



SHAARE ZEDEK

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Program Guide

5772

2011-2012

Shaare Zedek Synagogue

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“Create a Jewish Legacy”

Experiencing Judaism With All Our Senses...

Now and for the Future!

Our members are the heart and soul of our sacred community. They give of themselves with money, hard work and with a loyalty and support that spans generations.

“...the trees that you see were planted by my father and grandfather. I have eaten of their fruit, and thanked God, and cherished their memories. As they have planted for me, I must plant for those who come after me. They will eat of the fruit of this tree, and will thank me. And that thought is enough to leave me contented. I would be part of the long chain of caring, from one generation to another. It is my duty, and my joy.”

—Talmud Bavli, Ta’anit23a

On August 12, 1904, a small group of Lithuanian Jewish immigrants, worshipping together in the city of St. Louis, in conformance with Nusach Ashkenaz rented the West End Hall to accommodate a community High Holiday services. Less than three months after Yom Kippur, on Dec. 11, the core group met again at West End Hall to discuss fund raising and the creation of a learning center. Discussion led to action. Action led to success, and in less than nine months, on June 5, 1905, the doors opened on a new community Hebrew school followed by a new congregation organized on Sunday, August 13, 1905. From its humble beginnings, Shaare Zedek strived to be more than a mere minyan and meeting place. At its very heart, this institution was conceived as a springboard to community learning and living.

Our heritage has been carefully and lovingly preserved by those who came before us. Today we enjoy the fruits of their labor as we take advantage of the services that Shaare Zedek provides for us.

The responsibility has been passed to us. We must create our own traditions based on our passions and dreams, and chart a course for our children and successors for generations to come. We can help create a resilient future for Shaare Zedek by what we do NOW.

After the family, the synagogue is the most important institution in Jewish life. Shaare Zedek is where we worship, educate ourselves, children and grandchildren, extend community support to one another, celebrate life-cycle events, and come together for cultural, spiritual and social functions. Our synagogue is the center of our Jewish life.

Shaare Zedek’s Endowment funds can provide permanent income for the current and future needs of our congregation. They offer us a cushion we need against financial uncertainty. They will allow us to dream, initiate and sustain new programming. As our endowment funds grow, they will become an important guarantee of a vibrant future for our congregation in the decades ahead.

Leaders in the past century left us the benefits of their labor and investment, especially those who built our building in the mid-1950s and those who paid to remodel it in the early 1990s. Our legacy, indeed our responsibility, is to secure a vibrant Shaare Zedek Synagogue for our succeeding generations.

To leave your legacy to Shaare Zedek, or find out more information, please contact our Legacy Chair- Sherri Frank Weintrop at sweintrop@gmail.com

**Mission
Statement**

Shaare Zedek Synagogue is committed to the principles of Conservative Judaism and is dedicated to achieving greater:

- ✧ Spirituality
- ✧ Inclusion
- ✧ Jewish Learning
- ✧ Tikkun Olam
- ✧ Community Involvement
- ✧ Support for Israel

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Dear Shaare Zedek family,

A new year is upon us, and with the arrival of 5772 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, Adult Education, USY, DorWays, Ruach Am’cha, Shaare Shalom 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 5772. May it be a year full of learning, growth and community.

Rabbi Mark Fasman

Hazzan Joanna Dulkin



Board and Officers

2011-2012 Executive Board Members

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Board of Directors

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**Shabbat
Candle
Lighting
Times**

Candle Lighting Times

All times listed are for St. Louis for 2011-2012.

Shabbat ends the next evening approximately 55 minutes after the candle lighting time.

Bolded times refer to holidays and festivals.

2011

September 28	6:32	March 2	5:38
September 29	7:28	March 9	5:45
September 30	6:29	March 16	6:52
September 22	6:41	March 23	6:58
October 7	6:18	April 6	7:12
October 12	6:10	April 7	8:11
October 13	7:06	April 12	7:17
October 14	6:08	April 13	7:18
October 19	6:00	April 20	7:25
October 20	6:57	April 27	7:32
October 21	5:58	May 4	7:38
October 28	5:49	May 11	7:45
November 4	5:41	May 18	7:51
November 11	4:34	May 25	7:57
November 18	4:28	May 26	9:02
November 25	4:24	May 27	9:03
December 2	4:22	June 1	8:02
December 19	4:22	June 8	8:06
December 16	4:23	June 15	8:10
December 23	4:26	June 22	8:12
December 30	4:31	June 29	8:12

2012

January 6	4:37	July 6	8:11
January 13	4:43	July 13	8:08
January 20	4:51	July 20	8:04
January 27	4:59	July 27	7:58
February 3	5:07	August 3	7:52
February 10	5:15	August 10	7:44
February 17	5:23	August 17	7:35
February 24	5:30	August 24	7:25
		August 31	7:15
		September 7	7:04
		September 14	6:53
		September 16	6:49

Holidays/Fast Days 2011-2012

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

Jewish
Holiday
Calendar
5772

2011

September 28	Erev Rosh Hashanah
September 29	1st Day of Rosh Hashanah
September 30	2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah
October 2	Fast of Gedaliah
October 7	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre
October 8	Yom Kippur/Yizkor
October 12	Erev Sukkot
October 13-18	Sukkot
October 19	Erev Shemini Atzeret
October 20	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor
October 21	Simchat Torah
December 21-28	Chanukah

2012

January 5	Fast of 10th of Tevet
February 8	Tu B'Shevat
March 7	Fast of Esther/Megillah Reading
March 8	Purim
April 6	Erev Passover/1st Seder
April 7	First Day of Passover
April 7-14	Passover
April 19	Yom HaShoah
April 25	Yom Hazikaron
April 26	Yom Ha'Atzmaut
May 10	Lag B'Omer
May 20	Yom Yerushalyim
May 26	Erev Shavuot
May 27	1st Day Shavuot
May 28	2nd Day Shavuot/Yizkor
July 8	Fast of Tammuz
July 28	Erev Tisha B'Av
July 29	Tisha B'Av
September 16	Erev Rosh Hashanah 5773

Program Calendar for 2011-2012

This is a selection of the many programs offered during the next year.

Note: Some dates subject to change. Check our Newsletter or website for up to date information.

2011

SSRS Shabbat Initiative	September 24
USY/Men's Club – Pizza in the Hut	October
Sisterhood Supper in the Sukkah	October 12
Men's Club "Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah"	October 18
Kidrash	October 22
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	October 14, 28
TOT SHABBAT	October 1, 8, 15, 22
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	October 15
Men's Club/Sisterhood Trivia Night	November 5
Kidrash	November 5
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	November 4, 18
Men's Club "Health & Spirituality" (Hearing Men's Voices-Guys Night Out)	November 16
Veterans' Day Shabbat	November 12
TOT Shabbat	November 5, 19
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	November 19
Kidrash	December 3
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	December 9, 23
TOT Shabbat	December 3, 24, 31
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	December 10
Ruach Am'cha Chanting	December 10
B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting	December 11
Men's Club "Make your own Chanukiah" With Shaare Shalom	December 15
Dorways Chanukah Havdalah party with Men's Club	December 17
Sisterhood Chanukah Program	December 18

2012

Ruach Am'cha Chanting	January 7
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	January 6, 20
TOT Shabbat	January 14, 28
Kidrash	January 14
Men's Club Sports Night	January 15
Women's League Shabbat	January 21

SSRS Shabbat Initiative	January 21
B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting	January 21
Men's Club "Make your own Tefillin" with Shaare Shalom	January 22
Ruach Am'cha Chanting	February 4
Men's Club World Wide Wrap	February 5
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	February 3, 24
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	February 11
TOT Shabbat	February 4, 18
Men's Club Poker Night	February 19
Kidrash	February 25
B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting	February 25
Torah Fund Luncheon	February 26
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	March 2, 16, 30
TOT Shabbat	March 3, 17, 31
USY Purim Carnival	March TBD
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	March 10
B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting	March 10
Men's Club Ruach Shabbat at SZ	March 10
Man of the Year Luncheon at SZ	March 4
Rabbi Fasman 10 Year Anniversary Evening Celebration	TBD
Yellow Candles Packing	March 18
Ruach Am'cha Chanting	March 24
Kidrash	April 14
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	April 20
TOT Shabbat	April 14, 28
Ruach Am'cha Chanting	April 21
Israel Program	April 22
SSRS Shabbat Initiative	April 28
B'nai Mitzvah Family Meeting	April 29
Kidrash	May 5
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	May 4, 18
TOT Shabbat	May 5, 19
Men's Club/USY Lag B'omer Program	May 18
Ruach Am'cha Chanting	May 19
Shabbat Rinah with the Band	June 1
Kidrash	June 9
TOT Shabbat	June 9, 23
Men's Club Baseball Game at the Grizzlies Park – Sauget	TBD

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-the-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.

Pizza in the Hut

USY spends an afternoon building and decorating our Sukkah while enjoying pizza and snacks generously sponsored by Shaare Zedek's Men's Club.

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 Festivities; 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 fundraiser for the synagogue youth groups.

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.

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.

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.

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 the 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.

Our Sisterhood has a long, strong history. Nationally, we are part of the Intra-continental region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. At the local level, part of our mission is to be a positive adjunct to our synagogue, to incorporate learning into our programs through the observance of holidays and traditions in our homes; to convince more people to patronize our Gift Shop; and to promote Sisterhood *kiddushes*.

We stretch ourselves every year to contribute as generously as possible to help support the following:

- ✧ The Synagogue general operating fund
- ✧ USY conventions
- ✧ Jewish summer camp attendance
- ✧ Wish lists for the Early Childhood Center
- ✧ *Mishloach Manot* at Purim
- ✧ Meals on Wheels
- ✧ Maintenance of the Meat and Dairy Kitchens

We advocate involvement in local community issues; we continue to be a sponsor for the Jewish Film Festival in June and the Jewish Book Festival in November.

We have joined with the Men's Club for activities and fund-raisers. We provide catering for a variety of synagogue events during the year, including the delicious and "handy" Break-the-Fast tradition at the end of Yom Kippur, sponsored by the Faye Keyser Memorial Seudah Fund.

Although our members include women from all over the world, of all different ages, talents and personalities, we all realize the importance of getting on the same train to reach our common goals, to arrive at the best possible results for our congregation.

If you are not a member of Sisterhood, please consider joining. And if you are already a member and not involved, please climb aboard. We don't want to leave the station without you.

Affiliate Organizations

Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley
President

**Affiliate
Organizations
Continued**

Men's Club

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President

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**Shaare Zedek Men's Club -
"Spirited Spirituality"**

The theme of this year's Men's Club is "Spirited Spirituality". This year we're initiating a number of engaging activities. 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. The Men's Club's monthly Board Meeting is held on the second Sunday of the month following a Ruach (Spirited) Minyan - all are welcome.

Come raise your spirits and join us for our Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah. Join us at members homes as we delve into topics that will engage men of all ages. Next spring we are initiating a Ruach Men's Club Shabbat inviting men from across the midwest to join us at Shaare Zedek.

This year we're starting a young men's group of our Men's Club called "Abba" for young fathers or those expecting to be fathers.

We're looking forward to a wonderful new year of activities, come join us - it will raise your spirits!

For more info contact Bob Olshan - President SZ Men's Club

Schedule of events for Men's Club Program for 2011-2012:

September 18—Showing the film "Jews and Baseball"

October 18 "Scotch and Steak in the Sukkah"

November 5 Trivia Night

November 16 "Health and Spirituality" (Hearing Men's Voices - Guys Night Out)

December 15 "Make your own Chanukiah" with Shaare Shalom

December 17 Father-children "Abba" - Dorways Chanukah Program

January 15 Sports Night

January 22 Make your own tefillin with Shaare Shalom

February 5 World Wipe Wrap

February 19 Poker Night

March 10 Mens' Club Ruach Shabbat - Midwest event at Shaare Zedek!

March 11 Man of the Year

March 18 Yellow Candles Packing

April 22 Israel Program

May 18 Lag B'Omer Program (with USY)

June—Tentative baseball game at the Grizzlies Park in Sauget

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.

Please contact the chairpersons listed or the office for more information.

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.

Israel Committee

Israel Committee - Free Trip to Israel!

You are invited to a free virtual tour of Israel, past, present and future. We will be having special programs on Israel once a month to explore Israel through film, talks, live connections with Israel, food and dance.

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.

World Wide Wrap

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

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.

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.

Gift Shop

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Samuel Frank Chesed Committee

Members of the Samuel Frank 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 Samuel Frank Chesed Committee is provided by the Samuel Frank Chesed Fund. Individual donations are also welcome.

Social Action

It is important. It is inspirational. It combines Ba'al Taschlit (*do not waste*) and Tikun Olam (*repair the world*). It pushes us to connect our daily lives to our surroundings – and to view our world in a socially and environmentally just lens. It is the *Shaare Zedek Social Action Committee*. It is where you need to be.

This year's initiatives may include the following:

- ★ Green Team
 - ✧ Zero-Waste Eco Kiddush
 - ✧ Shabbat Transport Challenge and Offsets
 - ✧ Energy Audit
 - ✧ Eco-Mailings
 - ✧ Kosher Eco-Meat Ordering Club
- ★ Na'aseh (*we will do*) Outreach Team
 - ✧ Ma'ot Chitim
 - ✧ Kiva Fund
 - ✧ Neonate Knitting
 - ✧ Food Barrels & Drives
 - ✧ Blood Drive
 - ✧ St Louis Park District Volunteering

Tantalized? Interested? Want to help some of our brainstorming come true? Interested in a different initiative? We have many dedicated members and much good work to build on. Join us! ☺

"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." --Pirkei Avot

Ruach Am'cha

Ruach Am'cha, Spirit of Your People, is a project at Shaare Zedek embarking on its third year. The goal is to infuse music into all aspects of congregational life, whether home or at shul. Every 4 weeks, each congregant receives a link to the Niggun (tune) of the month, which is sung throughout the month in various settings. A talented cadre of musical Ambassadors (SZ members who bring spirit and song to Shabbat tables across our congregation) is available to help you celebrate Shabbat in your home. At shul, the second Shabbat of the month is Ruach Am'cha Shabbat, which includes musical services Friday night, chanting services Saturday morning, singing after Kiddush, and a "Havdalah Jam" Saturday night, with drumming and singing. Our intergenerational choir will begin rehearsals in October, Sundays at Noon.

To request an Ambassador visit, or for more information about the Ruach Am'cha Initiative, please contact Hazzan Dulkan, hazzan@shaarezedek.org.

DorWays is Shaare Zedek's group for young members and their families. Dor in Hebrew means generation and it is our hope that DorWays serves as an entryway for young members and their families into synagogue life at Shaare Zedek! We currently have fifty member families, and many prospective families participating in our programs and enriching their lives and the lives around them. Please email szdorways@gmail.com if you would like to be added to our contact list.

Mark your calendar for these special events:

Sunday, October 16 - Meet us at the STL Zoo! 10:00am

Thursday October 20 - Simchat Torah – family dinner at 6:00pm
followed by Music and Dancing with the band and Torahs!

Friday, November 11 – Stress-Free Shabbat 5pm

Saturday, December 17 - Chanukah Party and Havdalah 5:45pm

Monday, January 16 – MLK Community Service Program 10:00am

Ongoing events for families (please check the calendar for dates)

Friday morning 'Family Time' class 10:30-11:30am

Havdalah celebration Mondays at 9am; Shabbat celebrations Fridays
11:30am at our ECC

Tot Shabbat (rockin' child friendly service) twice per month at 11am
Shabbat mornings

Kidrash (rhymes with Midrash) Shabbat morning story and lively
discussion geared to K-3rd graders, once per month

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Adult Education Programs

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Adult Education Committee

The Adult Education Committee plans our life-long learning opportunities. We strive to provide educational, interesting and fun projects throughout the year. Some of the opportunities that we have offered in the past and continue to do include:

Sunday mornings - Ivrit with Dorit - Hebrew (beginner's or anywhere in between) taught by Dorit Galor, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., inner office area.

Monday Morning with Rabbi Fasman - Discussion on a variety of topics, Monday mornings from 9:45 - 11:15 am. At the end of each session, participants choose the subject for the next series of discussion. No classes during July when Rabbi Fasman is on vacation.

Evening classes with Rabbi Fasman - In the past we've learned about Jewish Time, Jewish Space and Jewish Prayer. A variety of Judaic texts are explored in depth.

Seudah Shelishit - Afternoon Study - Shabbat afternoons following Mincha. A light meal is served during which a discussion is led.

Lunch n' Learns - Lunch n' Learns are scheduled throughout the year on a variety of topics.

Guest Speakers and/or Scholars-in-Residence - Pertinent topics are presented and discussed with guest speakers who are experts in their fields. These are sponsored by the Leo & Sara Wolf Education Fund, Asher Fund and Needleman Fund. If you would like to sponsor a program or Scholar-in-Residence, please contact me.

A few of the new classes being offered are:

- ✧ Torah trope class taught by Howard Belsky.
- ✧ Holiday cooking.
- ✧ How to Create a Jewish Home - a Kosher Home with Irene Belsky. Learn to bake challah.
- ✧ Fun craft projects, which includes learning how to knit & crochet.
- ✧ Israeli folk dancing taught by Bob Olshan.

Please check the monthly newsletter, online calendar, as well as the interactive web site on Facebook for updates. Even if you're not on Facebook, you can still look at the messages and photos on the page, which can be found by going to the Shaare Zedek website (<http://www.shaarezedek.org>) and then clicking on Education (far left column), then click on Adult Education and

you're there. If you want to post something, you will have to join Facebook, which is free. This page is updated on a regular basis. There is a link to get you back to Shaare Zedek, too.

If you're interested in joining this committee, please contact Sydney Farber at kitty1106@aol.com

TISHREI SPECIAL!

For the entire month of Tishrei, Hazzan Dulkan's newest CD *sing * dance * bless*, full of music for Friday night and beyond, will be available for the unbelievable price of \$6.13 (such a great price, it's almost a mitzvah!)

Featuring the Shabbat Rinah band and fellow Hazzan Neil Blumofe, the recording will refresh, inspire and renew you for a new year.

Pick up your copy today in the synagogue or ECC office, or in the gift shop, or call the office and we can mail you a copy!



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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 Fund Raising Committee is responsible for 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 Anita Kraus, 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.

Trivia Night

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

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.

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.

Other Dedication Opportunities Include chapel memorial plaques, book dedications, & shabbat kiddushes.

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Shaare Zedek USY

Shaare Zedek United Synagogue Youth, or “SZSL” (which stands for Shaare Zedek St. Louis), is an award winning Jewish group encompassing teens 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. It is a youth lead program, meaning that the teens are in charge of programming (with adult supervision and guidance). This structure allows teens to have ownership over their experiences while providing them with incredible leadership skills. The board is made up of students who are also members of USY, and who represent many synagogues and schools throughout St Louis. All positions are voluntary and elected. Each month we hold several lounge nights 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 skating and float trips. In addition to weekly meetings, chapter programs, and Saint Louis wide events, teens also attend conventions that rotate throughout the region which encompass St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines, Denver, and Minneapolis-St. Paul (where the teens from each of these cities participate in programming together). USY also offers exciting summer programs and travel opportunities throughout Poland, Israel, and the United States. There are many opportunities to get involved in SZSL, and it is an organization that truly fits all teens because they are the ones that guide the direction of the group.

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 current active board members listed below to get a “teen perspective”.

SZSL Executive Board for 2011-2012

President: Taylor Wolf

Vice President Israel Education: Isaac Walker

Vice President Membership & Kadima: Danny May-Rauchman

Vice President Communications: Lizzy Wallis

Vice President for Social Action Tikkun Olam: Daniel Israeli

Vice President for Religious Education: Corey Rosenberg

Freshman Representative: Cameron Redler

Historian: Abbie Simmons

Kadima

Kadima is a perfect fit for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Programs are held each month, where Kadimanics are encouraged to get together and have some fun within a Jewish setting. Kadimanicks are also encouraged to participate with the older USY group through the Purim Carnival and several other events over the course of the year. In March the EMTZA region organizes Kadima Kinnus which is a special weekend designed to get the 7th and 8th graders excited for their future in USY by having fun programming with other Kadimanicks throughout the region. At the end of the year, 8th graders are encouraged to attend CMT (Chapter Membership Training) and the end of the year banquet.

Noar

Noar, means youth in Hebrew, and provides a way for 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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.

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.

Educational Programs

Shaare Zedek provides educational programs for children and adults of all ages. Shaare Shalom Religious School, pre K-12 with confirmation at 10th grade, has a combined curriculum of Hebrew and Judaic studies.

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) offers full-day and part-time pre-school and childcare from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The ECC serves approximately 85 infants through pre-K.

The Adult Education Committee offerings include clergy and Lay-taught classes on Torah, beginner's Hebrew, Haftarah Trope and a variety of Judaic and other selected topics. The Sara and Leo Wolf Scholar-in-Residence program brings prestigious Jewish Scholars. Shaare Zedek hosts the annual, city-wide Adult Institute of Jewish Studies and Shavuot night of learning tikkun.

Shaare Zedek also offers Jewish family education for families with young children through our DorWays program and for families entering into the B'nai Mitzvah experience.

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Preschool

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. On Monday, the children and Hazzan welcome the week with Havdalah. Parents are encouraged to attend.

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 fantastic playground. They eagerly scramble up the climber, run the length of the play area and dig endlessly in the large corner sandbox. Our children enjoy working in the playground gardens and growing their own vegetables and flowers from seeds.

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 to meet the needs of the families enrolled. 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 programming and services for all ages. In addition we have 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.

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.

Early Childhood Center Summer Camp

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Shaare Shalom

“The study of Torah is the greatest mitzvah of all.”

For seven years, Shaare Shalom Religious School along with Shaare Zedek Synagogue and Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation has helped parents fulfill this statement. We have been committed to making religious school an enriching supplementary school experience that will strengthen our students’ Jewish values and identity.

We have created a school where students love learning about being Jewish. This is a place that families come together to connect and learn about Jewish tradition and values. We have created this community with the help of parents, teachers, Klei Kodesh and especially the students. Ours is not simply an academic institution but truly a house of study.

Our staff is filled with excellent Jewish educators as classroom teachers and specialists who teach and challenge our students throughout the year. The curriculum explores the topics of prayer, Hebrew, values, holidays, Tanakh, Israel and history in all grades. Our students come away with a high degree of sophistication and achieve impressive levels of understanding. Special emphasis will be given to synagogue and Hebrew skills so that students feel comfortable throughout their lives as they become active participants in the Jewish community.

Shaare Shalom offers many learning opportunities throughout the year to many different age groups. Our school begins in pre-kindergarten and continues through twelfth grade. All grades meet Sundays from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at BSKI. Throughout the year we offer Shabbat and holiday programs for our families to connect and learn together. This programming is made possible by a grant provided by the Crown Foundation. Our third through sixth-grade students also meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 – 6:00 p.m. at Shaare Zedek. Lastly, our second through seventh-grade students have the opportunity to attend city-wide Shabbatonim held at various congregations.

Our high school juniors and seniors work as madrichim (leaders/teaching assistants) in our religious school. The program allows students to earn community service hours for their secular schools as well as continue to make relationships and build on the learning from previous years at Shaare Shalom.

Jewish learning is not only for the young—it is a life-long journey. Shaare Shalom provides a strong Jewish foundation to our students. The Shaare Shalom website can be found through the Shaare Zedek website or at www.ssrstl.org.

JOLT

The mission of 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.

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