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Tu BiShvat

February 5-6

Tu BiShvat marks the beginning of a 'new year' or 'birthday' for trees, as they emerge from their winter sleep and start another fruit-bearing cycle.

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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.

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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

They say that a two-year term as President of the Synagogue is designed so that you can figure out the job during your first year and by the second year, really settle into your comfort zone with the responsibilities of the position. To say that we have the finest Temple staff in the

world which makes things so much easier would be a huge understatement. My compliments to ALL of the hard work and dedicated staff that makes the efforts of the President, the Executive Committee, and in fact, the entire Board of Trustees, a pleasure to serve this congregation.

However, as I reflect on the efforts and focus that define the role of President of Schaarai Zedek, I feel that a shout out to all those who stood before me in these shoes is well deserved. These men and women have dedicated their time and leadership abilities to make this synagogue everything it is today. Our

membership is flourishing, our Torah Circle and Endowment fundraising is thriving, and our activities are world-class! Our thanks and appreciation to all of these Past Presidents who continue to serve this place with their perspective and guidance in the interests of our long-term prosperity.

- Michael Haber
- Richard Eggatz
- Barbara Goldman
- Maril Jacobs
- Leonard Kleinman
- Saul Rachelson
- Ann Rosenbach
- Deborah Rosenthal
- Richard Rudolph
- Leslie Scharf
- Robert Tannenbaum
- Andrew Titen
- Joan Wadler
- Alen Weiner
- Mark Wolfson
- Carl Zielonka

Thank you for all that you have done for this congregation and for all that you continue to do, year after year. ●

RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ

Torah Circle

ANNUAL GIVING

If you would like to contribute to the 2022-2023 Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz Torah Circle, please visit zedek.org/torahcircle. If you have questions about donating, please contact Marc LeVine at mlevine@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377 ext. 206.

SHOFAR



*A bimonthly newsletter by
Congregation Schaarai Zedek*

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www.zedek.org/shofar*



Our helpers had a blast volunteering at Abby's Organic Farm on Mitzvah Day. Check out page 10 for photos from some of our other Mitzvah Day projects!



Standing together in fight against hate

B'chol dor vador chayav adam lir'ot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatza mi-mitrayim

In every generation, it is our obligation to see ourselves as if we left Egyptian slavery

Talmud Bavli - Pesachim - 116b

Rabbi Joel Simon

We often hear, "Don't judge someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes." In so many ways, the goal of the Passover Seder is to help us walk several miles in the shoes of our ancestors as they crossed the Sea of Reeds.

In the Haggadah we read of the four children, each representing a different way of looking at the story of the Israelites' exodus out of Egypt. The wicked child asks, "What does all this mean to you?" The Rabbis say that this represents the one who sees themselves as separate from the Israelites' story. **They** were freed from slavery. **They** crossed the Sea of Reeds. For

that child, the Haggadah quotes Exodus 13:8, "you shall explain to your child on that day, 'It is because of what God did for **me** when I went free from Egypt.'" As we tell the story, we are supposed to say that **we** were freed from slavery, and **we** crossed the Sea of Reeds.

The text above from the Talmud is also found in the Haggadah, and at my Passover Seder, as this line is sung, we pass around a mirror that has an Egyptian background along with the split sea painted on it. But literally seeing ourselves in Egypt is far less important than truly thinking about what it means to see ourselves as having been freed from slavery.

In one light, this text reminds us of the vulnerability we as Jews continue to face.

We are a people who has continuously been enslaved, who has crossed many seas, and who has survived. We know that this is not just ancient history, as this month marks 78 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. We too have been freed from the house of bondage. Unfortunately, as we see rising instances of antisemitism from all sides, we feel this vulnerability even more keenly today. To see ourselves in our peoples' story unfortunately seems to be getting easier every day.

This text challenges us in a different way as well. Exodus 22:20 states, "You shall not wrong or oppress a stranger because you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Now, just as we see ourselves in the story of our ancestors, we also are

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What can a Cantor do?

Not just a pretty voice.

Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro

A few weeks ago, I phoned a congregant to set up an appointment in preparation for a funeral. This was a family I knew, having officiated at two previous *b'nei mitzvah*. The congregant was so grateful to hear from me. As we were saying goodbye, she commented, “You know, when Rabbi told me that you would be doing the funeral, I was so surprised. I didn’t know you could do that!”

I’ve heard this comment many, many times over the years. When I stop by the hospital to visit someone or show up for a shiva, invariably, someone will say, “I didn’t know you could do this. I thought that’s what the Rabbi did.”

Over the last 75 years, the role of the cantor in Reform Judaism has radically changed. It has evolved from being a sacred singer who would find employment by responding to positions posted in the newspaper to a fully ordained clergy member. Today’s cantors preside over life cycle events the same as rabbis. They counsel the bereaved, visit the sick, perform weddings, funerals, and baby

namings, and rejoice with *b'nei mitzvah* families. They are educators, helping children and adults find deeper meaning in their Judaism, and run various music programs in the synagogue. They give sermons and welcome the congregation. Functionally, there is little difference between the rabbi and the cantor.

So, what’s the difference? To truly answer this question, we must go back to the origins of the *chazzan*.

After the destruction of the Second Temple, the entire concept of Jewish worship changed from animal sacrifice to prayer. The term *chazzan* can be found throughout the Talmudic literature, referring to the *chazzan ha-k'nesset*, literally “the overseer of the synagogue.” This person functioned as a synagogue caretaker: he would be the one who removed the Torah from the ark, and he would blow the Shofar to announce the beginning of Shabbat or Festivals and the like. Since he was always at the house of worship, he knew the service, the liturgy, and the traditions of worship.

Over the next 500 years, as knowledge of Hebrew declined, the *chazzan ha-k'nesset* began to take on the role of permanent

service leader. He became the defacto *shaliach tzibur*, or “messenger of the community.” He would lead the service, write liturgical poetry, and chant Torah. It wasn’t until the Middle Ages that the position of *chazzan* as a religious authority and artistic performer was expanded. These leaders were increasingly sought after for their pleasing vocal skills. Fixed qualifications were set down for them, including that he has a decent voice and pleasant appearance, be married, have a beard, have deep knowledge of the liturgy, and be of blameless character.

In the nineteenth century, the role of the *chazzan* changed again with the emancipation of European Jews. The term “cantor” came into Jewish usage, having been borrowed from the sacred singers of the church. The *chazzanim* began to embellish the synagogue melodies, employing the rules of Western harmony to compose new music. Eventually, the level of artistry and musicianship rose and set the stage for the Golden Age of *Chazzanut*, a period between World War I and World War II when cantorial performance was regarded as being at its height. Cantors



Hebrew for YOU, taught by Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro, is a 12-lesson course designed for English-speaking adults who want to learn to read the Hebrew prayers and blessings. Whether you took Hebrew “way back when” and want a refresher, or you have no previous Hebrew skills, this is the perfect class to enrich your worship experience.

All classes are held from 10-11 AM, Sunday mornings during Religious School. Now you can learn as the kids learn! Textbooks and flashcards will be available at our first class and then we’ll begin our journey through the alef-bet.

Please call or email Khan Whiteside, at kwhiteside@zedek.org or at the Temple office (813)-876-2377 with questions or to register. This class is a prerequisite for an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Class Dates:

January 22, 29
February 5, 12, 26
March 5, 26
April 2, 16, 23, 30
May 7

became recording artists, concertizers, and popular singers, in addition to service leaders. These virtuoso performers were on par with the great opera singers of the day, and their vocal gymnastics, emotive flourishes, and drawn-out phrases attracted audiences (both Jewish and non-Jewish) throughout Europe and the United States.

And then, the Holocaust. Faced with the horror and reality of what had almost been lost forever, the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College was founded in 1948. Looking to fill the need of American Reform congregations, the SSM sought to train cantors who could serve as musical leaders in their religious communities. For over a thousand years, the hallmark of a good cantor had been the combination of an attractive and powerful voice with an emotive and impassioned performance style. Now, the cantor was being asked to do more than sing and lead prayers. They were being trained alongside rabbis in subjects of Jewish law, texts, education, and spirituality. In fact, at both the Hebrew Union College (Reform) and the Jewish Theological

Seminary (Conservative), the training ground for the majority of today’s cantors and rabbis, the curricula for both roles have a gross amount of overlap, with cantors deviating by studying much more liturgy and music and rabbis studying much more Talmud and texts.

What an amazing journey from caretaker of the sanctuary to caretaker of the musical tradition.

Judaism is a culture of tradition. Even though we live in this modern world, we often relate to our childhood and the role that the rabbi played. It will take time, especially here in the south, for the idea of the cantor as clergy to become more entrenched in our minds and lives. It is my hope that my congregants will begin to reach out to me for spiritual nourishment, to officiate at life cycle events and the like over the coming years. It will be a blessing for me to share in these events. Yet, I know that the heart of the cantorate will always remain in the sanctuary, leading the Jewish people in prayer, keeping the musical tradition of our culture alive. May each of us go from strength to strength. ●

Community Outreach

Blood Drive

The Big Red Bus will be here for blood donations on Sunday, February 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each donation can save up to three lives! Contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org for the link to sign up for an appointment.

Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Park Cleanup

Join fellow congregants to help pick up litter on Sunday, January 15, from 9 a.m. until noon at Davis Islands Park, 864 Severn Ave, Tampa, FL 33606. Please contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377 ext. 210 with questions and to register.

Join Our Caring Community

Do you want to do meaningful mitzvahs for individual and family members of Schaarai Zedek members? Join a group of caring Schaarai Zedek congregants in our Caring Community Committee! We are organizing a group of interested congregants to serve other congregants in times of joy, illness, and loss. Help offer support by delivering food, visiting, or simply making a phone call. You can make a difference! If you would like to be involved, please contact Donna Wood at dwood@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377 ext. 210.



Engagement & Outreach

“True belonging doesn’t require that we change who we are; it requires that we BE who we are.” – Brene Brown

Lindsey Dewey

How often do we allow ourselves to evaluate who we are and what we strive to attain? Growing up is filled with checkpoints naturally designed to provide the space and freedom to assess our personal progress, adjust our framing, and better align our efforts to pursue our incremental goals. We travel through our high school years looking toward post-graduate plans, and we select a major or trade to secure a job. We seek an employer or a career path to attain upward mobility, time, or financial freedom, complementing our personal lives. In these spheres of life, we often fall into a pattern of becoming something or someone we believe satisfies an external

requirement, often at the expense of bringing our most genuine selves to the table.

As I have grown and changed as a professional, Congregation Schaarai Zedek has afforded me opportunities to not only bring my strengths to the community but to take the needs of our community and grow with them. The development of new and exciting cohorts and groups has paralleled the wants of congregants to find deeper connections not just as a place of worship but as a point of social connection rooted deeply in shared values and beliefs. We are afforded a beautiful synergy between communal and congregational development. As each program develops, not only do our personal bonds strengthen, we are better positioned to offer even more varied religious offerings.

Because we, as a congregation, are committed to embracing where we are while keeping an eye toward where we would like to be, I am thankful for the shared experiences that allow us to keep pushing the envelope! We invite you to share your feedback as we try new things. Please let us know if you are missing something we haven’t done in a while. We want to specifically invite “active adults” to join us on January 19, January 26, or February 5 to offer insight on new programming for adults with more time flexibility during the day, evenings, and weekends. We are looking at a variety of different options, and we would love to hear from YOU! We hope these opportunities allow you each to feel a sense of true belonging and the ability to show up as your most authentic self. ●

Artist-in-Residence Weekend with Elana Arian

January 6 - 8, 2023

Join Congregation Schaarai Zedek in welcoming the incredible musician and singer Elana Arian to the Tampa Bay area. Considered one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music, Elana is a composer, multi-instrumentalist, prayer leader, and recording artist, inspiring communities worldwide with her soulful songwriting and spirit.



Elana will join us for Shabbat services on Friday, January 6, 2023. You won't want to miss this incredible evening of music and prayer. She will continue her visit with a Coffeehouse Concert on Saturday, January 7. Our evening will feature light bites, desserts, a coffee bar, and more! Then, on Sunday, January 8, we will offer a musical experience for families and children of all ages. Join us for a drum circle, make your own instruments, musical art stations, and more before closing our morning with a family-friendly concert. This is a weekend you will not want to miss!

Artist-in-Residence Schedule

Friday, January 6

7 PM - Guest artist for Shabbat service

Saturday, January 7

7 PM - Live Concert

Sunday, January 8

10 AM - Musical experience for all ages

A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and prayer leader, **Elana Arian** is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. Elana's music is part of Jewish life across the globe, and her compositions are sung in spiritual communities, summer camps, and synagogues from Louisville to London, from Chicago to the Czech Republic, and everywhere in between. Elana just released her fourth album of original music, *The Other Side of Fear*, and her compositions have been published in countless Transcontinental Music collections. Elana has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and perhaps most memorably, five separate appearances at the (Obama) White House. She lives in New York with her wife, Julia, and two daughters, Maya and Acadia.

Brotherhood

Marc Holtzberg, Brotherhood President

Brotherhood starts the second part of the year with our second Kickoff of the year:

Join Brotherhood members and friends as we watch the NFL playoffs on **Sunday, January 29**, at Schaarai Zedek. Who's playing? Not even a Las Vegas bookie could tell you this far in advance. This is a tried and true Brotherhood event, with good food, drinks, and friends. There will be traditional football games and expected goodies that violate sensible people's New Year's resolutions and diets.

What's the difference between rotgut and top-shelf Bourbon? Finishing! We have a Bourbon Finishing event planned for **Thursday, February 16**, at a private club to learn and compete in how to finish a Bourbon to compete with Scotch. Our Finishing Master, Jack Rosenkranz, Esq., will explain at our January Playoff Kickoff (and maybe provide a sample).

Looking ahead, we have a friendly competition in the works for March. April will find us serving at Trinity Cafe again during Passover. Volunteers are requested; you can chat with Ben Gersten for more details.

Brotherhood presents the most salivating event of the year on **Saturday**,



April 22: Deli Night! Our lips are sealed where the corned beef and pastrami will come from this year. If you must know and have an interest in helping, reach out to me to volunteer for this fun family annual affair.

On **Thursday, May 18**, we will take a peek behind the curtain of a major Tampa institution with the

help of a Brotherhood insider. More details will be shared as we get closer. And May will also bring our own Brotherhood Shabbat Service to round out the year. This service will interest the entire congregation as the Brotherhood announces our gift to the congregation for this year. Don't miss it. ●

Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Andi Parker
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Happy 2023! The last several months have been a whirlwind as we came back to a full spectrum of in-person programming. We have baked, crafted, eaten, learned, celebrated, and helped our community.

Last month, we had an amazing membership appreciation event, and a very successful Chanukah Bazaar! We enjoyed meeting so many new people and spending more time with old friends. Our

Sisterhood is something special!

Next month, we are hosting our largest fundraiser, the Franci Golman Rudolph Star Event, featuring Jennifer Grey of Dirty Dancing fame. Please join us for entertainment, food, and fun at the Tampa Theatre on the evening of February 21. That evening, we will also honor one of our exceptional sisters with the Audrey Maas Shine Leadership Award. This event is open to community, so please invite your friends (women and men)! For more information, see our flyer

on the next page. To register, visit zedek.org/starevent.

Be sure to check out other Sisterhood events in our weekly Tuesday emails. We have many more programs planned, and lots of opportunities to bake Hamantaschen. We are also looking forward to the WRJ Southeast District Convention coming to Tampa this March. It will be a great opportunity to meet other like-minded women in our district.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for anything! ●

NOTE NEW DATE!

**SCHAARAI ZEDEK SISTERHOOD
INVITES THE COMMUNITY**

**2023 FRANCI GOLMAN RUDOLPH
STAR EVENT**



A CONVERSATION WITH
Jennifer Grey

**ACTRESS &
BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

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PORTRAYAL OF BABY IN THE
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Thank you for a successful Mitzvah Day!

Approximately 550 people participated in our congregation-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 6. The following organizations were served:

- Abby's Organic Community Farm
- Academy Prep Center of Tampa
- Amy Gail Buchman Preschool
- Bakas Equestrian Center
- One Blood
- Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank via on-site volunteers and a Bowl-a-Thon
- Clothes to Kids
- Comfort for Critters
- Community Garden for Refugees
- Fueling Hope
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services cards for volunteers and clients
- Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
- Kindness Rocks and Posters
- MacDonald Training Center
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Quantum Leap Farm
- Ronald McDonald House
- Trinity Café
- Unaccompanied Children Center
- Veterans Administration
- Vista Gardens Park
- Warming the World
- Weinberg Village

Please mark your calendars for our congregation-wide Mitzvah Day on **Sunday, November 5, 2023.**



Lifecycles

B'nei Mitzvah

Olivia Eichberg

Parents: Matias & Shannon Eichberg
January 7, 2023

Robin Tisdale

Parents: Ross-Alan Tisdale & Jody Beck
January 14, 2023

Sarah Pincus

Parents: Loren & Ali Pincus
February 4, 2023

Maxwell Keskiner

Parents: Aydin & Barbara Keskiner
February 11, 2023

Ash Levin

Parents: Randy & Amy Levin
February 18, 2023

Vivienne Kassewitz

Parents: Joel & Darcie Kassewitz
February 25, 2023



Ash Levin



Robin Tisdale

Welcome New Members

Thomas & Linda Bornstein

Brandon & Lara Breslow

Brett & Hannah Kushner

Cory & Jacqueline Lucas

Robert McCarl & Deborah Kagan

Fletcher North & Kate Levenstien

Dana Schneider

Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



January 2023

- Jan 3-6: School open to Extended Day students
- Jan 9: School returns for PT and SD students
- Jan 16: MLK Jr. Holiday / Non-Student Day
- Jan 20: Pirate Parade
- Jan 25-27: Donuts with Dads and Special Friends

February 2023

- Fitness and FUNdraiser Month
- Feb 3: Teacher Workday Early Closing
- Feb 23: Auction Gala



Frank Sinatra Impersonator Armando Diaz serenaded our seniors at December's Senior Luncheon.

Senior Luncheon

January 19, 11:30 AM

Jews in Jazz History: A Rich Heritage

Dr. Jeffrey Benatar, Assistant Professor of Music at Florida Southern College, presents a lecture-recital highlighting Jewish Jazz composers, musicians, and icons. Speaking about their innovations, impact, and importance in the development of Jazz, Benatar will perform solo piano versions of seminal pieces, complete with on-the-spot improvisations.

February 16, 11:30 AM

BINGO

Join us for great food and BINGO fun. Bingo is one of the most popular games in the world because it is exciting, especially when you win! Come, socialize and take your chance to yell out, "BINGO!" There will be lots of Great Prizes for some lucky players.

*Our Senior Luncheons are provided by the
Esther N. & Leo M. Weiss Seniors Endowment Fund.*

Calendar Highlights

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

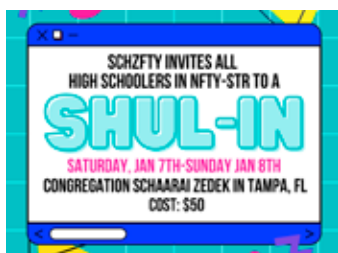
JANUARY 5 AT 12 PM



ROMEOLunch Bunch

Join Rabbi Birnholz and other ROMEOLunch Bunch (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for a complimentary lunch and lively discussion. Topic to be announced.

JANUARY 7-8



Shul-In at CSZ

Calling all 9-12 graders! Join us for an exciting opportunity to reunite with your friends from around the region! For the first time since 2020, we are having an overnight event right here at CSZ. Text your camp friends and NFTY friends to come be together for this fun-filled event! Cost is \$50 which includes all activities, meals, and the event merch!

JANUARY 11 AT 7 PM



"Understanding Antisemitism on the Web" with Dr. Jeremy Blackburn

Dr. Blackburn will join us from his home in Binghamton to share his research and his take on current trends regarding hate speech and antisemitism on the Internet, focusing on web communities like 4chan and Gab. You can join us at Schaarai Zedek or from your home via Zoom.

JANUARY 13 AT 7 PM



MLK Shabbat Service

As we join with our community in observing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we will be joined by Yvette Lewis, President of the Hillsborough Branch NAACP and Stanley Gray, President of the Urban League of Hillsborough County. They will join Joe Probasco, our member and Past President of the Tampa JCCs and Federation, and Rabbi Simon in a conversation about the history of the relationship between the Jewish and African American communities and work that is currently taking place between them.

JANUARY 19 AT 6:30 PM



Active Adults Interest Meeting

Are you interested in sharing ideas and giving feedback about opportunities for an "active adults" cohort? We are excited to begin planning opportunities for members of our community with time flexibility looking for new and exciting adventures. We would love member feedback about events and locations to explore, days and times that generally work well, and suggestions for event planning. If you can't make one of the three meetings, please share any thoughts with Lindsey Dewey at ldewey@zedek.org.

JANUARY 20 AT 7 PM



20s+30s Shabbat Service & Dinner

Join us for services and dinner as we welcome Federation's IMPACT program. IMPACT is a community of young adults who share a commitment and passion for Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) and building a strong Jewish community with the Tampa JCCs & Federation. Services will be with the congregation, separate 20s+30s dinner to follow.

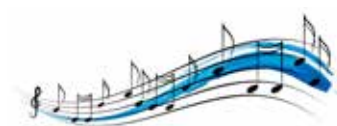
JANUARY 22 AT 11:30 AM



Jr. SchZFTY Day at the Park

Join us for an afternoon of adventure at Busch Gardens! If you have your own pass, join us at no cost!

FEBRUARY 3 AT 7 PM



Shabbat Shira

As synagogues around the world read the story of the crossing of the Sea of Reeds from the Torah, we will be joined by the Director of Refugee Services for the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services along with an Afghani refugee family they are currently assisting. As this Shabbat is called Shabbat Shira, a Shabbat of song, music for this evening's service will be led by our Koleinu Choir and Shabbat Achshav Band.

FEBRUARY 6 AT 7 PM



Merlot and Mysticism: A Tu BiShvat Wine Tasting Experience

At this seder, combine the world of the mystics with that of the oenophile, learning a bit about Kabbalah and a bit about wine, as we enjoy a guided wine tasting (no Manischewitz!) along with the fruits and nuts that are traditional for Tu BiShvat. This event is for adults who are 21 and older. \$10 per person.

CSZ GOES TO BROADWAY!



Hamilton at Straz - January 12

Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B and Broadway, HAMILTON has taken the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton and created a revolutionary moment in theater. Seats are Orchestra-level and our group will be seated together. Seats are limited. Optional bus transportation is available from Schaarai Zedek at no additional cost. \$105 per person.

Wicked at Straz - March 11

WICKED, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz ... but from a different angle. Seats are Orchestra-level and our group will be seated together. Seats are limited. An optional add-on buffet lunch at Maestro's is available prior to the show at 12:30 PM. \$88 per person, \$33 per person for optional buffet lunch.

JANUARY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Temple Office & Preschool Closed	3 Fast of Tevet	4 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 6 PM SchZFTY Hangout Night	5 12 PM ROMEos	6 7 PM Shabbat Service with Elana Arian	7 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Olivia Eichberg Bat Mitzvah 12 PM SchZFTY Shul-In 3 PM Elana Arian Concert
8 11 AM Elana Arian Concert	9 6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting	10 11:30 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting	11 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 7 PM Adult Education with Dr. Jeremy Blackburn	12 7 PM Hamilton at Straz	13 11:45 AM Executive Committee Meeting 4 PM Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 7 PM MLK Jr. Shabbat Service	14 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Robin Tisdale Bar Mitzvah
15 9 AM Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Park Cleanup	16 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Temple Office & Preschool Closed	17	18 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 6 PM Sisterhood Event	19 11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 6:30 PM Active Adults Interest Meeting	20 5:30 PM Pirate Tot Shabbat 7 PM Shabbat Service with 20s+30s and Federation 8 PM 20s+30s Dinner	21 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan Gasparilla Children's Parade
22 9 AM Religious School 10 AM Adult Hebrew 11:30 AM Jr. SchZFTY Busch Gardens	23 12 PM Sisterhood Book Club 7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	24	25 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom)	26 2 PM Active Adults Interest Meeting 6 PM B'nei Mitzvah Families Meeting	27 7 PM Shabbat Service	28 9 AM Torah Study (Zoom only) Gasparilla Pirate Fest Parade
29 9 AM Religious School 10 AM Adult Hebrew 11:30 AM Chaverim Event 2:30 PM Brotherhood Football Event	30	31				

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			1 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 6 PM SchZFTY Hangout Night	2 6:30 PM Nominating Committee Groundhog Day	3 5:30 PM Primary Shabbat 7 PM Shabbat Shira with Choir and Band	4 9 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Bagel Minyan 4:30 PM Sarah Pincus Bat Mitzvah 6 PM SchZFTY Event
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challenged to see ourselves in the story of our neighbors - those who are oppressed, those who have been freed from oppression, and those who are in the middle of their own Sea of Reeds.

Over the next two months, we will have two very special opportunities to hear another's story. As we remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we will welcome Yvette Lewis, president of the Hillsborough Branch NAACP, and Stanley Gray, president of the Urban League of Hillsborough County, to our Shabbat service on January 13th. As they share their stories with us, they'll join our own Joe Probasco, past president of the Tampa JCCs and Federation, in speaking about the current conversation and partnership between our community organizations and the possibilities for the future. At our February 3rd Shabbat service, as synagogues around the world read the story of the crossing of the Sea of Reeds from the Torah, we will be joined

by the Director of Refugee Services for the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services along with an Afghani refugee family they are currently assisting. As we read our story, we will hear their story. I truly hope you'll join us for these two special evenings.

As we enter the new year of 2023, as we strive to walk in another's shoes, may we better understand our own people's challenges and those of others, and may we strive to do so in our personal lives as well. When our own neighbor is suffering, when a friend, family member, or coworker is hurting, may we remember that we have crossed similar seas, and may we try to see their story as if it were our own. And in so doing, may we teach future generations to see themselves as part of the story, inspiring them to work for a time when all peoples may cross the sea together to the shores of freedom and of peace. ●