



Congregation

Kehillat Israel

SAFETY, SOLIDARITY, AND HOPE



**RABBIS KAUFMAN AND BIGMAN LEAD A
CONVERSATION FOR SYNAGOGUE
MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO EAST
LANSING AREA CLERGY STATEMENTS
REGARDING THE WAR**

5 November 2023
Shaarey Zedek
11 a.m.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Matthew

Dear Friends,

Shalom. This is our prayer of today.

Our lives have been upended by the atrocities committed by Hamas against Israelis on October 7. It has affected us personally for many reasons, not the least of which is because some of us continue to fear for the safety of relatives and friends who live in Israel. There is no end of things to pray for. We pray that the mourners be comforted, that the hostages be returned safely soon, and that Israel be kept safe. We pray for an end to Hamas. We pray that innocent Palestinian lives be saved. And we pray that we Jews remain safe here at home, together with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

It is vitally important that we nurture the supportive relationships that we have with our Muslim and Christian neighbors at this time. We need each other to weather the storms of anger and pain that might pose a challenge to our safety and security. What is important is that we reinforce for each other that what happens in the Middle East must not be replicated here. We must be clear and unequivocal that we truly value each other and will stand by one other.

I have shared with you Imam Chaudhry's moving words of support and solidarity with our Jewish community. I and Rabbi Bigman have asked Imam Chaudhry to share with his community our message of solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

This is our message:

As rabbis, as Jews, and as your neighbors and friends, we view with alarm the rise of Islamophobia together with antisemitism in this country. What is happening in the Middle East must not be allowed to undermine the supportive and caring relationship we share here. The Sages teach that truly living by the dictates of Torah requires a willingness to bear the yoke of a burden with one's fellow and friend (Pirkei Avot 6:6). We Jews and Muslims are alike burdened by loss, pain, and fear for our safety. Let us not each try to bear these burdens alone, but recognize that we must bear them together.

The Torah further teaches that one must not bear hatred toward their brother, but one must love one's neighbor as oneself (Leviticus 19:17-18). When we read reports of hatred directed against Muslims because they are Muslim, we are as pained as when we read reports of hatred directed against Jews because they are Jews.

We pray for the mutual peace, safety, and healing of our communities.

Saturday Service Schedule

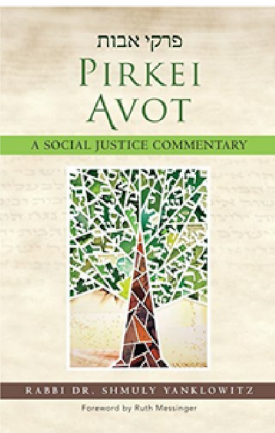
November 4, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom
with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah

November 11, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom
with Rabbi Matthew - Sim Shalom

November 18, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom
with Rabbi Matthew - Kol Haneshamah

November 25, 10:00 am at KI and on Zoom
- Sim Shalom

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 November 19 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.

THANK YOU
for your support!

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Bill & Sue Morris *in honor of
welcoming friends and family via
zoom for high holidays.*

General Fund

Sue and Len Lyon

Elliot and Judy Fraiberg

Jodi von Jess *in memory of Erni Goldstein, my mom.
And in honor of Alene Dixon and all she does for KI.*

Aylene Koovensky *for a warm welcome via zoom during
high holidays and in honor of Sara Kalt's shofar blowing*

Great Books

The next meeting of the Great Books group will be on Monday, 13 November [NB: second Monday], at 1:30 PM, at KI. We will be discussing the last two stories in the Pearlman collection: "The Descent of Happiness" and "Honeydew." At the October 16 meeting, it was decided that the next two, alternating, books, presumably starting with the December meeting, will be the collections "Five-Carat Soul" by James McBride and "The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story." We will begin with the McBride collection. Details will be finalized at the November 13 session. Email me with any questions. Take care. Alan Posner

Hadassah Book Club

Hadassah Book Club will not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2023 We'll discuss *The Two-Family House* by Lynda Cohen Loigman. Fiction. Two women from the house deliver babies minutes apart and develop a close bond that eventually unravels.

Discussion Leader will be Bettie Menchik

Please note the early December date. This meeting is for both November and December.

Member News

Rabbi Matthew's drop-in office hours are on Sundays from 11-1 and on Wednesdays from 3-5. Appointment times outside of drop-in hours may be arranged by emailing Rabbi Matthew at Klrabbim@gmail.com. Rabbi Matthew's regular work schedule is on Sundays, Wednesdays, and most Saturdays. Congregants can generally expect responses to non-urgent matters on one of those days. The rabbi will be available outside of his regular work schedule for urgent matters. In case of emergency, please phone Rabbi Matthew at (517) 582-4155.

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



Yahrzeits

Ann Harrison, November 4, 22 Cheshvan
Audrey Matisoff, November 4, 23 Cheshvan
Debbie Mixer, November 4, 23 Cheshvan
Arlinda Perlow, November 11, 28 Cheshvan
Ziona Neubauer Bisno, November 18, 5 Kislev

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



**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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Brad Rakerd
Barbara Hyman
Judy Shulman
Gabe Kende
David Wiener**



**HAPPY
Anniversary!**

**Steve and Lisa Gold
Max and Sheryl Kahn**

Monthly Board Meeting on Wednesday

November 08, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Board of Directors

Doug Moffat - President - 2024

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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).

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

Interfaith Gathering of Solidarity and Hope



NOVEMBER 16, 2023

7 P.M.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1315 ABBOT RD, EAST LANSING

Sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

During the service, offerings will be taken of supportive letters to our Jewish and Muslim neighbors as well as financial gifts to help with increased security costs of Jewish and Muslim houses of worship in our community.



CONVERSATIONS ON ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

Faculty experts will discuss the history and current manifestations of these prejudices which occur globally, nationally and on college campuses. In addition to discussions of MSU incidents, participants will have the opportunity to share their observations and ideas, while learning to contribute to the inclusivity of MSU's campus community.

Student participation may be used as an Honors Option, please check with faculty. Faculty and Staff attendance may be considered for annual reviews and promotions.

Participants are encouraged to attend all four in-person sessions.

Oct 19 | Nov 9 | Nov 30 | Dec 5
5 p.m- 7 p.m ET
B-342 Wells Hall

Click [here](#) to register

Individuals must be logged in to the MSU G-Drive. If an MSU faculty, student, or staff has trouble registering, please contact Dr. Vanessa Holmes from the IDI office at holmesv1@msu.edu



Complimentary
pizza or Middle
Eastern food from
Woody's will be
provided at each
session



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