



SHAARE ZEDEK

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Program Guide

5770
2009-2010

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Shaare Zedek is committed to creating a **sacred space** for its members. We strive to keep this space sacred by being committed to the principles of **Conservative Judasim** and dedicated to achieving greater **spirituality, inclusion, Tikun Olam, community involvement** and **support for Israel**.

Mission Statement

Dear Shaare Zedek family,

A new year is upon us, and with the arrival of 5770 comes the potential to increase and deepen our Jewish involvement and observance. Our synagogue has many "portals of entry," whether it is through our joyous Shabbat Rinah service, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Meals on Wheels, USY, Mishpacha, Religious School, or the Early Childhood Center. Our synagogue proudly welcomes members at all ages and stages.

The book of Kohelet says famously, "L'kol z'man v'eit l'chol cheifetz tachat hashamayim" - To everything there is a time, and a season under heaven. So it is with synagogue life: there is a time to take charge, and a time to step back and let others take the reins. A time to volunteer your time and effort, and a time to solicit others to help you. A time to look outward and a time to reach inward. A time to plan, and a time to participate; a time to cook, and a time to eat. We invite you to take an active role in the life of our synagogue community this year – to try something new, or experience something familiar; to come with your family and bring your friends.

The warm and haimish feeling we have here is because of all of you, and we look forward to spending another year together. May you be written and sealed for a healthy and happy 5770. May it be a year full of learning, growth and community.

Rabbi Mark Fasman

Hazzan Joanna Dulkan



Board and Officers

2009 Executive Board Members

Chairman of the Board	Marsha Birenbaum
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*Past Presidents

All staff members may be reached through the main synagogue office unless otherwise noted.

Shaare Zedek Staff

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Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

Candle Lighting Times

All times listed are for St. Louis for 2009-2010.
Shabbat ends the next evening approximately 65
minutes after the candle lighting time.
Bolded times refer to holidays and festivals.

2009

September 18	6:48 pm	November 6	4:39 pm
September 25	6:37 pm	November 13	4:32 pm
September 10	6:34 pm	November 20	4:27 pm
		November 27	4:24 pm
October 2	6:26pm		
October 9	6:15 pm	December 4	4:22 pm
October 16	6:05pm	December 11	4:22 pm
October 23	5:55 pm	December 18	4:24 pm
October 30	5:46 pm	December 25	4:27pm

2010

January 1	4:32 pm	May 7	7:40 pm
January 8	4:38pm	May 14	7:47 pm
January 15	4:45 pm	May 18	7:50 pm
January 22	4:53pm	May 21	7:53 pm
January 29	5:01 pm	May 28	7:59 pm
February 5	5:09 pm	June 4	8:04 pm
February 12	5:17pm	June 11	8:07 pm
February 19	5:25 pm	June 18	8:10 pm
February 26	5:32 pm	June 25	8:12 pm
March 5	5:41 pm	July 2	8:12 pm
March 12	6:48 pm	July 9	8:10 pm
March 19	6:55 pm	July 16	8:07 pm
March 26	7:02 pm	July 23	8:03 pm
March 29	7:03pm	July 30	7:57 pm
April 3	7:07pm	August 6	7:49 pm
April 4	7:09pm	August 13	7:41 pm
April 19	7:14 pm	August 20	7:32 pm
April 16	7:20 pm	August 27	7:22 pm
April 23	7:27 pm		
April 30	7:34 pm	September 3	7:12 pm
		September 8	7:04 pm

Holidays/Fast Days 2009-2010

Please call the office or view the website for holiday
service times. Most holidays begin at sunset the
evening before the dates listed

September 18	Erev Rosh Hashana
September 19	1st Day of Rosh Hashana
September 20	2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah
September 21	Fast of Gedaliah
September 27	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
September 28	Yom Kippur/Yizkor
October 2	Erev Sukkot
October 3-9	Sukkot
October 9	Erev Shemini Atzeret
October 10	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor
October 11	Simchat Torah
December 12-19	Hanukkah
December 27	Fast of 10th of Tevet
January 30	Tu B'Shevat
February 25	Fast of Esther/Megillah Reading
February 28	Purim
March 29	Erev Passover/1st Seder
March 30	First Day of Passover
March 29- April 6	Passover
April 11	Yom HaShoah
April 19	Yom Hazikaron
April 20	Yom Ha'Atzmaut
May 2	Lag B'Omer
May 12	Yom Yerushalyim
May 18	Erev Shavuot
May 19	1st Day Shavuot
May 20	2nd Day Shavuot/Yizkor
June 29	Fast of Tammuz
July 19	Erev Tisha B'Av
July 20	Tisha B'Av
September 8	Erev Rosh Hanshanah 5771

Jewish Holiday Calendar 5770

Program Calendar 2009-2010

This is a selection of the many programs offered during the next year. Please note that all programs are subject to change. Check the monthly News or website for more information, updates, and additional programs.

Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	September 5
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	September 12, 26
Mens' Club-Pizza in the Hut	September 29, 30
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	October 3
Shabbat Rinah Band	October 2, 10, 11, 23
Tot Shabbat	October 3, 17
Women's Night in the Sukkah	October 7
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	October 10, 24
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	October 17, 31
Mens' Club Poker Night	October 25
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	November 7
Shabbat Rinah Band	November 6, 20
Tot Shabbat	November 7, 21
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	November 14, 28
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	November 21
Mens' Club Bowling Night	November 21
Shabbat Rinah Band	December 4, 18
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	December 5
Tot Shabbat	December 5, 19
Build Hanukiah with Shaare Shalom Religious School	December 6
Women's League Chanukah Program	December 13
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	December 19
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	December 12, 26?
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	January 2 (?)
Tot Shabbat	January 2 (?)
Shabbat Rinah Band	January 8, 16, 22
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	January 9, 23
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	January 16, 30
Mens' Club Sports Night	January 24
Women's League Shabbat	January 30
Shabbat Rinah Band	February 5, 19
Tot Shabbat	February 6, 20
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	February 6
Mens' Club World Wide Wrap	February 7

Family Service(K-3 grade families)	February 13, 27
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	February 20
Shabbat Rinah Band	March 5, 19
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	March 6
Mens' Club Men's Club Shabbat & Man of the Year Dinner	March 6
Tot Shabbat	March 6, 20
Mens' Club Regional Satellite Training	March 7
Torah Fund Luncheon	March 14
Mens' Club Yom Hashoah Candle Mailing	March 14
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	March 13, 27?
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	March 20
Tot Shabbat	April 3, 27
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	April 3
Shabbat Rinah Band	April 9, 23
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	April 10, 24
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	April 17
Mens' Club Health Care Initiative-	April 21
Mens' Club Regional Retreat	April 23- 25
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	May 1
Tot Shabbat	May 1, 25
Mens' Club Lag B' Omer	May 2
Shabbat Rinah Band	May 7, 21
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	May 8, 22
Youth Lounge/Parsha Players	May 15
Mens' Club Bike Ride	May 16
Women's League Installation Lunch and Program	May 16
Shabbat Rinah Band	June 4
Shabbat Club (3-6 grade service)	June 5
Tot Shabbat	June 5, 19
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	June 12
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	July 10
Family Service(K-3 grade families)	August 14

Worship Services

Kabbalat Shabbat

Our Friday evening service to welcome the Sabbath is called **Shabbat Rinah - the Joyous Song of Shabbat**. It is a very musical, up beat and ruach-filled way to usher in the Sabbath.

The Shabbat Rinah Band joins Rabbi Fasman and Hazzan Dulkan twice each month. The band, which includes guitar, bass, violin and percussion, enhances the music of the service.

Shabbat Morning Services begin at 9:00 am in the Epstein Sanctuary, with a Kiddush immediately following.

Supervised Children's Activities are held in the Early Childhood Center's Green Room for children ages 2 through 5 from 10 am through noon during Shabbat morning services. Babysitting is also available during certain other services and events.

Shabbat Mincha (Afternoon) Services are held weekly in the Guller Chapel. Times vary each week. Please call the synagogue office or check the website for the schedule.

Weekday Services are held daily, Monday through Friday, at 7 am in the Guller Chapel. The morning service begins at 8 am on Sunday mornings and legal holidays. It is followed by a breakfast in the Sara Myers Community Room. Mincha and Ma'ariv services begin Sunday through Thursday evenings at 6 pm in the Chapel.

Holiday and Festival Morning Services are held throughout the year. Please check the Holiday Service Schedule found in the Newsletter and on the website for specific service times.

Shabbat Dinners

Shabbat dinners are held periodically throughout the year. All ages are welcome.

Yom Kippur Break Fast

The Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund sponsors a dairy dinner at the synagogue after the end of Yom Kippur for those who wish to break the fast with their Shaare Zedek family. The meal is catered by the Sisterhood. Reservations are required.

Donuts in the Hut

All are invited to help build and decorate our Sukkah. Donuts and other snacks are provided at no cost. USY will make decorations with the younger children.

Sukkot Luncheon

Perform the mitzvah of eating a meal in the Sukkah after the Second Day of Sukkot service, sponsored by the Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund. Reservations are required.

Simchat Torah Program

The evening program features singing and dancing with the Torah and treats for the kids. The fun continues the next morning during services as well.

Megillah Reading, Shalach Manot, & Shpiel

Prior to Purim, Shalach Manot gifts are packed by volunteers and delivered to everyone in the congregation. Both children and adults lend their talents to our Purim play (Shpiel); followed by the Megillah reading, which is chanted aloud while congregants can read along as the Megillah is projected on a big screen. Costumes are encouraged!

Purim Carnival

The annual USY Purim Carnival features fun, food, and games for all ages in addition to a raffle, silent auction, and live entertainment. The Purim Carnival serves as the main fund-raiser for the synagogue youth groups.

Holiday Programs

Holiday Programs Continued

Second Night Passover Seder

The Shaare Zedek Family & Community Seder is led by Rabbi Fasman, Hazzan Dulkan, and members of the shul. Bring your family for a traditional Seder dinner with some creative and fun twists that promise to make this a memorable and enjoyable evening for everyone. Sponsored by the Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund.

Second Day of Passover Luncheon

A complimentary Matzo Brei luncheon is offered for everyone at the synagogue immediately following Passover Yom Tov services.

Shavuot

After Mincha, a festive dairy dinner will be served, followed by a Powerpoint reading of the Book of Ruth (including different voices chanting the various parts). Then, after a dessert of cheesecake, we move into an evening of learning with scholars and members of other St. Louis congregations.

Camp/Israel Send-Off Shabbat & College Sendoff Shabbat

Join us at the beginning of summer as we bid bon voyage and farewell to all those leaving for summer camp, Israel, and other programs and again at the end of summer as we wish our recent high school graduates well. We need your help to show them that even when they are away, they're still part of the Shaare Zedek family.

Tisha B'Av

This is a program in honor of the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, recalling the destruction of the temples that stood in Jerusalem. After Mincha and Ma'ariv, we will move into a meaningful and deep reading of book of Eicha.

Yizkor Memorial Book

A Yizkor Memorial book is published two times a year. Memorial plaques in the Guller Chapel are also available to honor your loved ones.

The Sisterhood at Shaare Zedek has a long and strong history. The women who began and nurtured it have left us a rich legacy.

Nationally, we are a part of the newly reconfigured Intra-continental divisional of national Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Locally, our Sisterhood continues its dedication to the synagogue in many ways. We support Jewish summer camp scholarships. We help defray costs for USYers attending conventions. We contribute to ECC purchases. We dedicated the Book of Numbers -Ba'midbar- during the Torah Campaign. We provide Meals on Wheels. We give to the Rabbi's and the Chazzan's Discretionary funds. We donate generously to the Mishloach Manot project every year. We contribute to the synagogue's general operating fund. We maintain the meat and dairy kitchens, and we offer the best Shabbat Kiddush west of the Mississippi.

We advocate involvement in local and state issues. We promote Jewish learning. We try to create programs around the holidays, looking for new ways to make the programs interesting, fun, and a Jewish learning experience.

It takes "all kinds" to make up our Sisterhood. We have members from all over the country and all over the world. Our members are all shapes, sizes and ages. And we all manage to act within a framework to achieve optimum results for Sisterhood and the synagogue.

If you are not already a member of our Sisterhood, please consider joining. We need your input and your help.

Shaare Zedek Men's Club is a service organization to the shul, the community, and the members of Men's Club. Its objectives are to support the growth of the Conservative movement, grow individually, and partner with the youth as they grow.

Men's Club programming includes the World Wide Wrap, Men's Club Shabbat, Yom HaShoah Candle and Scholarship, and the Mother's Day Brunch done in cooperation with USY.

The Men's Club's monthly Membership Meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month. An announcement for each Membership Meeting with a description of the upcoming program can be found in the Shaare Zedek Newsletter. The Board of Director's Business Meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and all members are welcome to attend.

Affiliate Organizations

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley
President

Men's Club

Mitchell Shenker
President

Gift Shop

Ann Frank

Programs & Interest Groups

Social Action

Micki Kingsley

Evelyn Shanker Judaica Gift Gallery

Located in the lobby of the synagogue, the gift shop has the perfect gift for any simcha. You may also place an order with us for Judaica from among the many catalogs we have in the store. The gift shop is open most mornings and by appointment at other times. Proceeds support the Sisterhood.

Chavurah Groups

A Chavurah is a small group of families, couples, and/or singles who share common interests, experiences, and a desire to meet together on a regular basis. A Chavurah offers a place where Judaism can be discussed and observed within an atmosphere of purpose and warmth. Several Chavurah groups meet regularly, and new ones are being formed.

Social Action

We tend to think of "Social Action" as a committee, when in fact, it encompasses the whole idea of "Tikkun Olam". When our youth groups clean the streets around the synagogue; when a member spends hours packing "Backpacks for Kids"; when a Bar or Bat Mitzvah teen designates a charitable organization as the recipient of funds or gifts; when we bring food for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry; when members visit the sick, attend to those who need help, financial or otherwise, provide meals on wheels, reach out to those in a period of mourning; when we send money to Israel to support Masorti, food pantries, supplies for school children, tree-planting, or special requests from areas affected by military strikes ...it is all tikkun olam.

Over the years, we have participated in varied events and projects. Many are on-going, and some were a one time happening. Economic and social circumstances usually determine the community need, inside and outside of the synagogue. So, at times, different needs may require more attention than others. We may not be able to do it all, but we are required to do something.

If you have a special project, area or specific event that you would like to see us look into as "tikkun olam", please let me know.

Together we can have a part in making our world a better place. Thank you.

Chesed Committee

Members of the Chesed Committee visit Shaare Zedek members in their homes, in the hospital, and in nursing homes. When a member dies or loses a close family member, they are available to stay at a Shiva house to ready the house for the mourners while the family is at the cemetery; they also provide a meal during Shiva. Chesed Committee members deliver Meals on Wheels, call members who are ill, run errands for those who are in need of some extra help, arrange for Mi Sheberachs to be said, arrange for rides to/from shul, and much more. Funding for the Chesed Committee is provided by the Samuel Frank Chesed Fund. Individual donations are also welcome.

Israel Committee

The Israel Committee educates the congregation and helps to raise awareness about Israel within the Shaare Zedek community (including through an email list). The committee also provides support for city-wide events that have a connection with Israel.

Softball League

The softball league begins its season in the summer. The team is open to both men and women over the age of 18.

Trivia Night

Come and enjoy a lively evening of intellectual challenge, as well as a fun night out with your family and friends.

Ashreinu Wall

The Ashreinu Wall is a work of art commemorating weddings, B'nai Mitzvah, birthdays, and other joyous events in our families' lives. It features 284 leaves in stylized tree form and provides a meaningful history of our family life.

Barbara Bianco

Bob Olshan

Gerard Burke

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Hazzan Dulkan
Melissa Berk

60+ Luncheon

Shaare Zedek, in conjunction with B'nai Amoona and BSKI, offers a series of lunches for those sixty years young and beyond. Each synagogue hosts three lunches yearly. Programs offer a tasty lunch and entertainment for a small fee.

Mishpacha

Led by Hazzan Dulkan, this group focuses on incorporating young families with children ages 0-5 into Jewish life. Members, prospective members, and friends are all welcome.

World Wide Wrap

Shaare Zedek Men's Club holds this program annually to educate Shaare Shalom students about, and encourage the use of, tefillin.

Liz Redler

Shabbat is Here

Beginning in January, babies (newborn-18 mos.) and their parent(s) are invited to take a class all about making a beautiful Shabbat at home. Watch your November and December bulletins for details.

Class dates include:

January 8,15,22

February 12,19,26

March 5,12,19 (make up day 26)

Melissa Berk

Hazzan Dulkan

Alan Spetner

Helene Spetner

DorWays

Dor in Hebrew means generation and it is our hope to bring together Shaare Zedek's younger members with or without children, single or married, to have their own programming within the synagogue. The purpose of our group is to share a common young family life while integrating into the larger Shaare Zedek community. We think you will be amazed to hear that we already have forty young families and fifty-four children who belong to Shaare Zedek. Watch your monthly bulletin and email blasts for upcoming events.

Adult Education Committee

The Adult Education Committee plans our life-long learning opportunities. In recognition and support of our Torah Project, every Tuesday evening we will have expansion of the intellect from 7-8:30 pm. Since Torah is a very comprehensive subject, we will use all our senses. There will be lecture classes; a Sacred Crafts Series; the World of Jewish Flavor; and Music. An Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah course will also be offered. Please see the Life Long Learning Brochure for additional information.

Topics in the Bible

Mondays from 9:45 - 11 am

This course is sponsored by Shaare Zedek's Sisterhood. At the end of the class, participants choose the subject for the next series of classes.

Text Study with Herb Fredman

Tuesdays at 8 am

A variety of Judaic texts are explored in depth.

Seudah Shlishit Mishna Study

Shabbat afternoons following Mincha.

A light meal is served while the Mishna is discussed.

Lunch n' Learns

Lunch n' Learns are scheduled throughout the year on various topics. Please check the monthly News and Shabbat Bulletin for dates and topics.

Guest Speakers

Pertinent topics are presented and discussed with guest speakers who are experts in their fields. Please check the monthly News for updates.

Adult Education Programs

Sydney Farber

Other Committees

Michael Levine

David Propper

Gary Kodner

Gary Kodner

Jeremy Buhler

Steve Selipsky

Karen Rader

Sara Myers

Are you interested in getting involved in the Shaare Zedek community?

Please contact the office or the chairpersons listed to start today.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee is responsible for drafting and monitoring the budget.

Building Committee

The Building Committee plans for maintenance and improvements to the building. Capital improvements to the building fall under its authority.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is responsible for continuing the synagogue's visibility, both among congregants and within the St. Louis community. The committee publishes the monthly Newsletter, submits articles to the Jewish Light, maintains the website, and publicizes programs in a variety of other ways.

Development Committee

The Development Committee is responsible for fund raising projects including the Shalach Manot project, Trivia Night, and the Ashreinu Wall.

Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center Committee works with the Director of the Early Childhood Center (Marty Schaeffer) to continue its success.

Education Committee

The Education Committee works with Shaare Shalom, under the direction of Michael Raileanu, to continue its success.

Halls & Catering

The Halls and Catering Committee is responsible for making arrangements for Shabbat Kiddushes and other events at the synagogue.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee serves to motivate and nurture our current members while actively recruiting new members.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is responsible for recruiting and maintaining the extraordinary staff of the synagogue.

Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee is responsible for aspects of the ritual of the synagogue including arranging for floor gabbais for Shabbat and holidays, scheduling Torah readers, and working with the Rabbi to prepare for various holidays and events.

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission is responsible for working with the Youth Director to maintain the success of our award-winning youth programs. This Committee also plays an essential role in helping the youth group with the Purim Carnival.

Shalach Manot Project

Purim is a time of fun and celebration. The Development Committee will once again be assembling and distributing wonderful Shalach Manot baskets to all SZ members, friends, and families.

Beth Levy

Sandy Boxerman

Monroe Ginsburg

Kathi Rosenberg

Youth Programs

Sisterhood

Liz Redler
USY Director

College Connection

College Connection encourages recent high school graduates to stay in touch with USY, with each other, and with the synagogue. Perks include food and holiday packages, special visits, subscription to New Voices magazine and the USY newsletter, and special alumni events during breaks from school.

Shaare Zedek USY

Shaare Zedek United Synagogue Youth, or "SZSL" (which stands for Shaare Zedek St. Louis), encompasses those in 9th through 12th grades. It is affiliated with United Synagogue Youth which is a division of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

SZSL is run by the SZSL Executive Board. The board is made up of students who are also members of USY, and who represent many synagogues throughout Saint Louis. All positions are voluntary and elected. The board members, in conjunction with the general membership, plan and execute all programming. For instance, each month we hold one or two lounge nights, a USY Shabbat, and one or two additional programs. We have events ranging from social action projects and Lunch n' Learns to Demolition Ball and cosmic bowling to skiing and float trips. At the end of the year, we hold our Chapter Membership Training when we travel to the Ozarks for a few days and have some really great programming. We also participate in tri-chapter programs with the other St. Louis USY chapters. Another exciting opportunity for USYers is regional conventions throughout the year, offering the chance to travel around our region.

All those interested in USY are encouraged to attend programs, and we welcome new members! For more detailed information, please contact Liz Redler, the USY Director, or one of the board members listed below.

SZSL Executive Board for 2009-2010

Co-Presidents: Mital Lyons-Warren & Laura Rosenberg

Vice President: Oliver Kodner

Co-Vice Presidents for Kadima: Delia & Hannah Rainey

Co-Vice Presidents for Communications: Emily Ginsburg & Sarah Levy

Vice President for Social Action Tikkun Olam: Emma Lapp

Vice President for Religious Education: Josh Aroesty

Kadima

Students in 7th and 8th are eligible for Kadima. Programs are held each month, and this age group is also encouraged to start getting involved with the older kids through USY Shabbat, the Purim Carnival, and several other events over the course of the year. In March, the region puts on Kadima Kinnus. This is a special weekend designed to get the 8th graders excited for their future in USY. At the end of the year, 8th graders are encouraged to attend CMT (Chapter Membership Training).

Noar

Noar, means youth in Hebrew, and provides a way for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to get a taste of the Shaare Zedek Youth Programs. Wonderful events are planned specifically for this age group over the course of the year. In addition to social programs, our main focus for 2009-2010 Calendar year will be Parsha Players. This program, designed specifically for Noar, will meet at least one Shabbat a month in the Youth Lounge. Using costumes, props, scripts, creativity, and humor, Noar will bring the Parsha of the week to life! Our 2009 Parsha Players Calendar is as follows:

- October 17th - Bereshit
- October 31st - Lech Lecha
- November 21st - Toldot
- December 19th - Miketz

For more information regarding the Shaare Zedek Noar Programs, or if you have costumes/fabric for costumes or props to donate please contact Noar Director Melissa Berk.

Melissa Berk
Kadima/Noar
Director

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Director

Early Childhood Center

Marty Schaeffer
ECC Director

Preschool

The Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center is a year-round preschool and childcare facility. We are proud of our reputation as a warm, nurturing, family-style school. We believe in the concept of learning through play, a process through which our children acquire knowledge and learn skills about their physical and social worlds. Our fabulous teachers use learning centers to present developmentally appropriate, exciting, and creative curriculum. Goals for each day include learning about friendship, group membership, communication, and living Jewishly. We also have specialists who teach classes in art, music, movement, science, computers, and foreign language as a special part of each week's activities.

On Friday, children enthusiastically sing along with Hazzan Joanna at our all-school Shabbat gathering. They light candles, enjoy challah and grape juice, and say the blessings, all of which help bring the Shabbat feeling to our school. Special field trips include visits to the Post Office, Art Museum, Botanical Gardens, Science Center, Fire Station and City Hall, and we often have special guests such as a Rabbi, Hazzan, doctor, veterinarian, musician, dentist, firefighter, police officer, librarian, and more.

Our children also enjoy exercising on our newly renovated playground. They eagerly scramble up the climber, run the length of the play area, and dig endlessly in the large corner sandbox.

Young children have special needs that often differ from day to day. We maintain a low student to teacher ratio so that our teachers have the time to respond sensitively to each child's needs. Our teachers are chosen not only for their credentials and teaching experience, but also for their warmth, nurturing way and understanding of young children. We delight in seeing our students grow and blossom.

The ECC accepts children from six weeks to pre-kindergarten and offers very flexible hours. It features a variety of programming including specialists in different areas.

Summer Camp

The ECC offers a summer camp for those two years of age through five years of age.

Camp's morning program is theme-based and focuses on expression through the arts. OPTIONS is our exciting mid-afternoon enrichment program which is followed by Stay and Play which fills late afternoons with crafts, puzzles, and games. Our cool indoor gym room allows campers daily opportunity to burn off endless energy. Flexible full time/part time care is ongoing.

The infant/toddler program is also year-round.

For more information about the Early Childhood Center, please contact the ECC Director, Marty Schaeffer.

Pre-School Aged Holiday Services

We offer special services for our young ones for most major holidays or include them with the main congregation when possible. For example, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we offer a Pre-K, kindergarten, and first grade service, as well as a Family Service, in addition for our babysitting and childcare. During Sukkot, we have an "ECC in the Sukkah" night. On Simchat Torah, we include children of all ages in our celebrations. During Chanukah, we plan special activities. On Purim, we have an age-appropriate Megillah reading. Specific information regarding these opportunities and others can be found in the monthly News.

Early Childhood Center Summer Camp

Pre-School Holiday Programs

B'nai Mitzvah

Hazzan Dulkan

Youth Educational Programs

Michael Raielanu
Religious School
Director

B'nai Mitzvah Program

Most children in our congregation celebrate their Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies at age 13. To prepare, they receive Hebrew and Religious School education. They also attend an orientation and series of workshops with their parents. Several months before the actual ceremony, the children begin studying Torah and Haftarah portions with the Hazzan and Rabbi. Other programs and events that take place during this time in order to help prepare for the Bar or Bat Mitzvah include a Mitzvah Project and introduction to Noar.

Shaare Shalom

Shaare Shalom is the combined Hebrew School of Shaare Zedek, BSKI and Traditional Congregation. We are entering our sixth year with a new director, renewed enthusiasm and a new extended schedule.

Classes will be held at BSKI on Sundays (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon) and at Shaare Zedek on Mondays and Wednesdays (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.). The school will emphasize Hebrew, Hebrew, Hebrew as our core subject with holidays, mitzvot, Jewish History, Tanach study and Israel as the other subjects that will fill out our curriculum. Music, dance, art, and special interest topics will be offered as well.

Each grade will participate in family programming during the school year. The school is for students Pre-K through 12th grade. Those enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades will have the opportunity to work in the school as teacher's aides and participate in special classes and seminars on teaching. For more information about Shaare Shalom, please contact Director Michael Raileanu.

JOLT

The mission of the JOLT in St. Louis is to provide opportunities for Jewish teens to experience the diversity and depth of Jewish learning, culture, faith, and community. The continuing goal is to attract youth to the exciting, limitless possibilities in Jewish education by offering creative courses and quality instructors.

Although JOLT is not a Shaare Zedek program, it is one in which our youth participate and one that we support.

Solomon Schechter Day School

Solomon Schechter Day School aims to kindle the eternal lights of Judaism and love of learning in each child and enrich children's lives by involving families and congregations in an integrated curriculum designed to instill critical thinking skills in the context of Jewish values. By studying in an environment of academic excellence, each child will become a caring, responsible, and well-educated Jew.

Although Solomon Schechter Day School is not a Shaare Zedek program, it is one in which our youth participate and one that we support.

Ruach Am'cha

We've chosen the name Ruach Am'cha – Spirit of the People. Shaare Zedek is among 15 grantee synagogues in the country chosen by the Legacy Heritage Foundation, to pilot programming which incorporates music into all aspects of synagogue life.

This year, celebrate with us in your homes and at shul:

- Become a "Niggun of the Month Club" member
- Shabbat afternoon Zemirot
- Join our monthly Havdalah Drum Circles - Drums provided, drummers invited, but no experience necessary!
- Find serenity with Shabbat morning - Chanting & Meditation
- Sing with an intergenerational choir

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