival is on March 5th. We need 2 or 3 people at 9:30 to help set up then 10 to 15 people from 10:30 to noon, to run the games.

It's fun, it's easy, and easier when there are many many helpers. Snacks, silliness, and socializing! Please contact Liz Harrow.

## Social Justice and Jewish Wisdom



Pirkei Avot is the urtext of Jewish practical wisdom. In many ways, the words of Pirkei Avot were the first recorded manifesto of social justice in Western civilization.

Join Rabbi Matthew on **Sunday March 12 at 4:30 pm** to explore this ancient text together. (Please note the later starting time this month!)

We are using the new *Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary* by Shmuly Yanklowitz (CCAR Press 2018), which approaches the text through a lens of contemporary social justice and moral philosophy, engaging with both classical commentators and modern thinkers. It is suggested that you purchase this edition to get the most out of our discussions.

# From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have begun to grapple with the horrific violence that visited the MSU community and has traumatized all of us. We have found support in community, and it has been uplifting to see the determination and good will and community spirit that is arising all around. It will take time and patience to heal, but it will happen.

We have just begun the new month of Adar. And of course, the month of Adar is slated as a time of joy and celebration. Purim, the paradigmatic holiday of simcha, begins the evening of March 6 this year, and we will celebrate it with a Megillah reading and a Purimshpiel.

But how can we contemplate celebrating with joy when we have just experienced a tragedy?

I believe that the answer to the question is simpler than it appears. The answer lies with our intentionality.

We should intend to create joy. And how can we do that? Remember that traditional Purim observances include matanot la'evyonim (the giving of money to the poor) and mishloah manot (gifts of food and drink). These mitzvot teach us that on this day, we turn our attention to the well-being of others. Through tzedakah and simple demonstrations of good will and affection, we can lift up the spirits of everyone around us. In a time of emotional darkness like this it is precisely this commitment that offers a path forward to recovering a sense of connectedness in our lives.

The megillah tells us that the Jews turned sadness into laughter, and mourning into joy. I point this out while also being mindful of the problematic revenge-filled and triumphalist narrative. Even if we condemn this narrative arc, can we find a way to connect to this message of the megillah and affirm that it is possible to take charge of how we feel?

When we come together to enjoy this year's Purim, let us do so not to forget what has happened, but to take determined action to bring light back into our souls. We must remember that we are still capable of creating moments of joy.

## 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).*

**Economic Justice**  
**Saturday March 18 at 4 pm**

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!

Our final discussion will be next month:

- Building Community (Apr 15)



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# Klvunim

We continue our journey through the school year finding new and different ways for kids to learn Hebrew. In Kitah Bet, Sarah put together a fun-filled way to review Hebrew: a head-to-head showdown between kids of the same instructional levels! Kids faced off in putting words from prayers in the right order and matching Hebrew words to their transliterations.

In Kitah Gan-Alef, kids have been excited to work with the colorful foam Alef-Bet blocks. So, I made sorting mats for them using the letters to spell out Hebrew words from prayers they know. The kids dove right in, scouring all the blocks to find the needed letters. This sort of activity engages both their kinesthetic and visual learning centers. The mats will now be a permanent option for the children to use to engage in developing their Hebrew letter recognition!

Finally, in response to the tragic murders at Michigan State, we spent time together on the Wednesday following to talk about our feelings and learn about our tradition's ways of finding peace for ourselves through reading Psalms and in reciting the Oseh Shalom and creating a colorful banner of the prayer. Check it out in the social hall. May the one who makes peace, grant peace to us all.



## **Hadassah Book Club**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

Third Daughter by Talia Carner.

Fiction based on a true story.

Jewish mafia sends young girls to a bordello on the pretext of marrying and going to live in America. The 3rd daughter in a large family is one of those caught by a human trafficker of young girls. Jewish Book Council has book club questions.

Discussion Leader: Gloria Epstein

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Congregation Meeting**

**April 16 at KI**

(details to be Determined)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THANK YOU**  
for your support!



## **Consultant Fund**

Lois Rosen and Bob Uphaus  
Richard Block and Marcia Horan

## **General Fund**

Susan and Leonard Lyon

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### **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, March 8, 7:00 pm Zoom

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## 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

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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

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## 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> (copy and paste into your browser) sign up to give a dvar or chant Torah/haftarah. If you don't see the date you want, please reach out to [kikatherineb@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kikatherineb@gmail.com) (this is open to teens as well as adults).





# Yahrzeit's

Burton Leland, 10 Adar, March 3

Yetta Balaban, 13 Adar, March 6

David Bing, 13 Adar, March 6

Beth Zinman, 14 Adar, March 7

Esther Kessler, 20 Adar II, March 13

Faye Tannenbaum, 23 Adar II, March 16

Selma Appel, 24 Adar, March 17

Michael Bailie, 28 Adar II, March 21

Ann Kron, 7 Nisan, March 29

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**Karen Barnett**  
**Karen Glickman**  
**Ken Glickman**  
**Marcia Horan**

**Max Kahn**  
**Anna Pegler Gordon**  
**Andy Schor**  
**Jim Zacks**

*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**





## KI's Website - kehillatisrael.net - Topic **Paypal Donate Button**



In an effort to make it easier for people to donate money to KI, especially those who are not KI members, we now have a Donate button at the top of our website that allows you to use your PayPal account (if you have one), or to pay through PayPal with a credit card. The purpose of this donation button is to hopefully obtain additional funds to support our congregation. The intent is not to have it used to pay your yearly pledges which you can do by check or through Venmo as usual. Should you choose to use the button to pay your dues, we ask that you please include an extra 2% to cover the cost of the transaction. Please let your extended family and friends know about our new donation button.

Leon Puttler  
Treasurer

### **How to Sign up for KI Announcements**

Please go to the KI website by typing in kehillatisreal.net in your browser search button. Scroll all the way to the bottom of our homepage and click on the tab that says "Sign Up for Weekly Emails". Fill in your email address and click on the tab that says "sign up for updates". You will then receive an email verifying your email address. Verify your email and you will be added to our list. If you need assistance call Katherine at 517-882-0049.

# Community Events

Please share the word that there is a  
Cabaret Matinee Benefit Concert  
to support Ukraine on Sunday, March 5 from 3-4 PM  
at Urban Beat in Lansing.

More info here: <https://fb.me/e/3k4TPMNZb>

Doors open at 2pm. Dinner menu available

All donations to benefit Ukraine

The Unity Trio

Jeff English, piano

Justin Valla, double bass

Steve Edwards, drums

**17th ANNUAL MSU ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL**

For more information scan this QR code:

**Sunday March 19 and Tuesday, March 21**

The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Please help us Support



The East Lansing area PJ Library program is sponsored by the Sophie B. Radway PJ Library fund of Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Over the summer thanks to community support our coupon book fundraiser raised \$875. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated. Let's continue the great effort to keep PJ Library going.

**Goal: to raise \$5,000**

**100% of your donation stays in our community.**

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build the  
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PJ Library  
Fund.**



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1 child will receive Jewish  
books for a year.**

**PJ Library supports Jewish  
literacy for 30+ zipcodes  
surrounding  
the East Lansing  
area.**

**All funds donated  
go directly  
to book subscriptions for  
children 6 months to 8 years.  
Your donation  
stays in our  
community.**

## How can you help?

**Send your donation made payable to  
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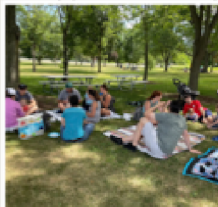
**1924 Coolidge Rd  
East Lansing, MI 48823**

**for further assistance please email [wrenyk@aol.com](mailto:wrenyk@aol.com)**

If you would like to learn more about PJ Library visit [pjlibrary.org](http://pjlibrary.org). If you have any questions please email [wrenyk@aol.com](mailto:wrenyk@aol.com)



Havdallah Movie Night



Shabbat in the Park



Teddy Bear Picnic at Patriarche Park



PJ Library Chanukah program with the East Lansing Library



The Department of Romance and Classical Studies; Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies; Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities; Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Present:

## History and Geography of the Jewish Population in Italy and the establishment of the *Casa Editrice Giuntina* in Florence

Monday, March 20, 2023  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (EST)

Wells Hall  
B243



Giuntina



Join the Italian Program at MSU for an **in-person** and **virtual international conference**, with guest speakers:

Dr. Boccaccini will give a historical and geographical overview of Judaism in Italy.

**Mr. Vogelmann** will discuss the history of *Casa Editrice Giuntina*, in Florence, emphasizing the goals and visions of his publishing house, and the current intellectual and editorial situation of Jewish entrepreneurs and writers in Italy.

This conference is open to the public and will be in English.



Register to participate online

# 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; *hugim* (electives) including photography, cooking, Israeli dancing, and more!

HAVE QUESTIONS? [KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KEHILLATZEDEK@GMAIL.COM)