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The Goldman Wellness Fund: A legacy of love

New endowment fund ensures availability of mental health resources for students

Allison Singer,
VP of Membership & Programming

When Barbara Goldman moved to Tampa in 1974, she knew no one in the city except the person she came with, her husband Allan. She was nervous. It was a long way from home in California, Barbara would have to leave the teaching job she loved, and she was newly married with young children. She remembers her mother telling her if she had moved any further, she would need a passport.

But Barbara knew an exciting opportunity awaited them. Allan had been recruited to lead USF Morsani College of Medicine's first Division of Pulmonary Disease and serve as chief of the pulmonary section at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital. It was a big job, and

Allan wasted no time diving in to serve his new community. Neither did Barbara.

Finding community

While Allan worked to build the reputation of a newly-formed department, Barbara worked to build a new life for their family. She realized she would need to form a support system, and she was

committed to sharing Judaism with her children. She turned to Congregation Schaarai Zedek to help with both. Barbara became actively involved with Sisterhood and still treasures the friendships she formed in those early days. In fact, they were who inspired her to choose a path of service in the synagogue.

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Community Outreach

Mitzvah Day

Join us Sunday, February 27, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for our Annual Mitzvah Day. There are four ways to get involved: drive through and donate, pick up a project, sign up for an on-site project, and/or volunteer

out in the greater community. We will provide projects for participants of all ages that will benefit Tampa-area nonprofit organizations. Watch your email for more information and keep an eye on our website for updated details.

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

Join other congregants for the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 26. The Great American Cleanup is a call to action to create more sustainable communities by focusing volunteer efforts

on activities that impact individuals in need, aesthetic community improvements, and environmental impact. Check-in is from 8 to 9 a.m. and the cleanup is from 9 to 11 a.m. Location to be determined. Keep an eye on your email for details.

Community Outreach

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Gift of Life Marrow Registry

Through our relationship with the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, we can help save the lives of patients who are battling blood cancer including leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, and a range of inherited immune disorders and other diseases. After a simple cheek swab, your swabs will be tested to see if you're a match for someone in need of a donor. If you aren't a match right away, you could still save someone's life years in the future. Find more information at <https://www.giftoflife.org/dc/CongregationSchaaraiZedek>.

Tampa Jewish Family Services Community Food Bank Tampa

You can help stop hunger in Tampa by bringing a can of food every time you come to the temple. Bring a can to Religious School, to Board/Sisterhood/Brotherhood meetings, or to services. Bring a can whenever you come, for whatever reason. There is a receptacle for the canned goods in the temple office. (The Food Bank also distributes small cans of dog and cat food.)

Feeding Tampa Bay

Feeding Tampa Bay works to end hunger and food insecurity in Tampa and beyond. Please watch your eNews for congregation-wide opportunities to partner with this organization.

For more information, contact Donna Wood at (813)876-2377 ext. 201 or dwood@zedek.org.

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Congregation Schaarai Zedek, although we have always been here! Through its wonderful clergy,



staff, and congregants, our temple community always finds ways to connect and enjoy all that the synagogue has to offer. We pivoted when we needed to follow the most basic of Jewish values, the value of saving a life (*Pikuach Nefesh*, "watching over a soul"). Certainly, nothing is more important than that principle of "choosing life."

Through the miracle of technology, we shared Shabbat Services, life cycle

events, Torah Study, and so much more. It allowed us to connect with congregants when they are living elsewhere. Undoubtedly, these were valuable lessons we gained through the adversity of the past twenty months. As a congregation, I believe we are stronger for it and will continue to provide these virtual connections in the future.

Now that we are physically welcoming everyone back for our simchas, I encourage us to remember that the moments we enjoyed virtually were our joy, realizing that we could be our community that the moment required. We must never forget that our strength is our community, congregation, and family.

- Scott Shimberg, President

Connect with us

We take every opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our community and to bring Schaarai Zedek into your home. Keep in touch with us through one of the many tools we use to communicate with our members:

Live Streaming

Services and special events are streamed on our website at zedek.org/streaming and are available for a limited time for "on demand" viewing.

Public Access Television

Schaarai Zedek has arranged with the Tampa Bay Community Network to broadcast our Erev Shabbat Services on public access television in Hillsborough County. Tune in Fridays at 7 PM to the following channels: **Frontier Channel 30, Spectrum Channel 639, and Comcast Channel 20**. If you miss the live service, you can catch the replay on the above channels Sundays at 4 PM.

Roku

Watch Schaarai Zedek on the big screen! You can purchase a Roku Streaming Stick and simply plug it into your TV. Once your Roku has been set up, search for **Congregation Schaarai Zedek** and follow the instructions to add it to your channels.

Facebook

Find us at facebook.com/CSZtampa. Join us online and like, comment, and share!

YouTube

You can find past services, sermons, adult education, and more on our YouTube channel. Find our channel at youtube.com/congregationschaaraizedek.

Podcast

You can listen to past sermons and services on our podcast by searching for **Schaarai Zedek** on iTunes, SoundCloud, Google Play, and Stitcher.

eNews

Our weekly eNews email goes out Wednesdays with updates on upcoming events. If you are not receiving email communications, please email office@zedek.org to let us know.

Shofar

Our bimonthly bulletin has words from our clergy, upcoming events, updates from 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 to submit your announcements.

SHOFAR



*A bimonthly newsletter by
Congregation Schaarai Zedek*

*Read the Shofar online:
www.zedek.org/shofar*



Gathered under our new tent, our Families with Young Children celebrated Chanukah with a fabulous pajama party on December 5!

Celebrating our new “normal”

Rabbi Joel Simon

In one of my favorite stories (if you haven't heard me tell it yet, you will at some point) a couple goes to the rabbi because they are tired of their children crying overnight. They live in a one room home, and they're not able to sleep. The rabbi tells them to take their chickens and bring them into the house. Of course things were worse, but of course the couple listened to their rabbi. They returned to the rabbi shortly after, wondering what wisdom might follow this strange advice. The rabbi then tells the couple to bring their cow into the home, days later followed by the horses, and then the goat. And just when the couple was ready to find a different synagogue, the rabbi told them to take the goat, the horses, the cow, and the chickens out of the house. The babies were still crying, but it was music to the couple's ears after having had their entire farm as houseguests. (When I tell the story, I

break up the room into groups and have the kids make the sounds of the animals.)

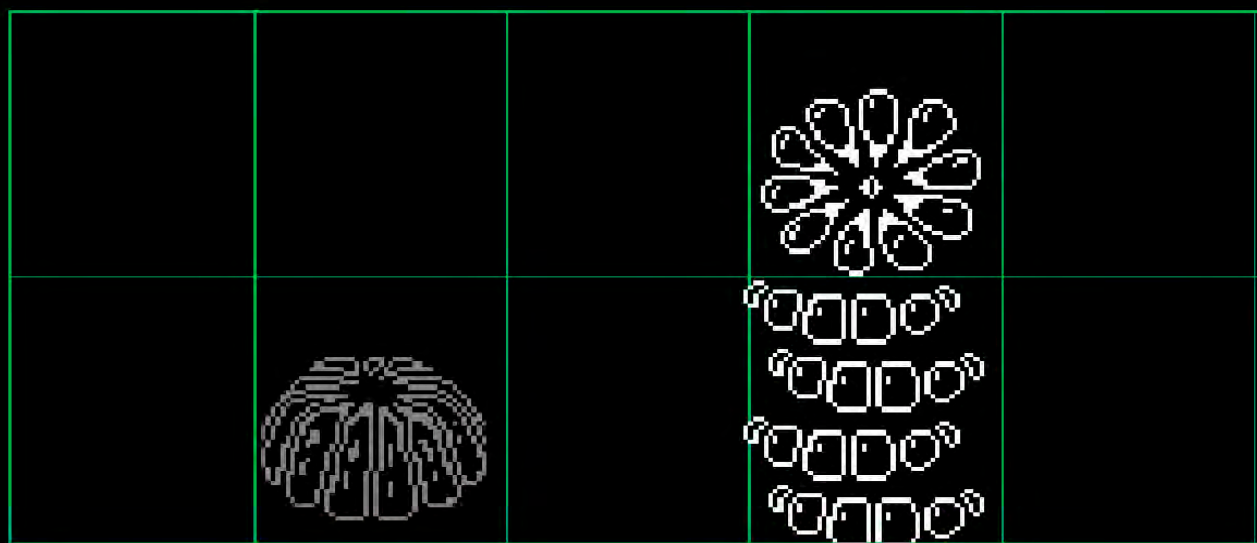
While the story is called “It Could Always Be Worse,” the title is my least favorite part of the story. Of course there's value to realizing how lucky we are, and that things could, in fact, always be worse, but doing so can also negate the reality of our feelings when things aren't the way we wish they were. What the story does, however, is help us recognize our capacity to adapt to a normal that is constantly changing, sometimes in ways we wish it weren't.

Over the past year and a half, we have had chickens, horses, cows, and goats thrown into our lives, and just when we thought we had gotten them all out, all of a sudden, they joined us as houseguests once again. But we have seen that each step of the way we can adapt to whatever normal had to be at that given moment. More importantly, we learned that each step of the way we can thrive.

Over the past several months I've seen lifecycle events in which the hosts have

made small sacrifices in order to find ways for their friends and family to gather safely, and when they look back, they will no doubt remember the positives over any inconveniences caused by changes to their original plans. And during this past Chanukah, so much light was brought into our community as we were able to celebrate as a community within today's normal. We utilized our new outdoor tent and the beautiful Florida December weather as we welcomed large groups of all ages for food, music, and schmoozing.

As we look ahead, we are creating programming that can adapt to any situation, but most importantly, in which we can be together as a community, celebrating inside (or outside) our Temple home, making the absolute best out of any “normal” in which we find ourselves. I look forward to celebrating many joyous occasions with all of you as we continue on this journey of ever-changing normals together! ●



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Raising our Jewish game

Exploring the connection between video games and Judaism

Rabbi Michael Weiss

There is nothing in this world I love as much as Judaism (except my family and dogs). Judaism is the lens through which I experience the world, so I see it everywhere. I never fail to find a Jewish lesson or idea in musical theater, books, or movies. There is one thing in my life that I love almost as much: video games!

It started with a Game Boy when I was four or five years old. It was a clunky grey brick, and the screen had two colors:

green and black. That's all it took. I would test my reflexes and thinking skills with *Tetris*. In the original *Pokémon* game, I explored a world, tamed creatures, and traded them with my friends at school. And when we got a Super Nintendo and the games were not just on the TV, but in full color, I knew this was something I would love for a very long time.

Games were much simpler then. The story and characters often took a backseat to the visuals and the feel of play. Almost everyone knows what Nintendo's most famous character, Mario, looks like, but very few of us can say much about who he is. He's a plumber. He jumps around. He saves the princess, so at least he has a goal. Since my childhood, video games have not just permeated our culture, but they have evolved as an art form and an

activity. Many modern games tell rich, complex stories with believable characters. The best game can combine a story with fun and engaging gameplay to be both entertaining and enlightening.

One of the most powerful things about Judaism is that we can find it in anything that we do, and I am convinced that it is long past time for us to start exploring the games that many of us play in a Jewish way. Books, movies, and TV shows have a great deal to teach us, but video games put the power to influence the narrative and ethical bend of the game into the player's hands. Many games offer moral choices within a story, which help us explore our understanding of life. Should we do something we know is wrong to gain power? Is it acceptable to sacrifice someone else for our own well-being? How do we live

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alongside people who believe differently from us? All of these questions are waiting for us in certain games. We are even exploring using games and virtual worlds in creative Jewish rituals!

Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project

I am excited to invite you to join me in our new **Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project**! We will meet in person and over Zoom and play games and figure out what they mean for us as Jews and humans. The first program is a discussion group on the hit indie game *Undertale*. Released in 2015 and made by a single developer, Toby Fox, *Undertale* tells the story of a child who falls into the “Underground,” a world full of monsters, some friendly and others less so. Through deceptively simple pixel art, a unique combat system, lovable

characters, and even blurring the line between player and character, *Undertale* tells a heartfelt, funny story that helps us begin to ask questions about conflict, prejudice, determination, and the redeeming power of kindness. It is a game that has stayed with me since I played it during my first year of rabbinical school in Jerusalem. I hope you find meaning in it too! Here are the details:

Our two-part *Undertale* discussion group for teens will take place on Sundays, January 30, and February 13, at noon.

Our adult *Undertale* discussion group will meet on Wednesdays, February 9 and 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Whether you have lots of experience with games or very little, join me in what I know will be exciting new Schaarai Zedek programs! Game on! ●



Even in battle, respecting boundaries is important in the *Undertale* universe.

Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project

Join Rabbi Weiss for the first program of the Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project as we find Jewish meaning and inspiration in video games and other interactive media.

This time, we will be playing *Undertale*, a role-playing game available on PC, Mac, the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, and Xbox One. Released in 2015 and made by a single developer, Toby Fox, *Undertale* tells the story of a child who falls into the “Underground”, a world full of monsters, some friendly and others less so. Through deceptively simple pixel art, a unique combat system, lovable characters and even blurring the line between player and character, *Undertale* tells a heartfelt, funny story that helps us begin to ask questions about conflict, prejudice, determination, and the redeeming power of kindness.

For our first adult and teen sessions, we’ll explore how to prime ourselves to find meaning in the games we play in preparation for playing *Undertale*. Participants should then play through the game in the intervening two weeks, so we can reconvene at the second session, ready to talk about our experiences, answer big questions, and have a great time doing it!

The game typically costs between \$10-20 depending on the platform. You will not need a powerful computer to play it. If you need any help downloading it or figuring it out, please contact Rabbi Weiss at mweiss@zedek.org.

Gaming Together (for Teens)

Sunday, January 30, at 12 PM

Sunday, February 13, at 12 PM

Gaming Together (for Adults)

Wednesday, February 9, at 7 PM

Wednesday, February 23, at 7 PM

This program takes place both on Zoom and in person at Schaarai Zedek. RSVPs are requested at www.zedek.org/RSVP.



Sisterhood

Welcome back, Shofar! Sisterhood has been firing on all cylinders for a year and a half. We found ways to gather when the temple was physically closed, and we continue to provide programming and multiple opportunities to get together, have fun, pray, do good deeds and enjoy each other's company.

Sisterhood has just wrapped up a successful three-day visit with motivational speaker Mindy Corporon. Mindy was our featured guest for Sisterhood's marquee fundraiser: **Elevate You!** On the heels of last year's successful **Elevate You!** fundraiser with happiness expert Carin Rockind, we shifted our focus in 2022 to a speaker who has experienced deep, personal loss. Mindy's timely visit encompassed a leadership workshop with temple lay leaders, a visit to our Religious School and youth group students, and the chance to meet Mindy in several small, social settings.

Mid-January also brought back a fun, classic Sisterhood tradition: hamantaschen baking. After a two-year hiatus, Sisterhood volunteers began work on making delicious hamantaschen for the

congregation. Hamantaschen will be ready for purchase well before Purim, so don't pass up the chance to get some during Religious School hours at the end of January and in February.

On February 17, Sisterhood will host a creative arts project for Sisterhood members at the Morean Center for Clay in St. Petersburg. Four days later, Sisterhood will host Mah Jongg at the temple. After two virtual mini-tournaments last year, we are excited to just play in person again! On March 9, "Cooking with Cantor" returns by popular demand.

April brings our annual YES (Youth, Education, and Special Project) Event; this year's mid-day gathering will honor past Sisterhood presidents. Mark your calendars for Monday, April 11, because you probably know at least one past Sisterhood president. Our YES Event is the perfect opportunity to say "thank you" to a multitude of very special ladies and to raise funds for a great cause.

Last year, Sisterhood's Presidents Council organized two social action projects. The fabulous Lindsey Dewey, Schaarai Zedek's Director of Youth and Family Engagement



Mindy Corporon was the featured guest for Sisterhood's marquee fundraiser: **Elevate You!**

and Outreach, created portable kits for Sisterhood to distribute. We then met virtually to create items for patients at Moffitt Cancer Center in the fall, and in the spring, gifts for teachers at the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool and in the wider community. This year, we shifted to live social action activities and have crafted and donated 100 blankets to the needy and hospice patients. On March 27, Sisterhood will meet at the temple to make tie-dye t-shirts and wrap gifts for the Tampa Bay Party Project.

Young children who come from homes experiencing hardship will be the recipients of our efforts. We hope to throw them a memorable birthday party! If you cannot attend our March gathering in person, you can still put a smile on a child's face by purchasing from our Amazon wish list. Details will be available soon.

How do we do all this? In the fall of 2020, Sisterhood created a new fund: the **Sisterhood Social Action Fund**. The Sisterhood Social Action Fund was inspired by the myriad good deeds and charitable programming we were already doing. Please keep our new fund in mind when donating to Schaarai Zedek because proceeds from the fund support our *tikkun olam* activities.

And as if there isn't enough to do in Tampa, your Sisterhood membership entitles you to access to our Southeast District Sisterhood events and national events hosted by Women of Reform Judaism. Sisterhood membership is the best deal in town! ●

*Dana Gruman & Mary Osiason
Sisterhood Co-Presidents*

Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



January 2022

- January 3: School returns for PT and SD students
- January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. holiday / non-student day
- January 21: Pirate Parade
- January 26-28: Donuts with Dads and Special Friends

February 2022

- February 4: Early closing at 12:30 PM for teacher work day
- February 14-17: Class and Pre-K graduation photos
- February 24: Preschool Auction Gala

Brotherhood

A recent headline in the *Jewish Press of Tampa Bay* caught our eye: “Jewish sperm donor nears 100.” It was about progeny. It turns out this is another worldwide supply shortage. Donor Ari Nagel, who grew up Orthodox, says he is driven to donate to help women who want a child. But it made us think, what have we accomplished to help others?

We are given opportunities every day to help others: loved ones, friends, our Jewish community, and most importantly strangers. Helping others was a primary reason the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods was formed 100 years ago. As religious and non-profit organizations over time came to rely on more full-time professionals, many Brotherhoods were without the same purpose. Many have drifted into insignificance.

Despite the pandemic, we are proud to point out Schaarai Zedek Brotherhood membership is over 300 strong. While our business model is visibly about good times, good food, and good drink, Brotherhood has been instrumental in

financially helping projects at the temple as well as adding a physical presence. We are returning to ushering on Friday nights. In-person youth programs are returning to the temple calendar. We are growing our Brotherhood Board. We are planning to assist our greater community as well. And perhaps most importantly to pastrami and corned beef lovers, we are busy planning our popular annual **Deli Nite for Saturday, March 12!** Mark your calendar now.

We hope you take advantage of upcoming Brotherhood volunteering opportunities when you are asked. If you are interested in details about becoming more involved with Brotherhood, Brotherhood Board, Deli Nite, or anything else, please contact Michael Schine, Brotherhood President, at mhschine@gmail.com. If you have a date you would like to usher, please contact Marc Holtzberg, Brotherhood Vice-President, at marc.holtzberg@catalent.com. ●

Michael Schine, Brotherhood President



Deli Nite is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 12.

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ

Torah Circle
ANNUAL GIVING

Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle

The innovative programming we have offered during the past two years would not have been possible without your generous contributions to the Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle.

At a time when we felt vulnerable to uncertainty of the future, our congregation answered the call with a near record-setting year for our Torah Circle. The support Torah Circle gives to our annual budget is essential, and this year has served as a reminder that it's equally crucial that we are prepared for any unforeseen events the future might bring.

This year, our challenge gifts, donated by five notable congregant families: Cookie and Booky Buchman; the Alicia, Bob, Angela, Lauren, Matt, Thomas, William, Lisa, and Marc LeVine family in memory of Michael LeVine; Lee and Saul Rachelson; and two anonymous families; will go to our Eternal Light Endowment.

The Eternal Light Endowment ensures that we can provide an inspiring Jewish home for generations to come. For every new or increased dollar added to this year's campaign, our challenge will provide funds toward securing our congregation's future.

Thank you for joining us as we build for today and tomorrow, and more importantly, thank you for being a part of a Jewish community that brings value and meaning to our members' lives and our greater community.

Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

20s+30s Connection



It has been a great couple of months for 20s+30s Connection. We have started exploring new restaurants with our new “Appy Hour” gathering, we took to the skies in a fun team building event at a local ziplining facility, and we had over 50 people at our

Annual Chanukah Party! We are excited to be in full swing again and are looking forward to some exciting things in the next couple of months. On Friday, February 4, look forward to a Shabbat service and dinner just for our group. On Thursday, March 17, we will

host our first ever adult Purim carnival, including a costume contest, some fun carnival booths, and yummy food. We hope to see you soon! ●

*Becca Pollak
Education, Engagement, &
Outreach Assistant*

Religious School



There are so many new things happening in the Julia M. and Samuel L. Flom Religious School this year!

New curriculum: We are refining and updating our curriculum. During the 2020-2021 school year, we learned so much from CSZ Outside and CSZ Online and we are excited to bring those lessons to our school here on Swann Ave. We are incorporating more movement into lessons, bringing in specialists for music and art, and mixing up our routine with holiday “centers days.” We are also offering electives for our older students, including cooking, sports, *Dungeons & Dragons* with Rabbi Weiss,

theater, conversational Hebrew, and Mah Jongg. We look forward to sharing more of the innovations we are adding to our school.

New family Shabbat services: Our recent “student-created, student-led” services have been a big hit with students and parents alike. Students have taken total ownership over our family Shabbat services and have created something unique and meaningful. They can choose to create artwork, write introductions to prayers, create a skit about the weekly Torah portion, or read Hebrew for the service. Our fourth and fifth-grade family services have been truly special. Please be sure to attend one of our family-friendly grade-led Shabbat services soon.

New students: We are lucky to have so many new students joining us this year and we are thrilled to mark their religious school journey with a consecration ceremony on February 6. The service will take place during religious school hours and is open to any student in

their first year at the school. We cannot wait to officially welcome these students into our school and make their Flom Religious School experience official!

New teachers: Flom Religious School is currently looking for passionate community members to join our teaching faculty. Our teaching staff is made up of community members who love our Schaarai Zedek family and want to make a difference in the life of a child. Many of our teachers credit a religious school teacher for inspiring them to give back to their community in this special way. You could be that teacher for one of our students. Our teachers are paid by session, and lesson plan outlines are provided. We are also looking for specialist and elective teachers. Bring your special talent to our school! Please contact Molly Levy at mlevy@zedek.org if you are interested in joining. ●

Molly Levy
Director of Youth & Family
Education

Third-Grade Family Shabbat Service

Friday, January 21, at 7 PM

Consecration Service

Sunday, February 6, at 10 AM

Second-Grade Family Shabbat Service

Friday, February 11, at 7 PM

K/First-Grade Family Shabbat Service

Friday, March 11, at 7 PM



B'nai Mitzvah

Lilah Zamore

Child of Rob Zamore & Aly Zamore
January 8, 2022

Mathis Germain

Child of Aaron & Erika Germain
January 15, 2022

Benjamin Corcoran

Child of Patrick & Erin Corcoran
January 15, 2022

Maya Storch

Child of Eric & Jill Storch
January 22, 2022

Shaylin Berger

Child of Craig & Melissa Berger
February 5, 2022

Eric Fisher

Child of Steven & Cheryl Fisher
February 5, 2022

Marley Kittredge

Child of Michael & Julie Kittredge
February 12, 2022

Elijah Berg

Child of Vic Berg & Debbie Appel
February 19, 2022

Rhen Linsky

Child of Ronald & Frankie Linsky
February 26, 2022

Colsen Haber

Child of Michael & Kellie Haber
February 26, 2022

Youth & Family



A few days ago, a friend posed a question on their social media. “Tell me what you do for a living in 3 sentences or less.” Without much thought or hesitation, I typed “I offer events that bring people together to build community, based on shared values and interests. (Really I feed people and make them happy[er]).” When I was asked by our Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood to speak at their Shabbat a few weeks ago, this

similar thread ran through the sermon I shared. While I have always known that the programs we offer at Schaarai Zedek are impactful and important to so many in our community, the past 22 months have shined a new light on the importance of our shared place.

As we enter 2022, I am excited to take all of the lessons we have learned about shared approaches to programming, varied modalities

and exploring the things we didn’t think we could do (and now couldn’t imagine NOT doing) and apply these successes to the exciting opportunities ahead. As always, if you have questions about any of our upcoming events or ideas for future opportunities—please do not hesitate to reach out. I would love to hear from you. ●

Lindsey Dewey
Director of Youth & Family
Engagement and Outreach



Calendar Highlights

SATURDAYS, 9 AM

Torah Study

Join us as we continue the weekly journey through the Torah with Rabbi Weiss!
Schaarai Zedek and Zoom. Free

SATURDAY, JAN 8, 10:30 AM



Bagel Minyan

Enjoy a casual outdoor Shabbat morning service at Schaarai Zedek. We will provide bagels and you are welcome to eat during the service. Coloring books will be available so you can bring children.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

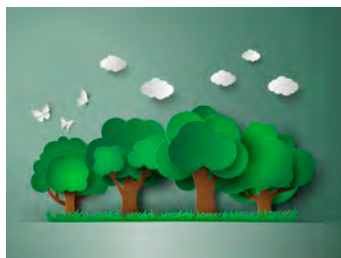
THURSDAY, JAN 13, 12 PM



ROMEOs Lunch Bunch

Join Rabbi Birnholz and our ROMEOs for an outdoor lunch and then for catch-up and discussion indoors. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

THURSDAY, JAN 13, 5 PM



Connecting in the Courtyard: Families with Young Children

Spend an hour with friends after school pick-up. Enjoy engaging activities and a Tu B'Shvat take-home craft. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

WEDNESDAY, JAN 19, 6 PM



Tu B'Shvat Wine Tasting

Featuring food and wine pairings from Cass Street Deli, we will explore a modern observation of a traditional Tu B'Shvat seder. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 9:45 AM

Senior Morning at the Museum

Meet at the historic Henry B. Plant Museum for a docent-led tour. Stay to enjoy the monthly "Music in the Museum" program and enjoy a live classical music performance. The tour begins at 10 AM and the live music begins at 11 AM. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Henry B. Plant Museum. Free

FRIDAY, JAN 21, 6 PM



Tot Shabbat

Don your Pirate gear and join us for a Gasparilla Tot Shabbat on the Playground. Dinner will be available for families to take home and enjoy.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

SATURDAY, JAN 22, 5:30 PM



South of Kennedy Concert & Havdalah

Schaarai Zedek will host South of Kennedy, a local rock & roll cover band that plays music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. A Havdalah Service and hors d'oeuvres will follow. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

SUNDAY, JAN 23, 11:30 AM



Youth Day at the Park

Middle and high school students, spend a fun day at Busch Gardens with your youth group friends. Purchase your subsidized Fun Card from us and enjoy the park for the whole year. Transportation will be provided to and from Busch Gardens. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Meet at Schaarai Zedek. \$100 per student

FRIDAY, JAN 28, 6 PM



Challah in the Hood

Join Rabbi Simon in lighting candles and breaking bread in celebration of Shabbat. This multi-generational experience is an excellent opportunity to connect with your local community while enjoying Shabbat dinner together. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Location TBD. Free

FRIDAY, FEB 4, 6:30 PM

20s+30s Shabbat Dinner & Service

Join other 20s+30s for dinner and a special Shabbat service. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

WEDNESDAYS, FEB 9 & 23, 7 PM

Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project (for adults)

Join Rabbi Weiss for the first program of the Schaarai Zedek Gaming Project as we find Jewish meaning and inspiration in video games and other interactive media. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Schaarai Zedek. Free

SATURDAY, FEB 12, 10 AM



Families with Young Children Shabbat at the Park

Join us for a morning at the park to celebrate Shabbat and being together. We'll bring challah and juice; you bring your family and a smile. We can't wait to spend Shabbat morning together! Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Marcelino Chelo Huerta Jr. Friendship Park. Free

THURSDAY, FEB 17, 11:30 AM

Senior Luncheon

Program to be announced. Please visit our website for updated details. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Location TBD. Free

WEDNESDAY, FEB 23, 6:30 PM

20s+30s Appy Hour.

Join us for our monthly Appy Hour! We will try some delicious food and schmooze with friends. Please visit our website for updated details. Visit zedek.org/RSVP for info.
Location TBD. Free

SUNDAY, FEB 27, ALL DAY



Mitzvah Day

Come join Schaarai Zedek and volunteer to become a "mitzvah maker." Visit zedek.org/mitzvahday for more info.
Schaarai Zedek and participating locations. Free

JANUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9 AM Torah Study ¹ New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	10:30 AM Teenokot ⁶	7 PM Shabbat Service ⁷	9 AM Torah Study ⁸ 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan 4:30 PM Lilah Zamore Bat Mitzvah 7 PM 20s+30s Event
9 AM Religious School ⁹	10:30 AM Sisterhood Fundraiser 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew 6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting ¹⁰	11	12 PM Sisterhood Book Club 7 PM Nominating Committee ¹²	12 PM ROMEOs 6 PM B'nai Mitzvah Program ¹³	11:45 AM Executive Committee 7 PM Shabbat Service ¹⁴	9 AM Torah Study ¹⁵ 10:30 AM Mathis Germain Bar Mitzvah 4:30 PM Benjamin Corcoran Bar Mitzvah
16	7:30 PM Adult Hebrew ¹⁷ Office Closed Tu B'Shvat MLK Jr.'s Birthday	18	6 PM Tu B'Shvat Wine Tasting ¹⁹	9:45 AM Senior Morning at the Museum ²⁰	6 PM Tot Shabbat 7 PM Shabbat Service ²¹	9 AM Torah Study ²² 10:30 AM Maya Storch Bat Mitzvah 5:30 PM South of Kennedy Concert & Havdalah
9 AM Religious School ²³ 11:30 AM Youth Day at the Park	7 PM Board of Trustees ²⁴ 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew	25	26	27	6 PM Challah in the Hood 7 PM Shabbat Service ²⁸	9 AM Torah Study ²⁹ Gasparilla Pirate Fest
9 AM Religious School ³⁰ 11:30 AM Chaverim 12 PM Gaming Project (Teens)	7:30 PM Adult Hebrew ³¹					

FEBRUARY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	6:30 PM SchZFTY ² Groundhog Day	10:30 AM Teenokot ³	6:30 PM 20s+30s Shabbat Dinner & Service 7 PM Shabbat Service ⁴	9 AM Torah Study ⁵ 10:30 AM Shaylin Berger Bat Mitzvah 4:30 PM Eric Fisher Bar Mitzvah
9 AM Religious School ⁶ 10 AM Consecration 11:30 Yeladim	6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew ⁷	8	7 PM Gaming Project (Adults) ⁹	12 PM ROMEOs ¹⁰	11:45 AM Executive Committee 7 PM Shabbat Service ¹¹	9 AM Torah Study ¹² 10:30 AM Shabbat at the Park 4:30 PM Marley Kittredge Bat Mitzvah 5:30 PM SchZFTY
9 AM Religious School ¹³ 12 PM Gaming Project (Teens) Super Bowl	7:30 PM Adult Hebrew ¹⁴ Valentine's Day	15	16	11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 7 PM Sisterhood Event 7 PM Brotherhood Event ¹⁷	7 PM Shabbat Service ¹⁸	9 AM Torah Study ¹⁹ 10:30 AM Elijah Berg Bar Mitzvah
20	12 PM Sisterhood Book Club 2 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew ²¹ President's Day	22	6 PM 20s+30s Event 7 PM Gaming Project (Adults) ²³	24	7 PM Shabbat Service ²⁵	9 AM Torah Study ²⁶ 10:30 AM Rhen Linsky Bat Mitzvah 4:30 PM Colsen Haber Bar Mitzvah
8 AM Mitzvah Day ²⁷ 9 AM Religious School	7 PM Board of Trustees ²⁸ 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew					



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Goldman Wellness Fund *continued*

Leadership

Looking back, she didn't see it coming. Barbara says she was "just having fun," and the next thing she knew, she was Sisterhood president. She remembers fondly working with Rabbi Birnholz, who had recently arrived at Schaarai Zedek. She appreciated his willingness to try new things and lend a hand wherever needed. She laughed, thinking about Rabbi standing on a chair to stir the Sisterhood soup one evening.

Rabbi Birnholz remained a strong support for Barbara as she went on to become Congregation Schaarai Zedek's president in 1996, only the second woman to serve in the role. Her tenure was often challenging, and her advocacy for the creation of

a preschool was no exception. She drew upon her passion for and experience in education, and she persisted in sharing the value she believed a preschool would bring for the children who attended and for the temple at large. Decades later, we can clearly see the power and impact of her foresight.

Mental health advocacy

Barbara and Allan take great joy in seeing the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool thrive today. Since first hearing about it, they have been particularly moved by one exceptional aspect of its offerings: the availability of mental health services for its students. As a former teacher, Barbara has seen firsthand the importance of

supporting students' mental health. She deems it "essential," and she wanted to be involved in ensuring the availability of these resources in the future.

As part of that commitment, Barbara and Allan have recently created the **Goldman Wellness Fund**, a \$250,000 initiative that will provide ongoing mental health services for children. The proud grandparents of ten grandchildren, ranging in age from 2 to 18 years, the Goldmans want young families to thrive just as theirs has. They are delighted to be able to give back to a community that has been an instrumental part of that journey, and we are grateful for their continued leadership and generosity. ●