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Conservative Community
HIGH HOLY DAYS LEARNING
AUGUST 26, 2021 • 7:00 P.M.
CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

The clergy of Metro Detroit's Conservative Movement will team up for our annual night of diverse teachings and inspiration! Join us in person or on Zoom for a night of exciting and uplifting learning sessions that will help put your spirit in the mood for the Days of Awe. Watch for details coming soon.

SELICHOT



Saturday, August 28, at 10:00 p.m.
Hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom
In-Person or On Zoom
An Evening of Introspection, Prayer, and Community

Please join us at the synagogue or on Zoom as the Metro Detroit Conservative community gathers to share in preparing for the High Holy Days with a Selichot service.

Together we will explore the wisdom of Judaism and experience the warmth and beauty of traditional and innovative expressions of our liturgy in anticipation of these upcoming Days of Awe.

Join us on Zoom at:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89496116314?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89496116314?pwd=NENlcnhWMWxJOFY1ZXNESzZ3NUU4QT09)
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Cantor Batchelor Will Return for the High Holidays

What a year it has been! While words can't adequately express all of the emotions we have endured, some that come to mind include anxiety, depression, fear, and overwhelming loneliness. However, the power of our community and our faith has helped us endure, given us a sense of purpose, and helped so many of us weather the incredible unknown that has been Covid-19 and now its variants. Continuity has been the key to us finding ways to survive this devastating illness.



One of the many constants are the holidays - especially Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur - time for us to reflect on the past year and its difficulties and yet moments that have sustained us all. We rededicate ourselves to our community and faith each year when we come together to reflect, pray and meditate on what was and what we hope will be.

Joining us again this year to lead us in prayer for the High Holidays is **Cantor Heather Batchelor**. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet her and hear her daven over the years. Hopefully, in the very near future, we will all join with Cantor Batchelor in prayer, meditation and song as we welcome the New Year and its blessing for what we all hope will be a much better year ahead.

Cantor Batchelor is a graduate of the Cantorial School of JTS in New York. Her spiritual and engaging davening continues to set the tone for a wonderful High Holiday experience. We are so happy that she again is able to join us to celebrate and usher in the New Year. For those who have not heard her, here is a link to her website: <https://cantorheatherbatchelor.com/>

Wishing all of our Beth Shalom family health, happiness, and return to a sense of normalcy.

Glen Pickover, Ritual Committee Chair

FAMILY HAPPENINGS

MAZAL TOV TO:

Eileen and Richard Polk on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabella Mae Bobrow. Proud parents are Laura and Josh Bobrow, sister Sophia Gloria, and grandparents Pat and Ken Bobrow of New Hartford, NY. Isabella is named in loving memory of her great-great aunt, Belle Bernstein, and her great grandmother, Marcia Klain.

Cathy and Howard Fridson on the birth of their first grandchild, Mordechai Ray Fridson. Proud parents are Blake Fridson and Bailey Lininger. Mo is named for Blake's grandmother, Mariann Moore, and Bailey's two grandfathers, Richard Lininger and Robert Bramblett.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

August 2021

Friday, August 6.....	8:30 p.m.
Friday, August 13.....	8:20 p.m.
Friday, August 20.....	8:10 p.m.
Friday, August 27.....	7:59 p.m.

Shabbat Weekly Parshah for August

7/ 29 Av	R'eih
14/ 6 Elul	Shof'tim
21/ 13 Elul	Ki Teitzei
28/ 20 Elul	Ki Tavo



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| 1 Marie Slotnick | 19 Luci Falcon |
| 4 Susan Rott | 20 Lawrence Lublin |
| 4 Marc Weitzman | 22 Faye Jacobs |
| 5 Anna Lindemann | 22 Alan Pearlstein |
| 7 Rabbi Robert Gamer | 22 Simon Shapiro |
| 8 Fran Hildebrandt | 23 Liat Lerner |
| 9 Lois Kadushin | 24 Natalie Fleming |
| 10 Libby Cooper | 25 Pearl Dubin |
| 10 Ina Silbergleit | 25 Eitan Loomer |
| 10 Susan Yerman | 26 Anita Epstein |
| 11 Leslie Welsbacher | 28 Ken Bernard |
| 13 Anaruth Bernard | 29 Benjamin Lerner |
| 13 Matthew Citron | 30 Shayna Mouradian |
| 13 Steven Levine | 30 Adele Nodler |
| 17 Ariella Madgy | 31 Aaron Schwartz |

Enhance your birthday celebration by joining us at the weekday services online (see schedule on page 3) on the day of your birthday. Enjoy camaraderie, friendship and prayer. We need your participation and presence to help those who have yahrzeit or wish to say Kaddish. Thank you for participating in this very important Mitzvah.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1 Yefim & Alla Milter
- 7 Jacob & Jolene Schwartz
- 10 Jerry & Caryn Acker
- 10 Rob & Julie Grodin
- 11 Paul & Barbara Goodman
- 11 Eric & Renee Zacks
- 16 Bryan & Teresa Beckerman
- 18 Jay & Nancy Waldman
- 20 David & Doris Schey
- 21 Neil & Ilene Cantor
- 21 Ross Benchik & Andrea Boocker
- 21 Glen & Wendy Pickover
- 25 Sam & Mona Greenbaum
- 26 Louis & Mary White
- 31 Teri & Jonathon Falcon
- 31 Tom & Sheyna Wexelberg-Clouser



Celebrate with us!

(during Shabbat morning services in-person or on livestream & Zoom)

Children's Birthday Blessings
Saturday, August 7

Anniversary Shabbat
Saturday, August 28



Lost and Found Pick-up Days

Wednesday, August 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Items left in the coat room will be displayed in the lobby for pick-up during these times. If you have a tallit bag or other ritual items in the coat room, please make sure to come during these times to put your name on them so we can continue to hold them for you in the coat room.

All items not picked up or identified by August 31st will be donated (or placed in the Genizah, if appropriate).



Message from Rabbi Gamer

What to pray for this High Holiday season

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel was one of the most brilliant religious thinkers of the 20th century. I continue to read and study Rabbi Heschel's many works because they continue to inspire and guide me throughout my life. In this article I want to share with you one of Rabbi Heschel's most famous quotes and a few thoughts on how we may apply his wisdom to our High Holidays.

The quote is, *"Never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and he gave it to me."* I think of this quote often in my daily life, and it has been a source of inspiration for me and a lens through which we can look at the world.

Heschel understood well the allure of power, fame and success in the modern world. Too many people get wrapped up in those ideals, but in the long run it does not always bring them happiness, a sense of contentment, or peace of mind. All too many people cannot get enough – they need more money, more power, as if life were a competition and somehow we get to take all that with us.

This High Holiday season I would ask that we all ask for wonder or radical amazement, as Heschel often called it.

To wonder at the gift that we are able to get up in the morning at all.

To wonder at the reflection of God in each person we encounter each day.

To wonder at the gift of a sunset or warm summer rain.

To wonder at the gift of friendship we share with others.

To wonder at the love we have and feel for our family.

For these and more we should all pray for this High Holiday season and those in the future. I hope you will take some time to think of Rabbi Heschel's quote and come up with your own prayer for wonder.

Come join us at Beth Shalom Community Beyond Walls

Classes & Services Live-Streamed on Zoom.US

Evening Minyan

Sunday - Thursday 7:00 PM; Friday 5:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/9870691349>

Friday, Aug. 13, will be at 6:00 PM

Morning Minyan

Sunday 9:00 AM; Monday-Friday 8:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095274909>

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday 9:30 AM

www.congbethshalom.org or

<https://livestream.com/congbethshalom>

or Zoom at <https://bit.ly/2SOeVzg>

Monday Morning Talmud Class

8:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

<https://zoom.us/j/363234602>

No class on Aug. 2 or Aug. 23

Tuesday Morning Reading

"Heavenly Torah" 9:30 AM with Rabbi Gamer

<https://zoom.us/j/557749652>

No class on Aug. 3 or Aug. 24

Thursday Morning Jewels of Jewish Music

10:00 AM with Cantor Sam

<https://zoom.us/j/939652967>

Shabbat Morning Parashat Hashavuah

8:30 AM with Howard Marcus

<https://zoom.us/j/962225302>

**COMMUNITY-WIDE
GREEN SHABBAT**

FRIDAY AUGUST 13TH

Celebrating community
connection, sustainability, and
the 2021 Hazon Michigan
Jewish Food Festival.

Join us on the Beth Shalom patio for an outdoor
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, starting at 6:00 p.m.

In addition, Beth Shalom is encouraging our
congregants to be mindful of the environment at
their Shabbat meals on August 13th.



Message from the President... Dan Barth

Many of us have asked interesting questions lately about our ancestors a century ago and current technology. We have all wondered how they would have felt about virtual services and

learning. It's impossible to speak for every family, but I think my grandparents, all of whom were born in the late 19th century, would have been puzzled by it all. I suspect, though, that they would have embraced it after having the opportunity to learn about its possibilities.

I recently read about a question involving the telephone and Bikur Cholim, the mitzvah of visiting those who are ill. Can a phone call be an acceptable substitute for a physical visit? The question first came up over 70 years ago, and rabbis have been debating the issue ever since. The general consensus is that a phone call is acceptable, but it's better to visit in person if at all possible. Today, at a time when a physical visit to a hospital room isn't always advisable, a phone call might be a better choice.

There's no doubt that all of this technology is here to stay, and it has enabled us to do some amazing things. Perhaps Zoom meetings aren't anyone's idea of fun, but we have been able to connect with family and friends in ways that would have been unimaginable in the recent past. I've been able to participate in wonderful Beth Shalom learning opportunities and have taken online classes offered by the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Many of us have similar stories. Our virtual services have enabled us to stay connected when the building was closed. For those who are unable to make it to services in person, Livestream and Zoom are good alternatives.

When Ellen and I joined Beth Shalom in the early 1980s, home computers were in their infancy. Offices were filled with typewriters, and phones were large and connected with cords. We have really come a long way!

Sisterhood and Synagogue Members



SEND A NEW YEAR'S GREETING To Your Friends/Family at Beth Shalom 5782 – 2021/22

Your name will appear in a special section of the **September 2021 HaKol**. Proceeds will be used to continue Beth Shalom Sisterhood's ongoing support of the Congregation.

Contributions can be made by completing the information below. Please print name(s) exactly as you wish it to appear in the HaKol.

(Examples: Linda and Jack Silver; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Silver and Family, etc)

**MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$18
Deadline: ACT NOW!**

Name:

Phone: (____) _____

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Please make checks payable to Beth Shalom Sisterhood and send along with this form to:

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14400 Sherwood
Oak Park, MI 48237



Sisterhood.....Phyllis Weeks

August finds us in the thick of summer. We wear light clothes, read light books, watch light movies, and revel in the frivolity that typifies summer activities. We put off thinking serious thoughts for at least a while.

Yet reality has a way of intruding into even the lightest and least serious of times. And so, I must discuss a serious situation facing Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Many of us who have been leaders within Sisterhood are getting older. Many of the same women have helped direct Sisterhood's activities for many years. We have been proud to serve, honored to have kept Sisterhood true to its mission and to have maintained our organization at the same level of involvement and connection as our founders envisioned.

But in June 2022, our terms will expire...and some of us will choose, for a variety of reasons, to retire from our present positions, myself included. And therein lies the serious nature of this column. Who will replace us? Who will serve as leaders of the organization? Who will undertake the responsibility for directing the next two or more years of Sisterhood activities in service of Beth Shalom? Who will come to understand that what they sacrifice in terms of time and energy will be repaid many times over in the form of enhanced friendships, personal growth, and spiritual fulfillment?

So far, women with creative ideas, new visions, and leadership skills honed in other environments have not emerged to offer their talents. I know that everyone's time is precious, parsed out carefully (and sometimes precariously) between family, job, and other obligations, but I caution everyone reading this that unless some of you can find it in your hearts to undertake the obligation of leadership within your Sisterhood, the very future of the organization is in danger. Where we once solicited "new blood" to invigorate our organization and extend its vision, we do so now to ensure its very existence.

As we embark upon another year of programming (you will receive your 2021-22 membership packets very soon), I urge you not to just join Sisterhood or continue your membership as I do every year. Your financial support is important, but this year I also urge you to actively participate in our activities and seriously consider offering your talents and skills in leadership positions for next year. Sisterhood needs you now more than ever.

In faith and friendship,

Phyllis

Beth Shalom Sisterhood 2021 Opening Event Sunday, August 29

Save the date! Save the date! Save the date!

Details to follow



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To join Sisterhood, contact Vicki Salinger:

248-353-552/vasalinger@aol.com



Message from the Religious School Director... Gail Greenberg

Yachad...What's in a Name?

Yachad (together) is an important concept, especially as we enter our upcoming school year at the Yachad Religious School!

After a year of online learning, seeing each other through the screen, we are excited that our students will be safely together in the same space! Building a holy community, a Kehillah K'dosha where each voice matters, is a core value of our school. Our teachers, who took the time to learn and excel at online teaching, are looking forward to seeing students in person. (Shout out to the Yachad teachers!)

We are in the midst of planning an exciting year of learning, growth, and community-building and invite families to join (or rejoin) us as we help students find their path on their Jewish journey. Registration is open at <https://tinyurl.com/YachadRS>.

Please know that I am available for questions or to hear your thoughts – yachad@emanuel-mich.org or 248-967-4023.

Warmly,

Gail Greenberg, RJE

Ever Wonder About Shmita?



The sabbath year (*shmita* - שמיטה, literally "release"), is the seventh year of the seven-year agricultural cycle mandated by the Torah for the Land

of Israel and is observed in contemporary Judaism.

During *shmita*, the land is left to lie fallow and all agricultural activity, including plowing, planting, pruning and harvesting, is forbidden by halakha (Jewish law). Other cultivation techniques (such as watering, fertilizing, weeding, spraying, trimming and mowing) may be performed as a preventive measure only, not to improve the growth of trees or other plants.

Chapter 25 of the Book of Leviticus promises bountiful harvests to those who observe the *shmita* and describes its observance as a test of religious faith. **The next Shmita year begins at sundown on September 6, when Rosh Hashanah is ushered in for the Hebrew year 5782.**

YACHAD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 1 | 1-3 pm
Temple Emanu El
Theodore Birnkrant Garden
RSVP requested to
yachad@emanuel-mich.org

- Meet our new director, Gail Greenberg
- Hang out with Yachad friends
- Sign up for Yachad School (at the early bird rate!)
- Have fun!

CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY BIKE RIDE!

Join your friends at Beth Shalom for a leisurely family bike ride around the neighborhood! Anyone and everyone is encouraged to participate, including members of the general community.



The ride will take place the morning of **Sunday, August 15**, starting at Beth Shalom. The event will begin at 10:00 am in front of CBS, with the bike ride itself to begin no later than 10:30 a.m.

Please watch your email and the Beth Shalom website for updates. Join the Facebook event to help spread the word at bit.ly/bethshalombikeride. We hope you'll join the ride!

Tributes

Sanctuary Fund

In honor of

Bryan Beckerman's term as president
Sincere thanks, Bryan, for your
outstanding leadership during an
unprecedented time.

The marriage of Aaron & Grace Lewis
Marie Slotnick

The birth of Eileen & Richard Polk's new
granddaughter, Isabella Mae Bobrow.
Eric & Renee Zacks

The birth of Howard & Cathy Fridson's
new grandson, Mordechai Ray Fridson.
Eric & Renee Zacks
Mandy Garver & Allen Wolf

Marking the Yahrzeit

Sarah Selk

Marie Slotnick

Mildred Green

Charles Green

Edward Aaron Green

Joseph Gendler

Libby Gendler

Susan Marsha Gendler

Frances Gendler

Harold Gendler

Sarah Kapusin

Dorothy Saari

Shirley Gendler-Goldstein

Karl Smith

Gersh Malina

Bella Smith

Leya Taksar

Lab Polevoy

Alla & Roman Polevoy

Cynthia Mudryk

Charles Mudryk

Lewis z"l and Betty Cohen z"l Jewish Learning Scholarship Fund

In honor of

The birth of Eileen & Richard Polk's new
granddaughter, Isabella Mae Bobrow

The birth of Howard & Cathy Fridson's
new grandson, Mordechai Ray Fridson
Marie Slotnick

Morning Minyan Breakfast Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit

Phyllis Schwartz

Arthur Schwartz

**When an important occasion arises,
such as an Aliyah (Torah Honor), Birth, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Graduation, Wedding,
Recovery from Illness, Bereavement, etc.,
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Marking the Yahrzeit

Albert Bernzweig

Paul & Kim Bernzweig

Bill & Grace Naftaly Marquee Fund

In memory of

Hershell Wais

Thomas Patrick McPhillips

Estelle Baum Kabrin

Dawn Nowell Doolittle

Hilda Green

Jerry Naftaly

Sponsors of Weekday Classes

June 21, 22 & 24

Ellen & Dan Barth

July 20

Marking the Yahrzeit

Jennie Levin Kent

Beverly Kent & Michael

Goldenberg

July 26

In honor of

Sheryl Kaminer's & Shira Shapiro's support
of Sisterhood

Phyllis & Kendall Weeks

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2. Go to your account page.
3. Under "Settings/Account Settings" on that page, click on the "Change Your Charity" link.
4. Search for "Congregation Beth Shalom Oak Park," and our shul should be the only one that pops up (there are other "Beth Shalom" congregations, so that's why it is essential to type in "Oak Park" as well)
5. Click "Select" next to the name of our shul, and then you should get a "Thank You" message, and a tab should show up below the regular Amazon search box that reads "Supporting Congregation Beth Shalom."
6. From this point on, whenever you make purchases through Amazon, you **MUST visit SMILE.AMAZON.COM** (again, not just amazon.com) and purchase from there. This will not cost you anything extra and you will be supporting our shul as a result.

1/2 % of your purchase on eligible items is donated directly to CBS through this program. It's an easy, affordable, and great way to support our shul without costing you anything extra!

Thanks for your participation.

To Brighten Your Day...

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, *'I'm drawing God.'*

The teacher paused and said, *'But no one knows what God looks like.'* Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, *'They will in a minute.'*





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A Dog Named Katz by Howard Fridson



Prime Time Players at Michigan Opera Theatre

What the Heck are the Prime Time Players?

If you're a person of a "certain age," say between 55 and 80 (or if you feel like you should be between 55 and 80), the Prime Time Players is your social group at Beth Shalom!

We started in April of 2017 and have had many wonderful monthly events since - until Covid 19 forced us into a hiatus. Our events are member-planned and led.

Volunteers take a month and plan a program that appeals to them - and hopefully others! We've had a wide and interesting variety of events, such as a tour of the Parade Company, where Thanksgiving parade floats are stored, dinner nights and theater nights, potluck Shabbat dinners, a Michigan Opera Theater tour, a potluck and pool party afternoon at a member's lake house -- you name it and we've pretty much done it!

We'll be gearing up again (Delta variant permitting) after the holidays in October of this year. An email will be going out in August with more details on the event and on a planning meeting to look at events for the next quarter. If you're interested in being on the planning committee or in planning an event for November or December, email Mandy Garver at mandy.garver@gmail.com.

