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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. Contact holocaustgcjfc@gcjfc.org or call (727) 450-7273 to learn more.

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. 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.

Metropolitan Ministries

We will send a group of volunteers to Metropolitan Ministries on Christmas Day to perform a variety of tasks so the staff can be with their families. Please contact Donna Wood for more information.

Christmas Volunteering

Volunteer to help the homeless at Wesley Memorial Church on Christmas day. Sign up to provide food, set up, serve, and clean up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA8AC29A46-christmas>

Want to participate?

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



One of the greatest mitzvot of the Sukkot holiday is shaking the lulav and etrog. Our Religious School students got to experience this fun tradition in Schaarai Zedek's sukkah on October 9.



“After the holidays...”

Lindsey Dewey
Director of Engagement & Outreach

How many of you have said, “I’ll get to that after the holidays,” and chuckled just a bit? With celebrations and disruptions to school and work schedules, Jewish congregational work seems like a cycle of “after the holidays.”

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur lead straight to Sukkot, closely followed by Thanksgiving and Chanukah. As we celebrate the secular New Year, our eyes turn to Tu B'Shvat and Purim, which blends right into Passover. Next comes the “slower summer months,” when we prepare for the High Holy Days and everything we want to do “after the holidays.”

With Naomi Litwak joining our programming team, focusing on K-12 youth programs, we are excited about additional all-temple programming, diverse holiday programming, and a return to some of

our favorite adult education experiences. I have also found increasing opportunities to expand our offerings for adults of all ages and stages. We are excited to spend time exploring how our congregants hope to engage with Congregation Schaarai Zedek over the next few months.

We are building a group for families and adults with elementary-school-aged children. We hope these new events will allow connections for families with young children to deepen as they age, even if they attend different schools around town. As we expand these offerings, we are excited to offer parallel programming for children to remove the barrier of childcare for parental engagement. Additionally, we are excited to expand our offerings for adults who do not rely on childcare to engage in learning and social opportunities. We welcome feedback on the time of day, days of the week, programming content, and other thoughts you might have to expand these offerings.

Before the end of our program year,

we are also excited to explore more options for adults with flexibility during the traditional workday. We would like to offer museum tours, light hikes, lunches around our Tampa Bay area, and learning opportunities at Congregation Schaarai Zedek and with experts around town. As we build more offerings, we hope you will be able to find programming options that are both comfortably familiar while also pushing you slightly outside your comfort zone.

As we unroll these new options, we invite feedback and would love to hear your thoughts on the new options we are sharing for this community. We also know that there will be more well-received opportunities than anticipated. As always, my door is open, and my email and phone are ready to receive suggestions! We hope something you see in the pages of this Shofar brings you in soon, and we don’t have to wait until “after the holidays” to see you! ●



MITZVAH DAY

TIKKUN OLAM – REPAIRING THE WORLD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Mitzvah Day is a day for all members of Congregation Schaarai Zedek to come together as a community to work on numerous mitzvah projects benefitting a wide range of local social service agencies.

Schedule

8:15 - 9:15 AM

Congregation Schaarai Zedek

Jr. SchZFTY Pancake Breakfast

Join us for an "all you care to eat" pancake breakfast, prepared by CSZ's Jr. SchZFTY youth group. Donations accepted.

9:15 - 9:30 AM

Congregation Schaarai Zedek

Kick-Off Service

Join our clergy as they welcome and inspire Mitzvah Day volunteers.

9:30 AM

Congregation Schaarai Zedek

Meet Your Team

Meet with your team captains for a briefing before heading off to your Mitzvah Day project.

***10:00 AM**

Various Locations

Mitzvah Projects

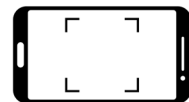
Time to Volunteer!

*times are different for Blood Drive, Fueling Hope and Trinity Café

Register online at
www.zedek.org/mitzvahday



SCAN ME



After October 26, please contact Donna Wood regarding project availability.

EVERY DAY CAN BE MITZVAH DAY



Make each day Mitzvah Day by donating/dropping off non-perishables, books, games, unwrapped toys, and clothes.

Scan the QR code for information about donations for Clothes To Kids.

Questions? Call or Email: Donna Wood
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MITZVAH PROJECTS

Prepare to rank your top 3 projects on the registration form!
(Projects and descriptions are subject to change.)

1. Abby's Organic Community Farm

Paint trellises and perform other farm/garden work.

2. Academy Prep Center of Tampa

Elementary aged and younger with an adult. Share the Rooted in Play experience with congregants and members of the Academy Prep community.

3. Allegro Senior Living

Ages 5+. Brighten the day of residents at this assisted living facility.

4. Amy Gail Buchman Preschool

Teams will decorate classroom doors to show our appreciation for the teachers. Join as a team or individually.

5. Bakas Equestrian Center

Ages 5+ with an adult. Assist around the barn, clean shelters, groom horses.

6. Blood Drive

Ages 16+. 8 AM – 1 PM, by appointment. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

7. Bowl-A-Thon

Raise money for Tampa Jewish Family Services through pledges based on number of pins down. Sign up individually or as a team of up to five people.

8. Clothes to Kids

Ages 10+. Sort, tag, and restock clothes at this store-front agency that provides clothes to children in need.

9. Comfort for Critters

Ages 10+. Make no-sew blankets for an animal shelter. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

10. Community Garden for Refugees (GCJFCS)

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Plant vegetables for Afghan clients of Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services.

11. Fueling Hope

Ages 5+. 9:30 to 10:15 AM and 10:30 to 11:15 AM. Make sandwiches for people experiencing homelessness. This project is at Schaarai Zedek or can be done at home.

12. Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services Cards (GCJFCS)

Create cards for volunteers, elders, refugees, and GCJFCS clients. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

13. Judeo-Christian Health Clinic

Ages 10+. Spruce up furniture at this community health clinic.

14. Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Help beautify Davis Islands community park by picking up litter.

15. Kennedy Cares Tampa Bay

Teens and older. Organize shelves; help with toy drive.

16. Kindness Rocks & Posters

Ages 5+. Decorate rocks and make posters to distribute in your community to inspire others. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

17. MacDonald Training Center

Prepare the art gallery for a special event.

18. Metropolitan Ministries

Ages 8+. Volunteer with the Environmental Services team to keep the campus clean. Volunteers may also prep food and clean the kitchen.

19. Quantum Leap Farm

Ages 16+. Clean stalls, paint and freshen decks and fences, pressure wash, pull weeds, wheelbarrow maintenance, and other farm tasks.

20. Ronald McDonald House

Ages 14+. Give families in residence some time off by taking over their light daily chores.

21. Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank

Organize the pantry, prepare food for distribution.

22. Trinity Café

Ages 16+, 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

Serve guests a nutritious, hot, sit-down meal. Volunteers will assume the role of restaurant "waitstaff" including serving, bussing tables, hosting tables, and other restaurant tasks.

23. Unaccompanied Children Center (GCJFCS)

Teens & adults. Craft and play games with the children. The UAC has up to 50 children, mostly Spanish-speaking.

24. Veterans Administration

Ages 5+. Create a craft and cards for veterans. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

25. Vista Gardens Park in Carrollwood

Weed, mulch, make signs, and other gardening tasks.

26. Warming the World

Ages 10+. Make baby caps using small plastic looms which will be sent to NICUs worldwide. This project is at Schaarai Zedek.

27. Weinberg Village

Brighten the day of elderly residents at this assisted living facility.

28. West Tampa Elementary School

Beautify the outdoor space, including some painting.

WANT TO BE A CAPTAIN?

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

Religious School

Amanda Fleischbein
Religious School Director

This year boasts the largest Religious School Congregation Schaarai Zedek has ever seen, which is saying something, given that even a “normal” year for us is still quite large! Our enrollment is a testament to the community here at CSZ, a community I am proud to be a part of. Recently, we re-launched our *Gesher L'Mishpacha* program, the “Bridge to the Family.”

Often referred to as “*Gesher*,” the program offers nearly 60 opportunities for families to bridge what happens at Religious School with their own homes. Families are asked to complete 18 of the challenges to achieve *Gesher* status. Those that complete the program are celebrated at a Friday night Shabbat service and honored with a plaque in the Religious School hallway.

In partnership with the clergy, we have re-developed nearly 60 ways to bring Religious School home in a meaningful way. From attending High Holy Day services (if you did that, mark it off!) to visiting a Jewish Museum or historic site on vacation, *Gesher* is about building an even stronger relationship with CSZ.

But *Gesher* isn't something that needs to be done alone. We've also opened a Facebook group for families to share how they fulfill *Gesher* tasks. Community is what makes CSZ such a special place, and it's something I'd like to continue to build on together.

You'll notice that I actively have avoided calling Religious School “Sunday School.” Yes, it takes place on Sunday, and it is school, but Religious School is more than what happens each Sunday inside the building. Religious School is when you listen to an awesome Chanukah Spotify playlist. It's when you make matzo ball soup together as a family. It's when you listen to a CSZ Podcast episode together (yeah, we have those!). Religious School is building a photo album for a Jewish lifecycle event and retelling your favorite memories. And when you do these things, that's *Gesher*, a bridge you've built to your home from

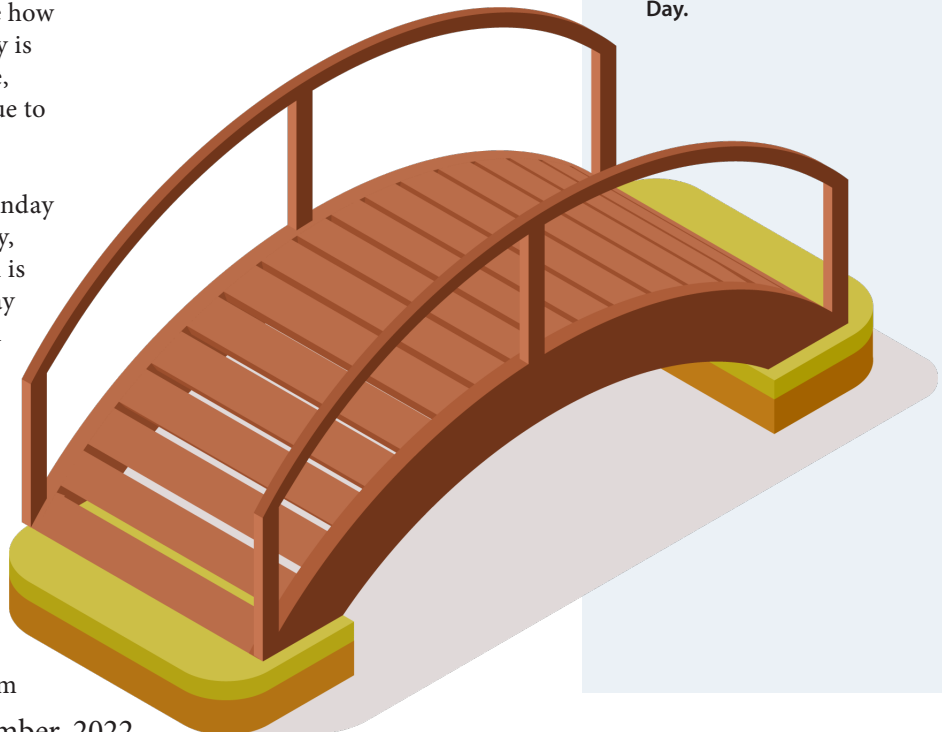
Congregation Schaarai Zedek. Consider the relationship you and your child will have with Judaism and CSZ after purposefully completing 18 of the tasks listed in the *Gesher* program. How much more confident will your child be in their Judaism amongst peers after this? How many memories with your child will you build through this program? And how excited will they be to attend Religious School as a student and later as a Teacher Assistant when what they're learning becomes part of their home?

The *Gesher* program concludes for the year in May 2023. I am challenging you, the largest Religious School CSZ has ever seen, to have the most extensive *Gesher* participation CSZ has ever seen. I am challenging you to complete 18 tasks before the end of May. That's three (or so) tasks each month. And really, who doesn't love some homemade matzo ball soup? If you're interested in getting started, I've listed some options below. You can find the complete program on our website (www.zedek.org/religiouschool/gesher-lmishpacha/), the Schmooze, and our Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/1095600204678501).

I look forward to celebrating all of you and the bridges you built completing this year's *Gesher L'Mishpacha* program. ●

Examples of *Gesher L'Mishpacha* Activities:

1. Attend Shabbat morning Torah Study/ Bagel Minyan as a family.
2. Learn about a famous Jewish person through a movie or book. Post what you learned about them in the *Gesher* Facebook group thread for this task!
3. Find out about the person for whom you were named. If he/she were a biblical character, what traits would you want to “inherit”?
4. Add two Jewish books to your home library and read them together as a family. (Check out the Schmooze “Book of the Week” section for suggestions!)
5. Create a family prayer to include in your Shabbat observance. You can even illustrate it and put it up somewhere in your home!
6. Participate in your grade's Student-Led Family Shabbat Service.
7. Make a Jewish ritual object and use it as a family (challah cover, matzah cover, etc.).
8. Experience Chanukah by lighting candles at home and/or attending the Schaarai Zedek Family Chanukah Service.
9. Create your own family Tzedakah box and fill it each Shabbat with coins. Donate these funds to the family's favorite tzedakah.
10. Participate in Schaarai Zedek Mitzvah Day.





The Torah is Our Playground

Rabbi Michael Weiss

If you've ever found yourself in the Shimberg Grand Foyer on a Thursday at 11 o'clock, there's a good chance you'll hear me cracking up in my office. Just about every week, that's when I engage in *havruta*, studying with a partner, with a good friend and colleague from rabbinical school. What could be so downright hilarious? Well, it's Torah study! Torah is, of course, our scripture, our Holy Book, our sacred text or any other synonym that makes it sound untouchable. "This is a book infused with divine inspiration. It must be treated with utmost seriousness," the fuddy-duddies protest. I'll make a case for the opposition. As seriously as we take the Torah with regards to the extent that it shapes our lives, our sacred texts do not always take themselves seriously and the rabbis, those scholars that shaped Judaism into what it is today, had more fun "playing" with the text, than we might imagine.

Humor is an essential part of the human experience and the Torah, as literature written by humans, is no exception.

The people of Israel complain in the wilderness about having no meat. Moses says that they'll have meat up to their noses and God sends a flock of quails that covers the land up to six feet. This is both ironic and absurd once you picture it!

In the book of Samuel, the Israelites' enemies, the Philistines, steal the Ark of the Covenant from the Temple and every city they bring it to is struck with hemorrhoids. To appease the Israelites and their God, the Philistines send back the Ark along with five golden statues of their buttocks. Think about what this says about the sensibilities of the Philistines. They are not a group to be taken seriously. Aside from that, toilet humor? In my *Tanakh*? Absolutely!

And the rabbis had wonderful senses of humor. In the passage that had my friend and me cracking up a few weeks ago from the Babylonian Talmud, Tractate *Megillah* 25b, the rabbis tell us that all mockery of idolaters is permitted. In fact, one is allowed to say to an idolater, "Take your idol and put it in your *shin tav*," that being a colorful euphemism for buttocks. I'm not a professional comedian but I'm fairly certain this is meant to be funny.

Indeed, the rabbis tell us that our study of Torah and Jewish text is meant to be joyful, playful, and creative. The qualification for being allowed on the ancient *Sanhedrin* was to use the Torah to prove a snake kosher. Some of our most beloved commentators are those who take on contrary opinions as a game, showing off their mastery of Jewish law texts.

There are times, like the Days of Awe, that we are meant to take things seriously, but at every other turn, our tradition is begging us to engage with it in a way that is irreverent and enjoyable. The greatest story in the Jewish tradition, humorous or otherwise, the *Oven of Akhnai*, imagines God intervening in an argument between rabbis only to be told to stay out of it! And what is God's response? God, the butt of this joke, laughs to God's self. This tradition has been given to us and so, we have permission to find as much joy and humor in it as God does. And when we enjoy our study of Torah, it will only make us want to learn more and more. So let us take in this great lesson from our tradition: laughing a little can help us learn a lot! ●

Chanukah Festival of Lights Home Guide

First Chanukah Candle: Sunday, December 18

Eighth Chanukah Candle: Sunday, December 25

Chanukah, the Feast of Rededication, lasts for eight days and begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev. Light the first candle this year on December 18. The “Rededication” refers to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 BCE. This festival came after victory was attained by the small forces of Judah Maccabee over army detachments sent by King Antiochus of Syria. Antiochus had attempted to force foreign worship (the Hellenistic-Oriental worship of Zeus) on the Jewish people. This was part of his strategy to unite his subjugated nations for a final war with Rome. Most of the Jews assimilated and accepted Antiochus’ demands. But the Maccabees would not assimilate. That small band achieved the spiritual victory of remaining Jews and the military victory of defeating the Syrian Greeks.

The story of Chanukah is not found in the Bible but in the Apocryphal book of Maccabees, part of our post-Biblical Jewish literature.

We celebrate Chanukah because some of our ancestors would not give up their Judaism. If it had not been for them, Judaism likely would have disappeared. If we do not continue with our traditions, assimilation will overtake us in our own day. We remember the courage of the Maccabees as we light our menorahs and celebrate our story of survival.

Chanukah Blessings (to be recited and/or sung each night)

Light the *shamash* (helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמָּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

Shehecheyanu prayer, for the first night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמָּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higeyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

The *shamash* candle (servant candle) is used only to light the other candles. The individual candles are put in place starting with the right-hand side of the Menorah. The *shamash* is lit first. Then the candles are lighted from left to right, i.e., the last one placed in the Menorah is the first to be lit. One on the first evening; two on the second, until the eighth night of Chanukah eight candles are lit.

The Chanukah candles must burn for at least half an hour each night. On Friday eve, the Chanukah lights are kindled before the Sabbath lights. As the lights are lit, the blessings are sung or recited.

"Maoz Tzur" ("Rock of Ages")

*Maoz tzur y'shuati
l'cha naeh l'shabeach
Tikon beit t'filati
v'sham todah n'zabeach.*

Rock of Ages let our song,
Praise thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our sheltering tower.

*L'it tachin matbeach
mitzar hamnabeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor
chanukat hamizbeach.*

Furiously they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us
And Thy word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.
And Thy word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Chanukah Candle Lighting Daily Readings

Read after menorah is lit:

First Night: We light the candle for the first night of Chanukah as a dedication to kindness, *hesed*. Let us always be kind to other people and animals by trying to understand their feelings and by helping them. This will help make us and the whole world more compassionate.

Second Night: We light the candle for the second night of Chanukah as a dedication to fairness, *tsedeq*. Let us always be fair to others by sharing with them and treating them with respect. This will help fill the world with justice.

Third Night: We light the candle for the third night of Chanukah as a dedication to love and friendship. Let us always be thankful for the love of our family and friends. From the roots of their affections, we help fill the world with love, *'ahavah*.

Fourth Night: We light the candle for the fourth night of Chanukah as a dedication to each of us being a good, responsible citizen of our community and of the world. Let us always work to improve our school and our neighborhood, and also contribute to help others in places farther away. We are all human and all family, *mishpacha*.

Fifth Night: We light the candle for the fifth night of Chanukah as a dedication to freedom, *herut*. Like many other people, our ancestors struggled many times for freedom. So let us value the liberties and opportunities such struggles have allowed us to enjoy, and let us work together to help others who are less free. This will help fill the world with freedom.

Sixth Night: We light the candle for the sixth night of Chanukah as a dedication to peace, *shalom*. Chanukah was first celebrated after a battle as our ancestors began to rebuild after the destruction and suffering and death caused by war. Every day, we can help rebuild the world with peace with our Chanukah values - by being kind and fair, loving and responsible, and by helping to spread freedom.

Seventh Night: We light the candle for the seventh night of Chanukah as a dedication to life. We can help all to enjoy a good life by working together to create a world of compassion and justice, a world of love and mutual responsibility, a world of freedom and peace. As we hope and work for these ideals, we dedicate this Chanukah candle "to life" - *l'-haiyim!*

Eighth Night: We light the candle for the eighth night of Chanukah as a dedication to the improvement of the world, *tikkun-olam*. May our dedication to our Chanukah goals inspire us and light our way all year round. Each and every day, may we help to heal the world's suffering and sickness, to repair its brokenness, and to help create what in Yiddish we call *a shenere un besere velt*, "a better and more beautiful world."





The Americanization of Chanukah

How embracing assimilation is an expression of our Judaism

Rabbi Joel Simon

Don't ask why an eight-year-old was watching Saturday Night Live, but I will never forget Saturday night, December 16, 1989, when I saw Chanukah on television for the first time.

The skit featured "Hanukkah Harry," a character played by Jon Lovitz. Hanukkah Harry was the Jewish equivalent to Santa Claus who saved Christmas when Santa Claus fell ill; instead of games and toys, however, he delivered slacks and socks to all the worlds' children. (The slacks are a little big, but you'll grow into them...)

I don't know that Hanukkah Harry was, in fact, the first time that Chanukah appeared on television, but it's the first time I remember, and while the skit presented problems beyond the stereotypes, as a child, none of that

mattered. Since then, Chanukah would make its way onto a handful of shows - the Rugrats Chanukah special, Adam Sandler's Chanukah Song (again on Saturday Night Live), Friends' "Holiday Armadillo," and the Nanny's "Chanukah Story" (featuring Ray Charles...) are only a few. Chanukah has increasingly become part of the American winter experience since Jon Lovitz first donned his blue and white floppy hat, and while some Christians may be concerned about the loss of religion in Christmas as a consequence of its "Americanization," one need not have the same concern with Chanukah.

The historical basis of Chanukah, and in my opinion, a story far more important than one day's worth of oil lasting for eight days, is the Maccabees' defeat over the Syrian Greeks who had forced the Jews to give up their religion in order to assimilate into Greek culture. Under Antiochus

IV Epiphanes' rule, all Jewish ritual observance was punishable by death, and the Temple was desecrated into a place of worship for Greek gods. After the Maccabees' victory, the Temple was rededicated and Jewish practice was restored.

We could, of course, be understandably troubled by the irony of a holiday celebrating our overcoming a forced assimilation becoming our most assimilated holiday, but I think the Rabbis of the Talmud would celebrate the Chanukah specials on TV, the menorah next to the Christmas tree at the mall, and even ugly Chanukah sweaters. In the Babylonian Talmud (Shabbat 21a), we read:

Our Rabbis taught: It is incumbent to place the Chanukah lamp by the door of one's house on the outside; if one dwells in an upper chamber, it is placed at the window nearest the street.

An essential part of Chanukah's observance is making that observance

CHANUKAH

at Congregation Schaarai Zedek

JOIN US!



Chanukah at Armature Works

Sunday, December 18, 5:30 PM

Celebrate the first night of Chanukah at Armature Works as our clergy lead traditional Chanukah blessings and songs. After the candle lighting, enjoy dinner with your family and friends at your leisure. RSVPs appreciated.

Chanukah Pajamukah Party

Monday, December 19, 5 PM

Cookie decorating and crafts in our jammies, what could be better? Join us for an evening for our families with pre-school-aged kids. Dinner will be served. RSVPs required.

20s+30s Chanukah Party

Tuesday, December 20, 7 PM

Join us as we celebrate the third night of Chanukah. We will have a latke bar, sufganiyot, and other yummy foods, as well as some Chanukah related activities and the highly anticipated raffle! RSVPs required.

Ha-Ha-Chanukah

Thursday, December 22, 6 PM

Spread the light and laughter of Chanukah! Comedian David Glickman will share the WORLD PREMIERE of his new comedy show. Enjoy menorah lighting, socializing, dinner, and drinks following the performance. Participants must be 21+. RSVPs required.

Shabbat Dinner & Menorah Lighting

Friday, December 23, 6 PM

Join us for a traditional Chanukah dinner before Shabbat services. Bring your own *Chanukiah* and candles to help Schaarai Zedek illuminate our halls before services. Shabbat services begin at 7 PM. RSVP required for dinner.



public. We are free to be Jewish, and putting our Chanukah menorah in a place where our neighbors and passers-by will see it, publicizing our Judaism and our pride of that Judaism, is the perfect expression of the freedom. And if you think about it, it makes quite a bit of sense. How do we commemorate a holiday that celebrates our ability to freely be Jews? We shout out to the world, "We're Jewish!"

There's one more important piece of Chanukah for us to understand. Many Jews at the time were happy to give up their religion in exchange for acceptance. Ultimately, the Maccabees fought against them as well. The Maccabees were zealots who would not have been fans of our American Reform Judaism, as we embrace our assimilation into the modern world, but that is exactly what we can focus

on in our celebration of Chanukah. We don't have to give up our religion to embrace modernity; in fact, embracing modernity is an expression of our Judaism, and Chanukah can be a holiday that celebrates that as well.

So whether sharing the Chanukah story at your child's school, bringing Chanukah cookies to the company Christmas party, or yes, even wearing that ugly Chanukah sweater, this is a time in which we can be proud of our traditions and share them with the non-Jewish world. As we strive to be a light unto the nations, may our Chanukah lights shine bright this year. May that light help to build bridges of understanding, and may we be that much closer to a time when all peoples can live together in peace. ●

Chanukah Music

For many families and communities, singing is a particularly joyous part of Chanukah celebrations. There are many traditional and contemporary songs for the holiday, and videos and recordings are widely available online.

"*Maoz Tzur*" ("Rock of Ages") is customarily sung after the lighting of the candles each night, and at other times throughout the holiday. It was composed in Europe in the 12th or 13th century.

"I Have a Little Dreidel" is a modern-day children's song frequently sung during the Festival of Lights. Other holiday favorites include "Chanukah, Oh Chanukah;" "*Sivivon, sov, sov, sov,*" a Hebrew folk-song; "Light One Candle," written by Peter Yarrow; and "The Latke Song," by Debbie Friedman, z'l, the renowned Jewish singer and songwriter.

How to Play Dreidel

Dreidel is the traditional game played to celebrate Chanukah. The letters on the dreidel—*nun, gimel, hei, and shin*—are interpreted to stand for the first letter of each word in the Hebrew statement *Neis gadol hayah sham*, which means, "A great miracle happened there" and refers to the defeat of the Syrian army and the re-dedication of the Temple in the story of Chanukah. In Israel, one letter on the dreidel differs from those used in the rest of the world. Instead of a *shin*, you will find the letter *pei*, transforming the Hebrew statement into *Neis gadol hayah po*, which means, "A great miracle happened here."

Distribute an equal number of playing pieces to each person. Begin by having each of the players put one or two pieces into a common pot. Take turns spinning the dreidel and taking the actions determined by the letter you spin:

Nun: The player takes nothing.

Gimel: The player takes all.

Hei: The player takes half.

Shin: The player puts in.

The winner is the person who collects all the playing pieces.

You may also try playing the dreidel game with a charitable twist: Everyone puts some money in the kitty, and the winner gets to choose where to donate.



Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Andi Parker
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Sisterhood has had a great start to the year, hosting several membership events, breakfasts, and social activities. One of the comments we have heard from prospective members is that they are hesitant to join Sisterhood because it might be too big a commitment. We want to dispel that myth herein.

Yes, we do A LOT! Typically, at least twice a month, there is an opportunity to get together and socialize and possibly learn, create, cook or bake something, share a bite to eat, or do something for the community. These events are all optional. Come to what appeals to you and what you think you would enjoy. Come to meet new people or see old friends. As a Sisterhood member, you get all this and so much more!

Your participation matters. When you volunteer in the Judaica Shop or at the Chanukkah Bazaar, you are helping us raise funds that go back to our community. Our past donations include Camp Coleman, Jewish Family Services, and other Jewish and secular organizations that need our support. Those that join Sisterhood at the Sarah level of \$180 are invited to help us allocate the monies across several deserving organizations. When you participate in our social action

activities, you help us address the needs of our community in a more direct way.

In the past, we have created blankets and goods to support the sick and needy. Sisterhood has so much fun mixing and baking Hamantaschen in the kitchen, but did you know that all proceeds of our Hamantaschen sales are donated to the Religious School? Your membership dues also support the Religious School as Sisterhood pays the salaries of all teaching assistants. We also support our synagogue youth in other ways, such as through joint programming and the annual sponsorship of a SchZFTY Kallah dinner.

Your membership supports the Temple and Clergy. Through the Floral Fund, Sisterhood provides beautiful flowers for the Bimah. Sisterhood participates in partnered programs with the Temple and the Brotherhood and provides annual donations to the clergy's respective discretionary funds. Monies raised during our YES Fund luncheon support future leaders of Reform Judaism who are given scholarships for rabbinical and cantorial studies at seminaries and institutions worldwide. Our own Schaarai Zedek clergy has been the beneficiary of these scholarships.

Your membership matters. Your membership dues support the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), a network of progressive Jewish women

working together to empower women and communities through the bonds of Sisterhood, spirituality, and social justice. Leading with the principle of *Tikkun Olam*, WRJ mobilizes collective action on various causes to create a more just and compassionate world for all people of all backgrounds and identities. If you want to learn more about WRJ, you can visit their website or attend a national or regional WRJ conference – and our Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood provides scholarships to supplement the costs.

While this is not a comprehensive list, we hope you now have a better understanding of what being a member of Sisterhood is all about. You can attend as few or as many events and activities as you like. If you never attend anything in person, know that your membership dues help us do so much to support our youth, our clergy, our synagogue, and our community.

Look for our Tuesday Sisterhood emails for more information about our upcoming events. If you have any questions or suggestions or want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are thrilled to announce that the Franci Golman Rudolph Star Event, featuring Jennifer Grey of Dirty Dancing fame, will be held on January 24, 2023. You do not want to miss this event! ●



**2023 FRANCI GOLMAN RUDOLPH
SCHAARAI ZEDEK SISTERHOOD STAR EVENT**

PRESENTS A CONVERSATION WITH

Jennifer Grey

ACTRESS & BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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BABY IN THE BELOVED CLASSIC DIRTY DANCING**

JANUARY 24, 2023

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SCHAARAI ZEDEK SISTERHOOD'S
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Chanukah Bazaar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

SUNDAYS (12/11 AND 12/18)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEEKDAYS (MONDAY 12/12 THRU FRIDAY 12/16)

9:00AM-1:00PM

SPECIAL EVENING HOURS 4:30 - 6:30 PM

MONDAY 12/12 AND WEDNESDAY 12/14

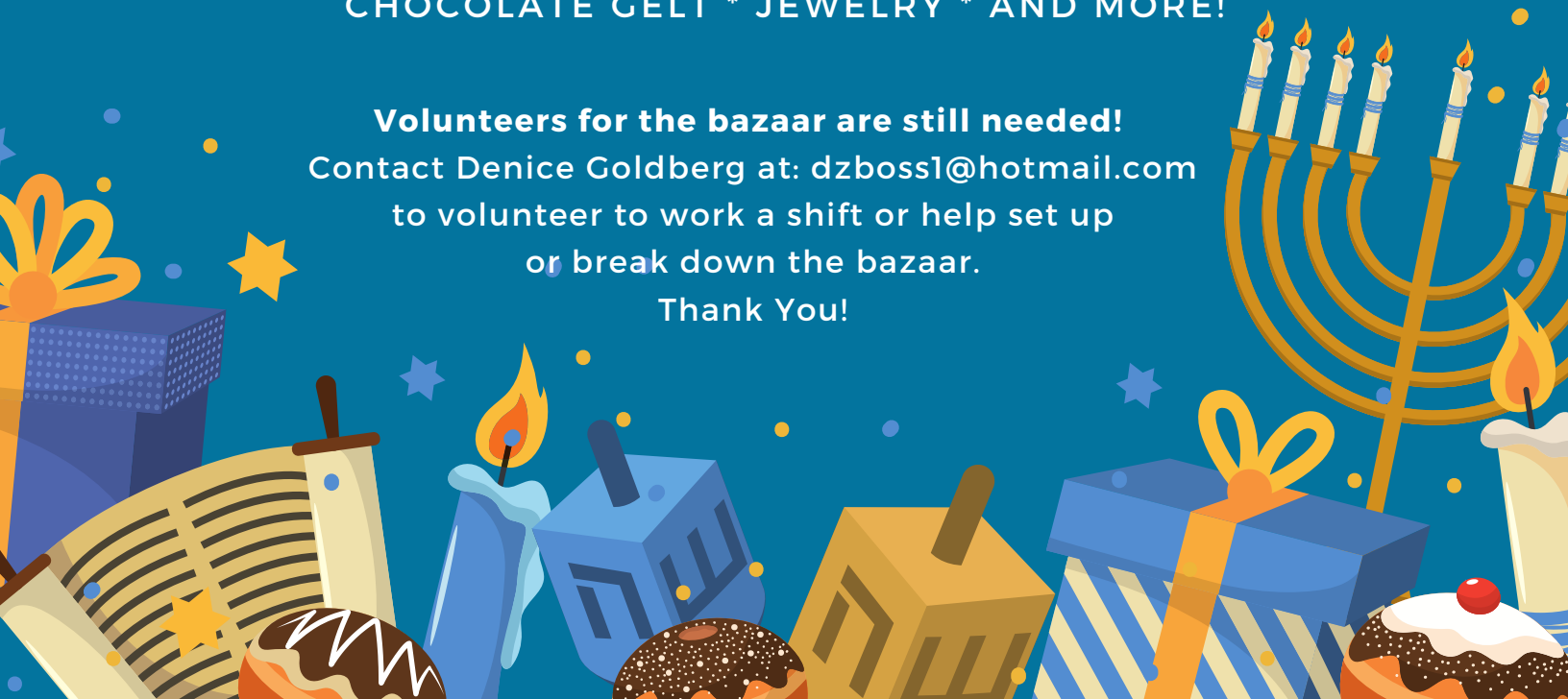
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PLUS A NEW SELECTION OF ITEMS FROM THE JUDAICA SHOP
MENORAHS * CANDLES * DREIDELS * GIFT WRAP * TOYS & GAMES
CHOCOLATE GELT * JEWELRY * AND MORE!

Volunteers for the bazaar are still needed!

Contact Denice Goldberg at: dzboss1@hotmail.com
to volunteer to work a shift or help set up
or break down the bazaar.

Thank You!



Brotherhood

Marc Holtzberg, Brotherhood President

At the moment of writing this Shofar article, Hurricane Ian has passed, and we are thankful to be safe. We pray for those who were affected throughout the state of Florida.

Our annual **Kickoff Event**, rescheduled because of Hurricane Ian, was fantastic. It was held at Bayshore Regency overlooking Hillsborough Bay. The many who attended enjoyed cigars and Cuban/Spanish food from La Teresita. We had a fundraiser with money going to the American Red Cross for the victims of Hurricane Ian.

Our **Bourbon and Cigars** event at JC Newman's was fabulous with tours of the "El Reloj," excellent Bourbons from Kentucky, and paired food from Amici's.

As we pack and sell out these fantastic Brotherhood Events, we will bring more new and different programs. Please follow our QR code because we will keep our events and registration pages updated. With that QR code, you can register for any and all Brotherhood events.

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss:

This year's **FREE Brotherhood Steve Marx Speaker Series** features the highest-ranking military officers from the Israeli Embassy based in Washington, DC. Major General Hidai Zilberman and officers representing IDF Army, Navy, Air Force, Intelligence, R&D, and Missile Defense will be speaking at CSZ on Wednesday, November 30, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in a Q&A format. The topic will be challenges and opportunities in the Middle East. Before the main event, there will be a reception limited to 100 people. There will be a cost to attend this portion of the evening. RSVP is required for both the evening program and the reception.

We will participate in a special project on **Mitzvah Day** on Sunday, November 6.

Brotherhood's **Putt-Putt Event** at Par Bar in St. Pete (with food from Mean-chis) will be on December 11 at 3:00 p.m. They have a full bar and local taps. We will have a golf tournament of sorts with some fun and enjoyment. ●

Join Brotherhood & Sisterhood

Brotherhood and Sisterhood warmly invite you to join (or rejoin if you were a member last year) for the 2022-2023 year, as membership is not automatic. Please visit the links below for more information.

Brotherhood Membership Form:
www.zedek.org/brotherhood



Sisterhood Membership Form:
www.zedek.org/sisterhood



BROTHERHOOD
CONGREGATION SCHAARAI ZEDEK

ANNUAL STEVE MARX SPEAKER SERIES
presents

Major General Zilberman

Israel's Defense and Armed Forces Attaché to the U.S.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Pre-Event Reception \$25 per person 6:00-7:00 pm

RSVP Required, Limited to 100, Includes 2 Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres

Come to the exclusive Pre-Event Reception to meet Major General Hidai Zilberman and officers from every major military branch of the Israeli Embassy including Air Force, Army, Navy, Intelligence, R&D, and Missile Defense.

Free Main Event 7:15-8:30 pm

All are invited to the **FREE** Main Event, where Major General Zilberman will address current challenges and opportunities in the Middle East while answering questions from the floor.

*Open to the Community - Masks are Optional
This Event is Off the Record & Closed to the Press*

RSVP at www.zedek.org/brotherhood or call (813) 876-2377

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RSVP For This Brotherhood Event

Lifecycles

B'nei Mitzvah

Phoebe Bomstein

Parents: Joshua & Lindsay Bomstein
November 5, 2022

Matthew Olivares

Parent: Paola Olivares
November 5, 2022

Zachary Greene

Parents: Michael & Karen Greene
November 12, 2022

Iris Hellman

Parents: Steven & Jennifer Hellman
November 12, 2022

Welcome New Members

Saxon & Stephanie Baum
Vladimir & Marina Berdnik
Paul Fernandez
Jared & Jessica Fink
Michael & Barbara Fischler
Toby Goldin
Jourdan & Lauren Haynes
Jason & Lizette Howard
Eric & Allison Jacobs
Anthony & Jade Katz
Cameron & Abigail King
Maxwell & Elizabeth King
Daniel Kinnamon & Madeleine Appelbaum
Cory & Lina Kleinman
Bryan & Lauren Levine
Jason & Mandy Levy
Ian & Sophia MacKay
Edward & Nancy Paikoff

Dylan Aidman

Parents: Todd & Danielle Aidman
November 19, 2022

Savannah Baker

Parents: Lucas & Heather Baker
November 19, 2022

Savva Gant

Parents: Timothy & Lina Gant
December 3, 2022

Marc & Bonnie Pomerantz
Andrew & Dana Resnick
Joseph & Nicole Rettig
Stephen & Katie Rosenberg
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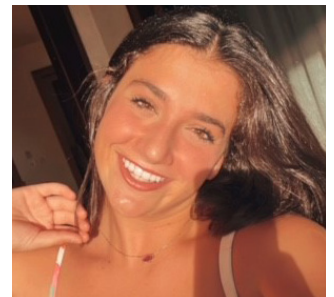
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Savva Gant



Iris Hellman

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November 2022

- Nov. 1-2: Candy Drive
- Nov. 3-16: Food Drive
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day / Non-Student Day
- Nov. 14: Pre-K Thanksgiving Show
- Nov. 16: Thanksgiving Sing-Along (3s)
- Nov. 18: Thanksgiving Shabbat (2s)
- Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Holiday / Early Closing
- Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday / Non-Student Days
- Nov. 28-Dec. 14: Holiday Gift Drive

December 2022

- Dec. 18-26: Chanukah
- Dec. 16: Chanukah Play
- Dec. 26-Jan. 6: Winter Break / Non-Student Days (part-time and school day students)
- Dec. 26-Jan. 2: All School Closing for Winter Break / Non-Student Days

Calendar Highlights

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

WEDNESDAYS AT 12 PM



Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn

Join Rabbi Weiss on Zoom and look at the world of Mussar, a centuries-old Jewish approach to finding moral principles and building personal virtues.

WEDNESDAY, NOV 2, 7 PM



Adult Education – Crafting

Join Cantor Cannizzaro and Lindsey Dewey for an introduction on gratitude and Judaism followed by an opportunity to learn simple paper crafting techniques to create handmade cards. These cards can be shared with loved ones, friends, and family, or sent anonymously to increase the spread of gratitude and kindness! Light bites will be provided.

FRIDAY, NOV 4, 5:30 PM



Friday Night Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat

Join us for an interactive Shabbat experience for families with young children (ages 0-5 and siblings of all ages). After the service, enjoy a complimentary family-friendly Shabbat dinner.

FRIDAY, NOV 4, 7 PM



20s+30s Shabbat Service & Dinner

Join us for Shabbat Services followed by a special 20s+30s Shabbat Dinner.

SUNDAY, NOV 6



Mitzvah Day

Join Schaarai Zedek for our annual Mitzvah Day! More info at www.zedek.org/mitzvahday.

THURSDAY, NOV 10, 12 PM



ROMEos & Jew-liets

Join Rabbi Birnholz for a complimentary lunch followed by an intriguing presentation and lively discussion. Topic TBD.

THURSDAY, NOV 10, 7 PM



Why Dialogue Matters

Join Saint Leo University's Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies for a conversation on why interfaith dialogue and making friendships across differences is essential for our traditions, institutions, and society. Join us at 6:30 PM for a wine and cheese reception.

SATURDAY, NOV 12, 6 PM



Parents' Night Out

Enjoy a fun night at Schaarai Zedek without having to worry about childcare – we've got you covered! Kids will enjoy pizza, movies, and crafts while parents enjoy dinner and games with other parents. Children must be 4+ and potty-trained. RSVPs required by November 10.

THURSDAY, NOV 17, 11:30 AM



Senior Luncheon

In honor of Veterans Day, Ruth VanDyke will present "A History of Women in the Military." Ruth has published several books about how her story is interwoven into the American military fabric. Enjoy lunch and an opportunity to ask questions following Ruth's presentation. Copies of Ruth's books will be available for purchase, sold as a bundle for \$25.

FRIDAY, DEC 2, 5:30 PM



Primary Shabbat

This special Shabbat is for families with children in grades K-2 (and siblings of all ages). After the service, enjoy a complimentary family-friendly Shabbat dinner.

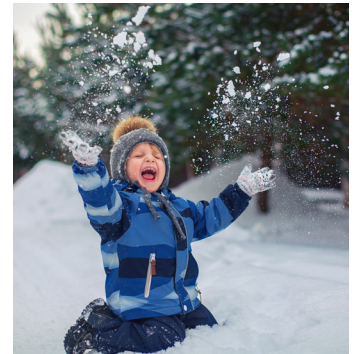
SATURDAY, DEC 10, 6 PM



Parents' Night Out

Enjoy dinner and conversation followed by a crash-course in creating the perfect snacking board! Babysitting with pizza, a movie, and crafts is available for potty-trained children 4+. RSVPs required by December 8.

SATURDAY, DEC 17, 2 PM



Snow Day

Join us for Schaarai Zedek's Annual Snow Day and Havdalah! Put on your mittens and jackets and come to Schaarai Zedek to play in the snow. Please remember to bring extra warm clothes and towels to dry off your little ones. Invite a friend or two to come along!

2 PM: Preschool-Aged Children
3:30 PM: Crawlers & Unsteady Walkers
4 PM: Kids in grades K-2



NOVEMBER 2022												
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		1	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn 6 PM SchZFTY Hangout 6:30 PM Intro to Judaism 7 PM Adult Education	2	6 PM Sisterhood Event	3	11:45 AM Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 6:30 PM 20s+30s Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Service w/ Band	4	9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Matthew Olivares Bar Mitzvah 4:30 PM Phoebe Bomstein Bat Mitzvah	5		
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10 AM Brotherhood Volunteering Opportunity 25 Chanukah	26	27	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn 28	29	7 PM Shabbat Service 30	9 AM Torah Study 31 New Year's Eve

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 August 1 - September 30, 2022.

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