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Congregation Schaarai Zedek, enriching Tampa's Reform Jewish Heritage for over 125 years



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Clergy Visits

Do you have family members who are in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, or are home-bound? We offer special programming at their facility for our congregants or their families.

Call Ming Brewer, Clergy Executive Assistant, at (813) 876-2377, ext. 202, with the names and telephone numbers of members or the family of members who may live in one of these facilities. We want to make sure they are included in our planning.

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Congregant Condolence Notices

When congregants pass away, the Schaarai Zedek offers the family of the deceased the option of having an email notification of the passing sent to all congregants.

The sending (or not sending) of this condolence notice email is at the choice of the family of the deceased congregant to protect the privacy for the family.

Please call Ming Brewer, Clergy Executive Assistant, at (813) 876-2377, ext. 202.



Each month we will feature a different staff member so you can get to know our family!

Meet Lindsey Dewey, who after 10 years as our Youth Director, is now our Director of Engagement & Outreach.

Born in New Jersey, Lindsey moved often as a child due to her father's job. She became involved in NFTY as a teen while living in Miami.

Lindsey obtained her undergraduate degree in Religious Studies and a graduate certificate in non-profit management from the University of Tampa. She met her husband, Chris, at sleep-away camp after her first year of college.

When asked what her favorite thing

about working at Schaarai Zedek is, Lindsey said the following:

"Working with this team has taught me how to recognize my areas for improvement, learn from others, and capitalize on my strengths to contribute to congregational events outside my direct scope.

This congregation has celebrated with us as we were engaged, married, and welcomed our first child. The teens with whom I have had the pleasure to work, as well as their families, stay connected post graduation and visit Temple when they come home. Those relationships are among the most valuable part of working at Schaarai Zedek."

Worship Calendar & Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

Friday, December 6

5:16 pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Rabbi Simon will speak.

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am Shabbat Yoga
9:15 am Torah Study
10:30 am "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service
4:30 pm Riley & Samantha Zophin B'not Mitzvah

Friday, December 13

5:18 pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Rabbi Birnholz will speak.

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Torah Study

Friday, December 20

5:21 pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
5:30 pm Friday Night Tot Shabbat
7:00 pm Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Service
Featuring the ninth grade Confirmation class and music by the Teen Band along with the Shabbat Achshav Band.

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am Torah Study

Friday, December 27

5:25 pm Shabbat Candle Lighting
5:45 pm Community Chanukah Candle Lighting
Bring your menorahs from home for this candle lighting service.
6:00 pm Abbreviated Chanukah Shabbat Service
Note early service time.

Saturday, December 28

9:00 am Torah Study

Chanukah begins in the evening of Sunday, December 22, and ends in the evening of Monday, December 30.

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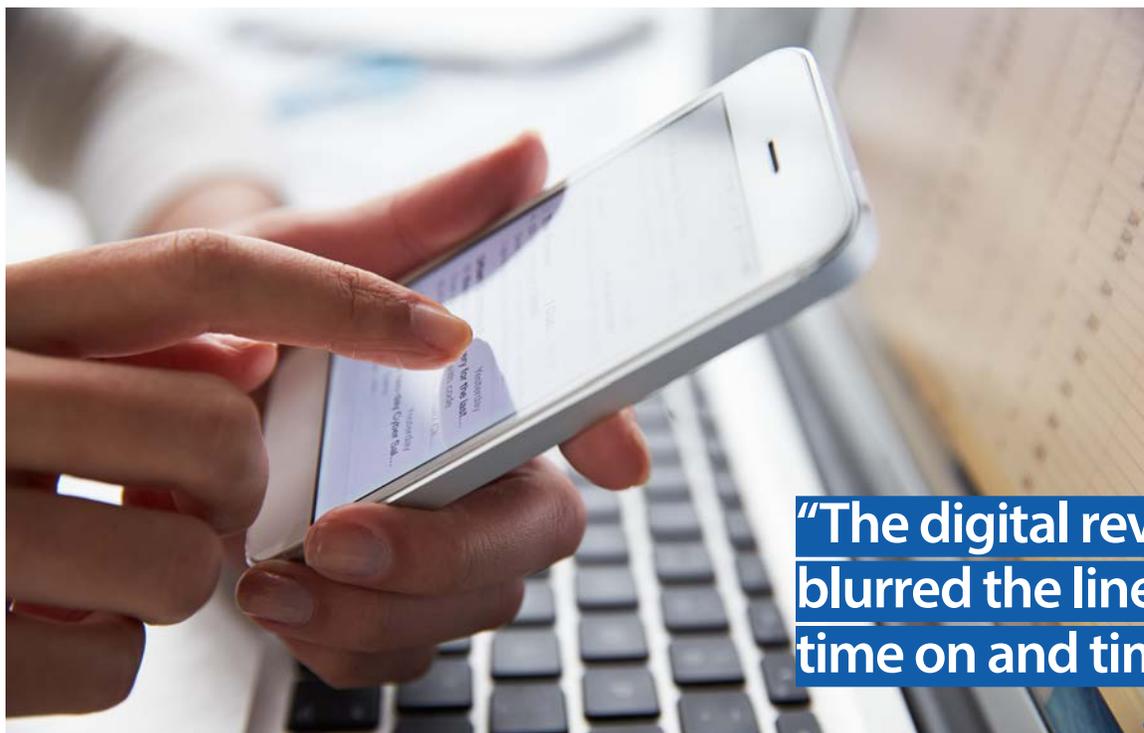
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“The digital revolution has blurred the lines between time on and time off.”

From the Clergy

24 Hours Without A Phone

Exploring the benefits of disconnecting from our 24/7 world

Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro

A few weeks ago, I received my daily op-ed email from The New York Times. I usually scan through it quickly before deleting it, but this time, as my finger was hovering the delete button, the title of the lead article caught my eye: “24 Hours Without My Phone.”

In his article, David Leonhardt talked about filmmaker and internet pioneer Tifany Shlain who, in 2010, coined the term *Tech Shabbat*. She introduced the concept in a series of articles and published a book, “24/6: The Power of Unplugging One Day a Week,” in which she explains the practice of Tech Shabbat and its benefits for the body, mind, and soul. She states that the digital revolution has blurred the lines between time on and time off:

“We’ve created a culture in which we’re still ‘working’ while we play: needing to photograph every moment, crafting witty posts of our ‘fun, relaxing activities’ on

Instagram, then obsessively checking responses. We can barely catch our breath in the tsunami of personal and work digital input, which results in us not being truly present for any of it.”

I was floored - she was describing my life.

I am always connected: I check my phone all day for emails and texts; my watch buzzes if I have a new email or text; I live by my calendar, glued to the screen to make absolutely sure I haven’t missed an appointment. Inevitably, while I’m checking my calendar, a news article or text pops up and I get distracted with that and forget why I had looked at my phone in the first place! This endless wave of information can be exhausting, and I find myself not being able to truly rest.

The Torah gives us two reasons for observing a day of rest. First, we are told that we should rest because God rested. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a

Sabbath to Adonai your God. On it you shall not do any work ... for in six days Adonai made heaven and earth ... and rested on the seventh day.” Exodus 20:8-11.

Then, in Deuteronomy, we read, “Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and Adonai your God freed you from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore Adonai has commanded you to observe Shabbat.” Deuteronomy 5:15. Here is the second reason for observing Shabbat: the covenant between God and Jewish people. God redeemed the Israelites from slavery, and therefore the Israelites must observe God’s commandments.

We should rest because God rested, and we should “observe” Shabbat and keep it holy. If God, the creator of the universe, needed to rest (and sanctified that rest), how much the more so do we human beings need a weekly opportunity to cease from all productive activities, from “creating.”

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Adult Engagement

Congregation Schaarai Zedek offers a variety of social, cultural, and educational activities, giving congregants an opportunity to participate and connect with other like-minded people. Refer to the **Our Community** and **Calendar** pages on our website for more information. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377 for all programs (unless otherwise noted) so we can prepare.

Intro to Judaism

December 4, 11, 18 (Dec 18: see *The True Story of Chanukah* below)
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Taught by Rabbi Simon and Rabbi Farb

Introduction (or re-introduction) to Judaism is a multi-part lecture series on the nature of Judaism, God, Torah, worship, life cycle observances, and holidays. There is no charge for the classes but books for the course are purchased separately. This course is open to everyone who wishes to learn about basic Judaism and Jewish practice. It is required for anyone who is planning to convert. To register, call Ming Brewer, Clergy Executive Assistant, at (813) 876-2377, ext. 202.



“Nu” Frontiers Judah Benjamin Tour & Chanukah Shopping

Thursday, December 5, 8:00 am
Gamble Plantation Historic State Park
3708 Patten Ave, Ellenton, FL 34222
Bus and Tour: CSZ Members \$17 / Non-Members \$28

Take a guided tour of the only surviving plantation house in South Florida. The antebellum mansion was headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation and where Confederate Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin took refuge after the fall of the Confederacy. After the tour, enjoy lunch and Chanukah shopping on your own at Ellenton Premium Outlets. A bus will take us from CSZ to the tour and outlet mall, then back to CSZ.

Participants must be able to climb 2 steps independently or with the assistance of a companion. The tour is 60 minutes long and will include walking on uneven terrain both outdoors and indoors. Participants must be able to climb 17 steps independently or with the assistance of a companion to participate in the tour of the mansion's second floor.

RSVPs requested no later than Sunday, Dec. 1. RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Lisa Kiev-Chen at (813) 876-2377, ext. 249.

ROMEO Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, December 11, 11:45 am
Buffet-style lunch at Schaarai Zedek
CSZ Members \$10 / Non-Members \$15

Join Rabbi Birnholz and our ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for good food and conversation at Schaarai Zedek. Connect with others and enjoy a new and relevant discussion topic each month. December's topic: "Lost Graves: Accident or Not so Subtle Discrimination? How Jewish Law Has Dealt with It." RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Lisa Kiev-Chen at (813) 876-2377, ext. 249.

The True Story of Chanukah

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

What if there never was one day of oil that lasted for eight days? How would the Maccabees have felt about Reform Judaism today, and how did an anti-assimilation holiday become the most assimilated of all of our holidays?

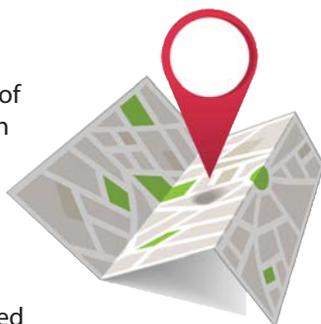
Join Rabbi Simon for a historical look at Chanukah, including the evolution of the holiday to include candle lighting, dreidels, and fried foods, as we create a meaningful, adult understanding of the holiday together.

RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Torah Study: Mapping Judaism

December 14, 21, 28 | December 7 at 9:15 am
Saturdays, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Led by Rabbi Farb

Come read a chronological atlas of the Jewish people from the Torah through today. Follow the verses of the Hebrew Bible as they describe the changing borders of the Promised Land, see how the conflicts shaped our people and our people shaped our world. Enjoy coffee and refreshments with friends. For more information, contact Rabbi Farb at nfarb@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 229.



Senior Luncheon

Thursday, December 19, Seating at 11:15 am



Please join us for "Mao's Last Dancer", one of the 21st century's best films. Inspired by true events, follow Li Cunxin, a peasant from rural China, as he becomes a world-renowned ballet dancer. Through breathtaking talent and sheer determination, Li makes his way to the United States where he risks everything to remain.

Our Amy Gail Buchman Preschool Singers will perform at 11:30 am as the program begins. Please note end time will be 1:30 pm due to the movie's length.

RSVP requested by Dec. 17. RSVP online by visiting at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Lisa Kiev-Chen at (813) 876-2377, ext. 249.

Our Senior Luncheons are provided by the Esther N. & Leo M. Weiss Seniors Endowment Fund.

"Nu" Frontiers Tarpon Springs Fun Day

Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 am - 4:45 pm
Bus and Tour: CSZ Member \$23, Non-Member \$33

Journey back in time on a guided tour of the Safford House Museum, one of Tarpon Springs' best kept secrets, where we will have the opportunity to experience Florida life as it was more than 100 years ago. Following the tour, we'll visit Replay Museum, home to over 120 pinball and arcade games, spanning over 50 years of history. We'll then dine at Mykonos, where you can order off the menu and pay for your own delicious Greek lunch with our group. After lunch, feel free to browse the sponge docks and shop on your own. Bus transportation will be provided.

RSVPs requested no later than **Sunday, Jan. 5.** RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Lisa Kiev-Chen at (813) 876-2377, ext. 249.



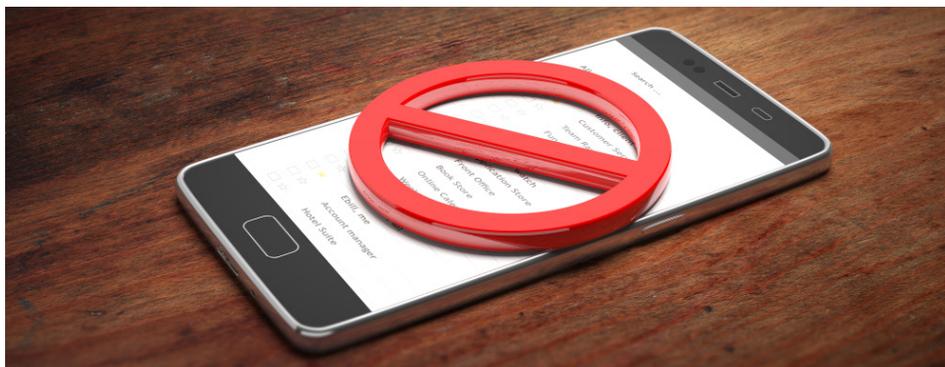
24 Hours Without A Phone *continued*

Shabbat has been called an "oasis in time." It is a gift from God, "Divine Therapy," if you will. It's a chance for spiritual and psychological renewal. A chance to get back in touch with life at a normal pace.

Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg compares the Sabbath to the practice of mindfulness. She states, "By pausing and opening to all that exists without our effort, we deepen our appreciation both for our own potential and for the vastness of creation. In the place of pause, the empty space between the out breath and the next in-breath, we touch mystery. It is from that mystery that another miraculous breath, moment, or new idea is born."

I decided to give it a try. I would turn off my phone and not connect to the internet for 24 hours. I would become "disconnected" from our 24/7 world. I wasn't sure I could do it, but I was going to try.

I chose a Saturday for my Shabbat. I woke up, turned off my phone and resolved not to turn it on until the next morning. By mid-morning, the desire



to reach for my phone to check my mail, texts, and news began to subside. During the day, I read books, petted my cat, and organized my scrapbook supplies. I found myself focusing on things in a way I had not been able to for a long time. At dinner that night, I was able to listen to people – really listen – without being distracted by buzzing or flashing pop-ups on my screen. That night, before bed, I turned my phone back on to set my alarm but did not open anything.

I woke up Sunday morning more refreshed and clear-headed than I had

been in months. I was rested, rejuvenated and ready to start my week – I had experienced Shabbat!

Ahad Ha-Am, one of the most important early Jewish writers of the last century, wrote, "More than the Jewish people has preserved the Shabbat, the Shabbat has preserved the Jewish people." I could not agree more. Shabbat is the greatest gift that humankind has been given. Each of us needs a time to rest, a sacred time to remove ourselves from the "every day" of the world and dwell, just for 25 hours, in the "holiness" of rest. ●

CSZ Sisterhood

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Sisterhood events:

- **Monday, December 2 – Sisterhood Book Club** at noon. We will be discussing “The Station Master’s Daughter,” an emotional rollercoaster of a read by Kathleen McGurl.
- **December 8 - December 20 – Sisterhood’s Annual Chanukah Bazaar** will be open with lots of new merchandise as well as traditional favorites. Please see the Bazaar insert in this Shofar for specific days and times.
- **Tuesday, December 10 – Sisterhood is hosting its first Sip & Shop.** Everyone is invited to join us so bring your friends with you when you stop by for wine and hors d’oeuvres anytime from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm while you shop at our Chanukah Bazaar. For this special evening we will have over a dozen stores and merchants from our community with the perfect items for everyone on your holiday gift list. Personal shoppers will be available to assist you and gift wrappers will take care of making your presents look festive. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to have fun while you shop. You can look forward to purchasing college and professional sports teams’ items, custom wood signs, personalized necklaces and bracelets, stained and fused glass treasures, fun apparel for kids and adults, handmade quilted handbags, handcrafted sterling silver and Swarovski crystal jewelry at all price points, unique holiday and home decor, and so much more!
- **Chanukah Bazaar Volunteers** are needed to staff our bazaar. You can sign up to volunteer with a friend. Please contact Beth Levin, our Judaica Shop Chair, at bethlevin1@gmail.com to secure a day and time that works with your schedule.



Sisterhood wishes everyone a very happy holiday season filled with family and friends!

L'shalom,

Andi Parker, Co-President
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CSZ Brotherhood

We had an excellent turnout for our Steve Marx Speaker Series. A special thank you goes out to our Brotherhood board members who chaired and organized this event, Anthony Weiss and Mark Rosenthal, as well as Chuck Goldstein with Culinary Creations for providing the desserts.

On Sunday, December 29, Brotherhood is going to a Lightning game and will have a suite with food and drinks included. Bus transportation to and from the arena will be provided for members not wanting to drive. We will also have a group picture down on the ice after the game. All are welcome, so bring the whole family for this game!

Be on the lookout for our well-attended Top Golf event in January to kick off 2020. More details to come.

Save the date for the **11th Annual Brotherhood Signature Event** (our famous Deli Night!) on **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. If you would like to be a key sponsor, call Steve Gersten at (813) 334-9745.

Our Main Event Sponsor:

- Continental Wholesale Diamonds, located at 1401 N Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL (mention Deli Night and receive a 20% discount)

Our Corned Beef King Sponsors:

- 360 Realty
- Segal Funeral Home

If any congregant would to usher a Shabbat service, please get in touch with Steve Gersten at (813) 334-9745 or sgersten@tampabay.rr.com. We would also love to hear your feedback on what your favorite delis are as we start that selection process for Deli Night. Email Steve Gersten with your suggestions!

We invite all male adult congregants of Schaarai Zedek to get involved in our dynamic and active Brotherhood and to join all our festivities and community events during the year. If you haven't joined Brotherhood yet, please call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Contact us anytime to discuss Brotherhood and how you can be involved.

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SCHAARAI ZEDEK SISTERHOOD'S
ANNUAL

Chanukah Bazaar



Sunday, December 8th - Friday, December 20th

Sundays 9:00am-12:00pm

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm & 4:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00am-1:00pm

Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm & 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sip & Shop Tuesday, December 10th 5:30pm-8:30pm

Congregation Schaarai Zedek

3303 West Swann Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609

**Gifts for all ages! Plus a new selection of items from the Judaica Shop
Menorahs * Candles * Dreidels * Gift Wrap * Toys & Games * Chocolate Gelt * Jewelry * And More!**

**Volunteers for the bazaar are still needed! Contact Beth Levin at: BethLevin1@gmail.com
to volunteer to work a shift or help set up or break down the bazaar. Thank You!**

Chanukah Happenings

Your guide to Chanukah at Schaarai Zedek

TUES. DEC. 17, 6:30 PM



20s+30s Chanukah Party

Latkes, cocktails, and presents! Come and celebrate the Festival of Lights with your 20s+30s friends at Schaarai Zedek. Bring some dollar bills to buy raffle tickets for our Chanukah Paper Bag Auction. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Molly Levy at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246. Hope to see you there!

FRI. DEC. 20



Pre-Chanukah Celebration

5:30 pm - Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm - Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm - Shabbat Service

Get in the spirit of Chanukah! Enjoy a pre-Chanukah celebration including Tot Shabbat and a complimentary Shabbat dinner with latkes. The service will feature the ninth grade Confirmation class and a performance by the Teen Band along with the Shabbat *Achshav* Band. There will be a *sufganiyot* (doughnuts) oneg and crafts for your enjoyment following the service. Dinner is complimentary, but please RSVP to the temple office so we can prepare. RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377.

SUN. DEC. 22, 5:30 - 8:00 PM



Chanukah Candle Lighting at Armature Works

Join us for the first night of Chanukah at Armature Works (1910 N. Ola Ave.) as our clergy leads traditional Chanukah blessings and songs. After the 6:15 pm candle lighting, enjoy the market with your family and friends at your own leisure. RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377.

TUES. DEC. 24, 3:00 PM



Family-Friendly Bowling Party

Let's strike up some Chanukah fun! Meet us at Pinarama Bowling (5008 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.) for a family-friendly afternoon of bowling and food. Join us for two hours of *unlimited* bowling, shoe rental included! We'll light the candles for the third night of Chanukah and order pizza and drinks for all bowlers. Children 0-2 are free, all others are \$10 per bowler. RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377.

TUES. DEC. 24, 5:30 PM



Adults' Chinese Dinner

Calling all adults! Meet us at Yummy House China Bistro (2620 E Hillsborough Ave.) and enjoy social time with adults of all ages over a delicious dinner. Order off the menu and pay for your own meal. We'll light the candles for the third night of Chanukah. RSVPs requested by Dec. 17 so we can reserve enough seating. RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377.

WED. DEC. 25, 8:00 AM



20s+30s Volunteers Needed

Come brighten the day for the resident children at Children's Home Network! It's a great chance to spend time with kids who have nothing but gratitude in their hearts! Just bring your smile and willingness to serve and spend time with these great kids! Meet at Children's Home (10909 Memorial Hwy.) at 8:00 am. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call Molly Levy at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246.

WED. DEC. 25



Volunteer Opportunities

Once again, Debbie Steinfeld will work with Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Town 'n Country to prepare and serve Christmas dinner for those in need. We will work with church members from 9:00 am. until noon preparing and setting up at the church, and from noon until 2:00 pm. we will serve and clean up. Please contact Debbie if you can help with this project at debbiesteinfeld@gmail.com.

Metropolitan Ministries

Join us to serve a Christmas meal at Metropolitan Ministries so that the staff can be with their families. Please contact Donna Wood at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or dwood@zedek.org to sign up or for more details.

FRI. DEC. 27, 5:45 PM



Chanukah Candle Lighting & Shabbat Service

Bring your own menorah for a community candle lighting for the sixth night of Chanukah. Following the candle lighting, we'll have a brief Shabbat service beginning at 6:00 pm.

Chanukah Home Guide

First Chanukah Candle: Sunday, December 22

Eighth Chanukah Candle: Sunday, December 29

Although according to Jewish custom Chanukah is considered a “minor” Jewish festival, today it ranks—along with Passover and Purim—as one of the most beloved Jewish holidays, full of light and joy and family celebration.

Chanukah History

Chanukah, the *Feast of Rededication*, lasts for eight days and begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev. Light the first candle this year on December 22. The “rededication” refers to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. This festival came after victory was attained by the small forces of Judah Maccabee over army detachments sent by King Antiochus of Syria. Antiochus had attempted to force foreign worship (the Hellenistic-Oriental worship of Zeus) on the Jewish people. This was part of his strategy to unite his subjugated nations for a final war with Rome. Most of the Jews assimilated and accepted Antiochus’ demands. But the Maccabees would not assimilate. That small band achieved the spiritual victory of remaining Jews and the military victory of defeating the Syrian Greeks.

The Story of Chanukah is not found in the Bible but in the Apocryphal book of Maccabees, part of our post-Biblical Jewish literature.

We celebrate Chanukah because some of our ancestors would not give up their Judaism. If it had not been for them, Judaism likely would have disappeared. If we do not continue with our traditions, assimilation will overtake us in our own day. We remember the courage of the Maccabees as we light our menorahs and celebrate our story of survival.

Lighting the Chanukah Candles

From one Chanukah to the next, it can be a challenge to remember in which direction to add candles and in which direction to light them. Here’s what you need to know: When the menorah is facing you, the candle for the first night is placed in the right-most holder of the eight-branched menorah and the *shamash* (helper candle) is placed in its holder, which is raised or otherwise distinguished from the rest of the candle holders.

Anyone may chant or recite the blessings by lighting and holding the *shamash*, reciting the blessings, and then using the *shamash* to light the candles (from left to right, so that the kindling begins with the newest light).

Two blessings are chanted or recited every night of Chanukah. The first is a blessing over the candles themselves. The second blessing expresses thanks for the miracle of deliverance. A third blessing – the *She-hecheyanu* prayer, marking all joyous occasions in Jewish life – is chanted or recited only on the first night.

On each successive night, an additional candle is placed to the immediate left of the previous night’s candle, and the candles are lit from left to right, so the kindling begins with the newest light. Since these lights are holy, we aren’t supposed to make practical use of them (e.g. using them to see or read by, or lighting other candles with them); therefore, we use the *shamash* to light the ones that mark each night of the holiday.

Source: ReformJudaism.com via *The Jewish Home (Revised Edition)* by Daniel B. Syme



Chanukah Blessings

Light the *shamash* (helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wonderful deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

Shehecheyanu prayer, for the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Hanerot Halalu

We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

"Maoz Tzur" ("Rock of Ages")

*Maoz tzur y'shuati
l'cha naeh l'shabeach
Tikon beit t'filati
v'sham todah n'zabeach.*

Rock of Ages let our song,
Praise thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our sheltering tower.

*Leit tachin matbeach
mitzar hamnabeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach.*

Furiously they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us
And Thy word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.
And Thy word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Chanukah Music

For many families and communities, singing is a particularly joyous part of Chanukah celebrations. There are many traditional and contemporary songs for the holiday, and videos and recordings are widely available online.

"*Maoz Tzur*" ("Rock of Ages") is customarily sung after the lighting of the candles each night, and at other times throughout the holiday. It was composed in Europe in the 12th or 13th century.

"I Have a Little Dreidel" is a modern-day children's song frequently sung during the Festival of Lights. Other holiday favorites include "Chanukah, Oh Chanukah;" "*Sivivon, sov, sov, sov,*" a Hebrew folksong; "Light One Candle," written by Peter Yarrow; and "The Latke Song," by Debbie Friedman, z'l, the renowned Jewish singer and songwriter.

How to Play Dreidel

Dreidel is the traditional game played to celebrate Chanukah. The letters on the dreidel—*nun, gimel, hei, and shin*—are interpreted to stand for the first letter of each word in the Hebrew statement *Neis gadol hayah sham*, which means, "A great miracle happened there" and refers to the defeat of the Syrian army and the re-dedication of the Temple in the story of Chanukah. In Israel, one letter on the dreidel differs from those used in the rest of the world. Instead of a *shin*, you will find the letter *pei*, transforming the Hebrew statement into *Neis gadol hayah po*, which means, "A great miracle happened here."

Distribute an equal number of playing pieces to each person. Begin by having each of the players put one or two pieces into a common pot. Take turns spinning the dreidel and taking the actions determined by the letter you spin:

Nun: The player takes nothing.

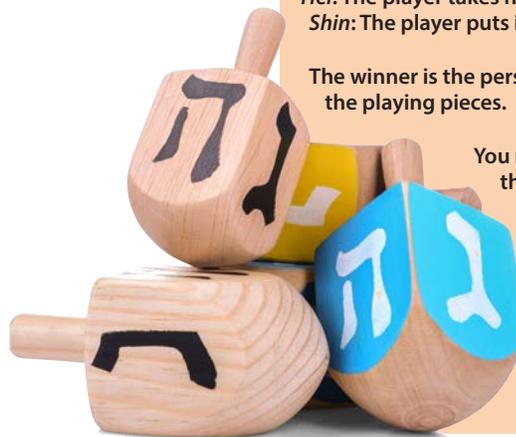
Gimel: The player takes all.

Hei: The player takes half.

Shin: The player puts in.

The winner is the person who collects all the playing pieces.

You may also try playing the dreidel game with a charitable twist: Everyone puts some money in the kitty, and the winner gets to choose where to donate it.



Our Synagogue

The Early Days of Schaarai Zedek

Excerpts from the minutes of the Temple Board*

February 3, 1904: A Mr. Lustig was present and on motion was extruded the privileges of the floor. He stated that he was a stranger in Tampa but that he had a very sick boy, 14 years of age, who required some attention and requested that some kindness be shown to him by the ladies in providing for his comfort. He was given the assurance of the Congregation that his request would be complied with. The Secretary was thereupon instructed to communicate with the Temple Guild, stating the circumstances and requesting the cooperation of its members.

*These minutes were prepared by Dr. Carl Zielonka, Archives Chair, for your information about our history.

Friendly Visitors Program

Visiting the sick and the elderly are two ancient and important mitzvot in the Jewish tradition.

Schaarai Zedek is organizing opportunities to participate in this sacred mitzvah.

- Visit assisted living homes to spend time with residents
- Visit home-bound members of our community
- Brighten someone's day

You will receive personalized Friendly Visitor training and learn about prayer and empathetic presence.

If you are interested in being a part of our Friendly Visitors Program, or if you know of anyone in the congregation who may be in need of some extra support, contact Rabbi Farb at (813) 876-2377, ext. 229 or nfarb@zedek.org.

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ
Torah Circle
ANNUAL GIVING

How do we grow the next generation of Jews?

Home observances, attending Religious School, and participating in services are all important - and so is involvement in youth groups.

Schaarai Zedek youth groups provide important social, recreational, and spiritual opportunities for our young people. These activities set our children on a path towards a rich and engaged Jewish adult life.

Schaarai Zedek recognizes just how critical these formative experiences can be for our children. We also understand that the youth group programming must be thoughtful, involving and age appropriate. For this reason, Schaarai Zedek has five separate youth programs: Teenokot (0-4 years old), Yeladim (grades K-2), Chaverim (grades 3-5), Jr. SchZFTY (grades 6-8), and SchZFTY (grades 9-12).

Planning and managing these programs requires professional leadership. The Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle is proud to provide financial support to enable Congregation Schaarai Zedek to staff our outstanding youth programs. Your Torah Circle contributions make our youth programs possible.

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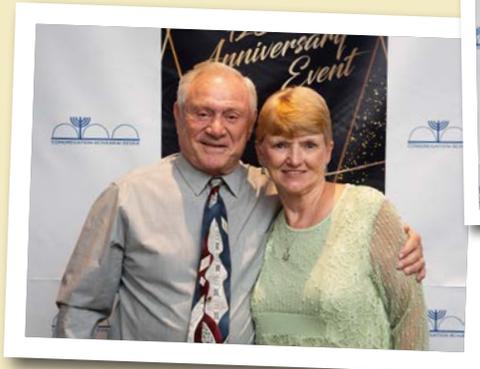
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An Evening in honor of Schaarai Zedek's *125th Anniversary*

More than 350 people attended our 125th Anniversary Event on October 26. The celebration honored Schaarai Zedek's long history and featured themed food and decor, a video tribute, a DJ, and dancing. Emcee and comedian David Glickman had the audience entertained and laughing throughout the evening!





**PLANNED GIVING
LETTER OF INTENT**

Please contact Rabbi Simon, Rabbi Birnholz, or Marc LeVine for further conversation.



THE SCHAARAI ZEDEK ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

In the tradition of our Jewish faith of sharing our blessings with others, I/we take deep satisfaction in declaring my/our commitment to help assure the continuity of Congregation Scharai Zedek (CSZ) through its endowment bequest legacy program known as the *Eternal Light Foundation*.

My/Our commitment:

I/We have already made or I/We commit to make provisions to support CSZ and CSZ's *Eternal Light Foundation* in my/our Last Will and Testament, my/our Trust, or through other means.

Please contact me/us at _____ to discuss my/our future bequest to CSZ's *Eternal Light Foundation*.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

Ensuring that the rich flame of Judaism and of Congregation Scharai Zedek shines brightly from generation to generation

Pledge cards were given out for Scharai Zedek's endowment bequest legacy program, known as the *Eternal Light Foundation*. If you would like to make a commitment to Scharai Zedek's future, please contact Rabbi Simon, Rabbi Birnholz, or Marc LeVine for further discussion.



Religious School & Family

Cafe CSZ

Sundays, December 8 and 15, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

All adults are welcome. Have a bagel and a cup of coffee at Café CSZ on Sunday morning. Join the conversation. Greet friends, fellow parents, and other congregants. Café CSZ will be open on Sunday mornings when Religious School is meeting. See you there!

Interested in teaching or substituting?



Do you have a desire to further Judaism and enjoy spending time with great children? Become a teacher or substitute at our Flom Religious School on Sunday mornings! It's easy and fun.

We supply the lesson plans and materials for you. Join the team and start making a difference. For more information, contact Donna Wood at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or email dwood@zedek.org.

Shabbat for the Body, Mind, and Soul

Saturday, December 7

Make Shabbat morning a part of your week! Feel free to join us for one, two, or all three parts of our morning.

8:00 am - Shabbat Yoga: Join certified yoga instructor Tammy Thompson in a morning yoga class. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate. Yoga mats will be provided.

9:15 am: Torah Study: After yoga, join us for an enlightening and engaging look at the Torah portion of the week.

10:30 am: "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service: Enjoy a casual Shabbat morning service. We'll provide bagels and you are welcome to eat during the service. Coloring books will be available if you want to bring children.

Please RSVP online by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Mitzvah Dreidels

Help fulfill the wishes of the clients in need of the Tampa Jewish Family Services this Chanukah by picking up a Mitzvah Dreidel!

All you need to do is pick up a Mitzvah Dreidel, shop for the gifts listed on the slip inside the dreidel, and drop off your items at Schaarai Zedek.

All Mitzvah Dreidel wish list items cost \$20 or less. Please drop off unwrapped items in the temple office.

For a wishlist request or more information, contact Donna Wood, Religious School Director, at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or dwood@zedek.org.



Save the Date

Jews by Choice Shabbat Service

Friday, January 3, 7:00 pm

Members of the 2019-2020 Intro to Judaism class will share their thoughts on becoming Jewish as part of this meaningful Shabbat. Their insights provide a way for each of us to reconnect with our faith. Seeing Judaism through the eyes of a newly converted Jew is a rich, spiritual experience. Please join us for this special service.

MITZVAH DAY
Sunday, February 9, 2020

For more information, contact Mitzvah Day Chair,
Debbie Rovner, at (813) 968-9218 or mitzvahday@zedek.org,
or Donna Wood at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or dwood@zedek.org.

B'naiMitzvah



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B'not Mitzvah:
December 7, 2019

Parents:
Melissa and Brian Zophin

Torah Portion:
Vayishlach



Charlie Zielin

Bar Mitzvah:
December 19, 2019

Parents:
Lara Zielin and Ron Zielin

Torah Portion:
Vayeishev

JCC Softball Tournament

Sunday, February 23, 2020

The Tampa JCC & Federation invites the Tampa Bay community to "play ball" in the Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament, now at Skyway Park. Schaarai Zedek will form a team to compete, and we are especially looking for women to join! \$35 per player when joining the CSZ team (\$45 per player if you sign up through the JCC). For more information, please contact Rabbi Farb at nfarb@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 229.



Tampa Jewish Family Services Community Food Bank

Tampa Jewish Family Services Community Food Bank distributes food bags to more than 450 families each month. These families would have limited food to eat were it not for the Jewish Food Bank.



You can help stop hunger in Tampa by bringing a can every time you come to Temple. Bring a can to Sisterhood/Brotherhood meetings. Bring a can to services. Just bring a can when you come. There is a receptacle for the canned goods in the temple office.

For more information, call Lea Merrill Davidson Bern at Tampa Jewish Family Services at (813) 960-1848, ext. 4106.

Trinity Café

Trinity Café (2801 N. Nebraska Ave.) provides hot, chef-cooked meals to those in need. Volunteer opportunities are available to help serve on Mondays through Fridays from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:30 am - 10:45 am.

We would like to get a group of congregants together to volunteer on a week-end day, either periodically or on a regular basis. Please contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org to sign up.

Gesher L' Mishpachah: Jewish Family Fun

Your family is invited to join in the adventure!

Who can participate? First timers and past participants can all participate! Even if you've completed the program before, with each passing year the experience comes with a new perspective and understanding!

What will you do? Each family completes 18 easy activities in the areas of Torah (Study), Avodah (Worship), and G'milut Chasadim (Acts of Loving Kindness) from a list of more than 70 activities during this school year. You have probably already completed these activities without even realizing it!

What happens then? After you complete and submit the checklist, you will be honored at the Family Shabbat Service in May, and your family's name will be engraved on our Gesher plaque in the Religious School hallway.

For more information, contact Donna Wood at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or email dwood@zedek.org.

Celebrating a Shehecheyanu Moment

Schaarai Zedek is a partner in the transitional moments of our members' lives.

Whether a baby naming or bris, bar or bat mitzvah, conversion or wedding ceremony, or a recovery from illness, our clergy and staff strive to ensure that each sacred "Shehecheyanu Moment" is deeply fulfilling and personal. A donation to one of the Schaarai Zedek Funds is a lovely way to mark a personal life-cycle experience, to honor friends or family celebrating a happy milestone, or in gratitude for the services the clergy provide during these profound moments.

Nominating Committee

Congregation Schaarai Zedek's Nominating Committee is beginning its annual work of nominating new leadership. We welcome recommendations.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving in a synagogue leadership capacity, please notify Richard Eggatz, Nominating Committee Chair, at richard.eggatz@gmail.com. The new slate will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting on May 29, 2020. The term of service begins July 1, 2020.

Youth

Congregation Schaarai Zedek's Youth Groups offer a multitude of activities including social, religious, cultural, community service, and more. All are designed to provide opportunities for our Jewish youth to meet and socialize. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call (813) 876-2377 for all programs (unless otherwise noted) so we can prepare.

SchZFTY Open House

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm



(Grades 9-12) Come for our traditional SchZFTY Open House and bring your homework (or not!). We'll have dinner and snacks, relax, and have all types of art products available to help make your Camp Jenny postcards! Please RSVP so we can get an accurate count for dinner!

Yeladim Late Night PJ Party

Friday, December 6, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

(Grades K-12) Come in your PJs for a night fun with friends. Each student will paint a beautiful ceramic menorah that will become a cherished family keepsake for years to come. \$20 per student includes dinner, project, and snacks.

SchZFTY Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 7, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

(Grades 9-12) Enjoy the downtown winter wonderland at Curtis Hixon Park. We will enjoy dinner and ice skating together in the Winter Village. \$20 per student includes dinner, skate rental, and 90 minutes of skating.



A Very Chaverim Chanukah

Sunday, December 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

(Grades 3-5) Come enjoy lunch and create a Chanukah gift for yourself or someone you love! Artists from You Do the Dishes will help us select pieces appropriate for holiday gifting. \$20 per student includes lunch and projects.

SchZFTY and College Connection Sock Swap

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



(Grades 9-College) Come for dinner with recent SchZFTY alumni to reconnect and spend time with friends. Bring a pair of new fun socks for our sixth annual SOCK SWAP! We will also assemble goody bags for the Children's Home Network for Christmas morning.

Teenokot Chanukah Craft Party

Thursday, December 19, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

(Ages 0-4) Does the idea lighting a menorah around young children make you nervous? Come join us for Teenokot crafts that are safe and fun for little ones to celebrate the Chanukah season.



Friday Night Tot Shabbat Pre-Chanukah Celebration

Friday, December 20, 5:30 pm

Followed by a complimentary Shabbat dinner

Join us for an informal celebration of Shabbat and Chanukah with your little ones (ages 0-5 and siblings of all ages). Learn Shabbat rituals and prayers: Light the candles, sing the Kiddush with grape juice and bless the challah. After the service, enjoy a Shabbat dinner together with other families at NO COST to you! This service is a fun time to meet other families with young children at Schaarai Zedek.

Tot Shabbat is also fun for older siblings and grandparents. Invite your unaffiliated friends to join us!

NFTY-STR Winter Regional

Thursday, December 26 – Monday, December 30
Orlando, FL

Meet new people and see your friends from NFTY, Camp, Israel, and Mitzvah Corps. Participate in meaningful social action opportunities. Wrestle with hot topics and challenge your assumptions during interactive teen-led programs. Share your talents and cheer on your friends at the annual talent show. Voice your opinions at Asefah (business meeting), which helps us guide our movement forward. Elect our 2019-2020 Regional Board. Contact Lindsey Dewey for more info at ldewey@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 221.

News from the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool

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| Dec. 2-13: | Annual Gift Drive |
| Dec. 20: | Chanukah Play and All School Shabbat |
| Dec. 23-27: | All School closing for winter holiday |
| Dec. 30- Jan. 3: | Winter holiday closing for PT and SD students - Open for Extended Day students only |
| Dec. 31: | Early closing at 3:00 pm for New Year's Eve |
| Jan. 1: | School closed for New Year's Day |

RSVP to any Youth event online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or by calling the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy:

Lindsay and Jordan August on the birth of their son, William Max August.

Leah Perlman and Michael Poch, on the birth of their daughter, Margot Rose Poch.

Jessica and Patrick Scruggs on the birth of their son, Merrick Noah Scruggs.

Tyrette and Michael Tebbi on the birth of their son, Samuel Thomas Tebbi.

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses:

Joshua Adler on the death of his father, Dr. Philip Adler.

Al Bernstein on the death of his wife, Iris Bernstein.

Francine Rosenberg on the death of her mother, Mildred Silberman Kashuk.

Deborah Rosenthal on the death of her mother, Dolores Nap.

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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Sisterhood Book Club 12:00 pm SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm	3	4 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm SchZFTY Open House 6:30 pm	5 Nu Frontiers Judah Benjamin Tour & Chanukah Shopping 8:00 am	6 Yeladim (grades k-2) Event 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	7 Shabbat Yoga 8:00 am Torah Study 9:15 am "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service 10:30 am Riley & Samantha Zophin B'not Mitzvah 4:30 pm SchZFTY Event 6:30 pm
8 Religious School 9:00 am Cafe Zedek 9:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:30 am Chaverim Event 11:30 am	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 am SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Sisterhood Sip & Shop 6:00 pm	11 Nu Frontiers ROMEO Lunch Bunch 11:45 am SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm	12	13 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	14 Torah Study 9:00 am
Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Bazaar						
15 Religious School 9:00 am Cafe Zedek 9:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:30 am	16 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	17 20s+30s Chanukah Party 6:30 pm	18 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm SchZFTY & Alumni Sock Swap 6:30 pm	19 Charles Zielin Bar Mitzvah 9:30 am Teenokot Event 10:30 am Senior Luncheon 11:15 am	20 Pre-Chanukah Tot Shabbat 5:30 pm Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Service with Teen Band and Shabbat Achshav Band 7:00 pm	21 Torah Study 9:00 am
Sisterhood's Annual Chanukah Bazaar						
22 Chanukah Menorah Lighting & Celebration at Armature Works 5:30 pm  First Chanukah Light (One light lit in evening)	23 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm  1st Day of Chanukah (Two lights lit in evening)	24 Temple Office Closes at 3:00 pm Bowling & Dinner 3:00 pm Adult's Chinese Dinner 5:30 pm  2nd Day of Chanukah (Three lights lit in evening)	25 Temple Office Closed 20s+30s Return to Children's Home 8:00 am  3rd Day of Chanukah (Four lights lit in evening)	26	27 Chanukah Candle Lighting 5:50 pm Shabbat Service 6:00 pm  5th Day of Chanukah (Six lights lit in evening)	28 Torah Study 9:00 am  6th Day of Chanukah (Seven lights lit in evening)
NFTY STR Winter Regional						
29 Brotherhood Hockey Game 7:00 pm  7th Day of Chanukah (Eight lights lit in evening)	30 8th Day of Chanukah	31 New Year's Eve Temple Office Closes at 3:00 pm				
NFTY STR Winter Regional						

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			New Year's Day Temple Office Closed		Jews by Choice Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	Shabbat Yoga 8:00 am Torah Study 9:15 am "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service 10:30 am 20s+30s Escape Room 4:00 pm Aubrey Knust Bat Mitzvah 4:30 pm
5	6 Sisterhood Book Club 12:00 pm SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	7	8 "Nu" Frontiers Tarpon Springs Fun Day 10:00 am SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm Intro to Judaism 6:30 pm SchZFTY Open House 6:30 pm	9 B'nai Mitzvah Family Program 6:00 pm	10 Challah in the 'Chood 6:00 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	11 Torah Study 9:00 am
12 Sisterhood Seminar & Hamantaschen Dough Making 9:00 am Religious School 9:00 am Cafe Zedek 9:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:30 am	13 Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 am SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Sisterhood Membership Event 6:00 pm	15 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm	16 Teenokot Event 10:30 am Senior Luncheon 11:15 am Brotherhood Event 6:00 pm	17 Pirate Tot Shabbat 5:30 pm Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	18 Torah Study 9:00 am Joshua Katz Bar Mitzvah 10:30 am Maxwell Haman Bar Mitzvah 4:30 pm
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Temple Office Closed	21 Sisterhood Hamantaschen Making 8:30 am	22 Nu Frontiers ROMEO Lunch Bunch 11:45 am SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm	23	24 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	25
26 Religious School 9:00 am Cafe Zedek 9:00 am B'nai Mitzvah Club 11:30 am Jr. SchZFTY Day at the Park 11:30 am	27 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	28	29 SchZFTY Spring Kallah Meeting 4:00 pm Adult Beginning Hebrew 6:00 pm	30	31 Family Shabbat Dinner 6:00 pm Shabbat Service & Consecration 7:00 pm	

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At the beginning of each month, the Shofar is sent to the homes of our members. It has newsworthy information such as words from our clergy, upcoming events, updates from the our Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and more!

In preparing for the Shofar, we welcome all Schaarai Zedek members' announcements of communal, academic, and professional achievements. Please email office@zedek.org or mail it to the synagogue, marked "ATTN: Shofar."