

**Congregation**

*Kehillat Israel*

## Join us this summer

### Summer Kiddush Announcement

We will return to a simpler kiddush for the following dates when KI shares Shabbat services with Shaarey Zedek, taking place at Shaarey Zedek:

July 8 Shaarey Zedek  
July 22 Shaarey Zedek  
July 29 Shaarey Zedek  
August 12 Shaarey Zedek  
August 26 Shaarey Zedek

We will have a regular kiddush when Shabbat services are at KI. Kitchen Coordinators are needed for the following dates: August 5, 19; September 2, 9, 23, and 30.

For services at Shaarey Zedek, bring something that is individually packaged or calls for easy cleanup. We will bring and use KI paper goods, plastic flatware, challah, and grape juice.

We will not be using the SZ oven for cooking or warming things at this time.

**There is a new link for Shabbat Services.** The previous link is no longer active. If you saved the previous link, you will need to copy and paste this one. Meeting ID: 835 9640 4951 Passcode: 613786

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83596404951?pwd=SzBJVzhGV2MvMElpMFJ5aCtWR2t3QT09>

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# Saturday Service Schedule - 10:00 am

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**July 1**, Kehillat Israel (Reconstructionist Service)

**July 8**, Shaarey Zedek (Conservative Service)

**July 15**, Kehillat Israel (Reconstructionist Service)

**July 22**, Shaarey Zedek (Conservative Service)

**July 29**, Shaarey Zedek (Conservative Service)

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**The KI Kiddush** has become a mainstay of the KI volunteer fabric. The kiddush that follows the Shabbat services is a wonderful time to continue the Torah discussion that happened during the service or to catch up on family, personal, and social issues. Don't whisper this to anyone, but some people appreciate the kiddushes more than they do the services.

To make sure the kiddush goes smoothly, KI has had a person managing the weekly Kiddush Coordinators and teaching those volunteers how to set out a kiddush. Recently, Karen Glickman held that volunteer position, but she has finally decided to step down at the end of August. This is your chance to continue the tradition!

## Job Posting and Job Description—KI Kiddush Manager

- 1) Organizing, recruiting volunteers, and writing kiddush announcements for the KI Weekly News and the KI Newsletter.
- 2) Nudging and reminding those who have signed up to be the coordinator.
- 3) Teaching folks new to the kitchen how to use the kitchen.

This job can be done from your home computer and is an easy way to keep the KI Shabbat kiddush in place.

The minyan attendees provide delicious food shared by many each Saturday. The kitchen budget provides paper goods, plastic ware, butter, cream cheese, and grape juice; the ritual budget provides wine and challah.

Thank you for considering giving KI the gift of your time.

Please e-mail [glickmankb@gmail.com](mailto:glickmankb@gmail.com) or call the KI office to leave a message.

# From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

## *A Reflection for Independence Day: the true meaning of E Pluribus Unum*

What is the meaning of unity implied by that grand phrase on the Great Seal of the United States, e pluribus unum, or “out of many, one?”

Does unity imply homogeneity?

Almost seventy years ago, social philosopher Horace Kallen offered a startling interpretation of that motto. He wrote that a disservice is done by rendering the translation uncritically. The literal translation fails to capture its true spirit.

E pluribus unum, Kallen insisted, should be understood to imply a unified resolve to protect and to treasure our cultural, religious, sexual and other differences. “The unum of the American Idea,” Kallen explained, “signifies not unity but union, and a design of union where groups and individuals, severally and collectively, contract together that all will safeguard equal liberty to each.” The unum of the American Idea implies a commitment to value differences equally.

The American ideal of unity is achieved with the many. As a kind of *k’ri k’tiv* (a traditional way to read Torah differently from how it is written), Kallen corrects the motto’s phrasing to be read unum in pluribus.

The Declaration of Independence tells us that “all men are created equal” not because all people are the same, Kallen argued, but because their differences are of equal value. Kallen’s observation about American cultural ideals found in the success of cultural pluralism, multiculturalism, feminism, civil rights, and all manner of social justice movements in the last half-century.

With the resurgence of so-called tribalism and culture wars that we are witnessing now, it is all the more critical that we reject the notion that homogeneity and uniformity is the message of e pluribus unum. Our cultural, ethno-racial, religious, sexual and other differences must be valued as equal.

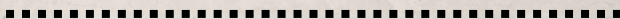
“Variety is not only the spice of life, it is the life of life,” Kallen added. If American Independence Day continues to hold value, it is because we reaffirm on this day that freedom brings with it a moral responsibility to assure equal participation for all (socially and politically) in the fabric of national life.

# From our President

The recent threat of violence against Congregation Shaarey Zedek is a chilling reminder that our Jewish community needs to remain vigilant. It is discouraging to learn again, as we are by this incident, that there are people out there in the world who want to harm us, and they are not necessarily very far away from us geographically nor without the means to do great harm indeed. It is heartening to know, however, that there are people and organizations who are actively working to thwart the efforts of such violent people.

I want to thank once again Stan Kaplowitz and other members of the KI Safety Committee who have taken possible threats of this sort seriously and have persisted in encouraging us to adopt and follow protocols at KI that will keep us safer.

We are including in this newsletter the most recent version of the Visitor Screening Outline prepared for us by Stan and the Safety Committee.



**(updated 2/27/22 approved by Board at March 2022 meeting)**

## ***Some criteria for admitting people whom the greeters do not know.***

- 1) If non-members have been invited to an event at KI (esp. a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Bris, Ufruf) it is helpful if the inviters provide the list of invitees to the greeters, and greeters who should request the names of all unfamiliar people. (It is not a problem if the list includes invited people who do not show up)
- 2) For joint services with SZ, a SZ member should be a co-greeter and can approve their members as approved for entry. Similarly, if any other group gets invited to KI, one of that group's members should be a co-greeter.
- 3) If other non-members wish to come, they should be encouraged to contact the Rabbi or someone else at KI beforehand, so that their names are on the list of those expected. The member who puts a visitor's name on the approved list vouches for that person and should be at KI to greet them.

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## ***1 Dealing with strangers***

- 1) Almost all strangers who come to the door will be safe to admit. Nonetheless, we have established some criteria for deciding whether to grant or refuse entry.
- 2) Stay behind a locked door inside while talking to a stranger who wants to visit. Use the LaView App to use your phone while inside bldg. converse with someone outside, who will use the doorbell system as a microphone and loudspeaker.
- 3) Admission depends on the stranger's behavior – not appearance. American Jews, particularly in the liberal denominations, are racially and ethnically diverse. Suspicious or alarming behavior, not skin color or accent, is what properly prompts caution. These days there are young Jews with shaved heads and tattoos. Don't stereotype and assume that they are to be feared.
- 4) If the visitor's clothing, or a bag/ backpack, suggests possible possession of firearms or other weapons, the container should be stored elsewhere, or alternatively its contents examined. We have the legal right to demand inspection as a condition of admittance.
- 5) A handgun that can fire up to 12 shots can be carried concealed in a pocket, belt, or holster, so be alert for bulges (under an arm, abdomen, waist, and ankles). Sgt Schlagel of Lansing PD suggests that if someone is frequently touching the area around his waist or pocket, this is a valid ground for suspicion. Similarly, a person whose clothing is not appropriate to the weather or the occasion (e.g., a heavy coat in warm weather), should be viewed with suspicion.
- 6) Our police advisors suggest that a way to evaluate a visitor's intention is to talk to the visitor. Say something like "Welcome. I'm sorry, I don't recognize you. I'm {name}. Who are you? What brings you here today? Do you know a member of the congregation? Where are you from? I regret we live in times when we must ask such questions." Get them talking and evaluate the answers and reactions. Capt. Connelly of ELPD advised that if the visitor seems uncomfortable and unwilling to look you in the eye, this is a reasonable basis for suspicion While masking within the KI building may be required or recommended, visitors should remove their masks to be identified, prior to entering. Whoever works the door shall ask masked visitors to remove their masks for identification, and visitors who do not unmask to be identified will not be admitted.

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- 7) If you are uncertain, invite another trusted person to make a joint evaluation.
- 8) If the visitor makes you feel that he may be a threat, be safe rather than sorry. The burden of proof is not on the decision to refuse entry. It is important to listen to your feelings/intuitions, which have been honed by your lifetime of experience, aided by evolution. Don't over-intellectualize the situation.
- 9) If it seems prudent to refuse entry – refuse, but be polite and professional, to avoid alienating someone who intends us no harm. A good thing to say to a person being turned away is “I'm sorry, but recent events have made it necessary for us to be extra careful about admitting strangers.” You can always advise the visitor to call the office in advance to arrange for a visit to first get acquainted with the Rabbi and establish their bona fides.
- 10) If a member and a stranger arrive simultaneously so that you cannot safely open the door for one without admitting the other, first have someone join you and then determine that the stranger is safe before letting in the member. (Or ask the stranger to step back several paces.)
- 11) If someone outside the door becomes belligerent, or otherwise threatening, immediately get yourself out of the line of fire, and call 911. Notify everyone in the building of the emergency. If you are near the east entrance, also use the panic button which will simultaneously notify ADT and Lansing police.

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## **Hadassah Book Club**

We will meet on July 26, 2023, on Zoom at 1PM.

The book for July is *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo* by Michael David Lucas. This is historical fiction. The son of a Jewish mother and Muslim father sets out to uncover a family mystery.

Discussion Leader is Liz Kaufman.

## High Holidays 2023 KI member volunteer form

Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Rosh Hashanah (1st day)  
Rosh Hashanah (2nd day)

Friday, September 15, 2023  
Saturday, September 16, 2023  
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Kol Nidre  
Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24, 2023  
Monday, September 25, 2023

**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 Hebrew (H) or English (E). (Circle your choice):**

Service Segment	ERH	RH1	RH2	YK	YK-Specific Service Segments	
<i>Ma'ariv</i>	H E			H E	<i>Kol Nidre (NOT Ma'ariv)</i>	H E
<i>P'sukei D'zimra</i>		H E	H E	H E	<i>Avodah</i>	H E
<i>Shacharit</i>		H E	H E	H E	<i>Yizkor</i>	H E
Torah Service		H E		H E	Martyrology	H E
Shofar Service		H E	H E	H E	PM Torah Service	H E
Musaf		H E	H E	H E	<i>Mincha</i>	H E
					<i>Neilah</i>	H E

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

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

\*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 breaking of fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur. If you are feeling sick, please join services via Zoom.

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.

# Member News

**KI's Bikkur Cholim** - If you know of any KI member who is ill or injured please inform either Rabbi Matthew at kirabbim@gmail.com or 517- 582-4155 or Robin Willner at ronit24@sbcglobal.net of KI's Bikkur Cholim so that we may provide help and support as needed. Please let Rabbi Kaufman know if you or someone in your family is in need of special prayer support.

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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.



**THANK YOU**  
for your support!

Thank you to all of our members who put in extra time volunteering for KI. KI would not work without your support.

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## **MEMBERS**

**Reminder, pledge payments are due by July 31, 2023. Please call the office at 517-882-0049 if you have any questions or would like your balance owed. Email reminders will be sent out the first week of July.**

Paypal donate button is up and running on our website.

Copy and paste the link below or scan the QR code to donate to KI

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=DQ8JSHFW6G5VW](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=DQ8JSHFW6G5VW)



**Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday,  
July 12, 7:00 pm Zoom**

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**Board of Directors**

**Doug Moffat - President - 2024**

**Kirsten Fermaglich - Executive VP - 2024**

**Marc Speiser - Secretary - 2025**

**Leon Puttler - VP for Finance - 2024**

**Ody Norkin- VP for Facilities - 2024**

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

**Arlene Sharkey - VP for Education - 2024**

**Liz Harrow - VP for Programs - 2024**

**Robin Willner - First Trustee - 2024**

**Alene Dixon - Trustee - 2025**

**Emily Schnurr - Trustee - 2024**

**Brian Kalt - Trustee - 2025**

**Laura Yares - Trustee - 2025**

**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.

**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).



# Yahrzeits

Norman Zimmerman, 13 Tammuz, July 2

Herman Slatis, 25 Tammuz, July 14

Warren Malchman, 13 Av, July 31

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**The KI librarians** are no longer accepting donations of books for the KI library until we know more about the library's future. However, the library remains OPEN for browsing, borrowing, or returning borrowed books. Come browse our large collection of books with Jewish themes or written by Jewish authors. Your

***Librarians:***

***Barbara Hyman, Liz Kaufman, Lois Rosen,  
Betty Seagull, Joel Sharkey***

# Community Events

## SAVE THE DATES FOR KEHILLAT ZEDEK SUMMER CAMP

מחנה קהילת צדק

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)