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ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

# DAN NICHOLS

*Special Guest*

NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

We are thrilled to welcome Dan Nichols as our Artist-In-Residence at Schaarai Zedek from November 10-12. With a passion for music and a deep connection to Jewish traditions, Dan Nichols is a renowned artist whose melodies and lyrics have touched hearts across the globe. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with a true artist and spiritual leader who will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on all who attend. *See pages 4-5 for more info!*

## Connect with us

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# Welcome!



Carla Markowitz  
President

**H**ow amazing were Congregation Schaarai Zedek's High Holy Days services and programming?!

We experienced beautiful music and moving sermons from our clergy, and enjoyed fun (and delicious) programming from our staff and Sisterhood. The sanctuary was filled with congregants and

guests for services, and it was heart-warming to see our numbers (almost) back to pre-Covid days.

Thank you to our hardworking and dedicated staff and clergy for delivering another

memorable High Holy Days season.

If you think things are slowing down now that the High Holy Days are over, think again! Schaarai Zedek continues to offer a variety of activities for all ages.

One event that holds a special place in my heart is Mitzvah Day, scheduled for November 5th. Choose an organization that is dear to you and join me for a day of service and community building, and bask in the "feel-good" vibes that this annual event creates.

Remember to keep a close eye on the Temple Calendar, as you won't want to miss any of the fun, educational, and spiritual events and activities that our talented staff and clergy bring to you every week. I hope to see you there! ●

## JOIN OUR CARING COMMUNITY



The Caring Community is a group of congregants who are dedicated to providing support and compassion to their fellow members. We offer a variety of outreach services, including phone calls, cards, and visits.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in making a difference in the lives of others. Whether you can commit to a one-time project or an ongoing commitment, your time and energy are greatly appreciated.

**More Information: Contact Donna Wood**

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## MITZVAH DAY

TIKKUN OLAM - REPAIRING THE WORLD  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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

**8:15-9:15 AM** Jr. SchZFTY Pancake Breakfast  
**9:15-9:30 AM** Kick-Off Service  
**9:30 AM** Meet Your Team  
**10:00 AM** Mitzvah Projects

After October 22, please contact Donna Wood regarding project availability.

To see a list of Mitzvah projects and register, scan the QR code or go to [www.zedek.org/mitzvahday](http://www.zedek.org/mitzvahday)



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

**Questions? Contact Donna Wood at [dwood@zedek.org](mailto:dwood@zedek.org) or 813-876-2377 ext. 210**

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# The Good Old Days

Rabbi Michael Weiss

**D**uring every Torah service, as we put the Torah away in the ark, we sing the words of *Etz Chaim Hi*, which means “It is a Tree of Life.” The prayer begins with two verses from Proverbs: “[The Torah] is a tree of life, and all who cling to it are happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace.”

The Torah, we are told, is like a tree, something with deep roots yet which grows and changes, its boughs spreading shade and comfort. There is hope for our future and our world as we nourish Torah, and Torah nourishes us. However, the prayer is concluded with a line from Lamentations, a book written from the depths of despair and exile: “Help us return to you and renew our lives as in days of old.” Days of old?!?! What happened to our hope for the future? What happened to the Tree of Life? That which is alive is dynamic and vital, breathing, morphing, and adapting. Why would we want to return to the way things have been?

Well, while Reform Judaism has been future-focused from its beginning, drawing from the ideas of the Enlightenment, “traditional” Judaism sometimes had a dim view of the passage of time. Among the works of the rabbis, we find the

concept of *yeridat ha-dorot*, “the decline of the generations.” According to this approach, as soon as God gave the Torah to Moses, each subsequent generation was lesser in wisdom than the one before and therefore had a weaker grasp on an ever-lengthening chain of tradition. As we move further from the source, our understanding of the text diminishes, and thus we must be that much more reliant and obedient to the traditions that came before. How can we then bring our Torah into the future and make it relevant to the generations to come if we are meant to be constantly yearning for a lionized past?

The German Jewish psychologist Erich Fromm, who fled from the Nazis and resettled in the United States, tells us that revering an imagined past is not only baked into the human psyche but is also the root of some of our most destructive impulses. As Joan Braune summarizes it, Fromm saw in humanity a desire to “escape from freedom,” i.e., to flee the burdens of individual freedom, responsibility, and loneliness, often through regression to a childlike dependence upon leaders or other social influences, or through reactionary efforts to reinstate some lost golden age. Fromm had, of course, seen this play out in a Nazi regime fueled by the myth that the Jews had robbed Germany of its rightful glory, and

in the 1960s, as the Cold War raged on, he saw fear sending America down a road to mutually assured nuclear destruction.

I think it’s likely that anyone living in that “golden age” was probably sitting there wishing they were living in the “golden age” before them. The rabbis of old yearned for the wisdom of the rabbis that came before them. They, of course, wanted to return to the time of Moses, and the future redemption of the world is imagined as a return to some kind of Eden, a perfect world with no want. But I think, deep down, we all know that we can’t turn back the clock, and even if we could, no “golden age” is as perfect as we might imagine it.

I wonder if we can choose to hear *Etz Chaim Hi* differently; not as “Renew our lives as in days of old,” but “Renew our lives as you have always done for us since the days of old.” We can ask God to help us be comfortable with the new and different, to face unknowns with courage, and to relish our responsibility for building the kind of future in which we want to live. We can work every day to bring our world one step closer to the kind of “golden age” our children will be proud of. And let us hope that each generation will build on our work, becoming stronger, wiser, and kinder because of the foundation we’ve laid for them. ●





# Harmonizing Life Through Change and Perspective

Rabbi Joel Simon

**O**n Rosh Hashanah, I shared the story of eight-year-old Joel at Shwayder Camp, joining the song leaders on that special Shabbat evening as I got to help lead one song during the camp song session. I shared with you all the role that evening played in setting the trajectory of my life, and it was ten years later, the summer after my senior year of high school, that I went back to Shwayder Camp in Idaho Springs, CO, as an official part of that song leader team. At that point, I had been playing the guitar for ten years, putting most of my energy toward learning the Jewish and folk music that I was expected to know for that summer, having led music both in the religious school and for my high school youth group. I wouldn't say I thought I knew everything there was to know, but as is common for a teenager, I thought I knew pretty much everything there was to know.

When I arrived for staff week at the beginning of the summer, I learned that the new camp director was bringing in the song leader from his old camp to work with us. His name was Dan Nichols, and while I knew many of the big names in Jewish music, he wasn't one of them (It would be two years before Dan would become one of the biggest names in Jewish music, and we're so excited to have him with us from November 10-12!).

"What was this guy going to teach me after I had spent ten whole years perfecting my craft!" I thought. I went in with as open of a mind as I could, though, and as we were playing through the songbook, Dan made an observation.

"Joel," he began, "you know all the songs, and you know all the chords, but you only have two strum patterns."

The strum is the rhythm with which the guitar pick hits the strings, and sure enough, Dan was right. And while I was able to play just about all of the music I needed to play with those two strum

patterns, Dan shared that some new patterns could add depth and variety to my guitar playing, improving my overall ability to do my job. After playing the same way for ten years, it wasn't easy, but Dan picked a couple of songs that provided opportunities to try something new, and by the end of the week, I was looking at my guitar in a way I never had before.

I share this story not only because I want you to come join us when Dan Nichols is visiting (did I mention he'll be here from November 10-12?), but as we look back at our High Holy Days and look ahead to the secular New Year and the changes we hope to see in ourselves, we think about how easy it is to get stuck in one way of doing things.

Rabbi ben Bag Bag said, "*Hafoch bah, v'hafoch bah, d'cholah vah* – Turn it, and turn it again, for everything is in it." (Mishna Avot 5:22). While he was speaking about words of Torah and looking at them from different perspectives to understand them differently, the lesson



can apply to every aspect of our lives. Just as one should never think they fully understand the Torah, needing to be open to new interpretations, so too must we look at all those things we think we understand and question whether there is another way to look at them.

Rabbi ben Bag Bag's quote is followed in the Mishna by a quote from Rabbi ben Hei Hei who said, "*L'foom tza'ara agra* – According to the effort is the reward."

As I strummed it, and strummed it again, it took work for me to change my habits, and looking at the world in new ways takes work as well. As we begin (and enter) a new year, may we too put in the effort to look at the world in new ways, to try things we've always done one way in a new way, and to turn our biases and beliefs over and over again, perhaps gaining an understanding of those who believe differently than we do, even if we don't agree, as we do, bringing newfound harmony and rhythm to each of our lives. ●



### **Shabbat with Dan Nichols**

*Friday, November 10, 7 PM*

Get ready for an extraordinary weekend! Join us for Shabbat services, where Dan will enchant us with his music and prayers. After services, we'll celebrate with a special Oneg Shabbat.

### **Shabbat Morning with Dan Nichols**

*Saturday, November 11*

**Torah Study at 9 AM // Bagel Minyan at 10:30 AM**

Shabbat continues with two fantastic opportunities to connect with Dan!

Dive deep into the wisdom of the Torah during our Torah Study. Then, embrace the spirit of community and tradition at our come-as-you-are Bagel Minyan. These sessions are open to all, so feel free to drop in for one or both!

### **Dan Nichols Coffee House Concert**

*Saturday, November 11, 6-9 PM*

Join us for a relaxing and inspiring evening of light bites, gelato, and coffee! We'll begin with Havdalah, then enjoy an enchanting night of music, storytelling, and connection. Dan will perform original compositions, beloved folk tunes, and much more.

### **Dan Nichols Visits Religious School**

*Sunday, November 12, 9 AM*

Dan will lead our weekly *T'Filah* services, and we invite families to join their students at services that day. Please check your Religious School emails for details and times of this unique opportunity.





# The Power of Family Photos

Why Those Annual Snaps Are More Meaningful Than You Think

Lindsey Dewey  
Director of Engagement & Outreach

For more than 25 years of my life, a crisp fall weekend meant my dad had researched a location, our family pretended to get ready, and the tripod was strategically loaded with my dad's favorite SLR camera. Rolls upon rolls of 35mm film, a somewhat willing friend or neighbor, and 45 minutes later, hundreds of images of our family were ready for development. We never sat for professional pictures as a nuclear family. Our yearly family photo was taken atop the Empire State Building and at a park overlooking the New York skyline on the Hudson River. When we lived in Los Angeles, a large tropical plant at the edge of the Pacific Ocean framed our family.

More years than not, though, my dad arranged and framed our family in our backyard, on a bench on our porch, in front of my mom's childhood home, in the living room on our couch, or casually sitting on our patio furniture. Through moves and houses, states, and life stages—our family photo was never casually snapped or selected from yearly family travels; it was always intentionally planned and usually met with an

appropriate level of tween and teen snark. There was never a color scheme or a clothing expectation, no coordinating outfits or intentional pattern mixing—just 45 minutes every fall when my dad would *<click> crank, <click> crank, <click> crank... snap, snap, snap, snap, snap...* to zero in on one singular image to send to everyone he had ever known.

Looking back, my dad has shared the stories of each photograph, the way my grandmother gave him a hard time for selecting one with my younger brother (just shy of two years old) scrunching his nose while I was blowing a bubble with my bubble gum. We reminisce about the year I wore his tie-dye Grateful Dead t-shirt and an age-appropriate scowl. None of us can forget the year our family moved when I was in middle school, and in 99 out of 100 pictures, I held up a sign that said, "I hate it here," craftily countering my dad's carefully positioned backyard arrangement.

Growing up, I truly hated these 45 minutes. I didn't understand why we had to take SO MANY PICTURES just to get "the one." I couldn't fathom why the specifics of the final print mattered. Why black and white? Everyone else sent their family photo in color. Why not match our outfits? Everyone else wore denim and white or black pants

with jewel-tone tops. I just didn't understand—until I became a parent.

I have never been more thankful that 42 years of my parents' marriage were captured in genuine black-and-white images. I now understand how precious it is that my dad chronicled our growth each year, as we were, not as he hoped the camera made us appear.

Last week, Lawton, my seven-year-old, said, "Why do we have to take family photos? I hate family photos." With a smile and a whole lot of sentiment, I told him, "I hated family photos when I was your age too, Bug." But you know what? I went on to explain how important it is to stop and capture where we are each year while we can. Marking the reality of these moments in time, surrounded by the people who make our experiences what they are.

As I think about this time of the year and the hustle and hassle of so many "obligations," I want to encourage you all to slow down a little bit, think about what is truly important to you—and maybe take a page out of my dad's playbook and encourage your nearest and dearest to stop and share space for 45 minutes, without special clothes or a prescribed plan, and make memories and capture the moments, just as you are... in this time and place. ●



Visit [www.zedek.org/chanukah](http://www.zedek.org/chanukah) for our full list of events!

## Chanukah Night 1

### 21+ Chanukah Celebration

Thursday, December 7, 6-9 PM

We are thrilled to announce our Chanukah celebration exclusively for adults on the first night of Chanukah! Join us for a memorable evening and enjoy dinner and dancing as we showcase special works of art and the music of a live band.

## Chanukah Night 2

### Family Menorah Lighting

Friday, December 8, 6:45 PM

Bring your own Chanukiah and candles to help Schaarai Zedek illuminate our halls before Shabbat services, which commence at 7 PM.

## Chanukah Night 3

### Taste of Chanukah

Saturday, December 9, 10 AM-12:30 PM

Spend Shabbat morning with us and experience eight engaging stations, each representing the nights of Chanukah, with snacks, crafts, and communal celebrations. We are delighted to have Celebrity Photo Booth, Winking Derby, and Arty Faces by Luz providing entertainment, with music by DJ John Wendlekin from Staar Entertainment!

### Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 9, 6:30-9 PM

Unwind with Andrew and Rachel from Nightcap Social. Learn the art of mixology and enjoy custom Chanukah-themed cocktails. Both cocktails and mocktails will be available, and dinner will be provided. Children can enjoy pizza, watch a movie, and engage in crafts in a separate area with childcare. Children must be 4+ years old and potty trained. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$5 per child. RSVPs are required by December 7.

## Chanukah Night 4

### Chanukah at Armature Works

Sunday, December 10, 6-8 PM

Join us on the Western Lawn at Armature Works as we come together to celebrate the spirit of Chanukah by sharing delicious donuts with all in attendance. Experience the sweetness of the season and the miracle of the oil. Enjoy dinner with your family and friends, along with crafts, games, and sweet treats for all.

## Chanukah Night 5

### Chanukah Pajamukah Party

Monday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 PM

Don't forget to wear your pajamas! Join us for cookie decorating and Chanukah crafts in our cozy Chanukah Jammies. It's a family-friendly evening for families with preschool-aged kids, complete with a kid-friendly dinner.

## Chanukah Night 7

### Give a Little, Get a Lot

Wednesday, December 13, 6-8 PM

Join us for a night of giving back. Schaarai Zedek will provide projects suitable for participants of all ages, benefiting Tampa-area nonprofit organizations. Dinner will be served.

## Chanukah Night 8

### 20s+30s Chanukah Party

Thursday, December 14, 7 PM

Join us at Congregation Schaarai Zedek as we celebrate Chanukah. Enjoy a latke bar, sufganiyot, and other yummy foods, as well as some Chanukah related activities and the highly anticipated raffle!



## 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.

Scan the Spotify code below to hear Schaarai Zedek's Chanukah Jams playlist!



## 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.



# Chanukah Festival of Lights Home Guide

**First Chanukah Candle: Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**Eighth Chanukah Candle: Thursday, December 14, 2023**

**C**hanukah, 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:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו  
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

*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.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v’imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz’mān 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:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו  
והגיענו לימן הזה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higyanu laz’mān 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'eit 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.”





# Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Sharon Weiss  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

**D**id you know that our Sisterhood and Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) are deeply involved in social justice issues?

Leading with the principles of Tikkun Olam, WRJ and our CSZ Sisterhood mobilize collective action on a variety of causes to create a more just and compassionate world for people of all backgrounds.

Each year, Sisterhood provides multiple opportunities to learn about social action and social justice and to give back to the community.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, November 14th, when we will be hosting a social action project to support Duffels of Dignity, a program that assists local babies, children, and teens who need to move at a moment's notice with only a trash bag to carry their belongings. Duffels of Dignity was established to collect new and very gently used duffel bags, suitcases, and backpacks, as well as new items for personal care and comfort, toiletries, and school supplies to provide the young recipients with dignity through a sense of belonging and having something of their own with all their things in one bag. Join us at 6 p.m. for a light dinner as we learn more about the organization. Our goal

is to fill a van with the items we collect (see items needed in our weekly Tuesday emails). We will also create toiletry bags, make blankets, create cards, and pack the duffels, suitcases, and backpacks.

As a member of our Sisterhood, you automatically become a member of WRJ and have access to a great many resources. Being a part of WRJ amplifies our individual voices through collective action, social justice, and advocacy. Since the scope and speed of this activity can be overwhelming, WRJ has set priorities to determine which issues take precedence. Currently, WRJ's high priorities include the following:

- Economic Justice and Reform Pay Equity Initiative: WRJ supports labor rights, pay equity, minimum/fair wage proposals, paid leave, childcare, family leave, and the fight against workplace discrimination, among other issues that have a significant impact on women and families.
- Reproductive Health & Rights: Based on the belief that women should be free to make decisions related to their reproductive health and rights based on their own beliefs.
- Gender-based Violence: WRJ monitors and addresses issues related to domestic violence, date rape and campus violence, sexual assault, spousal and child abuse, trafficking, the use of firearms in committing domestic violence, as well as all other

situations of gender-based violence.

- Israel: WRJ works with our Israeli partners, including Women of the Wall, IRAC, and IMPJ, to guarantee equal rights for women and religious pluralism in Israel and to promote ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the IMPJ and Israeli society.

- Global Affairs: WRJ brings a gendered lens to issues of international importance, including such matters as climate change, global health, immigration reform, rights for refugees and asylum seekers, as well as the rights and well-being of Jews wherever they live.

- Civil Rights, Racial Justice & DEI: WRJ is committed to doing the essential work of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion), which includes openness and commitment to ongoing education and advancement, as we continue to educate ourselves and bend the arc of history toward justice, inclusion, and belonging.

Want to learn more? Sign up for Advocacy Matters, WRJ's social justice e-newsletter, or read more about WRJ's views on these and other issues, including children's rights and education, climate change, and women's rights at [WRJ.org/advocacy-social-justice](http://WRJ.org/advocacy-social-justice).

As you know, our Sisterhood offers many opportunities to come together, learn, and celebrate. We hope to see you soon at one of our many events or shopping at our annual Chanukah Bazaar. ●

# Brotherhood

Chuck Goldstein, Brotherhood President

**B**rotherhood continues to work diligently to promote camaraderie within our Schaarai Zedek community. The event turnouts have been fantastic, and many new faces have truly enriched our brotherhood!

Our most recent event was our annual "Cocktails and Cigars" event. A big thank you to our own Schaarai

Zedek members, the Newman Family, for consistently supporting Brotherhood. Dinner, cigars, and cocktails - it's a definite men's evening out.

Important Reminder: Brotherhood is once again participating in our congregation's Annual Mitzvah Day. Come volunteer together and make a positive impact in our community.

In November, we're planning a Dog Day Afternoon. Bring your "man's best friend" for plenty of barks and

tail-wagging! Partners, spouses, and friends are all welcome. Let's share "tail" stories. By the way, I have four rescues if you need to borrow one!

With our monthly meetings and special events, there are numerous ways you can actively engage with Brotherhood. Please feel free to send me a text, email, or simply give me a call if you have any questions, ideas, or just want to connect. I look forward to seeing more of you at each event. ●



Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood's

# CHANUKAH BAZAAR

**Sunday, December 3 - Sunday, December 10**

Sundays (12/3 and 12/10)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Weekdays (12/4 thru 12/8)  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Special Evening Hours  
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Mon 12/4 & Wed 12/6

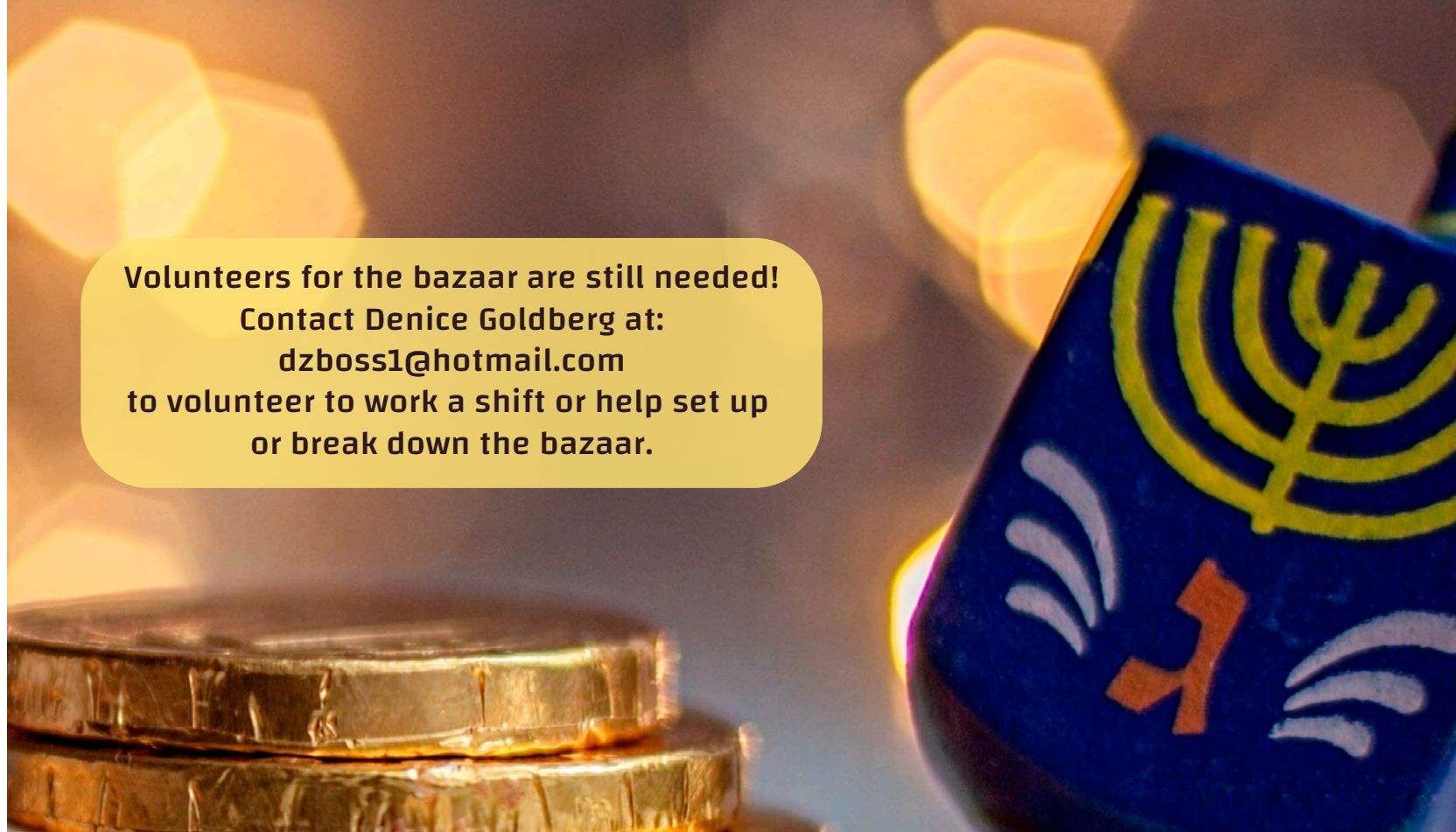
**HOLIDAY DECOR!**

**GIFTS FOR ALL AGES!**

MENORAHS ✨ CANDLES ✨ DREIDELS ✨ GIFT WRAP ✨ TOYS & GAMES  
CHOCOLATE GELT ✨ JEWELRY AND MORE!

PLUS A NEW SELECTION OF ITEMS FROM THE JUDAICA SHOP

Volunteers for the bazaar are still needed!  
Contact Denice Goldberg at:  
[dzboss1@hotmail.com](mailto:dzboss1@hotmail.com)  
to volunteer to work a shift or help set up  
or break down the bazaar.







# Finding Meaning in What We Hear

Naomi Litwak  
Director of Youth Programming

In a world filled with noise and distractions, it's important to pause and ask ourselves, "What are we truly listening for?" This message reflects on the significance of our listening choices and the moments of respite we seek in the midst of everyday chaos.

In September, I had the privilege of spending a weekend with 38 high school teens, including five from our own community, in the mountains of North Georgia at URJ Camp Coleman during the Liz Leadership Teen Initiative (LLTI) event. During Friday night services, Cantor Rosalie Will shared a poignant story about a couple navigating the bustling streets of New York City. The woman turned to her friend and asked, "Do you hear that?" Her friend, bewildered, replied, "Hear what? All I hear is cars honking, buses screeching, and people talking." Undeterred, the couple continued their journey, repeatedly asking, "Do you hear that?" Each time, the response was the same, until they reached a shop with

a window box. There, they discovered a little cricket, and the woman exclaimed, "That... that's what I've been hearing." Amidst the chaos of a New York City street, she had tuned in to the gentle chirping of a cricket, proving that what we hear depends on what we choose to listen for.

In the constant clamor of our daily lives, we often find ourselves submerged in responsibilities, deadlines, and the relentless connectivity of modern life. It is in these frenetic moments that we tend to overlook the profound question: "What are we really listening for?" During the service, our teenagers were encouraged to reflect on what they wished to hear during the upcoming weekend. Some responses were simple, like the laughter of friends or the croaking of frogs in the lake, while others were more intricate. Nonetheless, a common thread emerged – the desire to find moments of respite from the demands of daily life and the usual responsibilities, such as homework, social challenges, and sports. It was these small, tranquil moments that offered sanctuary amidst the chaos.

As a high school student, attending

services, engaging in youth group activities, and participating in Jewish summer camp provided me with similar respites. Recently, a teenager shared their longing to return to our community center after experiencing a personal loss, seeking solace and presence within our Jewish community. Every day, we work tirelessly to nurture our children's connection to Judaism, encouraging them to become active and passionate members of our community. As the Director of Youth Programming, my daily mission is to attentively listen to the desires and needs of our teenagers, tweens, and children within our community center and the larger Jewish community.

As we enter the secular holiday season, I urge you to take a moment to inquire not only of yourself but also of those around you, "What are you listening for?" Whether it be the comforting sounds of family and friends, the tranquility of a vacation, the longing to engage with your Jewish community, or the small yet joyful moments of progress in your work or school projects – seize a moment, close your eyes, and listen. ●



Keep an eye on your email for more details about upcoming Youth Programming!



## Flom Religious School

### Exciting Activities and Upcoming Events

We are having a great time at Religious School! The students have been learning about the Jewish holidays and our older students have been enjoying some bonding events by completing escape rooms together and going zip lining! Our Pre-K through 6th Grade students are enjoying T'filah services each week at Religious School with Cantor Cannizzaro and Fishy!

Please make sure you allow yourself plenty of time to arrive at school as we are using metal detectors upon arrival, and we want the students to be in class, promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please also use your car tags in the car line at dismissal as it helps us move the line much quicker. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Important Dates:

- November 5 – Mitzvah Day, No Religious School
- November 12 - Dan Nichols Visits Religious School
- November 19 – No Religious School
- November 26 – No Religious School
- December 24 – No Religious School
- December 31 – No Religious School

### Mitzvah Day – November 5

We invite you to participate in Mitzvah Day on November 5th. If you have not already registered, please contact Donna Wood ([dwood@zedek.org](mailto:dwood@zedek.org)) for available projects. There are no regular Religious School classes on Mitzvah Day.

### Substitute Teaching Opportunity

Are you interested in substitute teaching and contributing to the education of our wonderful children? Join the Flom Religious School team on Sunday mornings. We provide lesson plans and materials, making it an easy and enjoyable experience. For more information, contact Debbie Steinfeld at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246, or email [dsteinfeld@zedek.org](mailto:dsteinfeld@zedek.org).

### Gesher L' Mishpachah: Jewish Family Fun

Your family is invited to join in the adventure of Gesher L' Mishpachah. Whether you're a first-timer or a returning participant, this program offers 18 enriching activities related to Torah, Avodah, and G'milut Chasadim. After completing these activities, your family will be honored at a Family Shabbat Service, and your name will be engraved on the Gesher plaque in the Religious School hallway. For any questions, please contact Debbie Steinfeld at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246, or [dsteinfeld@zedek.org](mailto:dsteinfeld@zedek.org).

### Join Us!

At the Flom Religious School, we're dedicated to providing a vibrant and educational environment for our students and their families. We look forward to your active participation in these upcoming events and activities as we continue to foster a strong sense of community and Jewish identity.

# Social Action

## The Big Red Bus at Schaarai Zedek

The Big Red Bus is coming to Congregation Schaarai Zedek on **Sunday, November 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All donors will receive a t-shirt and a \$20 e-gift card. Appointment Link: [donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1376395](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1376395)

## Do a Chanukah Mitzvah!

Do a Mitzvah! Help fulfill the needs of clients of Tampa Jewish Family Services this Chanukah Season!

Tampa Jewish Family Services is requesting \$10 gift cards from Target, Ulta, Barnes & Noble, and TJMaxx/Marshalls/Home Goods to distribute to its Food Bank clients.

If you would like to help, whenever you come to the temple through **December 3**, please bring a gift card donation. It's fun! It's easy! It's a mitzvah!

Questions? Please contact Donna Wood at 876-2377 ext. 210 or [dwood@zedek.org](mailto:dwood@zedek.org).



Students from this year's Confirmation Class and some of their parents as well as several other congregants participated in the Global Jewish Waterfront Cleanup, Reverse Tashlich, on Sunday, September 10, at Ballast Point Park.

# Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



## November 2023

- Nov. 10: Veterans Day Holiday
- Nov. 14: Pre-K Thanksgiving Show
- Nov. 15: 3s Thanksgiving Sing-Along
- Nov. 17: 2s Thanksgiving Shabbat
- Nov. 20-Dec. 8: Holiday Gift Drive
- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Holiday Early Closing
- Nov. 22-24: Thanksgiving Holiday

## December 2023

- Dec. 7-15: Chanukah
- Dec. 15: Chanukah Play during Shabbat
- Dec. 22: Winter Break Early Closing
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1: Winter Break for All Students
- Dec. 25-Jan. 5: Winter Break for Part-Time/School-Day Students

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Congregation Schaarai Zedek's Nominating Committee is beginning its annual work of nominating new leadership. We welcome recommendations.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving in a synagogue leadership capacity, please notify Scott Shimberg, Nominating Committee Chair, at [scott@scottshimberg.com](mailto:scott@scottshimberg.com). The new slate will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2024. The term of service begins July 1, 2024.



# Lifecycles

## B'nei Mitzvah

### **Lyla Woodruff**

Parents: Erica & Adam Woodruff  
November 4, 2023

### **Emma Gemunder**

Parents: Beth Gemunder & David Gemunder  
December 9, 2023

### **Sarah Gemunder**

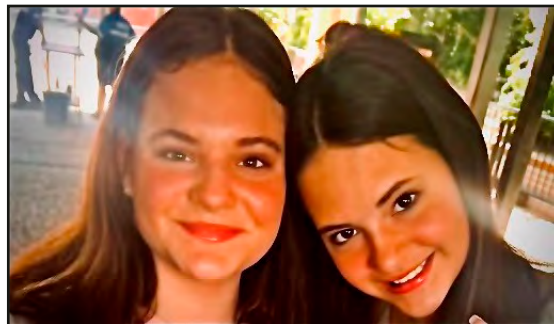
Parents: Beth Gemunder & David Gemunder  
December 9, 2023

### **Zoe Katzeff**

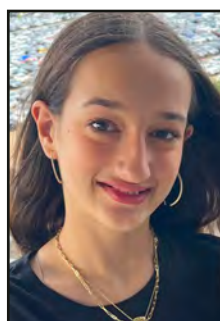
Parents: Abigail & Jonathan Katzeff  
December 16, 2023

### **Seth Rieger**

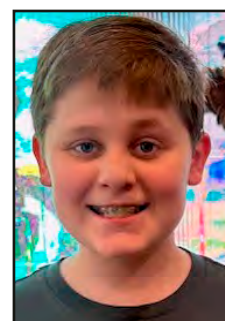
Parents: Natasha & Jarett Rieger  
December 23, 2023



**Emma & Sarah Gemunder**



**Zoe Katzeff**



**Seth Rieger**

## Welcome New Members

Susie & Michael Arnold  
Robin Barack  
Lisa & Jeff Baxter  
Michael Berkovits  
Alexandra & Viraj Bhalani  
Valarie & Richard Blau  
Suzanne Luckman & Mark Borelli  
Samantha & Peter Cecora  
Carolyn Arakaki & Peter Drotman  
Janet Echelman-Feldman  
Megan & Jason Emmer  
Molly & Joshua Finkle  
Courtney & Evan Gelber  
Tamar & Paul Gerczuk

Amanda Bernstein Gordon & Brent Gordon  
Lucie & Matt Kahn  
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Lauren Lenhart & Yoni Wasser  
Stacie Lessoff & Kris Wolf

## Mazel Tov

The Sue & Jeff Schoenbaum Annual Community Leadership Awards event recognizes and honors those who have made a significant impact within the Tampa Jewish Community Centers and Federation and other local Jewish community agencies. Each award is named after a beloved community member that embodies the principles of dedicated leadership, tikkun olam and commitment to enriching the continuity of Jewish life locally and worldwide.

### **Honorees:**

#### **Lisa Robbins**

Alice Rosenthal "It's More Than Just a Job" Award

#### **Jon Philipson**

Charles Adler Young Leadership Award

#### **Judy Rosman**

Leonore Kessler Women's Division Leadership Excellence Award

#### **Lindsay August**

Maril Jacobs Todah Rabah Award

#### **Rhoda (z"l) and Joel Karpay**

Rhoda & Joel Karpay Mensch Award

### **Community Honors:**

#### **Lynn Mollett**

TJFS Sofia Maisler Leadership Award

#### **Al Schiff (z"l)**

TOP Jewish Foundation Distinguished Trustee Award

#### **Ron Rudolph**

Weinberg Village Service Award

# Calendar Highlights

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7 PM



## Active Adults Trivia

Join us for Wednesday night trivia at The Blind Goat, starting at 8 PM after we enjoy group appetizers at 7 PM. Prizes awarded by The Blind Goat to winning teams. Feel free to come and go as you please.

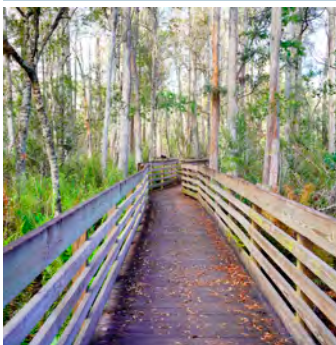
THURSDAYS FROM 6-8 PM



## Thankful Thursdays

Join us at various locations around town to catch up and share gratitude. 10% of sales from Burger 21 will be donated to an organization of our choice!  
Nov. 2 – Carrollwood – Burger 21  
Nov. 9 – Riverview – CALI  
Nov. 16 – Westchase – Burger 21  
Nov. 30 – South Tampa – CALI

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 10 AM



## Active Adults Hiking

Join us for a casual morning nature walk or light hike at Lettuce Lake Park. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy with your Schaarai Zedek friends afterward.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:30 PM



## Parents' Night Out

Join us for an exciting night with trivia and dinner hosted by Events Done Right! Kids will enjoy pizza, a movie, and crafts. Children must be 4+ and potty trained. \$10 per adult \$5 per child.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9 AM



## Active Adults Museum Monday

Join us for a group museum trip to Sarasota's Ringling Museum! Explore the museum and take a self-guided tour through Ca' d'Zan. We'll have a group lunch at The Ringling Grillroom (lunch cost not included). For a more in-depth experience, consider the 70-minute guided Ca' d'Zan tour. Cost: \$10 per adult, or \$40 if you'd like to add the guided tour.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7 PM  
& THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 12 PM



## Adult Education / Lunch & Learn

The Dance of Prayer - Movement in our Services: When do we bow during services? When do we sit and when do we stand? And more than that, why is there choreography to prayer at all? Join Rabbi Weiss to explore the role of movement in prayer.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7 PM



## Adult Education with St. Leo Center for Catholic Jewish Studies

Join us for the first in a three-part series on the promise and challenge of Jewish-Christian relations today. The aim of the series is to move beyond tolerance toward a deep appreciation and respect for the other.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 10 AM



## Active Adults Pickleball

Join us at the only air-conditioned pickleball facility in Tampa Bay for a morning of instruction and round-robin play with the team from Pickletopia. Limited spots are available.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10 AM



## College/Alumni Coffee Meetup

SchZFTY Alumni, join us at Caffeine Roasters on Kennedy!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 5 PM



## CSZ at the Straz - Funny Girl

Experience "Funny Girl" at the Straz with friends from Schaarai Zedek. Tickets are \$60 each.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7-9 PM



## Active Adults Shuffleboard

Join us for shuffleboard, dinner, and drinks at Shuffle in the Heights. Cost: \$10 per person.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 10 AM



## Active Adults Biking

Bike or walk on the Upper Tampa Bay Trail. This is a great beginner ride with lots of shade throughout. For those interested, Florida Cracker Fish Company (7604 Ehrlich Rd) is a great option for lunch following your ride.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9 AM



## Active Adults Day Trip

Take a guided Florida Southern Frank Lloyd Wright tour with friends from Schaarai Zedek. Note: Comfort with standing and walking is advisable.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 11 AM-2 PM



## College Aged Alumni Lunch Meetup

Join us for a lunch meetup at Barenaked Kitchen. Catch up with college friends and share your experiences.





# 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, 2023.*

## ABE & SADIE ZBAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

general donation from **Shayne Plosker**  
in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Linda  
Bornstein from **Jason, Jenni, & Gabriel Salemi**

## AMY GAIL BUCHMAN PRESCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

in memory of Beryle Buchman from **Cookie & Booky Buchman**  
in memory of Pam Adler from **Cookie & Booky Buchman**

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in honor of Shirley Hoffman's birthday from **RoseAnn & Steve Gerson**  
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in memory of Joyce Gutfreund from **Frankie, Ron, Emrie & Rhen Linsky**  
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## ASSOCIATE RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

in appreciation for Rabbi Weiss's support as Tali became Bat Mitzvah from **Caren & Robert Katz**  
in appreciation for Torah Study-Tammuz & Av from **Jay Mermelstein**  
in honor of the High Holy Days from **Margarita Almorza**  
in honor of Robert LaMattina from **Tessie Travin**  
in memory of Stanley Bauer from **Adrianne Sundheim**

## BERNIE & BETTY EPSTEIN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

general donation from **Joseph Stern**

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for the speedy recovery of Donna Birnholz from **Adele & Ralph Ribas**

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in appreciation for Cantor's support as Tali became Bat Mitzvah from **Caren & Robert Katz**  
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in memory of Evan Duglin from **Larry Price & Jane Paley**

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general donations from **Steven Atran**  
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## FLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

in appreciation for Donna Wood for her warm welcome to the Zedek community from **Anonymous**

## FLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

in honor of Suzanne Gellens' birthday from **Robin Golin**  
in honor of Lynne Merriam's birthday from **Robin Golin**

## FOOD BANK FUND

in memory of Barry Louis Silber & Ava Feldman from **Susanne Silber**

## GOLDMAN FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND

in honor of Suzanne Gellens' Special Birthday from **Donna & Buddy Cutler**

## JACOBSON LIBRARY FUND

in memory of Irene Bloom from **Deborah & Steven Gitomer**

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in memory of Pam Adler from **Anne & Greg Yadley**  
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in memory of Sue Batting from **Nancy & Alan Bomstein**

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