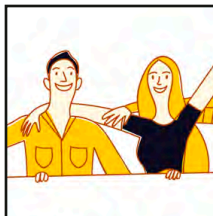




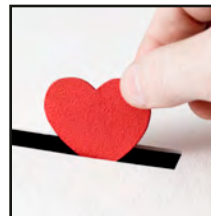
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We are not lucky

This original essay by Tampa Preparatory School rising senior Lauren Alexander was shared at our joint Interfaith Event with First Presbyterian Church, Horizon Church, and Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church on April 21.

Lauren Alexander

Content Warning: Antisemitism

On January 26, 2022, four swastikas were drawn in a locker room at my school. That evening, the entire student body received an email informing us that there would be an urgent assembly first thing the following morning. Most of us had no clue why this assembly was happening, and we certainly were not excited by the prospect of being forced to gather together as we were still rubbing the sleep out of our eyes. However, we would soon learn that the reason we sat crammed into those gym bleachers was because someone in our midst had decided to etch an infamous symbol of hate into our walls.



One of the first things that came to mind in my attempt to process what had happened was that this was the first time I had felt directly targeted because of my Judaism. I thought back to all the Sunday School classes where we had been asked to share our experiences with antisemitism. I remembered watching so many of my classmates raise their hands to share their stories. Stories about cruel nicknames and crude jokes.

Stories about the fear that came with

wearing Stars of David around their necks or kippot atop their heads. Stories about their own friends and family members who had been targeted by violent hate crimes. I realized that I consistently remained one of the only ones without a story. I knew in some twisted way that made me lucky. But God did I wish that wasn't true.

Many months after the antisemitic attack at my school, there is a part of me that still believes that I am lucky. I am

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Community Outreach

Be a Friendly Visitor

Help provide critically needed community connections to Holocaust survivors. Volunteers devote several hours a month spending time with a Holocaust

survivor. Survivors receive the compassionate attention they deserve, and volunteers deepen their own awareness. Contact holocaust@gcjfcs.org or call (727) 450-7273 to learn more.

Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service

We are happy to announce that once a month, a member of our clergy will lead a Shabbat Service at Allegro Hyde Park. Please check our

calendar for specific dates and times.

Gift of Life Marrow Registry

Through our relationship with the Gift of Life Marrow

Community Outreach *continued*

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.

Want to participate?

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



Scott Shimberg,
President

Welcome

Our congregation is blessed in so many ways. Schaarai Zedek's ever-growing membership contributes with their time, their treasures, and their participation in our dynamic programming and activities throughout our Jewish year. We are blessed with a superhero staff that constantly amazes us with

their creativity and ability to leap over multiple programs in a bound! And we are blessed with a clergy team that brings us our Judaism with the individuality and a personal touch that reaches each of us in our own unique way and offers us a profound understanding as we move through our daily lives and life cycle events as a family and as a congregation.

As a congregation, we learned to adapt to a world that introduced deadly viruses that we could not see; yet we saw our Schaarai Zedek doors opened in virtual ways that we had never before imagined. We enjoyed our services from our living rooms, sang in the choir with the help of headphones and an iPad, conducted all sorts of meetings, from Zooming every type of committee, leadership, staff, and clergy get-together, and even lived through our life cycle events through

a computer screen. We achieved record levels of Torah Circle gifts, welcomed record new membership, counted record waiting list applicants for our Preschool, and took our Religious School outdoors. And we continued to monitor the situation with the expertise of our COVID committee who provided guidance as we determined when it was best for our community to physically reconvene, defining mask policies, social distancing, and all types of phraseology that was foreign to all of us some short time ago.

We are a congregation that has so much to be proud of. Since our founding in 1894, Schaarai Zedek has always counted on the energy and enthusiasm of our people as we have grown and developed into the wonderful institution that we are some 127 years later.

As the synagogue approaches its 128th year, I've realized that the role of the President is really quite like that runner in the relay, running around the track and trying to keep the pace, with things running smoothly, maybe gain a little momentum. The same way it's been done over the past 127 years. Don't slow down, but don't quicken the pace too much! Just keep a steady stride so that next year the baton will smoothly pass as we continue to enjoy each other as our congregation and our Jewish family. ●

Connect with us

Live Streaming

Services are streamed at 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. Follow us to like, comment, and share!

YouTube

Watch past services, sermons, and more on our YouTube channel at 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 to let us know.

SHOFAR



A bimonthly newsletter by
Congregation Schaarai Zedek

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



You don't need to read music or Hebrew to sing with us! Just come with a desire to make new friends and sing.

Join the choir!

Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro

People love to sing. Whether or not they can carry a tune, people seem to understand that there's something positive — something healthy — in the act of raising their voices in song. Over the past two years, singing has had a rather bad name. Anything that could spread COVID was taboo and singing was a fabulous way to spread an airborne virus.

But, time goes on and singing is back in vogue. As a singer, that's excellent news and I now feel comfortable saying, "Come join the choir!" COVID aside, there is solid scientific evidence to prove that singing is, in fact, good for your body and your mind.

Singing relieves stress. A 2017 study measured the amount of cortisol, the

stress hormone, in a participant's saliva before and after they sang. Researchers in that study found that the amount of cortisol was lower after singing, an indication that people felt more relaxed. I have watched the tension melt away in my singers as we rehearse, and I know how much happier and revitalized I feel myself.

Singing can also improve mental health. Studies have shown that choral singing enhances brain function, strengthens feelings of togetherness, releases oxytocin, and helps with building self-esteem. And making new friends is always healthy. I know that you can make "friends" online; but joining a choir is an old-school way to meet nice, like-minded people interested in having a good time together.

It's amazing to me how many people are told early in school that they can't

sing. What a myth! If you've always wanted to sing in a group but just can't imagine it, let me tell you that the experience can be life-changing. The act of raising your voice with others, joining together to make a sound that cannot be made alone, is one that is indescribable. It also gives you permission to express your Judaism in your own unique way.

Our Koleinu Choir will be starting High Holiday rehearsals in August and this is an open invitation to join us! Rehearsals are weekly beginning at 7 p.m. You don't need to read music or Hebrew to sing with us! Just come with a desire to make new friends and sing. If you're interested, just email me at dcannizzaro@zedek.org and I'll send you the schedule. We would love to add your voice to our High Holiday worship this year! ●

The importance of Jewish summer camp

Children returning from Jewish summer camp have a deepened connection to Jewish life and culture and have developed new friendships that will last a lifetime

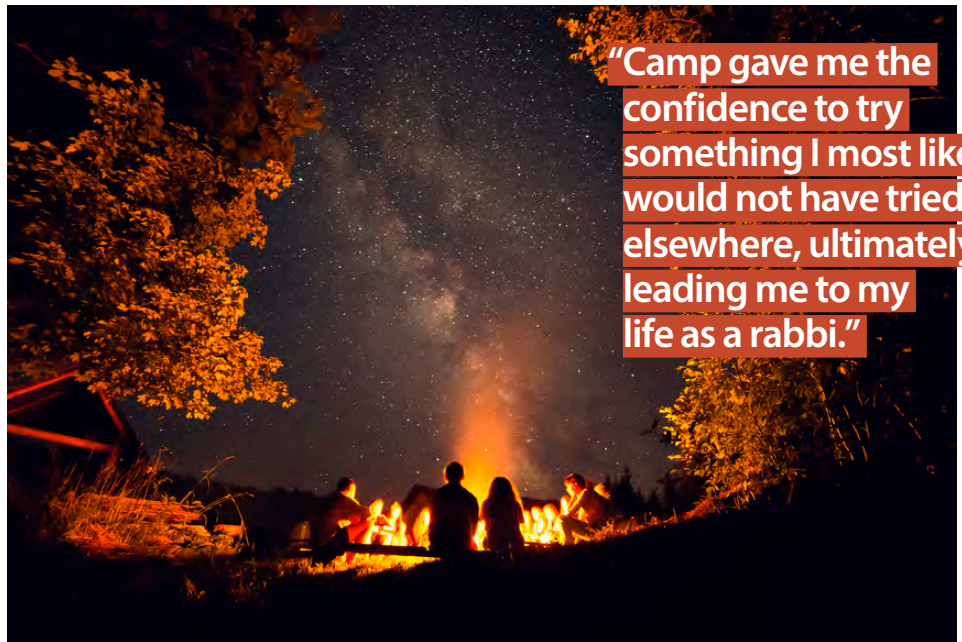
Rabbi Joel Simon

I can't say that I remember every detail from the summer of 1989. It was my first summer at sleepaway summer camp, and I'm sure that I changed my clothes less often than my parents would have liked. I'm sure that I wrote home less than my parents would have liked as well, although that was also the summer that I realized that the post office didn't care who a letter was addressed to. I sent letters home to the King and Queen of England, Ryne Sandberg (my favorite baseball player at the time), and anyone else I could think of at the moment.

What I remember more clearly than I could ever describe, however, is the moment when our camp song leader invited me to join the song leader team for the Friday night Shabbat song session - the highlight of a week at camp. I had only started playing guitar a few months earlier, but he had taught me how to play the song *Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah* during the week that had passed. I was nervous, but I also felt supported, and as an eight-year-old who had wanted to be the guitar-playing cantorial soloist at my synagogue for as long as I could remember, this was truly a dream come true. I played my song and then went back with the rest of my cabin for the rest of the song session.

The evening was made even greater at the end of the song session when Richie Judd, a longtime camp community member who had inherited the tradition of bringing water to all of the song leaders at the end of the song session, found me to make sure he gave me a cup of water too. It seems like a small gesture, but nothing could have made me feel more special than that moment.

I would spend three summers at Shwayder Camp in Idaho Springs, Colorado, as a camper, eventually spending nine summers working there and then two different Jewish overnight summer camps.



"Camp gave me the confidence to try something I most likely would not have tried elsewhere, ultimately leading me to my life as a rabbi."

I enjoyed camp even more as staff than I ever did as a camper, and part of the reason was that I made it my mission to make sure that as many kids as possible could have those moments in which they felt like the most special kid in the world. (I think that's why I love officiating bar and bat mitzvah services so much as well).

This summer, I get to take my children for their first immersive camp experience, as I'll be serving on faculty at Camp Coleman for a week at the end of July. I go to camp to see Schaarai Zedek kids, both those who are campers and those who are working on staff, and to help the greater camp community, as I'll be writing and overseeing programming for one of the units. Spending time at camp also gives me energy heading into the New Year, remembering that place where I connected to and fell in love with my Judaism so many years ago.

The motto at Shwayder Camp was, "A Summer to Build Your Life On," and while they've changed it since because too many people complained about the grammar, the message couldn't have been more true. What I didn't realize as I was

sending letters to my parents, creating fictional residents of my childhood home, I was actually beginning to create myself. Camp gave me the confidence to try something I most likely would not have tried elsewhere, ultimately leading me to my life as a rabbi. While not all Jewish summer campers become Jewish professionals, they are more likely to make Judaism a part of their lives as adults, and I'm so proud that Schaarai Zedek has so many of our young people who have attended and will be attending Camp Coleman, Six Points, and so many other Jewishly connected camps.

Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav would sit under a tree singing *niggunim*, melodies without words, allowing his heart and soul to offer the prayers his brain would never understand. I pray that our young people's time "in the wilderness" will give them the opportunity to find themselves in ways they, too, never could have imagined, and I can't wait to hear their stories and welcome their new passion back into our community soon.

Wishing you all a summer of discovery, growth, and learning. ●



Please join Sisterhood and Brotherhood for a Meet & Greet on the first day of Religious School on Sunday, August 28, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Brotherhood

Marc Holtzberg, Brotherhood President

As the next incoming Brotherhood President, I wanted to truly introduce myself to everyone. My name is Marc Holtzberg and I have been a member of Schaarai Zedek for approximately 20 years.

I grew up in Ringwood, NJ, and went to College in Springfield, MA. I moved to St. Petersburg, FL in 1994. I married my wonderful wife Luiza in 1997 and moved to Westchase. Our son was born in 1998, and we had our daughter in 2001. Both children attended the famous Flom Religious School and were both Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmed. When our children went to Westchase Elementary, I got involved in the Westchase Dad's Club, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) at all levels, and continue today as a Skippers Mate in Sea Scout Ship 185 and Council Commodore for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council (GTBAC). I also sit on the Jewish Committee for Scouting for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council. I am also an

avid sailor and racer. If you would like to know or have questions about sailing, sailboat racing, or the Scouting program, please reach out to me and I can answer your questions.

I have been involved with Brotherhood since 2016 when I went to a Meet & Greet event and met other Brotherhood members. Pretty soon the Brotherhood Board realized my talents for being able to put events together and I have been the Brotherhood Secretary since 2017, and Vice-President this last term.

So here we are, coming out of the COVID-19 era that has affected us all, whether you got COVID or not, family members, and friends. I think at this time we can put this event behind us and celebrate. What do Jewish people do when we celebrate? We get together and have food (nosh), drink, and enjoy each other, meet new people, tell our life stories, and experience new things. We see it whenever we all get together. Brotherhood is here to help you celebrate life events, and my wish is to have events that appeal to all of us. If you have been to a Brotherhood event

in the past and you have ideas for future events, please reach out to me and we can put the ideas to work.

Speaking of events, please join Sisterhood and Brotherhood for a Meet & Greet on the first day of Religious School on Sunday, August 28, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Stop by our table and say "hello," nosh on bagels and coffee, and learn about upcoming Brotherhood Events.

In September we will have our famous Brotherhood Kickoff Event (date and location TBD). So please watch out for the announcement of this event and all future events.

If you would like more information about our events, please contact me at marc.holtzberg@catalent.com.

The current Brotherhood Board is:

- Marc Holtzberg, President
- Drew Kronick, Special Programs Coordinator
- Ben Gersten, Treasurer
- Alex Bourne, Secretary
- Michael Schine, Immediate Past President

Thank you and Shalom. ●



Incoming Sisterhood
Co-Presidents:
Andi Parker and Beth Levin

Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Andi Parker
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

We are excited to be your new Sisterhood Presidents, although neither of us is “new” to this role. While we have spent much of our lives in other communities, we both feel that Congregation Schaarai Zedek is home, and seek to continue to foster an inclusive, welcoming, engaging, and caring Sisterhood. **We love our sisters!** We would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves, and hope that when you see us, you’ll feel comfortable saying “hello.” In the interim, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at any time!

Hi, I’m Beth! I have previously served as a Board Member and Sisterhood President at my prior synagogue in New Jersey before moving to Tampa almost six years ago. I am currently the Director of Philanthropy at TOP Jewish Foundation, our Jewish community foundation that is helping to ensure our Jewish organizations thrive now and in the future. I am also a blogger and motivational speaker

on the topic of resilience. I love concerts, festivals, roller coasters, reading historical fiction, the beach, traveling, and am a self-professed foodie. I am passionate about social action and advocacy and am the proud mom to three adult children, Juliet, Ari, and Summer.

Hi, I’m Andi! I am excited to serve another year, after previously serving as Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood President from 2018 to 2020. I was born and raised at Schaarai Zedek! I previously served as a Board Member and Sisterhood President in my prior Synagogue in Wellington, Florida, before returning home seven years ago. I am a retired educator who taught elementary school and parenting classes for 30+ years. I love swimming, traveling, photography, baking, and Mah Jongg, and I am passionate about helping others! I have been married to Ron for 36 years and have two wonderful adult children, Lee and Charlie!

We can’t wait to get to know you all better and hope to see you at many of our upcoming events. While our calendar is still in formation, we have already

scheduled over 25 activities for the upcoming year, including book club, Mah Jongg, and other social, educational, and religious programming events. We are happy to announce the Star Event will be returning to the community in November after a two-year hiatus.

Joining Sisterhood is easy, and frankly a great deal. Nearly all our programs are free for those who join at the base Rachel membership level of \$54. Membership at the Leah (\$108) or Sarah (\$180) levels provides additional benefits, including special recognition opportunities, exclusive events and experiences, and allows all members to participate in the beauty of sisterhood.

Please mark your calendars for these opening events, and look for our weekly emails for more information:

- Sunday, Aug. 28: Meet & Greet
- Sunday, Sept. 18: Round Robin Breakfast
- Monday, Sept. 19: Book Club
- Tuesday, Sept. 20: Toast to the New Year

Here’s to Sisterhood! ●

Lifecycle Events

B'nei Mitzvah

Charles Morgan

Parents: Larry & Courtney Morgan
August 6, 2022

Jaden Turek

Parents: Ben & Jackie Turek
August 13, 2022

Samantha Zaifert

Parents: Jonathan Zaifert & Jackie Mayer
August 20, 2022

Eric Bazaria

Parents: Vadim Bazaria & Marina Unrod
August 27, 2022



Samantha Zaifert

Welcome New Members

Steven & Karen Altschuld

Deborah Baron

Cory & Alexa Brandfon

John & Jill Chalsty

Linda Chekanow

Jeffrey & Shiva Douse

Bryan & Hunter Kornblau

Stuart Leopold

Blaire Mershon

Andrew Newman & Ariel Peters

Jason & Jennifer Salemi

Arley & Victoria Smude

David & Amy Tebbi

Ben Tepfer & Natalie Rusnak

David Tornek

Thomas Waters & Ruth Baffa-Waters

Bethany Worth



President Scott Shimberg awarded Karen Greene the annual Schaarai Zedek President's Cup on June 6, 2022

Mazel Tov to Our Members:

Tampa Bay Business Journals 2022 Top Corporate Counsel Honorees: **Elizabeth Cavaliere** – VP/Deputy General Counsel at Kforce Inc., and **Erica Mallon** – Senior Corporate Counsel at American Oncology Network LLC.

Tampa Bay Lightning honored **Carlo Franzblau** as the Lightning Community Hero during the first period of the hockey game against the Montreal Canadiens.

Karen Greene was awarded the President's Cup at Schaarai Zedek's Annual Meeting on Friday, June 3, 2022.

Vicki Sokolik was the recipient of The Junior League of Tampa's inaugural 1926 Legacy Award.

Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



July 2022

- July 4: School Closed

August 2022

- August 3-4: Non-Student Days
- August 5: School Closed
- August 8-10: Non-Student Days
- August 11: First Day of School for 2 and 5-Day Students / Boo Hoo Breakfast
- August 12: First Day of School for 3-Day Students / Boo Hoo Breakfast

Family & Youth Programming

Welcome to a new programming year!

Lindsey Dewey,
Director of Engagement & Outreach

Many people question what happens during the summer months when much of your event focus centers around youth and families. When school is out, things must slow down—right? Well, I would love to confirm

that suspicion—but the reality is that summer is an exciting and busy time filled with planning, calendaring, and dreaming big about exciting opportunities for the program year to come. As we look to our 2022-2023 program year, I am even more excited to spend time imagining new and different programming for parents with elementary and middle school children, empty-nesters, and beyond.

We are looking to offer both educational and social



opportunities for members of our community to continue building relationships and find points of connection in our Schaarai Zedek community

As we welcome Naomi Litwak as our new Youth and Programming Assistant in mid-August, we couldn't be more excited about what this means for broadening the program offerings for our entire congregation. Let us know what you would like to see happening and we will do our very best to make it happen! ●



Heather Baker,
Religious School Assistant

Heather Baker joined our staff as Religious School Assistant. She brings with her a unique background in administrative work, organizational skills, and the ability to adapt to any situation. Heather has had the privilege of being a military spouse and now a veteran's spouse.

While her husband was active duty, Heather was able to run a private organization for military spouses. Heather enjoys working with families and is always up for new adventures. Heather

and her family are Schaarai Zedek members. She has three children enrolled in our Religious School and is very familiar with how the Flom Religious School works.

Heather and her family enjoy traveling and looking for fun new places to experience. Heather has a passion for supporting others while uplifting them through their journey and is excited to be a part of your child's Religious School experience.



Khan Whiteside,
Clergy Executive Assistant

Khan Whiteside joined our staff as Clergy Executive Assistant after working numerous years in the legal field. Khan is a Tampa native, a proud USF alumnus, and an avid USF football fan. When her son, Evan, and husband, Daniel, are not playing/coaching a baseball game, she loves to go to the beach, kayak, and fish.

Religious School




Want to teach?

Calling all rising 10th, 11th, and 12th graders! Do you want to earn some money or service hours*? Be a role model? Make new friends? Eat bagels on Sunday mornings? If you said "yes" or even "maybe" to any of these questions, please contact us to learn more about becoming a Teacher Assistant at the Flom Religious School.

*Not all schools will approve service hours for work at the Religious School


Contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377 ext. 210



Religious School Registration Now Open

Religious School meets Sundays from 9-11:30 AM Pre-K through 9th Grade

Call (813) 876-2377 for more info!



Visit www.zedek.org/ReligiousSchool

Julia M. & Samuel L. Flom Religious School

Religious School Open House is August 21 and our first day is August 28!
Make sure you register before Open House to receive your class assignments!



SAVE THE DATE

MITZVAH DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Do you have a suggestion for an organization that might like to participate?

Contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377 ext. 210

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ

Torah Circle

A N N U A L G I V I N G

This past 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;** went 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.

2021-2022 Torah Circle Donors

We express our gratitude to our congregants. Thank you for your commitment to our Temple through your Torah Circle Pledge.

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For more information about our different funds and various ways to give, please visit:

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Calendar Highlights

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FRIDAY, JULY 1, 6 PM



Independence Day Sha'BBQ Dinner

Get your holiday weekend off to a fun start with Schaarai Zedek! Join us for a complimentary Shabbat BBQ dinner, followed by a casual Shabbat service.

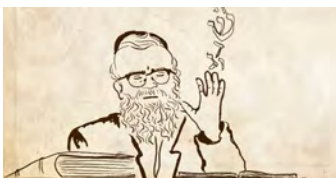
TUESDAYS IN JULY, 7 PM



Sisterhood Mah Jongg

Play Mah Jongg with Sisterhood at Schaarai Zedek! All players and levels are welcome, including beginners. Bring your Mah Jongg group or come and make new friends.

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY, 12 PM



Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Weiss and take a look at the world of Mussar, a centuries-old Jewish approach to finding moral principles and building personal virtues. These sessions will be via Zoom only.

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 12 PM



ROMEos

Join Rabbi Birnholz at Schaarai Zedek for lunch followed by an intriguing presentation and lively discussion. No charge.

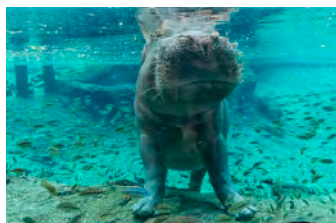
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 10:30 AM



Bagel Minyan

Enjoy a casual Shabbat morning service at Schaarai Zedek. We will provide bagels and you are welcome to eat during the service.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 9 AM



Summer Fun Day (Grades 7-12)

Join us for a day at Busch Gardens! If you don't yet have a pass, you are welcome to purchase one for the day. Please bring money for lunch and snacks in the park.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 5 PM



Movie Night – Encanto

Join us at Schaarai Zedek for a complimentary dinner followed by a movie and discussion. Rabbi Weiss will briefly discuss the Jewish approach to open communication in families.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 11:30 AM



Senior Luncheon

Young singers from the Straz Center Patel Conservatory join us for a special performance.

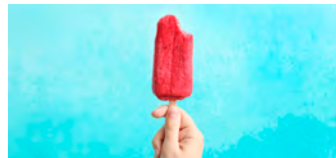
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 7 PM



Adult Crafting Night

Let's talk about beautifying the Mitzvah as we paint custom ceramic Kiddush cups for family and holiday celebrations. You don't have to be an art expert; all skill levels are welcome. We will teach plenty of techniques to help you find success! No charge.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 6:30 PM



Popsicles in the Park

Join us by the fountain in Hyde Park for a Havdalah meet-up and enjoy a popsicle on us from Hyppo. We can't wait to see you!

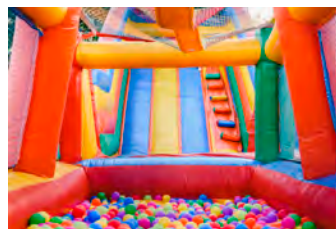
SATURDAY, JULY 30, 9 AM



Tot Shabbat on the Playground

Join us on the playground for an interactive Shabbat experience for families with young children.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 5:30 PM



Back to School Bash

Let's celebrate back to school and back to shul! Families with children 7 and under, meet us at Playgrounds of Tampa for dinner and LOTS of bouncing.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 6 PM



Senior Luncheon

Please join us to watch "Mao's Last Dancer," one of the 21st century's best films, inspired by true events.

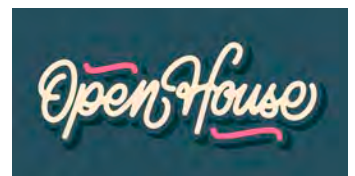
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 5 PM



Yogurt Around Town

Come enjoy some fro-yo on us! Invite your friends and neighbors to the Citrus Park Yogurtology (7889 Gunn Highway) who would like to learn more about Schaarai Zedek.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 6 PM



Open House

Come enjoy a complimentary Shabbat dinner and experience our welcoming and open community. Meet our clergy and learn all about Schaarai Zedek prior to Shabbat Services.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 9 AM



Sisterhood and Brotherhood Meet & Greet

Stop by our table and say "hello," nosh on bagels and coffee, and learn about upcoming Sisterhood and Brotherhood Events.

JULY 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					6 PM Independence Day 1 Sha'BBQ 7 PM Casual Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 2
3	4 Independence Day	7 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg 5	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn 6	12 PM ROMEos 7	4 PM Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 8 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 9 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan
10	11	7 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg 12	9 AM Summer Fun Day 13 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn	14	7 PM Shabbat Service 15	9 AM Torah Study 16 5 PM Movie Night
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24	25	7 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg 26	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn 27	5 PM Movie Night 28	7 PM Shabbat Service 29	9 AM Torah Study 30 10 AM Tot Shabbat on the Playground
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AUGUST 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	12 PM ROMEos 4	7 PM Shabbat Service 5	9 AM Torah Study 6 10:30 AM Charles Morgan Bar Mitzvah
7	6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting 8	9	10	7 PM Adult Ed 11	4 PM Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 12 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 13 10 AM Museum Bagel Minyan 4:30 PM Jaden Turek Bar Mitzvah
14 4:30 PM Back to School Bash	15	11:30 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting 16	17	11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 18 6 PM Movie Night	7 PM Shabbat Service 19	9 AM Torah Study 20 10 AM Samantha Zaifert Bat Mitzvah
21 11:30 AM Religious School Open House	22	23	24	5 PM Yogurt/Ice Cream Around Town 25	5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 26 6 PM Open House Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 27 10:30 AM Eric Bazarria Bar Mitzvah
28 9 AM Religious School 9 AM Sisterhood & Brotherhood Meet & Greet	29	30	31			



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lucky because I was not hurt physically by the attack, and neither were any of my Jewish friends or teachers at school that day. I am lucky because my school decided to speak up about what happened, rather than staying silent and allowing the bigotry of one individual to spread further into our community. I can look back on that initial assembly and remember how my Head of School was the angriest I've ever seen him. I can remember how his voice shook as he told the perpetrator that they should feel deeply, deeply ashamed of what they had done. I can remember how he managed to convey with every fiber in his being that our school held no place for hate.

Objectively, I lost nothing on the day of the attack. I was able to exit the building exactly as I had entered it that morning, a reality that does not exist for so many victims of antisemitism. There is only one thing that I left with that I did not have before: definitive proof of how hard my school will fight to keep me safe. And so there is a part of me that still believes I cannot be anything but lucky.

But there is another, perhaps a bigger, part of me that is fighting hard against the notion that I am lucky. This is the part of me that wants to be sad and confused and scared and angry and everything in between. This is the part of me that cannot

comprehend the desire to destroy that which is different. This is the part of me that wants to scream at the sky, asking on behalf of every single person who has ever been hated for what makes them human: "When will enough be enough?"

Unfortunately, my brief experience with antisemitism is by no means a unique one. There is no denying that antisemitism, and particularly antisemitic violence, is on the rise in today's world. But, I believe that we must not allow the expression of antisemitism to become normalized simply because it is an increasingly common occurrence. As Jews, we must not lose touch with the part of ourselves that feels fear and anger in the face of hate. We cannot hope to heal if we only continue to count all the ways in which we are lucky. After all, we live in a world where it is dangerous for us simply to be who we are. How could we possibly call that lucky? ●

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