

Congregation

Kehillat Israel

MAZEL TOV

Please join us in celebrating the bar mitzvah of Zachary Schnurr on October 14, 2023, when he will be honored during shabbat morning services with being called to the Torah for the first time. We thank Emily and Otto,

Zachary's proud parents, for hosting the congregational kiddush luncheon then. Mazel tov, Zachary!



JOIN US

We'll share soups in the Sukkah on Sunday, October 1st, from 11:30 to about 1— please join us for a sampling of great soups, bread, and cheese and for a short Sukkot celebration. Please email lizharrow@gmail.com for further details.

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A Special Shabbaton
Oct. 27/28/29

to Honor Rabbi Matthew's
Receiving the Degree of Doctor
of Divinity Honoris Causa from
the Reconstructionist Rabbinical
College.

Fri. Oct 27 - 6 PM

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Cabaret
with KI musicians and catered
dinner.

Sat. Oct 28 -10 AM

School Shabbat and presentation of
diploma to Rabbi Matthew followed
by catered kiddush.

Sun. Oct. 29 - 10:30 AM

Program with Rabbi Waxman and
Seth Rosen and a bagel brunch.

<https://forms.gle/XNRZQxx7Dc5iSCiqZ>

**Please RSVP using
the link above by
October 20.**

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Rabbi Deborah Waxman, PhD. President
and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism

Seth Rosen, Chair of the Board of
Governors of Reconstructing Judaism.



Rabbi Deborah Waxman, PhD is the first woman rabbi to head a Jewish congregational union and a Jewish seminary. She became president and chief executive officer of Reconstructing Judaism in 2014. Since then, she has drawn on her training as a rabbi and historian to be the Reconstructionist movement's leading voice in the public square.



Seth Rosen has served as the chair of the Board of Governors of Reconstructing Judaism since 2017. He also serves on the board of the Jewish Reconstructionist Camping Corporation (Camp Havaya).

**More Information on
Programming in KI's Weekly
Announcements**

Saturday Service Schedule

October 7, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah
October 14, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah
October 21, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Sim Shalom
October 28, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah

From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

Dear Friends,

It was wonderful *davening* with so many of you over the course of the High Holidays. May the spiritual energy that we created during these services carry us forward with renewed purpose and hope this year.

The month of October will be full of exciting programming at KI. We will have a special celebration on Simchat Torah on Sunday October 8. In a nod to the tradition of reading from the end of the Torah and then immediately reading afresh from the beginning, we will be unrolling our historic Czech Scroll around the sanctuary room. Yes, it is the very same scroll that we have on display at our entryway. We will (re)learn its history, and read from it as well.

We will be celebrating the bar mitzvah of Zachary Schnurr during Shabbat morning services on October 14, so please make sure to come join us for that Shabbat!

Of special note is an upcoming visit to KI by Rabbi Deborah Waxman, PhD, President and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism, and Seth Rosen, Chair of the Board of Governors of Reconstructing Judaism. I hope you will join in celebrating with me the weekend of October 27-29 as they present me, on behalf of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. KI is planning a full weekend of exciting programming for their visit. Plans include catered meals, a musical cabaret, services led (in part) by Kivunim children, and more! Look for details to come in October.

As a reminder, I have a new work schedule with KI. I am now working on Sundays, Wednesdays, and most Saturdays. I have drop-in office hours that overlap with Kivunim school hours – Sundays from 11-1 and Wednesdays from 3- 5. As always, please reach out to me at Klrabbim@gmail.com for anything you may need.



Soup 'n Schmooze Presents: Sustainable Living with David Arnosti

David will be giving a talk about sustainable living by giving us a virtual tour of a model sustainable house in Lansing.

Sunday October 15 at Congregation Kehillat Israel

2014 Forest Road, Lansing

6:00 potluck dinner

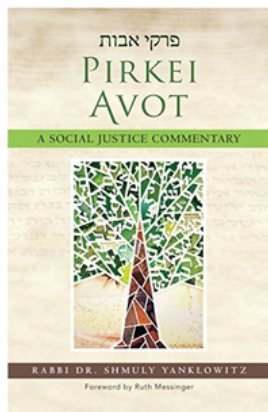
7:00 presentation

Zoom link to follow

Don't know what to bring?
Contact Stephanie Kaufman at
517-582-4754
or
shoshana4351@gmail.com

**David Arnosti is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology
at Michigan State University**

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 October 1 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.



WELCOME

New Members

Gabriel Biber
Laura & Adam Colton
Amelia Dornbush
Janson Hanflik
Courtney & Bethany Hollender
John Jones
Ruth Mendel
Lewis & Monica Resnik
Pam Sebrell
Candace Worthington

Klvunim

The day before school started back up, Klvunim partnered with the Tikkun Olam committee to collect donations of backpacks and school supplies to go to children served by the Refugee Development Center. KJ members old and young gathered at Hawk Island on Saturday September 9 to have a picnic and put together the backpacks. Through the tzedakah of KJ members, we filled over 8 backpacks for newcomer students in our area! It was great to be able to resume this tradition that was interrupted by the pandemic.

School is back in session and we're off to a great start. Our oldest students have begun their studies on Wednesday, that include Hebrew, ritual, and drama. Our younger students have begun a text study of Genesis 15:1-6 that ties into the October Shabbaton honoring Rabbi Matthew's honorary doctorate. On Sunday, September 10 the whole school enjoyed active learning outside, playing a game while listening to the 3 types of shofar blasts. Many thanks to Sara Kalt for coming to blow her shofar for us. Finally, we were delighted to welcome Gavri Yares to our first session of tefillah with him. Thanks for the Fox Family Fund, we are able to have Gavri come work with the children every other week to learn tefillah and other Jewish music.

Upcoming Events:

Zach Schurr's Bar Mitzvah October 14, 10am

KJ Shabbaton 27/28 October. Klvunim will have our first school shabbat on Saturday, October 28th as part of the Shabbaton!



Sara Kalt and Klvunim students playing a shofar game.



The schmooze was strong among adult KJ members who came to the event.



Kivunim students and teachers filled over 8 backpacks with donations from the KJ community.

Yahrzeit Date Conversion Instructions

1. Go to Hebcal.com
2. On the right-hand side of the screen, click on “Date Converter.”
3. On the right-hand side of the screen, enter the Hebrew date from the list, changing the year to 5784 if Hebcal has not changed it.
4. Click on “Convert to Gregorian.”
5. The corresponding Gregorian date will appear to the left of the Hebrew date.

For example, the Yahrzeit for Marty Horan, Marcia’s father, is 21 Cheshvan. Entering 21 Cheshvan 5784 in Hebcal gives a corresponding Gregorian date of November 5, 2023.

A rough correspondence of the months of the Hebrew calendar and months of the Gregorian calendar is as follows:

HEBREW MONTH	GREGORIAN MONTHS
Tishrei	September-October
Cheshvan	October-November
Kislev	November-December
Tevet	December-January
Shevat	January-February
Adar (Adar I and Adar II in a leap year)	February- March/April
Nisan	March – April
Iyar	April-May
Sivan	May-June
Tammuz	June-July
Av	July-August
Elul	August-September

If you have any questions, please contact Rich Block (blockr62@gmail.com) or Marcia Horan (marcia.horan@gmail.com).

Hadassah Book Club

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 1pm on zoom. We'll be discussing How to Find Your Way in the Dark by Derek B. Miller. This novel was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award 2021. It is a coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of WWII and the many faces of anti-semitism in the U.S.

Discussion Leader: Liz Kaufman

Thank you

I hope you were able to attend at least some of the services of our recently concluded High Holidays celebration. The spirit was high, and the attendance was as well. It was wonderful to see so many join by Zoom, including some from a great distance. And we had a few visitors from KI's past who joined us in person, which was a delight.

So many people did so much to make these High Holidays a success. I could name many of them, but I would be sure to miss some. So just let me say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all the many volunteers, whose collective effort is so much appreciated.

I do want to single out for special mention our Rabbi, Matthew Kaufman. I am sure that even on Zoom you could notice that Matthew was often sitting down at the bimah. He has been for some days now in a great deal of pain with a foot ailment. Despite that, I can tell you that he never once complained, made excuses, or begged off duties or expectations. He not only carried on, but he did so with his usual high energy, engagement, and professionalism. We are very fortunate to have him with us.

Doug Moffat



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>

THANK YOU
for your support!

Daniel Glickman Memorial Fund

Ken and Karen Glickman

Building Fund

William Hochman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Toba Kaplowitz

Sheryl Groden

Liz Harrow

Nancy Pogel

Greater Lansing Jewish Federation

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

FEATURING THE STAND-UP
COMEDY OF

Jon Fisch

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22



Cost

\$20 PER PERSON

Register at

JEWISHFEDERATIONLANSING.ORG

Join us at
Congregation Shaarey Zedek

2:00 PM

Member News

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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.



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



Yahrzeits

Sheila Kollenberg, 18 Tishrei, October 3

Chuck Ellstein, 21 Tishrei, October 6

Martin Balaban, 28 Tishrei, October 13

Ada Finifter, 1 Cheshvan, October 16

Toni Pollak, 2 Cheshvan, October 17

Annika Berry, 10 Cheshvan, October 25

Nicolas Messe, 14 Cheshvan, October 29

**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.

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

Contact Kate Farley at katefarley246@gmail.com

Monthly Board Meeting on Wednesday

October 11, 7:00 pm on 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

EXPLORING JUDAISM

More than the basics



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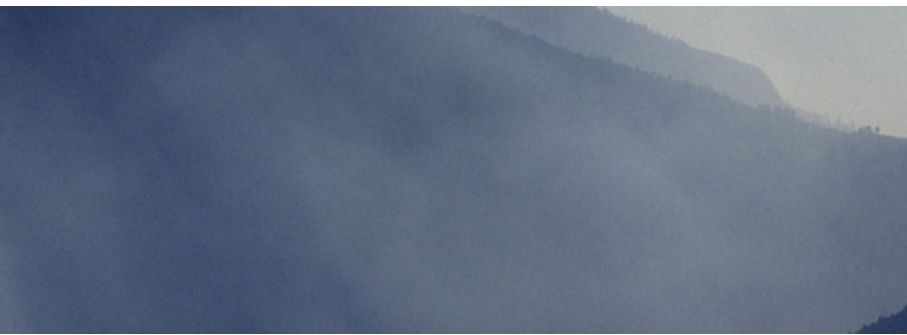
Exploring Judaism: More than Just the Basics

October 2023-June 2024

Looking to delve into the study of Judaism to learn more than just the basics? Join Rabbi Rena Blumenthal in this 16-session Reconstructionist-inspired program of Jewish immersion and learning. This program is perfect for those looking to convert to Judaism, new to Judaism, wanting a refresher, or looking for a way to kick-start their next steps in Jewish learning and practice.

Please reach out to Rabbi Matthew at kirabbim@gmail.com to learn more about this opportunity. Rabbi Matthew can make available financial assistance through his discretionary fund.

More information about this program can be found here: bit.ly/ExploringJudaism.



BEYOND BAGELS AND BUREKAS: AMERICAN JEWISH LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY

by Dr. Sarah Bunin Benor

MSU community members are encouraged to come in person to enjoy complimentary bagels and to join the discussion.

Monday, October 9, 5:30-7:00pm

B-342 Wells Hall

To live stream this event scan this QR code



Using quotes and images, this talk highlights the diversity of American Jews by focusing on the diverse uses of “Jewish American English” – enriched primarily by words from Yiddish and Hebrew, but also, in particular ancestral groups, Ladino, Russian, Farsi, Judeo-Arabic, and other languages. Jews of various stripes use subtle variation in language to signal their textual knowledge, religious denomination, generation from immigration, ancestral origin, and orientation toward Israel. In short, “Jewish language” serves not only to distinguish Jews from non-Jews but also to distinguish Jews from Jews.

JERUSALEM: HUMANITY'S SHARED GIFT

Tuesday, October 10, 5:30-7:00pm
JMC Library, 332 Case Hall (3rd floor)

Jerusalem is sacred to the followers of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. For centuries, the world's different traditions have shared, fought over, built, and rebuilt the Holy City. Jerusalem is special for millions worldwide—Jews and Arabs, Israelis and Palestinians, and others—who revere it and regard it as a precious inheritance from their ancestors, spiritual or physical or both.



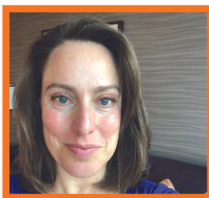
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