



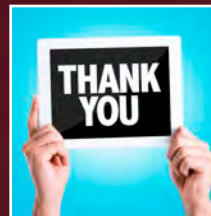
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Schaarai Zedek News
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L'Shanah Tovah

Wishing you a New Year filled with health and happiness!

HIGH HOLY DAYS 2022/5783

Rosh Hashanah | September 25-26, 2022

Yom Kippur | October 4-5, 2022

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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.

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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.

Welcome



Scott Shimberg,
President

As we begin the season of the High Holy Days, I often think back to the expression, "the more things change, the more they remain the same." Life has a way of making changes in our world, from changes in our own lives, as well as changes in the surroundings around us. However, the calendar still finds us

in the familiar, the season of the High Holy Days, the same rituals and blessings, the same chantings, and the same biblical stories that bring that sense of familiarity, that sense of belonging, and that sense of congregation that our home at Schaarai Zedek brings to us. As President of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, I am so proud of all that we offer as a synagogue to our congregational family as we bring in this New Year of 5783.

When you glance at our website, www.zedek.org, you can see the countless activities and programs our amazing staff continues to produce each and every month. Discover the programming that meets your interests and curiosity. You will be glad you did! Take this New Year to find an area of interest in our synagogue that feeds your soul. Join the wide array of activities within our Sisterhood or Brotherhood; participate in Lunch & Learn programs; visit us for Movie Night and enjoy the discussions afterwards; enjoy Torah Study with us; or gather at a Senior Luncheon; join us for good food and conversation at our ROMEOs and Jew-liets; join the

Choir; or volunteer in our Religious School, the list goes on and on.

At Congregation Schaarai Zedek, we have always remembered the mitzvah of giving back, and we continue this tradition through the leadership of our seven Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle Challenge Donors: **Bruce & Eileen Goldenberg, Todd & Debbie Rosenthal, Marc & Marcy Kaufman, Mark & Myra Wolfson, Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood, and two Anonymous donors.** This represents the largest amount and greatest number of leadership donations ever!

With our congregation's emphasis on Torah Circle contributions, we renew our annual commitment towards excellence in programming and participation within our Temple's family. This generous support remains our lifeblood as an ongoing continuity of our synagogue's legacy and its commitment towards our future.

I am occasionally struck by the wisdom of Anne Frank who said, "Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First, we make our choices. Then our choices make us." What sort of life and world do we create by the choices we make every minute and every hour of every day? As we greet these High Holy Days, may we make choices to support our collective responsibility for *Tikkun Olam*. We have all heard the adage that we should pay kindness forward, but I believe we should also pay hope forward. In this way, we will continually uplift and inspire each other to act in the highest good for our community.

L'Shanah Tovah. ●

SHOFAR



A bimonthly newsletter by
Congregation Schaarai Zedek

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www.zedek.org/shofar





Tale of a Missed Opportunity

Rabbi Joel Simon

I'm in trouble... Let me explain why. My seven year old daughter Eva has always loved animals. This passion started with visits to the Philadelphia Zoo and then, of course, Busch Gardens and the Florida Aquarium. We found the documentary *Secrets of Zoo Tampa* on Disney earlier this year, joining the zoo soon after. Eva quickly decided that she wants to be a zookeeper when she grows up. (She also told me that she'll have to live at home so that she can afford zoo admission every day when she's working there...)

So when it came time to pick a movie for our Sunday night movie night, I was excited to move away from our usual animated movies after finding *Dolphin Tale* which told the story of Winter the dolphin who was saved by the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Winter, as you may remember, was given a prosthetic tail after requiring amputation to save her life from an infection. The story is pretty amazing on its own, and the movie puts two children at the story's center, mesmerizing my wannabe zookeeper even more. I've never seen her more engaged by a movie, and even her brother, who won't watch the Zoo Tampa show with his sister, loved it.

So why am I in trouble? Well, of all of

our animal visits over Eva's short lifetime, we had never made it to the aquarium in Clearwater, and Winter the dolphin died last November. When Eva learned that she could have seen Winter but missed her opportunity, she quickly went from "kid who couldn't be happier" for having seen a movie she loved to "kid who couldn't be more disappointed" because she had missed out on something she didn't even know existed until it was too late to see it.

There are those things we knew we should have or could have done, but we made a choice to do something different, and now the window of possibility to do them has passed. In these cases, we made a choice knowing we would have to live with the consequences of that choice. But how are things different when you wish you had done something that you didn't know was an option until it was too late? In some ways it can be easier, as you are not as directly responsible for the missed opportunity, but in others, as my daughter was learning in a luckily fairly inconsequential example, it can be more difficult.

Regardless, however, we find ourselves looking at an opportunity that no longer exists, and if we dwell on what we missed, we can end up missing out on something even greater. And this is where Winter's story is so incredible. Winter learned how to swim without

her tail, but the process was hurting her spine in a way that would paralyze her, so her doctors had to find another way for her to cope. Rather than focus on what was missing, they focused on how they could move forward regardless.

In so many ways, this is the goal of our self-reflection leading up to and during our High Holy Days. As we think about our past year, it's impossible not to think about the "woulda, coulda, shouldas," but if we dwell on things we cannot change, we will find ourselves stuck in a place of hopelessness and despair. If, however, we look for how we can create new opportunities, either in spite of or even because of that which we missed, we too have the ability to create our own story.

Eva has forgiven me, and we had a great conversation about what we can learn from Winter's story, even without seeing her in person. I hope that the month of Elul leading up to our High Holy Days can give each of us those same opportunities to view any missed opportunities over the past year as new opportunities to move forward inspired by that which we missed. I look forward to seeing all of you over the coming months as we create opportunities and memories together that lead us into a New Year, we pray, of health, of blessing, and of peace. ●



Finding Strength in the Wilderness

Rabbi Michael Weiss

Right now, it is easy to feel lost. We hear about violence and war around the world on a daily basis. We are in the middle of a pandemic which shifts and changes unpredictably and which we desperately want to end. And we shake in fear as antisemitic sentiment and incidents rise in ways that seemed unthinkable in our country. We have survived a summer of hate, but it has left its painful mark. As it so happens, our Torah gives us insight into the struggles of the Israelites as they wandered through the wilderness from slavery and, ultimately, to freedom.

Something else happened over the summer. We read and finished the book of Numbers or *Bamidbar*, its Hebrew name meaning “in the wilderness,” as our people began their 40 years of wandering the Sinai desert, twisting and turning from place to place until the generation that came out of Egypt died out. While Numbers includes a number of laws, its central narrative elements often feature stories with repeating elements. The people of Israel are tired, hungry, and fearful for the future, so they complain to Moses about their plight. “Why would you take us away from all the free food

we had while we were slaves? Did you and God simply bring us to the wilderness to die here, rather than in Egypt?” In each story, Moses then consults God who often suggests simply wiping out the people and, after Moses helps God cool off, God gives the people food or water. Occasionally the reward is also a punishment, as when God provides the Israelites with so many quails, that they had meat coming out of their noses.

This story of complaint, consultation, and resolution or punishment plays out over and over. What are we supposed to learn from these narratives? On one hand, they speak to the Torah’s belief in the conditionality of our covenant with God. God will only hold up God’s end of the bargain if the people behave in the way God commands. Of course, our understanding of covenant and commandedness has changed and evolved over time, leading to a diverse set of opinions. On the other hand, these stories show the stubbornness of the Israelites, who, after experiencing miracle after miracle, still continue to doubt God’s concern for them and complain to Moses, God’s chosen emissary. This is a stiff-necked people and they are punished for it time and again.

And yet, we know that the recalcitrance of the Jewish people has kept us alive.

For millennia, there have been those in who sought to wipe us out, through violence or forced conversion. There have been empires who threw the full force of their power at us and, despite that, they died out and we remained alive to this very day, cherishing and celebrating the sacred books that made us a people. The stubbornness of the Israelites, which the Torah viewed as their greatest flaw, became the resilience of the Jewish people throughout history.

Like our ancestors, we have wandered through the wilderness many times and we will find ourselves there again in the future, but the book of Numbers can give us hope as we move toward Deuteronomy, finishing the Torah and beginning it again on Simchat Torah. Every wandering people someday arrives at its destination, to the promised land. Violence and hate inevitably give way to peace and respite, so long as we remain able to stand against them. Our stubbornness helps us keep evil from winning and our resilience will allow us to continue fighting, even after a blow has been struck against us. May our complaints about our sometimes cruel world always be accompanied by passionate and effective action. May we be stiff-necked for the cause of justice. ●

Engagement & Outreach

Lindsey Dewey
Director of Engagement & Outreach

I have a love-hate relationship with the “new year.” Whether our Jewish New Year or the secular new year, I find myself pulled between obligation and excitement, renewal and rote monotony, and the opportunity for change but the desire for tradition. I always want to use the highly publicized marker of newness to set grand plans and announce personal or professional initiatives. What is something that is going to be exciting to attempt that remains realistic and attainable? How can we evaluate success? Who do I need to help accomplish these goals?

As someone who has an opportunity to consistently innovate for our congregation while also tasked with tying our community to the yearly cycle of tradition, the events of our fall holiday celebrations can often be met with these complementary and contrasting questions. While we love what we know and the familiarity of what we have always done, how can we modify and adapt for our current needs, the changing climate and even to prepare ourselves for future success?

This August marked my 13 years at Congregation Schaara Zedek as a member of the professional team. Not only does this milestone represent more than 70% of my adult life, as a Jewish milestone it is significant to call into

question what my responsibilities are to our community. Just as we ask our students to share on the occasion of their turning 13, whether they read from the Torah or not, how they hope to keep this community and their Jewish learning central to their personal identity—I find myself looking more deeply at how the offerings I am responsible for sharing with all of you can invite everyone to look a little closer and explore connection in a more meaningful way.

When we welcomed Naomi Litwak onto our program team in August with responsibility for all of our K-12 youth and youth programs, it opened up some time and space to begin thinking differently about how we can bring our community together in new ways. As you look into the late fall and early winter, I hope you will take a chance on some of these offerings for adults at all stages of life where we present programs and events designed to both create community for people experiencing similar life stages as well as transcend traditional expectations for congregational programming.

I am excited to see what we can build together. While I am not quite ready to set boundaries, goals, expectations or formally define “resolutions” as we look into this program year—I am renewed and invigorated as we stand at the precipice of possibility to be more than I have previously dreamed our community could be. ●

Intro to Judaism

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM, beginning September 21

Are you thinking about converting to Judaism?

Join Rabbi Simon and Rabbi Weiss for our Introduction (or re-introduction) to Judaism, a ten-session series on the nature of Judaism, God, Torah, worship, lifecycle observances, and holidays.

There is no charge for the classes, but books for the course are purchased separately. This course is open to everyone who wishes to learn about basic Judaism and Jewish practice. It is required for anyone who is planning to convert.

To register, please contact Khan Whiteside, Clergy Executive Assistant, at kwhiteside@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 202.

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 holocaustgcjfc@gcjfc.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 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/CongregationSchaaraZedek>.

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. There is a receptacle for the canned goods in the temple office.

Feeding Tampa Bay

Feeding Tampa Bay works to end hunger and food insecurity in Tampa and beyond.

Want to participate?

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

High Holy Days

2022 | 5783

Preparations for this year's High Holy Days are well under way at Congregation Schaarai Zedek. We are so excited and looking forward to welcoming our congregation into our sanctuary as we welcome the year 5783. Our goal is to wish each other *L'Shanah Tovah* - a good and healthy New Year - in person.

High Holy Days information was mailed out mid-August. If you did not receive your packet, please notify the temple office at office@zedek.org or visit www.zedek.org/HHD to view all updated information and to request your High Holy Days tickets.

HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKETS

Tickets are required for ALL High Holy Days Services except for our Family Services and Yom Kippur Afternoon Services. One ticket is needed per person per service. To order tickets online, please visit www.zedek.org/HHD. *Note that requests received online will be processed faster than requests received via mail.* Tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks before Rosh Hashanah. Tickets must be requested by Friday, September 9.

MULTI-ACCESS SERVICES

As always, our services will be live-streamed and available to the public at no charge. No registration or password is required to access our virtual worship services on Facebook, YouTube, Public Access television, and livestreamed on our website at www.zedek.org/streaming.

CHILDCARE

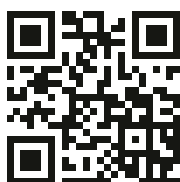
Childcare during High Holy Days ticketed services is available for children between the ages of 18 months and seven years old. Please complete the Childcare Request Form. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

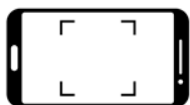
It is the tradition of our congregation to inscribe the names of departed loved ones in the Roll of Remembrance, a booklet distributed throughout the sanctuary during the Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. If you would like to memorialize a departed family member in this year's Roll of Remembrance, return your form by Friday, September 9. This date is firm so that we have adequate time to compile and produce this special booklet. We request a donation of \$18 per name to be included in the Roll of Remembrance. Last year's booklet may be viewed online at www.zedek.org/HHD.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

A more permanent option to remember loved ones includes inscribing their name on a Memorial Plaque. The donation to the Congregation is \$500 per plaque and each will hold the name, date of birth, and death of one person. Reserved plaques may also be purchased at the current price. The names of the departed, inscribed on the plaques, are memorialized at the Shabbat Service following or coinciding with their Yahrzeit. Notification of this date is mailed to Temple members annually. Each plaque has its own light which is illuminated on the Yahrzeit and on the holidays when Yizkor is read. Please submit your order form by Friday, September 9.



SCAN ME



Scan to view High Holy Days information on your device!

Services & Events

2022 | 5783

Please visit www.zedek.org/HHD for more information and to RSVP for each event.

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 6:30 PM Dinner*
- 7:30 PM Presentation
- 8:30 PM Selichot Service

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 6:00 PM Early Service**
- 8:30 PM Late Service**

ROSH HASHANAH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 8:30 AM Early Service**
- 11:30 AM Late Service**
- 2:30 PM Family Service
- 3:30 PM Baby Blessings
- 3:45 PM Tot Service
- 5:00 PM Tashlikh Service at Ballast Point

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7:00 PM Shabbat Shuvah Service

CEMETERY SERVICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:00 AM Woodlawn Cemetery Service
- 10:00 AM Myrtle Hill Cemetery Service

KOL NIDRE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 6:00 PM Early Service**
- 8:30 PM Late Service**

YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:30 AM Early Service**
- 11:30 AM Late Service**
- 2:15 PM Family Service
- 2:30 PM Open Discussion w/ Rabbi Birnholz
- 3:30 PM Tot Service
- 4:30 PM Afternoon Service led by SchZFTY
- 5:00 PM Yizkor Service
- 5:30 PM Neilah Service
- 6:00 PM Break-the-Fast

SUKKOT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 5:00 PM Young Families Popsicles & Pizza*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:00 PM 20+30s Taco Tuesday*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:30 PM What's Up Wednesday (For Teen Parents)*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:00 PM Sushi + Saki Under the Stars*

SIMCHAT TORAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7:00 PM Simchat Torah Shabbat
- 8:00 PM Sukkot Outdoor Oneg

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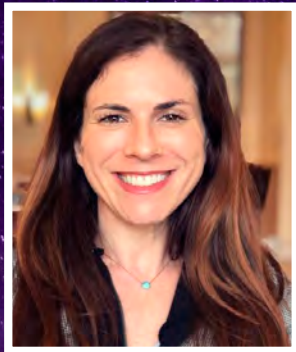
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 10:30 AM Yizkor Service

*RSVP requested

**Tickets required

Selichot



Friday, September 17

6:30 PM Dinner

7:30 PM Program

8:30 PM Selichot Service

Selichot begins our High Holy Days. Before our service (at which the themes of self-reflection, repentance, and forgiveness are introduced), we'll be joined by Lia Mandelbaum. Lia grew up at Schaarai Zedek and spoke at our first Pride Shabbat in 2016. This year, Lia will share the power of that moment, feeling accepted in a place where she wasn't always sure she would be.

We'll discuss what it means to be a caring community and think about how we can be present for all of our community members during times of questioning and vulnerability.

No charge; please register for dinner by visiting www.zedek.org/RSVP.

Sukkot

Young Families Pizza & Popsicles

Monday, October 10, 5 PM

Join us for dinner in the sukkah. We will shake the lulav and etrog, enjoy crafts to help decorate our temple sukkah and celebrate the festival with preschool-aged families. RSVPs appreciated, open to families with preschool-aged children.

20s+30s Taco Tuesday in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 11, 7 PM

It's TACO TUESDAY – Sukkot Style! Enjoy a taco bar and festive drinks to celebrate the harvest holiday. Get ready to shake the lulav and etrog, maybe even learn a thing or two you didn't know about Sukkot! Feel free to bring friends for a night of dining under the stars!

What's Up Wednesday (For Teen Parents)

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 PM

Have you ever wondered how your teen's brain works? Do you feel like you are speaking different languages? Join us for a night tailored to parents with teens and tweens for dinner in the sukkah and a conversation about teen development, communication, and how to understand your kids!

Sushi and Sake under the Stars

Thursday, October 13, 6 PM

Adults 21+, enjoy a casual night under the stars to celebrate Sukkot. We'll share sushi and sake (and some cooked and non-alcoholic options as well) as we dine under the stars.

Simchat Torah Shabbat Service & Sukkot Outdoor Oneg

Friday, October 14, 7 PM

Celebrate Simchat Torah at Schaarai Zedek and march with the Torah. As part of the service, a Torah will be opened and unrolled around the sanctuary as our Rabbis and Cantor read the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Genesis.

Brotherhood

Marc Holtzberg, Brotherhood President

Brotherhood is gearing up for another fabulous year of programming! We are pleased to announce these upcoming events:

Taste of Schaarai Zedek on Friday, August 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by Shabbat Services. This event is for congregants and prospective members to see what programming Schaarai Zedek has to offer. Stop by the Brotherhood table and introduce yourselves. Please RSVP to the temple invite to attend dinner.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 28, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. With the start of the Flom Religious School, Brotherhood and Sisterhood will host a get-together offering bagels, spreads, and a barista service. Drop off your students and stay to meet other Brotherhood and Sisterhood members. No RSVP is required.

Brotherhood Kick-Off Event, "A Night North of Havana," on Thursday, September 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bayshore

Regency Clubhouse (3435 Bayshore Blvd). We will have a guayabera and tropical shirt contest, along with Cuban food and cigars. Brotherhood members may attend at no cost, and all other attendees are \$18 (credited towards your Brotherhood membership if you sign up). Further details on the event will be provided after registration.

Bourbon and Cigars, on Thursday, October 20, at the J.C. Newman Cigar Company in Ybor. We will have food and cigars available along with award-winning pairings of alcohol, with descriptions given by Robert Applebaum and David and Michael Rosenbach. This event will also include a tour of the cigar factory known as "El Reloj." This year's event will be held inside J.C. Newman's newly remodeled gathering room. Please



keep an eye out for this invitation because this is an event that you don't want to miss.

Other upcoming events in the coming months to watch out for will be our hosting of speakers, social events, and the famous Brotherhood Deli Night on Saturday, April 23, 2023. Make sure you are receiving our emails; if not, please email me at marc.holtzberg@catalent.com, and I will make sure that you are included.

I look forward to seeing you all at our fantastic upcoming Brotherhood events. ●

Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Andi Parker
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

L'Shanah Tovah! We pride ourselves in creating a warm and welcoming Sisterhood. We are planning a myriad of events and activities throughout the year to appeal to our members of all ages. Have an idea? We'd love to hear from you! Here's a peek at the Sisterhood events coming in September and October:

If you want to get more involved or get to know more about what Sisterhood is all about, please join us on Sunday morning, September 18, for our **Sisterhood Round Robin Breakfast**. You'll get to meet the Sisterhood Board and learn about all the fun and meaningful things we do, including social, religious, and social action activities and programs.

Learn how we raise money to support the Religious School and synagogue, and all the donations we make to support our community. Explore how you can build friendships while enriching your Jewish identity. Understand how our local Sisterhood is supported by the Women of Reform Judaism. You can join or renew your Sisterhood membership at the event.

On September 19, we will hold our first monthly **Book Club**.

On September 20 (note date change), we will have our first social event, **A Toast to the New Year**. Our speaker will share insights on how to be more resilient, which is the basic ingredient to happiness and success. Join us for cocktails and an opportunity to socialize with sisters. This event is open to all current and prospective members.

In October, we have so many things

planned, including a Sisterhood Sukkah event, book club, a social action event, and staff appreciation. For more information about these and all other events, keep an eye out for our weekly Tuesday emails for more details and sign-ups.

Thank you to all of those who have already joined Sisterhood. We truly value your commitment and participation. If you haven't joined yet, please consider doing so. You can register online or at any of our events. Nearly all our programs are free for those who join at the base Rachel membership level of \$54. Membership at the Leah level (\$108) or the Sarah Level (\$180) provides additional benefits including special recognition opportunities, exclusive events and experiences, and allows all members to participate in the beauty of sisterhood.

Here's to Sisterhood! ●

Religious School

It is a bit surreal to be writing my first Shofar piece. My (now) husband, Dan, and I joined the congregation in 2012; and were married here in 2013. Over the last ten years, we have found our home here at Congregation Schaarai Zedek. I am beyond thrilled to join now professionally as well.

Most of my professional experience lies in more traditional educational settings, first as a teacher for eight years and then as an Assistant Head of School after obtaining my master's from the University of South Florida. As an Assistant Head of School, my goal was to develop future community leaders.



Amanda Fleischbein,
Religious School Director

As Religious School Director, my goal is to develop strong future congregants. I am thrilled to lead our Religious School this year and look forward to meeting and working with all of you! And if you haven't already enrolled in Religious School, it's not too late! ●

Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



September 2022

- Sept. 5: Labor Day / Non-Student Day
- Sept. 23: Rosh Hashanah Play
- Sept. 26: Rosh Hashanah / Non-Student Day

October 2022

- Oct. 4: Yom Kippur / Early Closing
- Oct. 5: Yom Kippur / Non-Student Day
- Oct. 10: Book Fair Kickoff Party
- Oct. 10-14: Book Fair
- Oct. 17-21: School Pictures
- Oct. 21: Noah's Ark Play
- Oct. 24: Early Closing

Lifecycles

B'nei Mitzvah

Zephraim Atlas

Parents: Troy & Anne Atlas
September 3, 2022

Alexa Bass

Parents: Hardee & Annie Bass
September 10, 2022

Curtis Clemons

Parent: Suzanne Clemons
September 17, 2022

Jacob Aron

Parents: Michael & Melissa Aron
September 24, 2022

Kailey Aron

Parents: Michael & Melissa Aron
September 24, 2022

Brett Balber

Parents: David and Sharon (z"l) Balber
October 8, 2022

Miles Austin

Parents: Jeff & Jen Austin
October 13, 2022

Sarah Pincus

Parents: Loren & Ali Pincus
October 15, 2022

Emmet Cohen

Parents: David & Julia Cohen
October 22, 2022

Zack Shapiro

Parents: Daniel & Gisele Shapiro
October 29, 2022



Jacob Aron



Kailey Aron



Brett Balber



Emmett Cohen



Sarah Pincus

Welcome New Members

Harris Baltch & Sarah Sher

Stefan & Nicole Bozik

Gregory Celestan & Samara Sodos

Max & Elizabeth Chase

Alexander & Christina Cohen

Murray & Sara Fisch

Brian & Kristen Goldenberg

Burt & Dorothy Haskins

Jack & Danielle Hurley

Ryan Jacobs & Lakshmi Shenoy

Michael & Kirsti Kenneth

Stuart & Julie Kessler

Michael Logan & Deborah Fineman

Daniel & Rachel Schwartz

Felix Sebag Ayub & Grace Ayub

Dara Simon

Natu & Esther Wainer

Mazel Tov to Our Members:

Jordan August and **David Singer** named to Leadership Tampa.

Trish Cohen won the W40-44 Masters National Championships Road Race.

Julia Miller won the Anne Frank Humanitarian Award.

Calendar Highlights

Please visit www.zedek.org/RSVP for more information and to register for all events!

THURSDAYS FROM 6-8 PM



Treats on the Town

Come enjoy frozen treats on us! Invite your friends and neighbors who would like to learn more about Schaarai Zedek. We can't wait to see you in YOUR neighborhood!

9/1: Tanya and Matt's (Carrollwood)
9/8: Ice Dream Shop (Lutz)
9/15: Campbell's Dairyland (Brandon)
9/22: Revolution Ice Cream (S. Tampa)

THURSDAY, SEPT 8, 12 PM

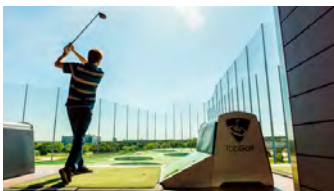


ROMEO Lunch Bunch

"The Anatomy of a Jewish Joke You've Heard Before, But Never Like This"

Is this joke a compliment, a backhanded compliment, or code for something else? What is the point of the joke and how does its meaning change depending on who is telling it? Even when we laugh at ourselves, some Jewish jokes are no laughing matter. Join Rabbi Birnholz to hear the history of this twisted tale. No charge for lunch, RSVPs requested.

SUNDAY, SEPT 11, 11:30 AM



Jr. SchZFTY Kick-Off Event

Join us at Top Golf! Open to all students in grades 6-8, \$20 per student, membership forms required to attend.

SUNDAY, SEPT 14, 12 PM



T'shuvah Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Weiss as we explore how Jewish tradition has understood the concept of *t'shuvah* and how that can guide us towards return, renewal, and relationship at this time of year.

THURSDAY, SEPT 15, 11:30 AM



Senior Luncheon

Cantor Cannizzaro shares the sounds of the season. Have you ever wondered why we sing things the way we do during the High Holy Days? Learn the stories and meanings behind our melodies, their harmonies, and the origin of our Reform traditions!

FRIDAY, SEPT 16, 5:30 PM



Tot Shabbat on the Playground

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

SATURDAY, SEPT 17, 6:30 PM



Selichot Dinner and Service

Selichot begins our High Holy Days and is a time of self-reflection, repentance, and forgiveness. No charge for dinner; RSVPs are requested.

MONDAY, OCT 10, 5 PM



Young Families Pizza & Popsicles

Join us for dinner in the sukkah. We will shake the lulav and etrog, enjoy crafts to help decorate our Sukkah and celebrate the festival with preschool-age families.

TUESDAY, OCT 11, 7 PM



20s+30s Taco Tuesday

Join us for dinner in the sukkah. Celebrate the harvest holiday with tacos and drinks with other 20+30s - bring a friend!

WEDNESDAY, OCT 12, 6:30 PM



What's Up Wednesday

Join us for a night tailored to parents with teens and tweens for dinner in the sukkah and a conversation about teen development, communication, and how to understand your kids!

THURSDAY, OCT 13, 6 PM



Sushi & Saki Under the Stars

Adults 21+, enjoy a casual night under the stars as we share sushi and saki to celebrate the Sukkot. Cooked and non-alcoholic options also available!

SATURDAY, OCT 15, 12 PM



SchZFTY Fall Festival

Open to all students in grades 9-12. \$10 per person includes a corn maze and lunch. Please bring extra money for incidentals on the farm.

FRIDAY, OCT 28, 5:30 PM



Primary Grades Shabbat (K-2)

Join us for a BRAND NEW SHABBAT, targeted for students in grades K-2. This service serves as a bridge between Tot Shabbat and our traditional Shabbat Services. We will offer a Shabbat story/lesson, prayers, and songs before coming together for a Shabbat family dinner.

SATURDAY, OCT 29, 10 AM - 1 PM



Parsha Noach on the Farm

Celebrate Parsha Noach at Old McMick's Farm! We'll start the morning with a brief Torah Study and enjoy breakfast and tours of the farm. Bring your own picnic lunch, we will have snacks and drinks to share. All ages are welcome to join!

SEPTEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6 PM Treats on the Town 1 Carrollwood	7 PM Shabbat Service 2	9 AM Torah Study 3 10:30 AM Zephraim Atlas Bar Mitzvah
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9 AM Religious School 11 11:30 AM Jr. SchZFTY Event Patriot Day	6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting 12	11:30 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting 13	12 PM Lunch & Learn 14 6:30 PM Intro to Judaism	11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 15 6 PM Treats on the Town Brandon	5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 16 7 PM Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 17 10:30 AM Curtis Clemons Bar Mitzvah 6:30 PM Selichot Dinner, Presentation, and Service
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6 PM Early Service 25 8:30 PM Late Service Erev Rosh Hashanah	8:30 AM Early Service 26 11:30 AM Late Service 2:30 PM Family Service 3:30 PM Baby Blessings 3:45 PM Tot Service 5 PM Tashlikh Service Rosh Hashanah	27	28	6:30 PM Brotherhood 29 Kickoff Event	7 PM Shabbat Service 30 Shabbat Shuvah	

OCTOBER 2022						
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9 AM Religious School 9 11:30 AM Yeladim Event 6 PM Sukkot in the City Sukkot (Sundown)	5 PM Young Families Pizza & Popsicles in the Sukkah 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day Sukkot	11:30 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting 11 7 PM 20s+30s Taco Tuesday in the Sukkah	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 12 6:30 PM What's Up Wednesday 6:30 PM SchZFTY Hangout 6:30 PM Intro to Judaism	10:30 AM Miles Austin Bar Mitzvah 13 6 PM Sushi & Sake Under the Stars	11:45 AM Exec. Comm. Meeting 14 4 PM Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 7 PM Simchat Torah Shabbat	9 AM Torah Study 15 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan 4:30 PM Sarah Pincus Bat Mitzvah 6 PM SchZFTY Event
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9 AM Religious School 30	31 Halloween					

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MITZVAH DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022



Pancake breakfast!

Mitzvah projects for all ages!

Some of the organizations include:

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Metropolitan Ministries
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