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## Creativity and Judaism

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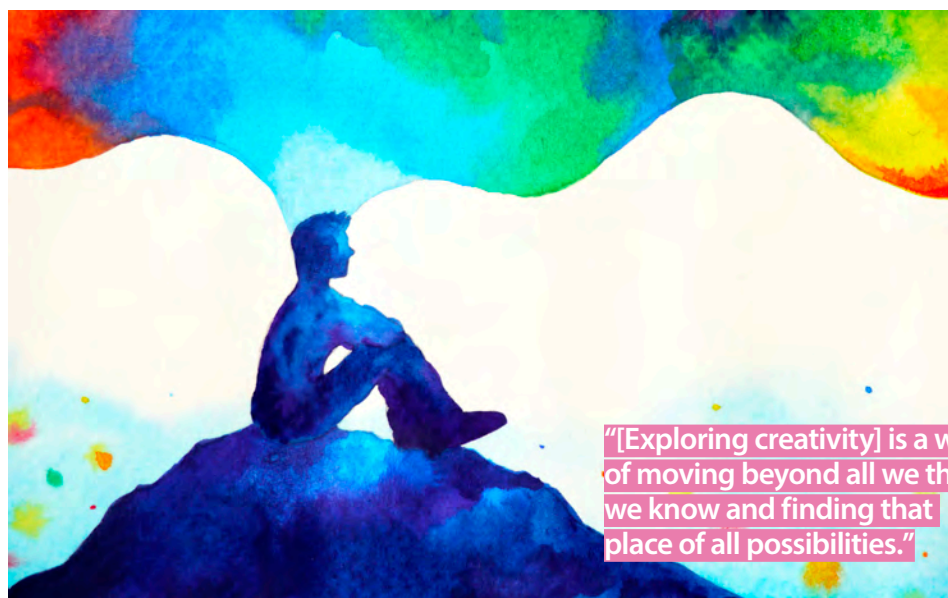
Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro

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**W**hat is creativity? Creativity can be difficult to define. Often when asked, people come up with examples of creativity or name creative people, but a specific definition is a little more difficult to solicit. Dictionaries and websites have different wording, but at its core, creativity is the ability to turn new and imaginative ideas into reality. Notice that first and foremost it is an ability. It's something that can be learned, honed, and perfected. Second, it's something that requires a certain amount of risk. In order to be creative, you need to be able to view things in new ways or from a different perspective.

Judaism has a long history of creativity. The first three words of the Torah are *B'resheit bara Elohim* — "In the beginning, God created." God's first act is one of creativity. Only a few verses later we read that humans are created *b'tzelem Elohim* ("in the image of God"). If God is, first and foremost, a creator, and we are created in God's image, then we too are created to be creators. Each of us is endowed with creative capacity simply by being human.

At first glance, a religion based on a series of laws and commandments would seem to be restrictive and static. However,



**"[Exploring creativity] is a way of moving beyond all we think we know and finding that place of all possibilities."**

Jews have long worked to find creative ways within our structure. More than 2000 years ago, while the Second Temple still stood in Jerusalem, various groups of Jews became dissatisfied with the way the priests were running things. They began to experiment with other ways of worship, one of which was Rabbinic Judaism. After the destruction of the Temple, this "experiment" eventually transformed Jewish practice. What was once an idea became the norm.

Jews are taught from an early age to explore and question. From the time a child learns the *Sh'ma* until her Bat Mitzvah and beyond, she is encouraged to think and learn, to create through whichever medium is comfortable. In our Family Services here at Schaarai Zedek, we ask our students to learn about the service prayers and then to create expressions

of their learning through word, song, or the visual arts. We want them to explore ideas and to express them in different ways.

I can hear many of you thinking, "I'm not creative! I can't draw, sing, sew, write, etc." While it's true that we often think of creativity as associated with the arts, creativity does not only express itself through the arts. Each one of us is blessed with a different ability or talent. Perhaps it's that particular spice you add to your famous stew, that particular way your colleague has of getting people to work together, or your neighbor's ability to handle children. Creativity shows up in all aspects of life.

Schaarai Zedek continues the tradition of questioning and creating through our Adult Education classes. You can see all our upcoming events on our calendar, but I want to draw your attention to two particular events.

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## Community Outreach

### 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 8-9 a.m. and the cleanup is from 8-11 a.m. Location to be determined. Keep an eye on your email for details.

### 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 any temple meeting, event, or service. 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](mailto:dwood@zedek.org).



# Welcome

It has been so wonderful to see our congregants participating in the tremendous amount of programming that our staff and clergy continue to provide either virtually or in person. Their creativity and innovative approaches have been an inspiration to our entire congregation. As we make

determinations about gathering with others in a safe and comfortable way, I am excited to see our congregation continuing to make our Schaarai Zedek family part of your community.

I like to think of our synagogue as a kaleidoscope – we see it through prisms of what we “seek” from it, and how we can give back to it. It’s a lens revealing how we can sharpen our own focus of what Judaism is and what living a Jewish life means for each of us.

We see this place initially through our many lifecycle events - the baby namings, the b’nai mitzvahs, the weddings, the funerals.

And as we explore the many shapes and colors of the Schaarai Zedek kaleidoscope, we discover and maybe rediscover what brings us joy in our Temple life and find ways to introduce others into those

areas of involvement, giving back to this community in ways that will continue to grow the seeds of what makes the world of Schaarai Zedek what we find most special to each of us.

Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Mitzvah Day, SchZFTY, Torah Study, choir, endowment, social action, Religious School, Preschool, member outreach, 20s+30s, senior programs... the list goes on and on. Our Temple community is a reflection of everything we participate in passionately and care about courageously.

I want to thank Sisterhood for not only having Mindy Corporon be a keynote speaker for our Sisterhood in January, but also having her share her inspirational story with the youth groups, Religious School, and our leadership teams. Her heartfelt message about overcoming hate and promoting kindness and understanding is one that can benefit all of us, within and outside our Schaarai Zedek community.

We now look forward to April and celebrating the freedom Pesach represents. This year, may Passover bring back the freedom to sit around the Seder table celebrating family, reminding us how precious our freedom is, and to kvell in the gifts we have been given. ●

— Scott Shimberg, President

## Connect with us

### Live Streaming

Services are streamed at [zedek.org/streaming](http://zedek.org/streaming) and are available for a limited time for “on demand” viewing.

### Public Access Television

TBCN broadcasts our 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. Replays on the above channels air Sundays at 4 PM.

### Roku

Simply plug a Roku Streaming Stick into your TV and search for Congregation Schaarai Zedek. Follow the instructions to add it to your channels.

### Facebook

Find us at [facebook.com/CSZtampa](https://facebook.com/CSZtampa). Follow us to like, comment, and share!

### YouTube

Watch past services, sermons, and more on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/congregationschaaraizedek](https://youtube.com/congregationschaaraizedek).

### Podcast

Listen to past sermons 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](mailto:office@zedek.org) to let us know.

# SHOFAR



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[www.zedek.org/shofar](http://www.zedek.org/shofar)



**"The hatred surrounding us should not cause us to hide who we are"**

# "Phishing" for Courage

Rabbi Joel Simon

Let me start by saying to all of you that I will never email you asking for gift cards. For those who don't know the context, let me explain. Over the past two years, many pastors, rabbis, and even a temple president or two have been "spoofed," meaning an email is made to appear as if it came from them, using a fake email address that's just close enough to get by.

So you may have received an email from rabbijoellllsimon@gmail.com, rabbi.zedek@gmail.com, or templerabbi018@gmail.com (they got lazy the last time) with the subject "SHALOM ALEICHEM" that said something like:

"Hello How Are You? I Need An Assistance From You? Please Let Me Know If You Get This, Shalom, Rabbi Joel."

If you weren't bothered by "an assistance" or the capital letters beginning each word, and you replied, you received a second email asking for eBay gift cards to help "some women going through cancer at the hospital" saying that I was in a meeting and "I can't pick calls now."

Luckily at this point, most recognized that these e-mails didn't sound like me and reached out to me directly before making any purchases. But as scammers are trying to take advantage of our congregants' generosity, they fall in a long line of "phishing" (e-mails), "vishing" (phone calls) and "smishing" (text messages) in which someone pretending to be someone else asks for money or sensitive information. And no, the IRS will not call you asking for your

social security number, Netflix or AT&T will not text you, offering a free month or a special gift if you click a strange looking link, and the Prince of Ethiopia is not looking at you to be a business partner in his next big venture.

Believe it or not, at least according to the Rabbis of the Talmud, these scammers have a lot in common with the pig. While there are many animals that the Torah does not permit to be eaten, the pig seems to get more negative attention than any of them in later commentaries. Here's why... For a land animal to be kosher, it must chew its cud and have cloven hooves. All the other animals that are not kosher - camels, rabbits, horses etc... - whether or not they chew their cud, none of them have cloven hooves. So, just by looking at the animal, you know it's not kosher. But the pig looks kosher. While it doesn't chew its cud, it has cloven hooves. And at least according to Rabbi Hisda in the Talmud, it is the only animal that is so. The pig is viewed with disdain because it is pretending to be something it is not.

From this interpretation, we learn an important lesson of being honest about who we are, but as we prepare for our two Spring holidays, Purim and Passover, we see two of our people's heroes, in very different ways, pretending to be someone they are not. Esther must pretend not to be Jewish, earning a place in the King's palace from which she could save her people. Moses, on the other hand, was a shy shepherd with a stutter, hoping to hide in the wilderness far away from the world, but in order to save his people he had to play the role of leader, hiding his

reluctance and anxiety as he did.

Both Moses and Esther were forced to hide parts of themselves as a result of threats to our people. As I write this article at the end of January, we have seen swastikas graffitied at two of our local schools, and this past weekend, community members driving home from Orlando on I-4 had to drive under a neo-Nazi demonstration on an overpass. These events bookended Rabbi Charlie Cytron Walker and three congregants being taken hostage at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX. Unfortunately, I expect that there will be more events like this between now and the time we go to print.

It would be easy for us to want to hide our Judaism like Esther in an attempt to protect ourselves from perceived danger. But the amazing thing about Moses is that when he "hid" his fear, "pretending" to be a leader, he wasn't scamming anyone. His pretending only brought out the strength that was already in him, and he quickly began to live to his full potential. The hatred surrounding us should not cause us to hide who we are, but rather challenge us to be our best selves, living our Jewish values proudly, strengthening ourselves, our families, and our community as a result.

We can't control the ways in which others hide behind scams or hatred, but we can control the way in which we respond (or in the case of scams - ignore), and most importantly, we can control the people we are, so we are proud of who we are, both inside and out. ●



# Youth & Family

Lindsey Dewey shares upcoming family-friendly offerings

Spring in our congregational community is filled with vibrant celebration and gathering. Both Purim and Passover are deeply rooted in coming together and celebrating as a larger group. As we prepare our offerings for 2022, I would be remiss if I neglected my feelings about our reality as we work to curate exciting opportunities for our children, families, and congregational community.

On March 8, 2020, we hosted our Purim Carnival, aware of the rising news about escalating cases of a new virus. We outfitted the grand foyer with countless bottles of hand sanitizer and brought our community together to celebrate and rejoice for

Purim. Days later, everything changed.

As a professional, I have been pushed to create and innovate in ways that I never thought I would be in a position to explore. These months have been simultaneously the most challenging and most exhilarating months, as we have learned how to keep connected virtually, expand our hybrid offerings, and navigate exciting and safe in-person opportunities.

We hope you will find one of the four Purim options accessible for celebration and joy. Whether it is our traditional (now all outdoor) **Purim Carnival**, our new **20s+30s Purim Carnival**, our adult **Purim Masquerade**, or our **Rooted in Play Purim Pop-Up**, we invite you to don your costumes and help build new memories of communal Purim joy!



Lindsey Dewey, Director of Youth & Family Engagement and Outreach

For Passover, we have looked at ways to better cater to the needs of our ever-expanding community. A new event we are excited to offer this year is a **Family Passover Seder Brunch**. This engaging and creative Seder experience will simultaneously engage and educate as we share our traditional Passover Seder for families with children of all ages. Later in the evening we will host a more traditional adult oriented **Second Night Passover Seder**.

As you look around at the offerings for both Purim and Passover included in these pages, we hope you see the attention to detail and the threads of what we have “always done” woven together with new approaches and best practices we have learned from our experiences innovating. ●

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## Religious School

A Religious School Roundup  
by Molly Levy



Molly Levy, Director of Youth & Family Education

It seems that there are many names for Religious School. I have heard it called Sunday School, Hebrew School, and even “time to go to brunch.” Here at Schaarai Zedek, we are officially called the Flom Religious School, and we do so much more than teach religion. Check out everything that students are learning on Sunday morning:

**Not just learning, but doing:** Our students are not just learning about Jewish values, holidays, and rituals, but actively participating in them. Through our student-led services and holiday center days, we are creating students who are actively engaged in their Judaism. Coming up, we welcome our youngest group, our kindergartners and first graders, to lead our Shabbat Service on March 11. Our sixth

graders lead on April 8.

### Bringing values home:

We know that we can share a lot here on Sundays, but the real connection to Judaism happens at home. We do this by sending home as many resources as we can to make it easy for families to continue the conversation. This is especially important during the b’nai mitzvah year, and we have been engaging the entire family with our family b’nai mitzvah programs. Our next meeting will take place on April 7, and will focus on creating a relationship with prayer and God.

**Creating a positive Jewish environment:** We want our students to WANT to be at Religious School. We are always looking for people who want to make an impact on our students and are currently

hiring teachers. Our teachers are paid per session and lesson plans are provided. We are also looking for specialist and elective teachers. Please contact me if you’re interested.

**And Hebrew!** Did you know that we begin teaching Hebrew in first grade? Students learn one letter a week during their first-grade year and begin putting words together by second grade. In third grade, our students start learning how to decode, and by fourth grade, they are reading prayers, using games to help them retain what they know. In seventh and eighth grades, students can choose to continue their journey with Modern Hebrew.

No matter what you call it, we are having a lot of fun on Sunday mornings! See you at Religious School! ●

# Purim at Schaarai Zedek

Please visit [www.zedek.org/purim](http://www.zedek.org/purim) for more information and to register for all Purim events!

## Connecting in the Courtyard

**Thursday, Mar 3, 5 PM**

Groggers, costumes, and mishloach manot... it's time for Purim! All families with young children (ages 0-5 and siblings of all ages) are invited to celebrate with crafts while we prepare for our community retelling of the Purim story. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Family Purim Carnival

**Sunday, Mar 6, 11 AM**

We invite everyone to join us for the return of our annual Purim Carnival! Entertainment includes games, face painting, hair art, a petting zoo, a DJ spinning great tunes, and more. Schaarai Zedek Brotherhood will provide a free lunch for all. Religious school students will enjoy early dismissal so they can join the fun. This event will be held entirely outdoors and will follow all temple COVID policies. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Senior Luncheon

**Thursday, March 17, 11:30 AM**

Let's celebrate the joy of Purim together as we learn about the history of the circus in Florida with guest speaker Zoltan Karpathy of the Circus Arts Conservatory (CAC). The CAC uses the extraordinary power of circus arts to educate, enrich and entertain our community while maintaining and furthering the legacy of Circus. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office. Our Senior Luncheons are provided by the Esther N. & Leo M. Weiss Seniors Endowment Fund.

## 20s+30s Purim Carnival

**Thursday, Mar 17, 6:30 PM**

Join us as we transform our side yard into the Purim Carnival! We'll have food, drinks, acrobats, jugglers, henna, tarot cards, and more! Don't forget your costume for our costume contest. This event is for adults 21-39. This event will be held entirely outdoors and will follow all temple COVID policies. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Rooted in Play Purim Pop-Up

**Saturday, Mar 19, 10 AM**

Friends, come and play with us at Corona Park! Rooted in Play will set up their pop-up adventure playground exclusively for Schaarai Zedek families with children of all ages. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please prepare for messy play and bring a change of clothes or a towel. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

*Meet at Corona Park, 3702 W Corona St, Tampa, FL 33629*

## Purim Masquerade

**Saturday, Mar 19, 6 PM**

Join us for an adults-only magical night of extravagant costumes, charming performances, and delicious treats. Marvel at the acrobats, artists, card readers, and entertainers. Don't forget your masks (of all kinds!) and costumes. Open to all adults 21+. This event will be held outdoors and will follow all temple COVID policies. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Purim's Origins

With celebrations including costumes, skits and songs, noisemakers, and gifts of food, Purim is definitely full of fun! Purim is a joyous holiday that affirms and celebrates Jewish survival and continuity throughout history. The main communal celebration involves a public reading—usually in the synagogue—of the Book of Esther, which tells the story of the holiday: Under the rule of King Ahashverosh, Haman, the king's adviser, plots to exterminate all of the Jews of Persia. His plan is foiled by Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai, who ultimately save the Jews of Persia from destruction. The reading of the megillah typically is a rowdy affair, punctuated by booing and noise-making when Haman's name is read aloud.

Purim is an unusual holiday in many respects. First, the Book of Esther is the only biblical book in which God is not mentioned. Second, Purim, like Chanukah, is viewed as a minor festival according to Jewish custom, but has been elevated to a major holiday as a result of the Jewish historical experience. Over the centuries, Haman has come to symbolize every antisemite in every land where Jews were oppressed. The significance of Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become: a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival.

*Source: ReformJudaism.com*





# Sisterhood



Many thanks to Cantor Cannizzaro for her creative culinary talents and time spent teaching us how to prepare unique, delicious Jewish food. **Cooking with Cantor** on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be an occasion to test our culinary skills, without leaving our kitchens! Look for information about the virtual event in our Tuesday e-mail blasts.

April 11<sup>th</sup> brings a special, annual Sisterhood gathering – the Women of Reform Judaism’s **Y.E.S. Fund Event** (Y.E.S. stands for Youth, Education and Special Projects). The YES Fund is an arm of Women of Reform Judaism and provides direct financial support to rabbinical and cantorial students, URJ camps, youth group programs, and

initiatives geared towards women and children. We are pleased that this year’s **Y.E.S. Fund Event** will be held in-person at the temple after a fully virtual event in 2021. We will congregate safely indoors for the program portion of the event, and then head outdoors for the luncheon portion of the event.

The Y.E.S. Fund Event is extra special this year because Sisterhood will honor Past Sisterhood Presidents. You probably know at least one Past Sisterhood President and this is our chance to show gratitude and appreciation for the women who have helped make our Sisterhood the strongest in the South! Sisterhood will also host the current President of Women of Reform Judaism, Sara Charney, who is coming to Tampa all the way from Canada to recognize the individual, yet collective contributions of our Sisterhood and Past Sisterhood Presidents. (We will continue to pray that Sara arrives in person, not on Zoom.) This is such an honor! So please join us in welcoming a Sisterhood celebrity to Schaarai Zedek!

Below is a list of Past Sisterhood Presidents who have, so far, said “Y.E.S.” and will be honored in April:

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| • Leslie Aidman   | • Lynne Merriam    |
| • Faith Alexander | • Cindy Minetti    |
| • Karen Bentley   | • Judith Mish      |
| • Gayle Geagan    | • Jill Neuman      |
| • Barbara Goldman | • Lyris Newman     |
| • Kay Jacobs      | • Carolann Osiason |
| • Marcy Kaufman   | • Andi Parker      |

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| • Diane Porat       | • Rothenberg       |
| • Sharon Ravner     | • Dawn Schocken    |
| • Lisa Rohatiner    | • Pattie Schreiber |
| • Judy Rosenkranz   | • Barrie Slonim    |
| • Debbie Rosenthal  | • Aly Zamore       |
| • Deborah Rosenthal | • Paula Zielonka   |
| • Mary Sue          |                    |

In recognition of a Past Sisterhood President, please consider starting a Y.E.S. Fund Lifeline. Lifelines are donations to Women of Reform Judaism and start at \$1,800. Y.E.S. Fund dollars are spent entirely on the initiatives previously listed: scholarships for clergy and funding for youth and women-centered endeavors. Some of our beloved rabbis were recipients of Y.E.S. Fund scholarships during their rabbinical education. Starting a Y.E.S. Fund Lifeline is one of the most targeted ways you can help sustain the reform movement.

To our remaining Past Sisterhood Presidents, if you have not answered a call from one of our board members about your attendance, please reach out to us by e-mail at [cszsisterhoodboard@gmail.com](mailto:cszsisterhoodboard@gmail.com) and let us know if we will see you April 11th!

Information on how to register for the **Y.E.S. Fund Event** is included in Tuesday Sisterhood e-mail blasts and on the Schaarai Zedek website, under the Sisterhood tab. ●

— Dana Gruman & Mary Osiason,  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

## 20s+30s Connection

We had a great start to our year. We are excited to be bringing back some past events and adding some new ones! It will be a fun two months filled with activities around Purim and Passover.

On March 17, we will gather for our first 20s+30s Connection Purim Carnival, complete with a costume contest, acrobats, jugglers, and other fun carnival-like activities.

Then, back after two years, Schaarai Zedek will host the 20s+30s Second Night Passover Seder.

Look for more details about both of these exciting events coming to our Facebook page and your email. ●

— Becca Pollak, Education, Engagement, and Outreach Assistant



# Brotherhood

"Come rain or come shine." No, not a play on my last name. Come rain or come shine has motivated our Brotherhood Board to plan upcoming events which can take place regardless of conditions.

**PURIM CARNIVAL for Religious School, Sunday, March 6th, 11 AM-1:30 PM.** Purim Carnival returns under the tent, along with the Brotherhood tradition of serving a hot dog lunch to all participants. Brotherhood members will cook and serve. This year, we will need extra volunteers to schlep the hot dogs from the kitchen to outside. It is always a fun time, great camaraderie, and a chance to serve our Temple's youth. Please consider volunteering when asked.

**DELI NITE, Saturday, March 12th, 6:30-9:30 PM.** Corned beef and pastrami lovers, rejoice! Deli Nite is back, under the tent, and Brotherhood is committed to holding the 2020 prices. This is the Brotherhood Signature Event with great food, a full bar, and live entertainment, as always.

The deli theme is universal to every American Jew, regardless of which Jewish deli you grew up nearby. We promise not

to disappoint unless you sign up too late. Bring your entire family. Sign up online.

**TRINITY CAFE, Saturday, April 16th, 8:30-11:30 AM.** Once again, Brotherhood members will serve breakfast with dignity to the underserved. Trinity Cafe has two locations in Hillsborough County: one on Busch Boulevard near USF; and one on Nebraska Avenue near Downtown. We have 10 slots to fill at each location. Anyone over 13 years old can help. Masks and closed-toe shoes required. It is no coincidence this mitzvah is planned for Passover weekend. Please consider volunteering when asked.

But wait, there's more in the works! Watch this space for exciting details. Meanwhile, make your reservations or sign up for the events above. Any questions, please email me at [mhschine@gmail.com](mailto:mhschine@gmail.com). ●

— *Michael Schine,*  
*Brotherhood President*



Calling all Brotherhood members: Extra volunteers are needed for this year's Purim Carnival. Contact Michael Schine for details.



## Sisterhood Cooking with Cantor

Wednesday, March 9, at 6 PM

Cantor Cannizzaro has graciously accepted Sisterhood's invitation to be a guest chef on Wednesday, March 9, at 6 PM on Zoom.

Cooking with Cantor will showcase Cantor's exquisite expertise in Middle Eastern fare while participants prepare the delicious selections in their home kitchens with the Cantor in real time.

One week before the event, Sisterhood will email registrants a detailed shopping list. Recipes will be sent out on Tuesday, March 8. This mouthwatering menu even includes a cocktail!

Register online at [www.zedek.org/RSVP](http://www.zedek.org/RSVP).

## Brotherhood Deli Nite

Saturday, March 12, from 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Corned beef and pastrami lovers, rejoice! Deli Nite is back, outdoors at Schaarai Zedek, rain or shine! Brotherhood's Signature Event is back with great food, a full bar, and live music and entertainment.

This year's featured deli is Houston's famous Kenny & Ziggy's. Business partners Ziggy Gruber and Kenny Friedman have over 100 years of combined family deli experience, with restaurants located in New York City and Hollywood. Ziggy may be a Le Cordon Bleu-trained chef, but delicatessen food is in his veins and remains his passion. Ziggy is profiled in the film *Deli Man* (you can watch the trailer on YouTube).

We know how much our annual Deli Nite means to many people in our congregation, and we did not want to postpone another year.

Space is limited. Brotherhood committed to keeping the 2020 prices. Bring your entire family. Tickets are \$59 each for temple members and \$79 each for non-temple members. Sponsorship levels are available starting at \$250. Please contact Steve Gersten with sponsorship questions at (813) 334-9745 or [steve@gerstengroup.com](mailto:steve@gerstengroup.com).

Register online at [www.zedek.org/RSVP](http://www.zedek.org/RSVP).







# Pesach: Festival Of Freedom

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is a major Jewish spring festival celebrating freedom and family as we remember the Exodus from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

## The Story of Passover

Passover, the Festival of Freedom, tells the story of the children of Israel and their escape from slavery in Egypt. This has been such an important part of our history that the Ten Commandments opens with the declaration:

*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Exodus 20:2)*

During the many years of our history, Jews have found hope and strength through the Festival of Freedom and the story of Passover. In ancient history, the pastoral tribes of Israel observed a shepherd festival called Hag HaPesah, which referred to the skipping of the lambs. This name gained new meaning when God passed over the houses of the Children of Israel as he smote the Egyptians (Exodus 12:27).

It was after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 that the celebration of the Passover Holiday became centered in the home. The home is the center of the Jewish way of life, and it reflects the special nature of the Passover week. It is the

time of “spring cleaning” and of different foods, dishes, and utensils.

A ceremony of removing *chametz*, or food that has been leavened, is a wonderful family activity. The search for leaven, *b’dikat chametz*, signifies that the home is now ready for Passover. At various places in the home, a parent hides pieces of bread. In the dark, children with flashlights search them out and gather them together for disposal. The disposal of *chametz* is accompanied by brief prayer:

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al biur chametz.

*Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and calls upon us to remove chametz.*

The Haggadah is the book that presents the home service, the Seder, which means the “order” of service. The purpose of the Haggadah is so that parents can fulfill their responsibility to tell their children about the miracle of being delivered from Egyptian bondage. The person who conducts the Seder should plan ahead of time. Each person should have a Haggadah and

participate in the reading and telling of the story of Passover.

## The Passover Symbols

The seder plate holds ritual foods used throughout the Passover Seder. Each item on a seder plate is a symbol of the Exodus story and helps participants at the seder retell the story each year. These items are:

- **Beitzah:** The roasted egg is symbolic of the festival sacrifice made in biblical times. It is also a symbol of spring, the season in which Passover is always celebrated.
- **Maror:** Bitter herbs (usually horseradish) symbolize the bitterness of Egyptian slavery. The maror is often dipped in charoset to reduce its sharpness. Maror is used in the seder because of the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb “with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.”
- **Chazeret:** Lettuce is often used in addition to the maror as a bitter herb. The authorities are divided on the requirement of chazeret, so not all





Roasted Egg  
Beitzah ביצה



Shankbone  
Zeroa זרוע



Bitter Herbs  
Maror מרור



Apple, nuts,  
spices & wine  
Charoset חרוסת



Lettuce  
Chazeret חזרת



Parsley  
Karpas כרפס

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communities use it. Since the commandment (in Numbers 9:11) to eat the paschal lamb “with unleavened bread and bitter herbs” uses the plural (“bitter herbs”) most seder plates have a place for chazeret.

- **Zeroa:** The shank bone is symbolic of the Paschal lamb offered as the Passover sacrifice in biblical times. Some communities use a chicken neck as a substitute. Vegetarian households may use beets.
- **Charoset:** This mixture (often apple, nuts, and spices ground together and mixed with wine) are symbolic of the mortar used by Hebrew slaves to build Egyptian structures. There are several variations in the recipe for charoset; the Mishnah describes a mixture of fruits, nuts, and vinegar.
- **Karpas:** Parsley is dipped into salt water during the seder. The salt water serves as a reminder of the tears shed during Egyptian slavery.
- **Matzah:** Perhaps the most important symbol on the seder table is a plate that has a stack of three pieces of matzah. Some say they represent the Kohen class (the Jewish priests in ancient times), the Levis (who supported the priests), and the Israelites (the rest of the Jews).
- **Wine (or grape juice):** Everyone at the seder has a (usually very small) cup or glass from which they drink

four cups of wine. Traditionally, the four cups represent the four biblical promises of redemption: “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you from their slavery, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments. And I will take you to me for a people . . .” Others say the four cups represent the four letters in the unspeakable Name of God.

- **Optional social justice additions:** Passover offers a variety of opportunities to infuse our holiday celebrations with social justice themes, including a number of modern additions to consider adding to your seder plate.

Tradition does not dictate the shape or size of the seder plate. Many families purchase one of the beautifully artistic seder plates made in Israel, but it may be round or square, plain or ornate.

## Passover Food Guide

The following foods are to be avoided during Passover: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, and foods derived from wheat, corn, barley, oats, dried peas, and dried beans.

Foods requiring no “*Kosher L’Pesach*” label include natural coffee, tea, sugar, salt, pepper, vegetables (except peas and beans, string beans being permitted.) Certainly, all foods bearing a label are permissible. ●

## Passover Songs

The Passover seder is a wonderful time for family, delicious food, and joyous banter. But also — and let’s get real second — for kids, the seder can also feel really long. Fortunately, built right into the seder are fun songs that really liven things up.

### Dayenu

Ilu hotzi hotzianu  
Hotzianu mimitzrayim (x2)  
Dayenu  
Dai, dayenu, dai dayenu,  
Dai dayenu, dayenu, dayenu (x2)  
Ilu natan natan lanu  
Natan lanu et hatorah  
Dayenu  
Dai, dayenu, dai dayenu,  
Dai dayenu, dayenu, dayenu (x2)

### Mah Nishtanah

Mah nishtanah halaylah hazeh mikol halaylot  
1) She-bechol halaylot ain anu matbilin afilu pa’am echad, halaylah hazeh shtei pe’amim?  
2) She-bechol halaylot anu ochlim chametz o matzah, halaylah hazeh kulo matzah?  
3) She-bechol halaylot anu ochlim she’ar yerakot, halaylah hazeh maror?  
4) She-bechol halaylot anu ochlim bain yoshvin u-vain mesubin, halaylah hazeh kulanu mesubin?



# Passover at Schaarai Zedek

Please visit [www.zedek.org/passover](http://www.zedek.org/passover) for more information and to register for all Passover events!

## Passover Experience for Parents

**Sunday, Apr 10, 9:30 AM**

While our Religious School students explore an experiential Passover morning, join us for a companion parent program focused on how to continue the conversations at home. Have you ever wondered how to make Passover fun and engaging? Join Lindsey Dewey as she guides you through the activities your children will experience and offers extension opportunities for your families to explore at home. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Family Passover Seder Brunch

**Saturday, Apr 16, 10:30 AM**

Join us for a family-friendly brunch that helps make Passover fun for kids. Our Seder brunch is sure to be engaging and meaningful for all generations present, while also recognizing the need for age-appropriate activities at the table. Our clergy will lead us through a fun Seder and offer families an opportunity to celebrate Passover together. Cost and menu coming soon. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Passover Second Night Seder

**Saturday, Apr 16, 5:30 PM**

Join our clergy and other Schaarai Zedek members for a traditional Passover Seder. Engage in the retelling of the Passover story and assess a few modern practices we can add to elevate our Seder table. Enjoy a traditional Seder meal with an optional wine package provided by CRU Cellars. This Seder will be geared toward adults. Cost and menu coming soon. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## 20s+30s Second Night Seder

**Saturday, Apr 16, 8 PM**

After two years, the traditional 20s+30s Second Night Seder is back! Join us for a multi-media seder, with a delicious catered meal, and good conversation. Cost and menu coming soon. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.

## Senior Luncheon

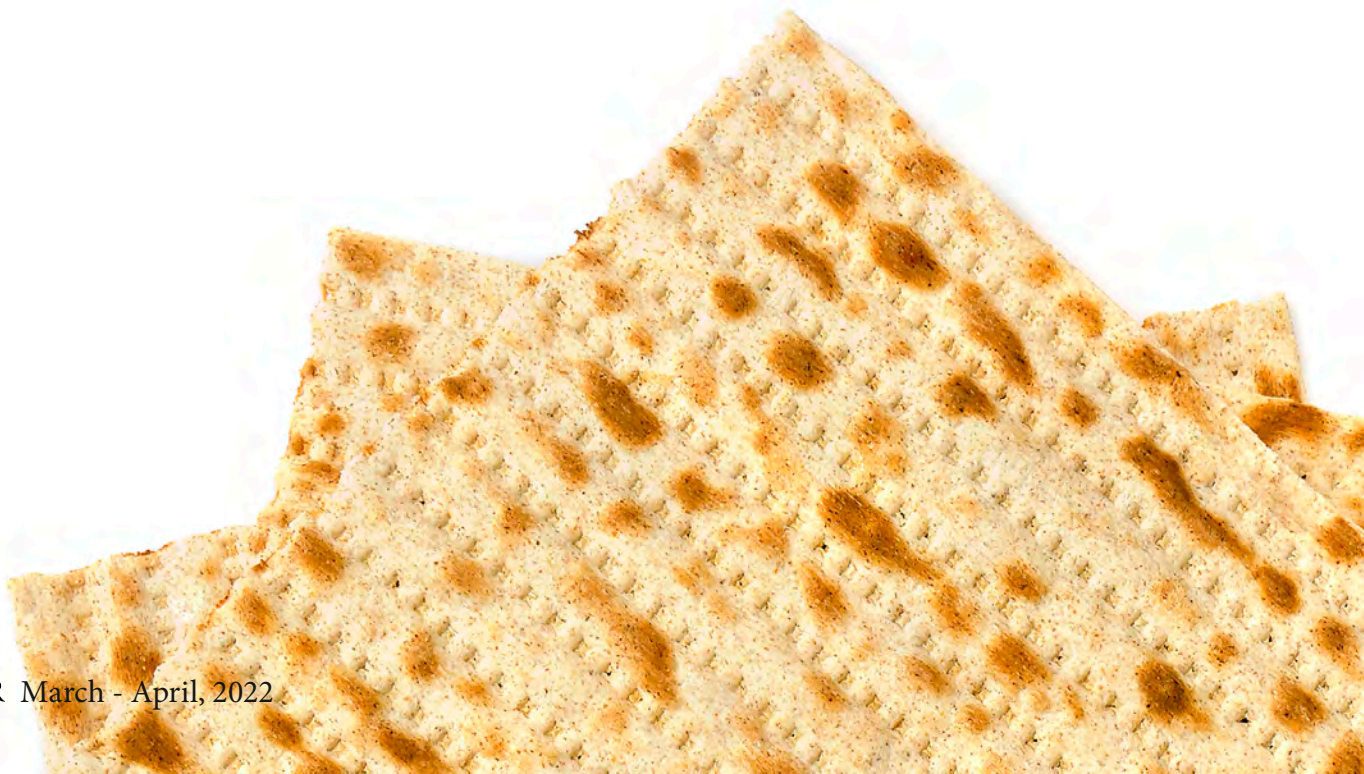
**Thursday, Apr 21, 11:30 AM**

Botanicals and Native Growth - Florida Florals and More! Taking a note from our Passover Haggadah, let's explore the growth and greenery of the native botanicals in our Tampa Bay Community. Experts will join us for a program focusing on native Florida florals and greens. Participants will have the opportunity to explore different indoor and outdoor plants and ask the expert how to best beautify your spaces for spring. Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office. Our Senior Luncheons are provided by the Esther N. & Leo M. Weiss Seniors Endowment Fund.

## Chaverim Kids Baking Championship (Grades 3-5)

**Sunday, Apr 24, 11:30 AM**

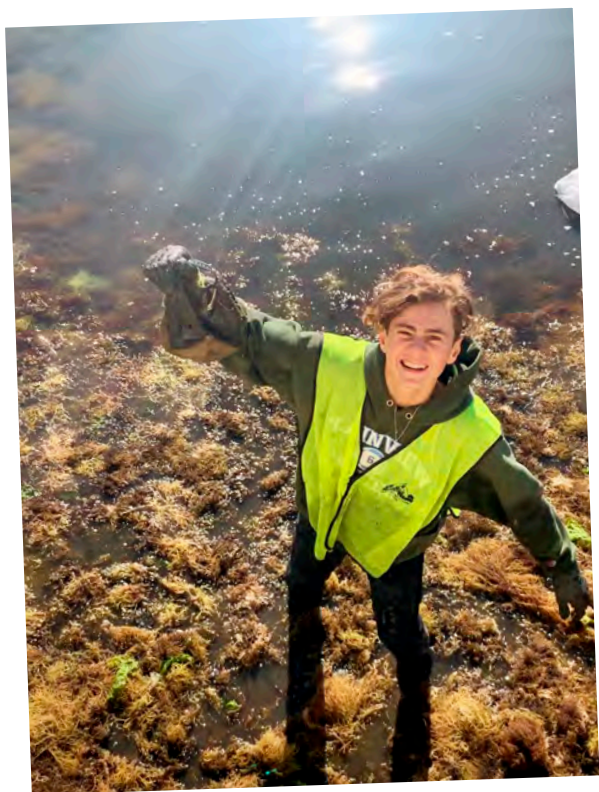
Who are the kings and queens of the kitchen? We'll make our own pizza and compete to make our own cake creations. After a matzah-filled Passover week, join us for an exploration of cooking science and leavened goodness! Please let us know you're coming by registering online or by calling the temple office.







In January, our SchZFTY teens enjoyed a day at Busch Gardens!



Thank you to Perla Hanna and her son Jake Finkelstein, who volunteered to clean up after Gasparilla! If you'd like to volunteer for the Great American Cleanup on March 26, please contact Donna Wood at (813)876-2377 ext. 201 or [dwood@zedek.org](mailto:dwood@zedek.org).



# Calendar Highlights

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**WEDNESDAY, MAR 2, 6:30 PM**

## SchZFTY Hangout Night

Join us for our monthly Hangout Night! Dinner will be served.

**THURSDAY, MAR 3, 5 PM**

## Connecting in the Courtyard

Families with young children are invited to celebrate with crafts while we prepare for our community retelling of the Purim story.

**SATURDAY, MAR 5, 10:30 AM**

## Bagel Minyan

Enjoy a casual outdoor Shabbat morning service at Schaarai Zedek. We'll provide bagels to nosh during service, and coloring books for little ones.

**SUNDAY, MAR 6, 11 AM**



## Purim Carnival

We invite everyone to join us for the return of our annual Purim Carnival!

**THURSDAY, MAR 10, 12 PM**

## ROMEos Lunch Bunch

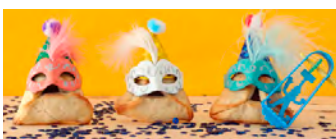
Join Rabbi Birnholz for lunch outside under the tent followed by an intriguing presentation and lively discussion inside.

**THURSDAY, MAR 17, 11:30 AM**

## Senior Luncheon

Celebrate the joy of Purim together as we learn about the history of the circus in Florida.

**THURSDAY, MAR 17, 6:30 PM**



## 20s+30s Purim Carnival

Join us as we transform our side yard into the Purim Carnival you remember, but better!

**SATURDAY, MAR 19, 10 AM**

## Rooted in Play Purim Pop-Up

Rooted in Play will set up their pop-up adventure playground exclusively for Schaarai Zedek families with children of all ages. Corona Park, 3702 W Corona St

**SATURDAY, MAR 19, 6 PM**



## Purim Masquerade

Join us for an adults-only magical night of extravagant costumes, charming performances, and delicious treats.

**THURSDAY, MAR 24 AND 31, 7 PM**



## Prayer Workshop

Join Rabbi Weiss in exploring why prayer can be meaningful for you and how you can develop your own unique connection to prayer.

**SUNDAY, MAR 27, 11:30 AM**

## Chaverim Bricks for Kids

Bricks for Kids will bring their brick systems for an afternoon of building, engineering, creativity, and communication. Lunch is included in the fee. \$15 per student

**FRIDAY, APR 1, 6 PM**

## Challah in the Hood

This multi-generational experience is a fun opportunity to connect with your local community while enjoying Shabbat dinner together.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 11:30 AM**



## Yeladim Makerspace

Students are invited to explore, innovate, and create with all kinds of open-ended art supplies.

**WEDNESDAY, APR 6, 11:30 AM**



## Lunch & Learn

The History and Art of the Haggadah. In this class, Cantor Cannizzaro will explore the history and creation of this beautiful book. We'll also take a look at many different artistic examples of the Haggadah created throughout the ages.

**WEDNESDAY, APR 6, 6:30 PM**

## SchZFTY Board Installations and Hangout Night

Join us for our monthly Hangout Night! Dinner will be served.

**FRIDAY, APR 8, 5:30 PM**



## Tot Shabbat on the Playground

Join us on the playground for an interactive Shabbat experience for families with young children. Enjoy a complimentary take-home Shabbat dinner.

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## Jr. SchZFTY Can You Escape?

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9 AM Religious School 6 10 AM Hamantaschen Sales 11 AM Purim Carnival 2 PM SchZFTY Elections	6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting 7 7 PM Nominating Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Adult Hebrew	11:30 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting 8	5 PM Sisterhood Cooking with Cantor 9	12 PM ROMEos 10	11:45 AM Executive Committee Meeting 11 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 12 6:30 PM Brotherhood Deli Night
13  Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16	11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 17 6:30 PM 20s+30s Purim Carnival  Purim	7 PM Shabbat Service 18	9 AM Torah Study 19 10 AM Rooted in Play Purim Pop-Up 10:30 AM Joely Selbst Bat Mitzvah 6 PM Purim Masquerade
20  First Day of Spring	7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 21	22	23	7 PM Prayer Workshop 24	7 PM Shabbat Service with Band 25	8 AM Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Cleanup 26 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Jessica Martello Bat Mitzvah 5:30 PM SchZFTY Program
9 AM Religious School 27 11:30 AM Chaverim 11:30 AM Sisterhood Event	12 PM Sisterhood Book Club 28	29	30	10:30 AM Madison Gelwix Bat Mitzvah 31 7 PM Prayer Workshop		

APRIL 2022						
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					6 PM Challah in the Hood 1 7 PM Shabbat Service  April Fool's Day	9 AM Torah Study 2 10:30 AM Jacob Finkelstein Bar Mitzvah 2 PM Frozen at Straz
9 AM Religious School 3 11:30 AM Yeladim	11:30 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting 4	5	11:30 AM Lunch & Learn with Cantor Cannizzaro 6 6:30 PM SchZFTY Board Installations and Hangout Night	6 PM B'nai Mitzvah Program 7	11:45 AM Executive Committee Meeting 8 6 PM Tot Shabbat 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 9 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan 5:30 PM SchZFTY Monthly Program
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# Lifecycle Events

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Alyssa Black-Diamond

Parents: Jeffrey Diamond & Hillary Black  
March 5, 2022

### Arielle Black-Diamond

Parents: Jeffrey Diamond & Hillary Black  
March 5, 2022

### Joely Selbst

Parents: Jeremy & Megan Selbst  
March 19, 2022

### Jessica Martello

Parent: Jodi Cohen Perry  
March 26, 2022

### Madison Gelwix

Parents: Joey & Melissa Gelwix  
March 31, 2022

### Jacob Finkelstein

Parents: Michael Finkelstein & Perla Hanna  
April 2, 2022

### Benjamin Mallin

Parents: Jonathan & Karen Mallin  
April 9, 2022

### Samantha Iglesias

Parents: Stephen Iglesias & Lisa Gamell  
April 23, 2022

### Gabriella Noyes

Parents: Bill & Laurie Noyes  
April 30, 2022

### Cooper Teitelbaum

Parents: Rich & Jill Teitelbaum  
April 30, 2022

## Welcome New Members

### Stephen Iglesias

### Zachary & Amy Kamish

### Megan Kogan

### Avi & Adi Moussa

### Jeremy Parker

### Sam Stein & Laura Abelman

### Nicholas & Michelle Troyer

## Mazel Tov to Our Members Who Have Experienced Joy!

**Mark J. Wolfson, Esq.** on being honored with The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service award.

# Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



### March 2022

- March 4: Storybook Character All School Shabbat
- March 11: Purim Parade & Play (2 Shabbat Shows)
- March 14-18: Spring Break/Non-Student Days (for part-time & school day students)

### April 2022

- April 15: Passover Early Closing
- April 18: Passover Play (2 shows)
- April 25: Grandparent Day

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ  
*Torah Circle*  
ANNUAL GIVING

## Torah Circle Annual Giving

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.

If you would like to discuss making a contribution, please contact Marc LeVine at [mlevine@zedek.org](mailto:mlevine@zedek.org) or (813) 876-2377 ext. 206.



# Donations

*It is a common Jewish tradition to make a charitable donation both in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness, and your support of our congregation. Schaarai Zedek is strengthened by your support, and your gift makes a difference – each and every day. The following gifts were received from January 1 - January 31, 2022.*

## AMY GAIL BUCHMAN PRESCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

**Salomon Pila & Moses Reiber Families**  
in memory of Salomon Pila and  
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## AMY GAIL BUCHMAN PRESCHOOL FUND

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**Patrick & Erin Corcoran**  
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**Walter Woolf & Linda Fries Woolf**  
in honor of the wedding of our  
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**Walter Woolf & Linda Fries Woolf**  
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**Howard & Anita Adlin**  
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## SISTERHOOD SOCIAL ACTION FUND

**Sandy & Andrea Dolgin**  
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**Michael & Lauren Cooper**  
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in memory of Dov Sussman

## WEISS SENIOR PILLAR FUND

**Elaine Stupp**  
in memory of Lynne Felman

*Schaarai Zedek offers a variety of  
donation opportunities so all members can  
participate in the mitzvah of tzedakah at  
whatever level is comfortable.*

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## Creativity and Judaism *continued from front page*

On March 9th, our Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood is sponsoring another installment of **Cooking with Cantor**. I am so honored to have become a series! This time, I will be exploring the foods and recipes of Purim that are NOT Hamantaschen. You will be able to gather ingredients and then cook along with me from your kitchen. It will be a fun and joyous celebration of food and drink.

Then on April 6th, I will be leading a class entitled, **The History and Art of the Haggadah**. We will explore the history of the Haggadah (our prayerbook for the Passover Seder), taking a look at the many beautiful examples of Haggadot created throughout the ages. It will be a great class for both history and art lovers.

Don't be afraid to explore the creative part of yourself. It's a way of moving

beyond all we think we know and finding that place of all possibilities. Our morning liturgy describes God as *m'chadesh b'chol yom tamid ma'aseh b'resheit* – the one who “renews daily the work of creation.” We are God's partners in the ongoing work of creation. We need to be creative, and God needs our creativity. ●