

By The Water

Metro Detroit Jews performed tashlich to prepare for Yom Kippur.

Nearly 1,500 participants took part in “Rosh Hashanah on the River,” a communitywide tashlich event held Oct. 6 at the Chene Park Amphitheatre in Detroit.

In addition to performing the ritual of tashlich en masse by throwing their bread crumbs into the Detroit River, people enjoyed arts and crafts, learned about the five species essential for Sukkot, took a “Breathe Break” led by Kids Kicking Cancer and learned to blow the shofar calls by playing them on kazoos.

There were three food trucks, including Karen Schultz’s

Nosh Pit and Chef Cari’s new *fleishig* (meat) kosher food truck. Raffle donations came from Fuse 45, Dubin Cleaners and Fathead, with snack donations by KIND.

Politicians attending included Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence and Detroit City Council member Gabe Leland.

Lead sponsors for the event were The Well, Jewish Federation’s NEXTGen and JFamily departments and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation’s Grassroot Initiative program, plus a host of local Jewish organizations. *



Spencer Burke of Huntington Woods helps his son Brenden, 4, decorate a Star of David.



As people approached Chene Park, signs asking questions of reflection greeted them.



Rabbi Dan Horwitz teaches the crowd the traditional notes of the shofar on a kazoo; participants all had kazoos, too.



A young participant performs tashlich by casting her bread into the Detroit River.



Tekiah Gedolah: Participants take a turn sounding a kazoo or shofar.

Shaarey Zedek’s Tashlich At The Cider Mill

More than 250 people gathered at the Franklin Cider Mill Oct. 9 with Congregation Shaarey Zedek to perform the ritual of tashlich, which means “casting off” in Hebrew. Bread crumbs are tossed

into a flowing body of water, symbolically casting off “our negatives” from the past year. In addition, families enjoyed cider, donuts and shmooze time. *



Michelle Adamczyk and Barbara Dworin, both of Bloomfield Hills, flank Sam, Kim and Sloane Lotzoff of West Bloomfield.



Shaarey Zedek families perform the ritual of tashlich.



Sarah, Eric, Riley and Sydney Gutman of Huntington Woods