

Congregation *Kehillat Israel*



High Holidays 5784/2023 Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 15, 2023

Rosh Hashanah (1st day) Saturday, September 16, 2023

Rosh Hashanah (2nd day) Sunday, September 17, 2023

Kol Nidre Sunday, September 24, 2023

Yom Kippur Monday, September 25, 2023

High Holiday Food Assignments

We are returning to a shared kiddush for the High Holiday services, the first and second day of Rosh Hashanah, and the break fast for Yom Kippur. I arbitrarily assigned either a salad or dessert to each member's family. In the newsletter, you will find your proposed assignment. The main course will be provided. If you cannot participate, please let Bettie know so we ensure plenty for our holiday celebration (menchikb@msu.edu or 517.402.3903).

Find the link for food assignment in the main body of the email or copy and paste this link <https://kehillatisrael.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Copy-of-2023-High-Holiday-assignments.xlsx>

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Saturday Service Schedule - 10:00 am

August 5, at KI with Rabbi Matthew and on Zoom - Sim Shalom

August 12, at KI with Rabbi Matthew and on Zoom - Kol Haneshamah

August 19, at KI with Rabbi Matthew and on Zoom - Sim Shalom

August 26, at KI and on Zoom - Kol Haneshamah

*Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Matthew and Stephanie
Friday August 11 from 6:30 – 7:00 PM (Zoom)
Featuring a duet performed by Neil Gordon and Rabbi Matthew*



Visit our school website for information on
KI's upcoming school year
<https://kivunimschool.net/>

We are the religious school at Congregation Kehillat Israel, a small-but-mighty
synagogue in the heart of Michigan.

Here you will find out more about us, an event calendar, student forms, and
school announcements.

From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

The month of August brings with it a surprising connection to Yom Kippur. Tradition has it that on the first of the month of Elul (which falls on August 17 this year), Moses ascended Mount Sinai to receive a second copy of the Ten Commandments, which he had earlier destroyed. There he remained for forty days, descending with the replacement tablets on Yom Kippur. With the advent of Elul, in other words, we begin a process that achieves its fulfillment on Yom Kippur. The difference in the process of obtaining the Ten Commandments is instructive. Whereas God had given Moses the tablets the first time, the second time Moses hews the tablets himself (and then God writes on them). There is a partnership in this second iteration that was not present the first time. It suggests that Moses' second attempt to embed the text of revelation in the heart of the Jewish soul was ultimately successful in part because of Moses' direct engagement in the process and his intention to heal the rift that had occurred. Successful spiritual transformation (teshuvah) depends as much on the effort and intention of the individual as it does on the divine grace that bestows it. It is up to us to begin the process of hewing out our own metaphorical tablets in our hearts, readying them for the gift of inspiration.

This August is also significant for a mundane reason. This month I begin a new work schedule with KI. From this point forward, I will be working every week, rather than for two weeks at a time. I will be working three days per week – Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday (Shabbat). I will have ongoing drop-in office hours on Sundays from 11 am-1 pm and on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. If you would prefer to make an appointment to see me, please drop me a line at kirabbim@gmail.com or phone me at (517) 582-4155 and I would be happy to make arrangements. If there is an urgent situation that arises outside of my regularly scheduled work days, please contact me to let me know.

From our President

Dear Fellow Congregants,

As you can see from the announcements, the Saturday morning minyan this week will be at KI. It had been scheduled for Shaarey Zedek. The reason for this change is that we have decided to step away from the shared services with Shaarey Zedek for the remainder of the summer.

As you undoubtedly know, Shaarey Zedek received a serious threat of attack earlier this spring. One of their responses was to hire an armed security guard for events at the synagogue, including the Shabbat morning minyans we were scheduled to do there. While this decision strikes most of us as a reasonable response, the upshot is that our after-service kiddush was much truncated from our usual leisurely approach, because of the guard's schedule. Further, we were having rather extraordinary turnouts of KI people (extraordinary not only for the summer but for any time of the year), and people were finding the Shaarey Zedek chapel a bit cramped.

The Board and the Ritual Committee discussed this situation, and we decided that returning to KI was a better alternative at this time.

So, Saturday morning services will be at KI from this point on. I hasten to add that this decision has no bearing on ongoing discussions about possible co-location with Shaarey Zedek in the future.

Sincerely,
Doug Moffat





SOUP 'N SHMOOZE
PRESENTS

JEWISH IMMIGRATION

A PRESENTATION BY NICOLE ELLEFSON

AUGUST 20, 2023

6:00: potluck dinner

7:00: presentation

AT KEHILLAT ISRAEL

JEWISH IMMIGRATION SIMULATION- COME LEARN ABOUT THE IMMIGRATION OF OUR JEWISH ANCESTORS FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE TO OUR CURRENT LOCATIONS. AS A GROUP, WE WILL PLAY SEVERAL ROUNDS OF THE TABLE-TOP SIMULATION THAT NICOLE BUILT FOR KIVUNIM STUDENTS. WE WILL TRACE POPULATION FROM 1900 TO THE FOUNDING OF ISRAEL.



Hadassah Book Club

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 on Zoom

If All the Seas Were Ink by Ilana Kurshan. Memoir. Winner of 2018 Sami Rohr Prize plus many other prizes.

Alone in Jerusalem after a painful divorce, Kurshan began the practice of learning daf yomi, Hebrew for “daily page” of the Talmud. Offers a very personal guided tour of the Talmud. Described as “a gorgeous writer.” Discussion Leader: Stephanie Kaufman

Great Books

The next **Great Books** meeting will be on Monday, August 21, at 1:30, at KI. We will discuss the next three stories in the Pearlman collection: Fishwater, Wait and See, and Flowers. Take care. *Alan Posner*



Copy and paste the link below to check out KI's YouTube channel. We also have private videos available to view. If you missed a past program, we may have it on our channel. Just email the office for private link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDk5UQSB1AztKBP9s7BI4Kw>

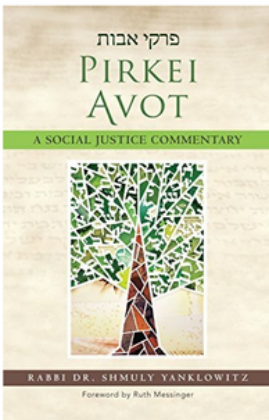


**Please join Congregations Kehillat Israel and Shaarey Zedek
For a special *Selichot* service and program
In preparation for the High Holidays**

**Saturday September 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.
at Congregation Shaarey Zedek**

**Worship led by Rabbi Amy Bigman and
Rabbi Dr. Matthew Kaufman
Program to follow**

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 August 6 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.

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.

Rabbi Matthew will lead an adult education program on August 19th at 4:30 pm.
Details to come.

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!

Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund
Lonnie and Karen Barnett

Thank you to our members who have filled out a high holiday volunteer form. We appreciate your time and commitment to KI.

**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)





Yahrzeits

Elaine Bailie, 14 Av, August 1



The KI Kiddush -- an easy KI volunteer job.

Only you can keep our KI Kiddush going.

To sign up to be the host of our volunteer KI kiddushes please do the following:

- 1) Go to <https://kehillatisrael.net/>**
- 2) Click on "Member Section"**
- 3) Click on Kiddush Sign-up Form**
- 4) Pick a date when you can help out as the kiddush coordinator.**

We have no one to coordinate on August 5, 12, and 26

Easy job -- set up the social hall; clean after kiddush; defrost a challah from the freezer; bring a dozen bagels.

Karen B. Glickman glickmankb@gmail.com

**Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday,
August 9, 7:00 pm Zoom**

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

**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).

Community Events



"Only One" Program: Supporting Jewish Families

Please join the KI and SZ religious school communities for a one-time event to explore and process challenges associated with being a minority and at times the "Only One" Jewish person in a group setting. Light Refreshments will be provided.

Led by Jewish Mental Health Clinicians in the community, this two hour event will provide developmentally appropriate activities and discussions for children and their parents (divided by age/grade level for children and a separate space for adults/caregivers).

Topics Covered:

- Jewish minority identity development
- Navigating challenges associated with being the "Only One" in community settings
- Coming together as a community to build support and connection
- Working together as a community to address anti-semitism and advocate for Jewish children and their families

Date: Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Time: 10am-12pm

Address: Shaarey Zedek --1924 Coolidge Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823

Ages: Pre-K to 12th Grade and Adults/Caregivers

RSVP and submit questions/topics to be covered via the Google Form

Questions: Nicole Ellefson: nicole.ellefson@gmail.com OR Margot Valles: menahelet.margot@shaareyzedek.com

Sukkot on the Farm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
in Ann Arbor

Looking for a fun way for the whole family to spend the day outdoors? Join us for a picnic and joyous celebration of **Sukkot!**

Pack a picnic basket, and enjoy a day of outdoor fun and relaxation with our sister congregation in Ann Arbor

Join us for a day trip to an eco-friendly farm for food, song, and friendship!

Details to come in September.

