

SHOFAR

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

Happy Purim

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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.

Congregant Condolence Notices

When congregants pass away, 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.

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March Worship Calendar

Friday, March 6

5:30 pm Friday Night Tot Shabbat
7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Rabbi Farb will speak.

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am Torah Study
10:30 am Marin Shear Bat Mitzvah

Friday, March 13

6:00 pm Challah in the 'Chood – Brandon
7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Rabbi Farb will speak at Schaarai Zedek.

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Torah Study
10:30 am Benjamin Rieger Bar Mitzvah
4:30 pm Johnathan Lavender Bar Mitzvah

Friday, March 20

7:00 pm Shabbat Service
Rabbi Simon will speak about his meeting with Tampa City Council member Orlando Gudes and the impact of stereotypes in Jewish history.

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am Shabbat Yoga/Torah Study
10:30 am Come As You Are Shabbat Service

Friday, March 27

6:00 pm Preneg
7:00 pm Shabbat Achshav Service

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am Torah Study
10:30 am Aiden Abramowitz Bar Mitzvah





Schaarai Zedek members standing in front of Templo Beth Shalom, the largest synagogue in Cuba. The group visited all five of Cuba's functioning Jewish communities.

Schaarai Zedek Mission to Cuba

Cuba: A land frozen in time - so close, yet decades away. A Jewish community dedicated to its heritage across half a century of isolation and prevalent atheism.

Dennis Geagan

The CSZ Cuba Trip developed into a wonderful success for those who participated. While there, we visited five Jewish communities, ranging in size from seven families to 200 families, and met with their respective leaders for insights into their experiences there. Similar threads ran through all their stories: one of a past loss, a present recovery underway, and a future clouded by a controlled world around them.

After the Revolution in 1959, those who could afford to leave generally did, and

there was a 90% reduction in the Jewish population. Their stories told of a time when religion, while not persecuted in any way, was still frowned upon. Since then, all religions have been allowed to return and flourish under the current regime with a hope for a more open society.

There are tremendous shortages, and lack of modern goods and conveniences are taken for granted. There is growth in the Jewish communities, but it is clouded by the stagnation of the society and economy that drives the next generation abroad in search of a better future.

Our group was able to provide gifts that were needed and well-received to try

and help their existence in such a spartan world.

It was encouraging to see a place that has had a tremendous evolution of society in the past 60 years is rebuilding itself in a place that is without anti-Semitism.

Our group was able to enjoy the Cuban culture for its music and dance, its artistry, and its architecture. While enjoying each other's camaraderie and riding in the classic cars was an experience that won't be forgotten by anyone in the group, the experiences gained from the people there were the highlights of the trip. ●



Purim

at Schaarai Zedek

Purim Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 6, 5:30 pm

Wear your favorite costume and receive a free Purim surprise! Come enjoy our interactive Shabbat experience for families with young children. Learn Shabbat rituals and prayers: Light the candles, sing the Kiddush with grape juice, bless the challah. After the service, enjoy a Shabbat dinner together with other families at NO COST to you! This is a great time to meet other families with young children at Schaarai Zedek. This service is also fun for older siblings and grandparents. Invite your unaffiliated friends to join us, too.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 5, online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or by calling the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Purim Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 8

Join the Religious School students for a spirited Megillah reading!

9:15 am - 9:35 am:

Pre-K - 2nd Grade

10:30 am - 11:00 am:

3rd Grade - 6th Grade

11:00 am:

Early dismissal for the Purim Carnival!

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Join us for Schaarai Zedek's Annual Purim Carnival! We invite queens and kings of all ages to enjoy free unlimited carnival games and inflatable attractions, along with a complimentary lunch sponsored by Brotherhood. Bring a few dollars to support Sisterhood's Hamantaschen FUN-raiser or to enter the M&M count contest. Come in costume and receive a free Purim surprise! Let us know you're coming by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP or by calling the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

20s+30s Purim Party

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Park and Rec TPA

(290 S Meridian Ave, Tampa, FL 33602)

We are totally buggin' because it is time to celebrate a truly tubular Purim with your 20s+30s friends. Break out your Doc Martins and your flannel for a night of fun at Park and Rec TPA. Appetizers provided by 20s+30s, it will be all that and a bag of chips. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.



SECTION OF AN 18TH CENTURY SCROLL OF ESTHER. (WIKIMEDIA)

From the Clergy

Purim, comedy, and laughing at tyrants

Rabbi Nathan Farb

"Purim Day, Purim Day, It's a Happy Holiday!" You've probably heard the refrain of silly Purim songs like this one, sung during a holiday famous for its frivolity, humor, and joyous celebration. It is a day of dressing up, playing games, face painting, and masks. As a holiday, it may seem at odds with itself, considering that it celebrates the survival of the Jewish people in the face of near-annihilation. The wicked Haman, a vizier to the king of Persia, developed a vendetta against the Jewish people after learning that we would not bow down to his will and worship him. He eventually coerced the incompetent head of state to pass a cruel law to execute all the Jews in Persia, the world's largest and most powerful empire.

It is only through a fortunate happenstance that the near genocide was averted. The young Queen Esther was secretly a Jewish woman who had caught the eye and heart of the king. By risking her own life, and through some careful politicking, Esther was able to turn the hapless king against his vizier and save the lives of her people. Haman and his sons were publicly

executed for their treason. This led to an all-out war between the supporters of Haman and the Jews who were granted political immunity to defend themselves. Haman's supporters were swiftly decimated.

Despite the dark themes and consequential events recorded in the book of Esther, the tone is jovial and even comical. The powerful head of state is portrayed as a bungler and a buffoon who is petty, impulsive, corrupt, but ultimately clueless. He doesn't know what is going on in his kingdom, even right under his nose. He wields ultimate power, but he wants to play games and party. Only when others interfere with his hedonistic appetite does he take action, yet he somehow continually slips free of any consequences for his irresponsible actions. This is not a description of a world leader in absolute control of the most powerful empire on earth. It is a caricature. It is a parody.

The wicked Haman is depicted no less comically. In one instance, he advises the king to honor him in a brash and over-the-top public ceremony. Yet in a twist worthy of reality TV or a middle-school sitcom, he is humiliated and forced to honor his rival in the very pageantry he designed. He is a mustache-twirling

archetype drawn straight out of vaudeville or the shallowest popcorn movie. He receives a petty slight to his ego from one Jewish man, so he resolves to exterminate the world's Jews, all the while without realizing the queen herself is the Jewish cousin of his rival. His nameless and faceless minions, billed as a ferocious mob, are dispensed of by the heroes as quickly as they appear in the final act.

Would that all real-world evils were so easily foiled.

We have seen in our own lifetimes what true villainy looks like. Hatred can be subtle and cunning, disguised as fear, mistrust, or even a kind of twisted reason. Cruelty often wears the mask of strength and resolve. Those who follow petty tyrants do not vanish when their leaders are vanquished, but rather fester in hatred, preserving their toxic ideology and carrying on oppression into future generations. In reality, Haman and the king are one and the same. When faced with tyrants in any age, it is irresistible to portray them as either buffoons or madmen, as opaque and single-minded masterminds, or as bumbling and self-serving fools. We often see wicked leaders depicted as both simultaneously;

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CSZ Brotherhood

February was "Volunteer Month" for Brotherhood. We were able to participate in a few volunteer events: Mitzvah Day and NFTY-STR Spring Kallah. It was great seeing so many members show up to volunteer! Volunteering is an excellent way for us to come together!

March is starting in the same spirit with the Purim Carnival on March 8. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

Get excited about the 11th Annual Brotherhood Signature Event! This year, Shapiro's Delicatessen from Indianapolis (www.shapiros.com) will be the deli for the event. Come with empty stomachs and be ready to enjoy corned beef and pastrami, as well as other delicious sides and drinks! Look for the flyer insert in this Shofar. We will send out invitations soon. Deli Night is always a great event, so make sure you get your tickets early!

Besides finding event information in the Shofar and emails, please find information and links on www.zedek.org and join the Brotherhood Facebook page.

If any congregant would like the honor of ushering a Friday night service, please get in touch with Steve Gersten at (813) 334-9745 or steve@gerstengroup.com. 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 to participate.

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

Craig Federer, Co-President **Jared Miller, Co-President**
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CSZ Sisterhood

Munch, read, learn, and make a positive difference with Sisterhood!

- We hope you're hungry! Enjoy delicious homemade **Hamantaschen for only \$10 per bag**. This fun-raiser supports our Religious School, so there is no guilt involved in buying and enjoying multiple flavors. You can choose from our annual favorites: chocolate chip, cherry, apricot, plum, poppyseed, and these new additions: almond and lemon.
- Our **Sisterhood Presidents Council**, composed of current and past Sisterhood presidents, will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm to discuss upcoming events and projects.
- Join us for **Sisterhood Book Club** on Monday, March 23, at noon to discuss Laurie Frankel's *This Is How It Always Is*, a story close to the author's heart and inspired by her transgender child.
- Back by popular demand, Sisterhood co-president and educator Andi Parker will offer an informative **Positive Parenting Presentation** about "What We're Doing Right" on Sunday, March 29. Come at 9:00 am for breakfast, and the program will start at 9:30 am. Babysitting is available if you register to attend in advance.
- Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend time with your family? We hope to see you on Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 am for **Sisterhood's Social Action Birthday Party** benefitting Tampa Bay Party Project, an organization that believes all children deserve to experience the joy of celebrating their special day regardless of their family situation or financial ability. We will eat lunch and learn about the organization from

its founder. Then, we will work together to support this group's efforts to brighten the lives of children in our community.

- Save the date for **Sisterhood's Shabbat Dinner and Service**. You do not want to miss it! Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm. Professional speaker Mindy Corporon will share her personal story that will touch your heart and inspire you with her faith and kindness approach to make our world a better place.

L'shalom,

Andi Parker, Co-President **Diane Porat, Co-President**
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SAVE *The* DATE

CONGREGATION SCHAARAI ZEDEK SISTERHOOD

2020 Y.E.S. FUND LUNCHEON

APRIL 20, 2020

HONORING



Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro

 WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
stronger together

StaffProfile

Meet Becca Pollak, our new Religious School Assistant!

Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Becca moved to the Tampa area in August 2019. She received her Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Michigan State University and has worked at zoos, aquariums, and other educational facilities caring for animals and teaching environmental education.

She has worked with manatees, dolphins, penguins, giraffes, snakes, crocodilians, and sea turtles (her favorite!).

Becca is an excellent fit for the Religious School because before moving to Tampa, she was a senior staff member at Camp Livingston, a Jewish sleepaway camp in southern Indiana. She was also a program coordinator for teens and tweens at the Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati. In that position, she had the



Becca Pollak
Religious School Assistant

opportunity to lead the local BBYO youth groups, as well as organize and lead a March of the Living trip to Poland and Israel. Becca was also a co-founder of the Cincinnati Moishe House, an international organization that helps establish Jewish programming for post-college young adults.

Outside of work, Becca trains four to five days a week in partner acrobatics and enjoys beachcombing for shells and shark teeth. •

The World Zionist Congress elections are here, and it is time to have our voices heard in Israel! Each and every vote is crucial to maintaining a strong Reform presence. This is our chance to combat the challenges the Reform Movement faces in Israel. Together we can grow our Reform Movement and work towards making progress on the issues we care about: religious freedom, equality, and many more.

Voting is open now until March 11, 2020. Your vote in this election is the only democratic opportunity you have to influence Israeli society. Visit zionistelection.org to Vote Reform and visit ARZA's website (arza.org) for more information.

ARZA, the Israel arm of the Reform Movement, serves as the connection between American Reform Jews and the State of Israel, and as Rabbi Simon wrote about in the February Shofar, the World Zionist Congress elections are an important way to make sure the American Reform voice is heard and that Reform institutions in Israel receive the support they deserve. Please consider casting your vote for ARZA.

If you have any questions, please let Rabbi Farb or Rabbi Simon know – they are happy to help!

 **#VoteReformWZC**
World Zionist Congress Election
January 21 – March 11, 2020

VOTE FROM YOUR PHONE IN SECONDS

FOR THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTION!

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET TO THE VOTING WEBSITE:

- 1 Open up the camera on your cell phone
- 2 Point your phone camera at this QR code
- 3 A notification will pop up on your phone. Click the notification, and you will be directed to the election website!

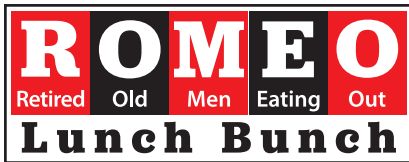


For step-by-step instructions on how to vote, visit ARZA.org/Election

 **UNION for
REFORM JUDAISM**

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.



ROME O Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 5, 11:45 am

Buffet-style lunch at Schaarai Zedek

CSZ Members \$10, Non-Members \$15

Join Rabbi Birnholz and our ROME O's (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for good food and good conversation at Schaarai Zedek. This month, Rabbi will introduce a different take on the Purim story: "Queen Esther, Courtesan or Spy?" Decide for yourself and add your two cents to the group discussion.

Nu Frontiers Bike Ride & Lunch

Saturday, March 7

10:30 am: Bike Upper Tampa Bay Trail

12:00 pm: Lunch at Ballyhoo Grill



Enjoy a ride along the Upper Tampa Bay Trail and lunch at Ballyhoo Grill. Want to ride but don't have a bike? Rent a bike and helmet at Citrus Park Bikes by calling (813) 749-6732.

We invite everyone (whether you're biking or not) to meet up and pay for your own lunch at Ballyhoo Grill. We strongly encourage the use of helmets and bike locks. Riders and non-riders need to RSVP so we can make reservations by Thursday, March 5.



Lunch & Learn with Cantor Cannizzaro

Wednesday, March 11, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

"Kabbalat Shabbat: Music and Meaning." This class will focus on the Kabbalat Shabbat service. We will take a look at the meaning of Kabbalat Shabbat, how it came about, and the psalms and songs that make up the service. We will listen to music that has been written for the various components of Kabbalat Shabbat and explore why some are more popular than others. No charge for lunch.

Senior Luncheon

Thursday, March 19, Seating at 11:15 am

Please join us for a toe-tapping good time with The Brian Leneschmidt Band. The band features Blues, Rock, and R&B music with Brian Leneschmidt (vocals and guitar), Jason Lewis (bass), Dave Dube (drums), and Thomas Mignella (saxophone). Move to the beat with a mix of the band's original music and cover songs. Please RSVP by March 17. Our Amy Gail Buchman Preschool Singers will perform at 11:30 am as the program begins.

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

ADULT-ING

A project of Congregation Schaarai Zedek's
20s + 30s Connection to help you... adult.

20s+30s Adult-ing

Saturday, March 21, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

We are excited to present our new 20s+30s Connection program, Adult-ing. Thinking of buying a house? Wish you knew how to take care of your ever-changing skin? Wondering how you boil an egg? Adult-ing is an opportunity for you to talk to a real live expert instead of your search engine.

Once a month 20s+30s Connection will offer the chance for you to hear from someone who is an expert in one aspect of "adulting." We hope you will join us to learn, laugh, and grow up together.

First up, "How/When/If to Buy a House." A realtor, a mortgage broker, and a rabbi will walk us through the steps of buying a house and then how to make that house a home. Join us for lunch and bring your questions! Have a topic you wish we would cover? E-mail Molly Levy at mlevy@zedek.org.

Nu Frontiers "12 Angry Men" Show & Dinner

Sunday, March 22, 1:45 pm – 7:45 pm

CSZ Members \$33, Non-Members \$42

Show and Cast Chat only (no bus transportation) \$25

Stageworks Theatre (1120 East Kennedy Blvd, Suite 151)

Join us for this electrifying courtroom drama where tempers flare, and arguments grow heated as the jurors in a murder trial reveal the hidden truths about themselves and their morals, values, and lives. Talk with the actors after the show during the Cast Chat. Then pay for your own dinner from the menu when we eat as a group at Tampa Bay Brewing Company. RSVP requested by March 8, online at www.zedek.org/RSVP, or by calling the temple office at (813) 876-2377.



Movie Night "Never Again is Now"

Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 pm
at Rodeph Sholom Synagogue
2713 Bayshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33629

Join us at Rodeph Sholom for a movie screening and discussion with Evelyn Marcus, followed by a reception. "Never Again is Now" is a must-see documentary investigating the troubling

global rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, a story told through the eyes of a woman who fled Europe to America in 2006. Evelyn Marcus was raised in Holland by parents who witnessed the anti-Jewish violence in the 1940s. When Marcus saw the sign of the same disturbing trends returning to the Netherlands, she left the land her family called home for centuries. "Never Again is Now" is Evelyn's story, her warning to the world that anti-Semitism is back and shows the signs of it in America today.

No charge. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.



20s+30s Trivia Night

Wednesday, March 25
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Join us for trivia at The Blind Goat (4106 Henderson Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629)! Appetizers and your first drink are on us.

Just bring your brain and maybe a few smart friends.

Trivia Night is a monthly event, stay for the whole time or just a couple of rounds! We hope to see you there! RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.



Adults' Night Out: Game Night

Saturday, March 28, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Come for an exciting, action-packed Game Night at Schaarai Zedek. We will have a complimentary dinner with beer and wine, high-energy team games, and a special *Havdalah* service to mark the end of Shabbat.

Adults' Night Out is a community for those whose kids have left the nest, those who are soon-to-be empty nesters, and those who do not have kids but are of a similar age. We invite anyone who wants to connect and spend time with others to experience the joys of this new life stage.

No charge. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Clergy Article *continued*

they are as conniving and petty as Haman, but somehow also as incompetent and clueless as the king.

We live in a world that frequently fails to muster the strength to defeat tyrants and takes years or decades to remove them from power. The Purim celebration challenges us to meet tyranny not with vitriol, but with humor. Comedy has incredible power over despots because it removes the fear and awe that dictators demand from their subjects. Autocrats thrive on the promulgation of an impenetrable image. The propaganda of Hitler,

Stalin, Kim, and Khomeini all depict these men as resolute and revered. Indeed, nearly all wicked dictators capture, kill, and silence those who dare to make light of them. When our ancestors began to celebrate Purim, the power of humor was not lost on them.

Purim is less about Haman and the king of Ancient Persia than it is about recognizing both figures in every despot of every age. It is about the power of humor and parody to chip away the invincible image of oppressors and their followers. By making a mockery of laughable

ideologies, it is possible to defeat them in a way that rage and violence never can. The incisiveness of parody empowers us to cut out hatred, ignorance, and misinformation, and to shine a light into dark places. It is what allows us to laugh and celebrate in the face of those who would destroy us. The power of Purim is its joyfulness, and it is relevant every year that we celebrate. So laugh and celebrate with joy this year! •

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.

OPEN HOUSE

SchZFTY Open House

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

(Grades 9-12) Join us for our March Open House! We will enjoy dinner and time as a community as we relax and reflect on SPRING KALLAH 2020! We will have board games and coloring pages to relax and recharge! Bring your homework (or not) and bring a friend! RSVP so we can order enough dinner for everyone!

SchZFTY Elections

Sunday, March 8, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Grades 9-12) It is time to start looking towards the 2020-2021 school year and elections! If you are considering running for a position on SchZFTY Board, schedule a meeting with Lindsey Dewey to discuss the expectations and requirements of different board positions.

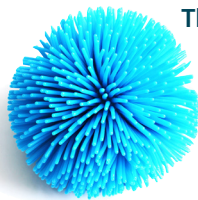
If you are interested in running, **you must contact Lindsey Dewey in writing by Friday, March 6, at 2:00 pm**, and include the board position for which you are running. Please include a statement (no more than one page) of why you would like to run for this position. If you are choosing a "drop-down" position, you must indicate so in your statement of intent. All applicants are required to prepare a speech no longer than three minutes in length, explaining why you would be suitable for your desired position.



Teenokot Spring Sensory Play

Thursday, March 12, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

(Ages 0-4) Come for a nosh and spring sensory play with our littlest friends! We will have all kinds of sensory stations set up for indoor fun! Join us for a morning your kiddo won't forget!



Young Families Tot Shabbat Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, March 28, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Kids 5 and under (and their siblings) will love this unique, interactive community event coming for the first time to Schaarai Zedek! This event features a festival-type atmosphere where children can climb on, learn about, and explore various trucks, as well as meet the people who use these vehicles to serve our community. Kids will have a chance to play in the Tumblebus as well as enjoy a snack from a food truck as a family!

Jr. SchZFTY Event

March 29

Details to follow, keep an eye on your inbox for more information!



News from the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool

- March 2-4:** Class and Cap & Gown Photos
- March 6:** Dr. Seuss School-Wide Shabbat
- March 13:** Purim Play During our two Shabbat Services
- March 16-20:** Spring Break - School Closed for Part-Time and School Day Students only



Kallah Celebration Dinner

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

We would love to thank all of our remarkable Kallah volunteers with a dinner celebrating our success! Teens and adults are invited to join us for an evening of reflection and celebration! RSVP online so we order enough for dinner!

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

MITZVAH DAY

On February 9, over 400 volunteers came together for Schaarai Zedek's 22nd Annual Mitzvah Day to help repair the world - tikkun olam. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day so successful!



B'naiMitzvah

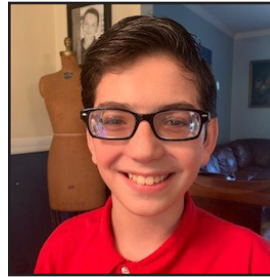


Marin Shear

Bat Mitzvah:
March 7, 2020

Parents:
Kelly and Jeffrey Shear

Torah Portion:
Titzaveh



Johnathan Lavender

Bar Mitzvah:
March 14, 2020

Parents:
Barbara and Daniel Lavender

Torah Portion:
Vayakhel-Pekude



Benjamin Rieger

Bar Mitzvah:
March 14, 2020

Parents:
Natasha and Jarett Rieger

Torah Portion:
Ki Tisa



Aiden Abramowitz

Bar Mitzvah:
March 28, 2020

Parents:
Dory and Ilan Abramowitz

Torah Portion:
Vayikra

ReligiousSchool

Cafe Zedek

Sundays during Religious School

All adults are welcome. Have a bagel and a cup of coffee at Café Zedek on Sunday morning. Join the conversation. Greet friends, fellow parents, and other congregants. Café Zedek 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.



Our littlest congregants enjoyed a day at the park on February 13.

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.

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.

Shabbat & Worship

Beginning Talmud: Torah Study with Rabbi Farb

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 9:00 am

Every seven and a half years, Jews around the world begin a new cycle of Talmud study. Join us as we start this journey together. Each week we will explore a new lesson from the Talmud and what modern Jews can learn from this ancient text. Come and enjoy coffee and refreshments with friends. For more information, contact Rabbi Farb at nfarb@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 229.



Challah in the 'Chood - Brandon

Friday, March 13, 6:00 pm

Rabbi Simon is bringing Shabbat traditions beyond the synagogue walls and straight into your neighborhood! Join us for an intergenerational Shabbat dinner on Friday, March 13, at 6:00 pm in Brandon. We invite everyone to participate in this Shabbat experience; you don't have to be a Brandon resident to attend. Shabbat service will also be held as usual at the temple this evening, but we'd love to see you in the 'chood! Please RSVP for the location. RSVP online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Shabbat for the Body, Mind, and Soul

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am – Shabbat Yoga or Torah Study

9:00 am – Kids' Shabbat Yoga and Art Project (ages 2-6)

10:30 am – "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service

Make Shabbat morning a part of your week! Start with Shabbat Yoga or Torah Study. We are offering a Shabbat program for children (ages 2-6) whose caretakers are attending Shabbat Yoga or Torah Study. Children over the age of six are encouraged to join in the regular Shabbat Yoga class! After Shabbat Yoga and Torah Study, we invite everyone (all ages!) to join us for a casual "Come as You Are" Shabbat Service (we'll provide the bagels and coffee). RSVP at www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Passover Second Night Seder at Schaarai Zedek

Thursday, April 9, doors open 5:00 pm

Please join us for our annual Second Night Seder, a multi-generational evening led by the Schaarai Zedek clergy team. Our Passover Seder features a fully catered meal that will include all the traditional Seder items.

Please see the Passover Seder insert in this Shofar for detailed pricing.

If any congregant is in need of financial assistance, please contact Rabbi Simon at (813) 876-2377. Your request will be handled confidentially.



OurSynagogue



The Early Days of Schaarai Zedek

Excerpts from the minutes of the Temple Board*

December 11, 1910

President Maas...then stated that as no meeting had been held since May 2, 1909, and but a very small amount of dues having been paid, that the indebtedness of the Congregation had accumulated and that the time was opportune for action.

The Treasurer stated that there was a balance on hand of \$13.03 and that the indebtedness of the Congregation amounted to \$325.13...

A general discussion ensued as to the future of the Congregation, and the Secretary made an appeal for renewed activity in behalf of the cause of Judaism.

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

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ

Torah Circle

ANNUAL GIVING

Perpetuating Judaism requires constant renewal. In addition to the wisdom that comes with age, a vibrant temple community needs the enthusiasm and energy of the young. Recruiting and retaining young members is critically important because young people represent the future of the congregation.

In July 2001, the Board adopted a new dues structure to encourage young adults – singles, married couples, and families – to affiliate. With the incentive of a sliding scale of affordable dues, we make it attractive for people under age 35 to become active participants in the life of the temple. Over the past years, many young adults have joined the congregation. The vast majority have remained members. By making membership affordable, the Young Adult Member Plan has succeeded in bringing new life to our synagogue. Those members under 35 who can afford more than their age-related dues are encouraged to raise their commitment voluntarily through Torah Circle.

The Torah Circle funds enable us to have a Young Adult Member Plan. With this important program, we are helping to establish a fundamental relationship that perpetuates Judaism for generations to come.

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

- Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle Committee

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THE SCHAARAI ZEDEK
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In honor of our 125th anniversary, we are encouraging the members of our community to help ensure our next 125 years by supporting our Eternal Light Schaarai Zedek Endowment Fund through our Legacy Campaign.

Rabbi Simon, Marc LeVine, or Rabbi Birnholz are happy to discuss how you can make Schaarai Zedek a part of your legacy giving plan.

We want to recognize those who have already included us in their legacy plan by including them in our Eternal Light Society. If you have included Schaarai Zedek in your estate plan and you're not sure if we're aware, please let Marc know so we can properly recognize you.

Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy

Casey and Chris Nakamura on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Jay Nakamura.

Tiffany and Scott Swartz on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elyse Swartz.

Hilary and Brent Waluzak on the birth of their son, Evan James Waluzak.

Condolences to Our Members Who Have Suffered Recent Losses

Edith Dressler on the death of her father, Donald Gross Northey.

Nancy Hamilton on the death of her husband, and **Stephanie and Samantha Hamilton** on the death of their father, George Hamilton.

Nancy Siegal on the death of her father, Stephen Perel.

Patricia Taback on the death of her husband, and **Rachael Mitchell** on the death of her father, Stephen "Denny" Taback.

Congratulations to Our Members on Their Achievements

Scott Jaffe on being honored by the Professional Societies of the Tampa Jewish Federation.

Mark Wolfson on being honored by the Professional Societies of the Tampa Jewish Federation.

New Members

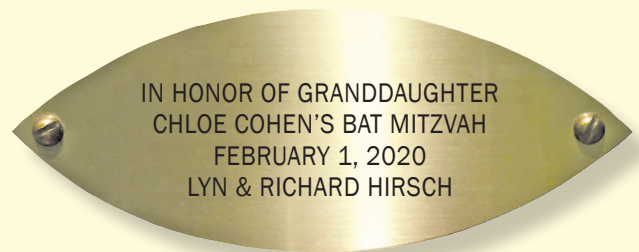
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Carrie & Michael Levine
Yael & Paul Lieber
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Renee & Stuart Baritz

in honor of the baby naming of Sadie Nakamura

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in honor of Les Scharf's 90th birthday

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in memory of Howard Gobioff

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in honor of Jay Older's 80th birthday

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in memory of Marvin Robert Jacobowitz, brother of Arthur Jacobowitz

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in memory of Marvin Robert Jacobowitz, brother of Arthur Jacobowitz
in memory of Jerome Schine, father of Michael Schine
in memory of Beverly Spitzer

Jennifer & Michael Jain

in honor of Rabbi Simon for performing the baby namings for Juliette & Giselle Jain

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in memory of Jerome Schine, father of Michael Schine

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in honor of Joshua Katz' Bar Mitzvah

Sarah Kline

in memory of Marvin Robert Jacobowitz, brother of Arthur Jacobowitz

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in honor of the baby naming of Sadie Nakamura

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in memory of Jerome Schine, father of Michael Schine
in memory of Larry Wittek

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in memory of Brian Neuman, husband of Carlyn Neuman

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in honor of Alex Teitelbaum's Bar Mitzvah

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Marcie & Owen Linder

in appreciation of Chanukah services
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in honor of Madison McLaughlin's Bat Mitzvah

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in memory of Jerome Schine, father of Michael Schine*

Richard Rudolph

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in honor of Isabel & Layla Lincoln

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in memory of Jay Katz

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in memory of Lorayne Pegler

in memory of Albert Zamore

in memory of Geri Zamore

in memory of Gloria Zamore

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Religious School 9 AM Sisterhood Hamantaschen Sales 9 AM JCC Softball Tournament 12:30 PM	2	3 Sisterhood Presidents Council 6:30 PM	4 Adult Hebrew 6 PM SchZFTY Open House 6:30 PM	5 ROMEO Lunch 11:45 AM	6 Friday Night Tot Shabbat 5:30 PM Shabbat Service 7 PM	7 Torah Study 9 AM Nu Frontiers Biking & Lunch 10:30 AM Marin Shear Bat Mitzvah 10:30 AM
8 Religious School & Megillah Reading 9 AM Cafe Zedek 9 AM Sisterhood Hamantaschen Sales 11 AM Purim Carnival 11 AM SchZFTY Elections 1 PM <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 AM Brotherhood Board Meeting 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	10 <i>Purim</i>	11 Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM Adult Hebrew 6 PM <i>Shushan Purim</i>	12 Teenokot Event 10:30 AM 20s+30s Purim Party 6:30 PM	13 Challah in the 'Chood 6 PM Shabbat Service 7 PM	14 Torah Study 9 AM Benjamin Rieger Bar Mitzvah 10:30 AM Jonathan Lavender Bar Mitzvah 4:30 PM
15	16	17	18 Adult Hebrew 6 PM	19 Senior Luncheon 11:15 AM	20 Shabbat Service 7 PM <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 Shabbat Yoga 9 AM Torah Study 9 AM Come as You Are Shabbat Service 10:30 AM 20+30s Adulting 12 PM
22 Nu Frontiers Show & Dinner 1:45 PM	23 Sisterhood Book Club 12 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM	24	25 Adult Hebrew 6 PM Movie & Discussion 7:00 PM 20s+30s Trivia Night 7:30 PM	26	27 Preneg 6 PM Shabbat Achshav Service 7 PM	28 Torah Study 9 AM Aiden Abramowitz Bar Mitzvah 10:30 AM Young Families Event 3 PM Adults' Night Out: Game Night 6 PM
29 Religious School 9 AM Cafe Zedek 9 AM Sisterhood Positive Parenting Seminar 9 AM Sisterhood Social Action Project 11:30 AM Jr. SchZFTY Event 11:30 AM	30	31				

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			SchZFTY Open House 6:30 PM	20s+30s Pre-Passover Pizza 6:30 PM	Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner 5:30 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service 7 PM	Torah Study 9 AM Sisterhood Event 9:30 AM Nathan Best Bar Mitzvah 10:30 AM SchZFTY Event 6:30 PM
			April Fool's Day			
Religious School 9 AM Cafe Zedek 9 AM Yeladim Event 11:30 AM Sisterhood Event 6 PM	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 PM			Congregational Passover Second Night Seder 5:15 PM 20s+30s Second Night Seder 8 PM	Friday Night Tot Shabbat 5:30 PM Shabbat Service 7 PM	Shabbat Yoga 9 AM Torah Study 9 AM Come as You Are Shabbat Service 10:30 AM
			Erev Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover
	Sisterhood Board Meeting 11:30 AM Brotherhood Board Meeting 6:30 PM			Teenokot Event 10:30 AM Senior Luncheon 11:15 AM	Challah in the 'Chood 6 PM Shabbat Service 7 PM	Torah Study 9 AM Sophia Goldsmith Bat Mitzvah 10:30 AM Jr. SchZFTY End of Year Event 6 PM
Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	Passover	
Religious School 9 AM Cafe Zedek 9 AM Nu Frontiers Winery Tour & Lunch 12 PM	Sisterhood YES Fund Luncheon 11 AM Board of Trustees Meeting 7 PM	Community Yom Hashoah Event 7 PM	ROMEO Lunch Bunch 11:45 AM SchZFTY Banquet & Installations 6 PM		Family Shabbat Dinner 6 PM Family Shabbat Service 7 PM	Torah Study 9 AM Cooper Thompson Bar Mitzvah 10:30 AM Brotherhood Deli Night 6 PM
		Holocaust Remembrance Day			First Day - Rosh Chodesh	Second Day - Rosh Chodesh
Religious School 9 AM Cafe Zedek 9 AM	Sisterhood Book Club 12 PM		20s+30s Trivia Night 7:30 PM	Comedian Joel Chasnoff 7 PM		
		Israel Remembrance Day	Israel Independence Day			

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Shofar

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."