



Congregation

Kehillat Israel



Kehillat Israel Cemetery Walk

Loretta Stanaway, president of the Friends of Lansing's Historic Cemeteries, will take us on a tour of Mt Hope Cemetery on Saturday, April 22nd. She will talk about some of the important Jewish families buried there, and about the history of the Jewish section of the cemetery. The talk and walk will be geared toward adults, but all ages are welcome. We will meet in Section T of the cemetery at 1:30 and try to finish about 2:30. Some of us will walk from KI but you are also free to drive directly to the cemetery and park on the road there near T. We will start the walk from KI to Mt Hope at 1 pm, a little after morning services.



Passover Seder - If you have room at your Seder table for an extra guest or more, please share your name with Katherine. If you are willing to host, how many members can you accommodate? If you need an invitation to a Seder, also please share your name with Katherine. We will do our best to accommodate you. Katherine's contact information kikatherineb@gmail.com or 517-882-0049

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Saturday Service Schedule - 10:00 am

April 1, at KI and on Zoom - Kol Haneshamah

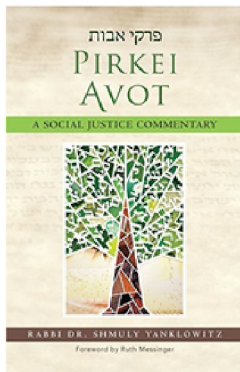
April 8, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Kaufman - Sim Shalom

April 15, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah

April 22, at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Sim Shalom

April 29, at KI and on Zoom - Kol Haneshamah

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 April 9 at 4:30 pm** to explore this ancient text together.

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.

Kiddush sign up – We will need a coordinator for the following weeks: April 15, April 29 and May 13

Go to the following URL to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EFivgXLahmVPEZAMuFal0keYCFmSZh2dJJeB3hc7lQ4/edit?usp=sharing>

We close and lock the kitchen for Pesach. If you plan to contribute to Kiddush on April 8th, please bring only prepackaged Passover foods (eg., matzo, gefilte fish in a jar, etc.) or food from a Passover mix (i.e., cake mixes, etc.) prepared and served in the foil container provided with the mix. Bring a prepared dish only if your kitchen has been Kasherred. Thank you Alene Dixon who will coordinate and have KI provided wine, grape juice, paper plates, and plastic utensils.

Thank you to all Kiddush coordinator volunteers.

From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

A joint letter from Rabbi Kaufman and Rabbi Bigman

Dear friends,

We have always felt strongly about supporting Israel. Until now, that has meant standing firm against those who would attack Israel from the outside. But today, that has changed. We write to you now to share with you our conviction that the best way to support Israel now is to raise our voices in strong protest against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's attempt at a "judicial putsch," as Thomas Friedman puts it in a New York Times op-ed, which will "crush the independence of the country's judiciary."

Israel faces an immediate and existential threat arising from within. Its political leadership is undermining Israel's democracy. Its attack on the independence of its judiciary represents a dangerous step towards authoritarianism. We have witnessed it happen in Russia and in Hungary. To say it cannot happen in Israel is to turn a blind eye towards the bills now to be presented to the Knesset. Soon, the judiciary may be under the control of politicians.

Why should we care? We care because we see Israeli society becoming fractured over this. We care because we are invested in a democratic state of Israel. We care because this will impact Jews around the world, particularly when it comes to issues relating to the recognition of Judaism, conversion, and immigration being determined exclusively by a far-right government in collaboration with the ultra-orthodox. And we care because this issue is a moral test for American Jews who are committed to the healthy functioning of a free and democratic society both in Israel and in the United States.

What will the proposed bills do? Here are a few of the more important consequences: 1) The Supreme Court will not be able to invalidate a law, even one that will blatantly undermine democracy. 2) The government will be able to pass laws negating civil rights and liberties without consequence. 3) The government will be immune from judicial review and will be above the law.

What can we do? We are not alone! The Israel Religious Action Center is organizing action nation-wide. Go to <https://www.drove.com/campaign/63c81d2501884993a52bfc13> to send an e-mail to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Justice Yariv Levin, and the Israeli embassy and consulates. Share this information with as many people as possible and encourage them to join you in raising their voices in protest.

Nitchazek - may we stay strong and take courage,
Rabbi Matthew Kaufman, PhD and Rabbi Amy Bigman

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).*

Building Community Saturday April 15 at 4:30 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!

This will be the final discussion in the series.



We hope that those of you who attended this year's Purim Spiel, Haman-Tashin enjoyed it as much as we did putting it on. It was a fabulous script brought to life by many talented actors, including more children than ever! Behind the scenes, keeping the whole thing together were our stage manager and accompanist.

This is the first year in many years (excluding the COVID years) where we did not have an ad book to offset the cost of putting on this great show. The expense of putting on a spiel is worth every cent. This is where we need your help. If you enjoyed this year's spiel, please consider making a donation towards the expenses. Should you choose to do so, be sure to designate that the donation is for the Purim Spiel fund.

We look forward to seeing you next year as the spielers put on another WICKEDly great spiel.

B'Shalom,
The Purim Spielers

שוק העצמות



Shuk HaAtzma'ut

Sunday, April 23, 2023

12pm-1pm

To benefit the Appel Scholarship Fund
&
Celebrate the end of the school year

Join Klvunim as we mark the end of our first entirely in person school year since 2019! To celebrate this simchah with some tzedakah, we will be hosting a fundraiser for the Appel Scholarship Fund. The ASF helps local families access Jewish education by lowering their financial burden.

There will be Israeli food made by the students available for sale, a silent auction, and chances to engage with what our kids have learned over the course of the year.

Keep an eye on the announcements for more details!

If you would like to provide an item for the auction, please email Sarah FL or Nicole Ellefson.

Klvunim

Klvunim April 2023 Newsletter Article

We're entering our final full month of school! Hard to imagine that time is winding down. We continue to help the children explore many great ways to be Jewish. For Purim, that meant both doing mitzvot and celebrating. We were able to bring back the Klvunim tradition of baking hamantaschen and selling them to raise funds dedicated towards ending gun violence. We started this tradition with the help of Sheryl Groden after the Parkland school shootings. Unfortunately, MSU was ravaged by shootings just before Purim, so all money is going to a fund to support MSU students accessing mental health services. The sale raised \$166 for this fund. If you'd like to make a donation, the need continues. You can make a donation by visiting this link:

<https://givingto.msu.edu/crowdfunder/caps-emergency-funding>



The Purim carnival was a big hit, as always. Many thanks to Liz Harrow for her tireless work on setting up our stable of games and coming up with a new fun thing—the *Spooky Tunnel!* Parents and kids alike enjoyed being together, having fun, and dressing up.

One last time... School Shabbat on April 15th. The children will join together with the Kl community to host a school shabbat. Come see the kiddos helping lead prayers and join in a community kiddush afterwards.

As the end of our year draws to a close, Klvunim is planning one more event for the congregation. We will be hosting a *Shuk HaAtzmou'ut* (Independence Market) to both raise money for the Appel Scholarship Fund (ASF) as well as celebrate *Yom HaAtzmou'ut*. The market will be open from noon – 1pm on April 23rd. The Klvunim kiddos will be making a variety of Israeli inspired arts/crafts and food that will be on sale during the shuk. We're also soliciting donations of artwork, crafts, experiences that will be put under a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the ASF that provides financial supports for students and families who would otherwise not be able to attend Klvunim. Contact Nicole (Nicole.ellefson@gmail.com) or Sarah (sfoxlong@gmail.com) if you have items to donate to the silent auction!

Up-Coming Klvunim Calendar

School Shabbat, April 15, 10am-1pm

Shuk HaAtzmou'ut, April 23rd, 12-1pm

Last Kitah Bet, May 3rd, 4:15-6:00pm

Last Day Celebration May 7: Community Picnic at noon!

Rachel DuPuis Bat Mitzvah: June 3rd, 10am-1pm

Dalia Fernaglich Bat Mitzvah: June 10th, 10am-1pm

Hadassah Book Club

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 1PM on Zoom

Book for April: *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story of the Women Who Sewed to Survive* by Lucy Adington. WWII Non-fiction.

Twenty-five Jewish women and girls, inmates of Auschwitz, sew beautiful fashions for Nazi women. Adington is a historian who draws on diverse sources, including interviews with the last surviving seamstress.

Discussion Leader: Tamy Chelst

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregation Meeting April 16 at KI and on Zoom

Time: 5:00 pm light dinner 5:30 ish meeting at KI and on Zoom.
Members will need to register for Zoom meeting by Wednesday, 4/12

When: Apr 16, 2023 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdeChrZ8iHtJHFELrZrRoXPkOV1dHPtHF>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Meeting Packets will be mailed on April 4th USPS.



THANK YOU
for your support!

General Fund

Don and Liz Kaufman in memory of Claire Collins

Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund

Lori and Joe Wisniewski in memory of Yetta Balaban

Adult Ed Fund

Chantal Tetreault and Stuart Braiman in honor of David Wiener

Purim Fund

Laurie Bechhoffer

Library

Ken Nadler - Books

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, April 12, 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> (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.

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

John Appel, 10 Nisan, April 1

Sam Karp, 13 Nisan, April 4

Jacob Climo, 20 Nisan, April 11

Ralph Zimmerman, 20 Nisan, April 11

Michael Harrison, 23 Nisan, April 14

David Kallen, 26 Nisan, April 17

Don Weinshank, 29 Nisan, April 20

Jonas Zoninsein, 5 Iyar, April 26

Emily Sara Trumbull, 6 Iyar, April 27

Stephen Gold

Gail Richmond

Ken Frank

Ellen Rothfeld

Bud Shulman

Ken Sperber

Doug Moffat

Happy

BIRTHDAY





KI's Website - kehillatisrael.net

Paypal donate button is up and running. Copy and paste the link below or scan the QR code to donate to KI



https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=DQ8JSHFW6G5VW



One Ambulance at a time – Early last week, Ody Norkin was busy ferrying boxes of surgical gauze, wound dressings, disinfectant and other medical supplies from the back of his car to a spacious, cluttered office in East Lansing.

Copy and paste the link below for full article.

<https://www.lansingcitypulse.com/stories/one-ambulance-at-a-time,46863>

Announcing
Daniel M. Glickman
Memorial Fund
Scholarship Application



Scholarship awards for attendance at a

Summer Jewish Overnight Camp
Summer Jewish Day Camp
Summer Fine Arts Camp

Open to students of the Kehillat Israel Community

Daniel M. Glickman
Memorial Fund Scholarship Application
SUMMER CAMP 2023
accepted through April 16, 2023

Now in its 18th year, the Daniel M. Glickman Memorial Fund scholarship is available to students interested in attending a summer Jewish or fine arts overnight camp, Lansing's Camp Gan Israel, or KI-Zedek camp. You are invited to apply for a DMG Scholarship award by submitting a request for funding.

Scholarships are available to Congregation Kehillat Israel students with a good attendance record in Kivunim preschool-7th grade. The family unit membership status must be in good standing.

The **deadline** for this application for Jewish overnight camps **and** Jewish Day camps is April 16, 2023. Awards for summer 2023 will be made in April or May.

Please send your camp application *via email* to Karen Glickman with the subject line reading "DMG Scholarship Committee" (glickmankb@gmail.com) and include the following:

- Student's Name
- Kivunim Grade
- Years at KI
- Previous DMG awards – list years of award
- Mailing Address and Phone
- Parents' Email
- Name of camp and camp director; List as Day camp (D) or Sleep-Away (S)
- Session name/dates
- Winter camp mailing address
- Cost of camp

We hope that our older students in grades 3-7 will think of ways to bring some of their camp experience back to KI and to Kivunim.

The DMG committee voted to a change in how we allocate funds. The funds will be used partially for camp scholarships and partially for a special music program for the entire community.

Once we receive all of the applications, the allocated funds will be split three ways between (1) the students attending a *Jewish sleep-away camp*, (2) students attending a *Jewish day camp*, and (3) a KI special event.

This is a small scholarship fund. Those families who receive camp stipends are asked to contribute to the Daniel M. Glickman Memorial Fund by making a donation, encouraging grandparents to support the DMG Fund, and even having this as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah fundraiser. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has donated to the fund and especially to students have raised funds for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah project in previous years.

Karen and Ken Glickman

And the Daniel M. Glickman Memorial Fund Committee –
Leon Puttler, Eileen Heideman, Sara Kalt, Michele Loree', and Deb Weiland
Ex Officio: Rabbi Matthew Kaufman, David and Annie Glickman

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



Community Events

Greater Lansing
Jewish Federation



JEWISH SLEEP-AWAY CAMP STIPENDS

DEADLINE

Apply by April 1

STIPENDS

- Sleep-Away Camps: Up to \$200/week, \$600 max per child
- Day Camps: Information will be available in April. Stipends awarded for sleep-away camps will not affect families' eligibility for day-camp stipends.

APPLY

- Fill out an application on the Federation website:
<https://www.jewishfederationlansing.org/>
- If you have any questions, email
lansingjewishfederation@gmail.com



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

Jared Armstrong's Fight For Israeli Citizenship

**Monday, April 3rd,
3:00-4:20pm,
Zoom**

**Meeting ID:
925 137 4860
Passcode: Serling**



Israeli Fantasy and Science Fiction: Fantastical Time/Space and the Modern Promised Land by Dr. Vered Weiss

**Tuesday, April 11th at
1:00-2:30 pm, Natural
Sciences Bldg 304**



To livestream
this event on
our YouTube
page, scan
this QR code
or press here:



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Annual Rabin/Brill Lecture: Paper Love: An Exploration Into Family Identity, Myth, and Memory by Sarah Wildman

**Tuesday, April 18th,
7:00-8:30 pm, JMC
Library, Case Hall**

Book discussion for interested faculty, students, and community members of *Paper Love: An Exploration Into Family Identity, Myth, and Memory* will take place on **Monday, April 10th from 6:00-7:00 pm at Blue Owl Coffee, 213 Ann St. Suite C, East Lansing**, in anticipation of Dr. Sarah Wildman's lecture on April 18th. 20 complimentary books are available for the first students, faculty, and community members who can come by Wells C634 on M-TH any time from 8am to 4pm to get a copy of the book.

Complimentary refreshments will be available.

*For visitor parking information please visit:

maps.msu.edu/interactive



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