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Mazel Tov!



Carla Markowitz
President

Everyone knows and loves Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro, but did you also know she recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary at Congregation Schaarai Zedek? Please join us for a special Shabbat with the choir honoring Cantor on Friday, February 23, 2024, and congratulate her on

her milestone anniversary.

Congregation Schaarai Zedek is very fortunate to have such a talented and skilled Cantor, who not only brings beautiful music to our services, but also leads our b'nei mitzvah training program, leads our choir, teaches adult Hebrew and is an integral member of our staff leadership. She also is very involved in BACA (Bay Area Cantorial Association), and was instrumental in bringing BACA to Congregation Schaarai Zedek on November 28, 2023, for a special performance to raise funds for Israel.

Cantors from all over the region were in attendance, the music was beautiful and the event was a huge success, which showcased all that our vibrant synagogue has to offer.

Cantor has an extensive and distinguished musical background, receiving her Bachelor of Music from the University of Miami, obtaining a Masters in Vocal Performance, and receiving her Cantorial Certification from HUC-JIR (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion).

Another fun fact about our beloved Cantor: she grew up in Ft. Myers, Florida, which is also my hometown. We have had fun comparing notes on growing up in sleepy little Ft. Myers, and we are both very glad Cantor chose to come to Tampa and Congregation Schaarai Zedek in 2013 as only the second Cantor in our synagogue's 129-year history(!)

Please put February 23, 2024, on your calendars and I look forward to celebrating Cantor Cannizzaro's 10-year anniversary with you then. More details coming soon! ●

Come Celebrate
Cantor
**DEBORRAH
CANNIZZARO's**
10 Year Anniversary
February 23, 7 PM
Shabbat Service



Rabbi Joel Simon

My Heart is in the East

On November 27, 1095 the newly elected Pope Urban II called on his followers to put their differences aside and reclaim the Holy Land from the Seljuk Turks who had conquered the land twenty years prior, creating new barriers for Christians aiming to make pilgrimage. And so it was that somewhere between 60,000 and 100,000 followed the Pope's call, and the First Crusades began. While Jews were not the targets of the Pope's directive, the Crusaders and others took liberty, and throughout the Rhineland those who wouldn't convert were brutally killed. (This is the time of Amnon of Mainz about whom we read during our High Holy Days).

In July of 1099 the Crusaders captured Jerusalem, killing most of the city's non-Christian inhabitants, mostly Muslim, but including the Jews who had barricaded themselves in their synagogues, only to be burned or sold into slavery.

While the Ashkenazi world was shattered, the Sephardic Jews of Spain were watching painfully, but safely, and the great poet and philosopher Yehuda Halevi was one of them. He was grieving both the German Jewish community and the Golden City of Jerusalem when he wrote the words:

Libi b'mizrach va'anochi b'sof ma'arav
My heart is in the east, and I in the uttermost west—
How can I find savor in food? How shall it be sweet to me?
How shall I render my vows and my bonds, while yet Zion lies beneath

the fetter of Edom, and I in Arab chains?*

A light thing would it seem to me to leave all the good things of Spain— Seeing how precious in mine eyes to behold the dust of the desolate sanctuary.

*Edom was a common euphemism for Christendom, and while Spain was under Muslim control, Halevi lived near the end of what was known as the Golden Age of Jewish Culture in Spain, and relationships between the two had been relatively positive, with quite a bit of interaction.

Halevi had never been to Jerusalem, but he felt her pain, just as he felt the entire Jewish world's pain in that era. Halevi would ultimately travel toward Jerusalem in 1140, at the age of 65, and while he would never make it (there are different versions of his death, including Egypt or right at the gates of the Old City), letters show the joy he found in attempting the journey.

But what interests me most is Halevi's life from 1096 until he made his journey in 1140. While he wrote of his inability to find any joy in life or accomplish anything while he was yearning to be in a home he had never seen before, Jerusalem, in reality Halevi was a successful physician and philosopher. While among his poems were other elegies, poems of mourning and loss, the majority were poems about friendship and love, laudatory praise, and even a significant collection of Hebrew riddles. Halevi yearned to be with his brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, and he mourned the loss in the Ashkenazi world, and yet, he continued to live his life the best he could.

So many of us have been able to relate with Yehuda Halevi in the days following October 7. Our hearts have been in the East, watching the news, mourning the horrific losses, struggling to explain our pain to friends, colleagues, classmates, and neighbors. And while our hearts are surely in the East, like Halevi, we are in the West, and like Halevi, we too have found ways for our lives to continue, enjoying our celebrations and, in our own way, writing poems and stories of friendship and love, keeping so much of our hearts in Jerusalem as we do.

As I write this article in the week of Thanksgiving, an agreement has been reached to release a first significant group of hostages, and my hope and prayer is that by the time of publication all of the hostages have been freed and we are closer to an end of Hamas' rule in Gaza and moving on to a next chapter that will lead us toward peace, but regardless of where the situation finds itself, I know that our hearts continue to be in the East. My prayer is that we, too, will soon be able to have a conversation about visiting Israel as a congregation, knowing that many will visit as individuals in the meantime. And even as our hearts are in the East, I also pray that our lives in the West will continue to thrive. I pray that we will continue to find joy in our celebrations and success as we continue to study, learn, and grow. I pray that understanding of the situation will grow, and we will be able to find peace in our relationships that have been stressed and compromised. I pray that both East and West will find themselves that much closer to a time of peace. ●



The Stone the Builder Rejected

Rabbi Michael Weiss

The currency of Judaism, as in most religious traditions, is metaphor. The world is so big and incomprehensible. All kinds of things happen to us every day, seemingly without reason. And all of it must come from somewhere. We respond to this confusion by offering ways to understand the world. One image that appears frequently is stone or rock. We live on ground mostly made of it. The first tools used by humankind were made from it. It makes sense that stone would make sense to us. God is Tzur Yisrael, the Rock of Israel, our sturdy and strong protector. We read in Psalm 118 that the people of Israel are like the stone that the builders rejected which then becomes the cornerstone of something much greater. And the Israelites erect standing stones at places of significance, the stone as a witness to a moment in history. A few months ago, the image of stone took on a new meaning for me.

One Friday night, I came home from services to a pain just worrying enough to send me to the hospital, where, after an ultrasound and a CT scan, I was told that I had a few small kidney stones. I got my prescription painkillers, asked for some Tylenol so I could still drive home, and went on my merry way. And then I experienced the worst pain I'd ever felt. A searing ache or something like being stabbed; a pain beyond words. I wept from the pain, hoping that I could make it until the pharmacy opened. But it was too much to bear. I made it back to the ER, pacing back and forth, until the nurses found a vein and dulled the pain. For three days, there was an occasional ache, a tightness or a pressure. I changed everything. I took a few days off from work. I set eight alarms a day on my phone for the eight pills I needed to take to stave off the horror. I drank more water than I had in the past month in those few days. And I kept a close eye on my body and its needs. But the rock of Israel, the stone I had built and which my body had

rejected, slowly made its way out. And when I set my eyes on the 1 millimeter lump of crystal that had made my life Hell. I couldn't be angry. I was proud of getting through this and I admire something that can punch above its weight that much. And it has dawned on me, that my experience with this kidney stone gave me so much more good than bad.

I went back to work after the experience with renewed energy and love of life. Every moment not in pain was a gift. I read the words of Asher Yatzar, one of our morning blessings which is also said after using the bathroom, with new eyes. In giving thanks to God for the wondrous workings of our bodies, it says, "You created us with wisdom with many openings...and if one should be closed when it needed to be opened or opened when it needed to be closed, then it would be impossible to live and stand before You." I wonder if the author of that prayer went through what I went through. It is truly a blessing when our



incredibly (maybe needlessly) complicated bodies do everything they're built to do without pain or difficulty. I feel so much more grateful to my body and I've been drinking a lot more water and working to make it a priority. If we are created in God's image, taking care of that image must be holy.

I also learned that I was not alone. As I began to talk about my experience, others in our community shared theirs with me. Knowing that others had been through that pain made me feel like part of something bigger, as I received diet tips and nephrologist recommendations. My suffering had given me the chance to be vulnerable with others and when we're vulnerable, we can connect more deeply. I received so many texts and calls from friends, colleagues, and congregants. I felt so loved. And I feel more urgently the need to reach out to others in pain. Suffering is awful but so much worse is to suffer alone.

My doctor told me there's a 50/50 chance that I'll have another kidney stone in the next seven years. I know that if that happens, I'll have the sturdy rock of my community supporting me and the Rock of Israel, our God and our tradition, at my back. Rock on. ●



Dr. Matt Tapie



Rabbi David Maayan

Guest Speakers

at Congregation Schaarai Zedek

Join Dr. Matt Tapie and Rabbi David Maayan from the St. Leo University Center for Catholic Jewish Studies for a series of three engaging sessions on Jewish-Christian Relations today.

How do Jews and Christians relate today? How have they related in the past? What are the challenges facing Jewish-Christian relations today? The aim of the series is moving beyond tolerance toward a deep appreciation and respect for the other. Each of the three sessions will be different.

Whether you are part of an interfaith family or are just interested in seeing a different perspective, we hope you'll join Dr. Tapie and Rabbi Maayan for this special opportunity! RSVP is requested.

Session 1 – Monday, January 29 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Session 2 – Monday, February 12 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Session 3 – Monday, March 11 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm

ACTIVE ADULTS

programming

THEATER

Morning Matinee with The Florida Orchestra at Ruth Eckerd Hall
Wednesday, January 10, Ticket price: \$20

Schedule:

9:00 AM: Meet at the temple for a bus to Ruth Eckerd Hall
10:00 AM: Pre-concert conversation with the conductor and guest soloists
11:00 AM: Concert begins. The bus will return to the temple directly following the concert.

What to expect:

- A beautiful and inspiring morning of classical music.
- A chance to learn about the composers and their music from the experts.
- A comfortable and convenient bus ride to and from the concert hall.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the magic of The Florida Orchestra at a reduced price!

The Florida Orchestra - George Gershwin: A 125th Birthday Tribute at Morsani Hall
Sunday, January 28, Ticket price: \$48

Schedule:

1:00 PM: Meet at the temple for a bus to Straz Center.
2:00 PM: Concert begins. The bus will return to the temple directly following the concert.

What to expect:

- An all-Gershwin tribute to the composer and pianist who ingeniously blended popular, jazz and classical genres to create a whole new style of music.
- A performance by a world-class orchestra under the direction of renowned conductor John Morris Russell.

MUSEUM MONDAY

Morean Arts Center and Chihuly Collection
Monday, February 12
Ticket price: \$15 for Chihuly Collection

We will begin together with the Chihuly Collection then cross the street for some time at the free Morean Arts Center. Enjoy lunch at one of the many quick-casual restaurants within the block. Suggestions will be available.

Schedule:

9:00 AM: Meet at the temple for the bus to St. Petersburg.
2:00 PM: Bus transportation back to temple.

COFFEE TALK

The Sandwich Generation: An Opportunity for Adults Helping Their Parents with Aging
Wednesdays at 8 AM at Schaarai Zedek.
January 10 February 14

"Sandwich Generation" is a term used to describe middle-aged adults who are caring for both their aging parents and their own children. This can be a challenging and stressful time, but it can also be an opportunity for adults to build closer relationships with their parents and children. **RSVP Requested.**

GAME AFTERNOONS

At Schaarai Zedek

Thursdays, January 4 and February 1, 1-3 PM

Gather your friends and bring your favorite game or borrow one of ours for an afternoon of conversation and friendly competition. We will provide light snacks and drinks, tables to play games and more! **RSVP Requested.**

PICKLEBALL

Location: 1701 E. 2nd Ave in Ybor City

Sundays, January 28 and February 25, 10-11:30 AM

Join us for a morning of instruction and round-robin play with the team from Pickletopia. We'll have four reserved courts with instruction on one, and round-robin play on the other three courts. Limited to 16 players so sign up early.

SHUFFLE-BOARD

Location: 2612 N. Tampa St, Tampa, FL 33602

Monday, February 5, 7-9 PM

Meet up at Shuffle in the Heights for an evening of shuffleboard, socializing, dinner, drinks and more! Temple will cover the court reservation and appetizers for the group. \$10 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!

TRIVIA

The Blind Goat

Wednesday, January 3, 7 - 10 PM

Test your knowledge against other adults at trivia nights! Let us know if you are coming by RSVP.

HIKING

Hillsborough River State Park

Saturday, January 13, 10 AM - 12 PM

This month we will meet at Hillsborough River State Park, Rec Hall/Stage Area by the P4 Parking Area. CSZ will bring water bottles and have staff at the park until 12 pm. There are a variety of hiking trails, boardwalk trails and paved loops for varied ability levels. Don't hesitate to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy after you explore! **RSVP Requested.**

Hillsborough River State Park is located at 15402 US 301 N, Thonotosassa, FL 33592. A \$6 per vehicle fee is collected at the park entry. Up to 8 people per vehicle. \$4 for a single-occupant vehicle.

BIKING

February 24, 10 AM

Starting Point: free parking lot at Skyway Park 33625 Skyway Park Trail, Tampa, FL

Bike ride at your own pace on the paved trail, also dedicated to bicycles/walkers, no car traffic except to cross a couple streets with traffic lights, route can go up to bridge overpass, then turn around (about 10 miles round trip), or turn around anywhere to shorten the ride. While many may choose to bike, heading out for a walk is also a possibility.

For those interested, Whiskey Joe's on the water at Ben T. Davis Beach is a great option for lunch following your ride at 11:30 am. This is a very scenic ride but be aware, it can get windy one way and is sunny. Come prepared with appropriate clothing and sun protection. **RSVP Requested.**

Saturday, February 3, 6:30 PM
\$20 per adult, \$5 per child, RSVPs required by January 28

Have you ever wished you could have an adult night out, WITHOUT HAVING TO GET A BABYSITTER? Take a break from your kids and enjoy a night with other adults. We'll provide childcare for your children so you can relax and have some fun.

Parents will have a small group sushi chef instruction that leads to a sushi dinner à la your favorite restaurant...but right here at CSZ. Enjoy dinner and socializing with friends with kids of similar ages.

Kids will enjoy pizza, a movie and crafts at CSZ! Get excited for a night with the grown-ups without juggling kiddos. **Children must be 4+ and potty trained.**

January 18, 11:30 AM - BINGO

Come and partake in this fantastic event, where you can socialize, mingle, and seize the opportunity to shout out the cherished word, "BINGO!" Rest assured, there will be an abundance of incredible prizes awaiting some lucky players. **RSVP Requested.**

February 15, 11:30 AM

Join us for lunch and special programming.

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

A Shift in Measuring Success

Understanding is a Key Cornerstone at Schaarai Zedek



Lindsey Dewey, Director of Engagement & Outreach

There is a funny thing about time. As a parent, I look back on the earliest months and I think about wishing for time to speed up, for one milestone to lead to the next, for the advancement from rolling to crawling to toddling to walking. At each stage there was a fervent wish to see the next stage and revel in the crossing of the next checkpoint. As a parent, in that moment, I was so enamored by the momentary victory that I failed to recognize the successes were not actually the achievement of the milestone—in fact, the greatest victories were actually

the micro-successes that built strength, resilience, grit and confidence. It was each of those opportunities for growth that built muscle memory and expanded understanding of the way all of the moving parts work together that set a foundation.

It is remarkable to look at the parallel between community engagement at Congregation Schaarai Zedek and growth in parenting that is not lost on me. Year after year and event after event we seek to offer opportunities to bring people together. We aim to strike a balance between social and educational, unstructured and guided, being the most we can be for the most people possible. From large scale coffeehouse concerts to small group conversational meetups—each of these offerings teaches me something about what our community desires and how we can best position our offerings. I did not realize until very recently that it is not solely the events we offer that are a measure of our success, it is the community built at

these events that transcends the opportunities hosted by Schaarai Zedek.

As we begin a new exploration this spring with an eye toward strategic growth and innovation, this shift in understanding is a key cornerstone. Through our full scope of programmatic offerings, Schaarai Zedek has grown from being a place where people come to be together to a place people have found community that transcends our walls, our programs and our organizational sphere.

I can't quite ascertain the precise moments I recognized a shift in measuring success from program execution to community satisfaction, but a willingness to invest in a long-term strategic vision for an organization like ours must be deeply rooted in this realization. While the work we do can come with instant gratification and concrete celebratory moments for successful large events and positive immediate feedback, the time and work invested is ultimately setting a foundation

for much greater growth for our community. The celebration of strategically focused work is in building community comprised of hundreds of simultaneously moving parts all with varied goals and reasons for seeking connection with Schaarai Zedek.

It certainly would be easier to celebrate each singular success, large program and educational opportunity, yet the health of our community is dependent on more strategically aligned community-focused opportunities for relationship building. With all our eyes focused on becoming a stronger community, we will far exceed the expectation to reach and celebrate each individual programmatic success. We will have built the strength, resilience, grit and confidence to build upon the foundation resulting in a stronger, more passionate and unified holy community both inside our walls and in our larger Tampa Bay community.



Guest Speakers



Rabbis holding a prayer service with civil rights demonstrators in the parking lot of the Monson Motor Lodge in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1964, are attacked by motel manager James Brock. (PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES)



Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein

Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat Service

Friday, January 12 - 7 PM

Guest Speaker Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein

Our guest speaker (via Zoom) will be Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein who was one of the 16 rabbis arrested on June 18, 1964 in St. Augustine, Florida, for assembling in an integrated group, working with Dr. King to try to end segregation in the city.

The rabbis had come to St. Augustine at the invitation of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose Southern Christian Leadership

Conference was working with students and activists to fight Jim Crow segregation in the city.

We will have the chance to hear about Rabbi Goldstein's experience and ask him questions during our Shabbat service. This should prove to be inspirational and relevant especially in today's social climate. ●



Rabbi Richard Address, D.Min
Visiting Scholar

Jewish Sacred Aging

Visiting Scholar - Rabbi Richard Address

Rabbi Address is the Founder and Director of www.jewishsacredaging.com. Rabbi Address served for over three decades on staff of the Union for Reform Judaism; first as a Regional Director and then, beginning in 1997, as Founder and Director of the URJ's Department of Jewish Family Concerns and served as a specialist and consultant for the North American Reform Movement in the areas of family related programming. A major part of Address's work has been in the development and implementation of the project on Sacred Aging.

Wednesday, February 7 - 6:30 PM Our Long and Winding Road to the September of our Years - Rabbi Address will provide an engaging look at a series of Torah texts that can be used to provide a foundation of faith and spirituality for our third and fourth stages of life.

Thursday, February 8 - 12:00 PM The New Jewish Grandparent - Rabbi Address will look at what it means to be a grandparent in the 21st century Jewish world and all of the changes we face from the past generation.

Thursday, February 8 - 6:30 PM Sacred Conversations Regarding Aging/Caregiving - In this extremely important panel discussion, we will look at conversations that parents should have with their adult children and spouses should have with one another, hearing legal, medical, financial and Jewish perspectives of each. Adult children are encouraged to come together with their parents if possible, although either are welcome to come separately.

Brotherhood

Chuck Goldstein, Brotherhood President

Brotherhood has had a very active few months with great events and community service. There has been an abundance of brotherhood and friendship. We are proud of our Brotherhood for its continuous support of our brethren in Israel. Part of our Brotherhood mission is community support both here and abroad.

Our Christmas mitzvah dinner for Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church was a true success.

Be sure to join us for our Brotherhood Speaker Series on January 4 when two Major Generals will speak about "How Do We Secure Israel?" Don't miss the second annual Brew-Haha on January 17 at Rollin' Oats for appetizers and fresh brewed beers.

The Brotherhood is an integral part of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, and I am so proud of how so many of us have come together. But there is always room for more! Each of you is important and I look forward to seeing all of you at future Brotherhood events. Wishing all of you a happy, healthy, positive year. ●

Brotherhood's January & February Coming Events:

- **Major Generals Guest Speakers**
Thursday, January 4, 7 PM
- **Brew-Haha at Rollin' Oats**
Wednesday, January 17, 5-9 PM
- **Finish the Bourbon at Merrymakers**
Thursday, February 15, 6-9:30 PM
- **Brotherhood Board Meetings:**
Sunday, January 28, 9 AM - Noon
Monday, February 26, 6:30-9 PM

Save the Date!

Friday, March 8
Saturday, March 9

Rabbi David Wolpe



Coming to Schaarai Zedek in March is Rabbi David Wolpe. He has been recognized as The Most Influential Rabbi in America by Newsweek and one of the 50 Most Influential Jews in the World. He is the bestselling author of eight books, and numerous articles in leading newspapers and journals.

How Do We Secure Israel?

Thursday, January 4, 7:00 PM



Guest Speakers:

Major Generals Jay Hood & Karl Horst (U.S. Army-Retired)
at Congregation Schaarai Zedek

Please join us for a unique opportunity to hear an in-depth analysis on the Israel/Hamas war. We are honored to welcome again exceptionally knowledgeable guest speakers Retired U.S. Army Major Generals Jay Hood and Karl Horst (previously with Central Command and NATO) who will share their combined 70+ years of experience and insights.

This event is free, open to the public,
and sponsored by the Brotherhood.

RSVP required; no admission without RSVP

The event will not be live-streamed.

A question and answer session will follow their presentation.
Small bites, wine, and coffee will follow.

Brotherhood's Brew-Haha

Wednesday, January 17, 5-9 PM



Back by Popular demand Brew-Haha at Rollin' Oats specialty grocery store in Tampa. This event will have very unique types of beers to taste with a selection of appetizers. For those who don't drink alcohol, no worries they have a great varieties of nonalcoholic beers to try.

Rollin' Oats is Tampa Bay's locally owned natural food grocer, providing high-quality products at affordable prices with unparalleled customer service.

Registration is a must.

Brotherhood Members \$20 each

Non-Brotherhood Member \$30 each

Sisterhood

Beth Levin & Sharon Weiss
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

As we welcome the new year and the tradition of doing mitzvot, our Sisterhood shines brightly!.

Recently, our Sisterhood, in conjunction with Hillsborough County Children's Services, under the direction of our amazing social action chair Diane Porat, organized a well-attended and highly engaging social action evening to Fill a Van for Duffels of Dignity. Thank you to all who donated, spread the word, and came together to do this wonderful mitzvah project. A foster child in Hillsborough County will never know from where this gift came, but they will forever be touched by our support.

Last month, we held our annual Chanukah Bazaar, with great success! Monies raised help us to support our synagogue and our community.

The new year brings exciting new opportunities!

Keep an eye out for opportunities to participate in the baking, making, and selling of Hamentashen. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser directly support the Religious School. Look for our Tuesday emails that will include specific dates and information on how to volunteer.

Mark your calendars for our Sisterhood's featured fundraiser, the Franci Golman Rudolph Star Event.

The annual Franci Golman Rudolph Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood Star Event returns to its original format on Monday, January 29, 2024, at the Renaissance Hotel with Deb Perelman, food writer, home cook, photographer, and blogger, as the keynote speaker. Registration and social hour begin at 10:00 AM, followed

by lunch and the program at 11:00 AM. As Sisterhood's primary fundraiser, the Star Event not only provides funds for its many projects within Congregation Schaarai Zedek, but also for ones on a local, national, and international level. Rooms to Go has again agreed to be the "Stellar Star" presenting sponsor for the 2024 event. Many sponsorship opportunities are still available. Since the Sisterhood is going green, people can sign up to attend at www.zedek.org/starevent or click on the QR code on the full-page ad herein.

Winner of Saveur's Best Cooking Blog of 2011, Perelman has amassed a huge following as the publisher behind the wildly popular Smitten Kitchen food blog which showcases her ability to translate ambitious, sophisticated flavors into easy-to-follow recipes. Her highly anticipated New York Times bestseller, *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook* (2012), is comprised of Perelman's favorite and innovative recipes and her own beautiful photography and is peppered with her distinctive "no-fuss" cooking philosophy.

Working out of her apartment's 42-square-foot kitchen in New York, Perelman draws on a unique sense of humor and personal anecdotes to connect with her audience. Her approachable style, infectious enthusiasm, and unfussy cooking have made her blog the place to find a new favorite recipe for comfort food with a twist.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Perelman developed an interest in journaling and art. A graduate of George Washington University with an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a minor in Fine Art, she later earned a master's degree in Art Therapy. Perelman cemented her love for food with odd jobs

at bakeries, coffee shops, and ice cream stores before she began a personal blog called Smitten in 2003. Then in 2006, she began her current blog, Smitten Kitchen; and in 2012 published *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook*. Perelman has written for Martha Stewart's Living and Parenting, appeared on Splendid Table, was a judge on Beat Bobby Flay, kicked off ABC's Good Morning America's Cooking Club and appeared on NPR.

Basic luncheon admission to the event is \$118 with sponsorship levels ranging from \$360 to \$10,000 and the number of perks increasing at each level. Deb Perelman will also be available to meet sponsors at \$360 and above at a "Welcome Party with Deb" on Sunday evening at the home of a generous Sisterhood member, the location of which is available upon registration.

Depending on the amount raised at the Star Event, the Sisterhood Board with suggestions from the membership selects five to ten local nonprofit organizations and makes a significant donation to each. It also funds projects on a national and international level in addition to underwriting salaries for Schaarai Zedek Religious School teacher assistants, purchasing equipment for the Religious School, and supporting projects of the Schaarai Zedek youth groups.

The Star Event celebrates the memory of Franci Golman Rudolph, a beloved former Sisterhood President. Franci was dedicated to Tikun Olam, to changing the world, and received wide praise from the Tampa community for her work for various charitable organizations.

We hope you'll join us as we perpetuate Franci's memory and continue Sisterhood's proud legacy of Tikun Olam.



Sisterhood Judaica Shop Renovation Underway

We are excited to share some news regarding our beloved CSZ Judaica Shop! As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance your shopping experience, the Judaica Shop is currently undergoing renovations to bring you a more inviting and vibrant space offering a beautifully enhanced inventory. We

will continue to provide all the items necessary to maintain a Jewish home and life cycle events, as well a fabulous array of jewelry, ritual objects and gifts for all occasions.

Please note that tallit will still be available before the reopening by texting Andi Parker at (561) 358-6424 or by

emailing Debbie Fineman at deborah.fineman@outlook.com.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to create a rejuvenated space that reflects the warmth and spirit of our community. Keep an eye out for the grand reopening event! ●

Congregation Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood
cordially invites you to the

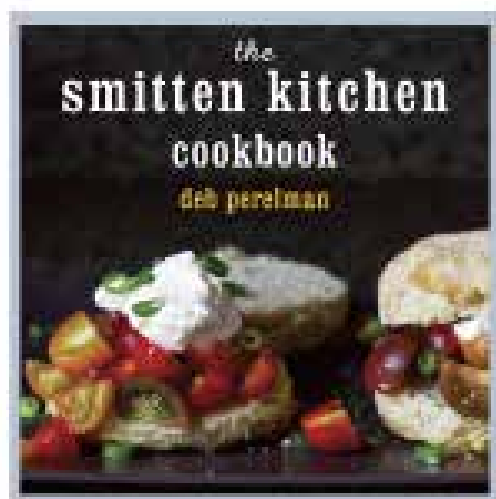
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StarEvent

schaarai zedek sisterhood

featuring celebrated home cook, author
and award-winning blogger

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JANUARY 29, 2024

10 am - Registration, Social & Chance Drawings

11 am - Lunch & Program

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Youth Happenings!

SCHZFTY 9-12 GRADES

Hang Out Nights

6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, January 10

Wednesday, February 7

High School Lunch

Sunday, January 21

11:30am - 1:30pm

JR. SCHZFTY 6-8 GRADES

JR. SCHZFTY EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MORE DETAILS TO COME

HANG OUT NIGHT, 6-8PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

CHAUVERIM 3-5 GRADES

OVERNIGHT @ CSZ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6PM -

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9AM

SLEEPOVER! DINNER, GAMES, MOVIES
AND FRIENDS, WHAT COULD BE BETTER?



YELADIM

K-2 GRADES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

More details to come



Pirate Tot Shabbat

January 19, 5:30 PM

Aho mateys! Just in time for Gasparilla, join us for our Pirate Night Tot Shabbat. Wear your best pirate garb!

Tot Shabbat is an interactive Shabbat experience for families with young children. Learn Shabbat rituals and prayers; light the candles, sing the Kiddush with grape juice, and bless the challah.

After the service, enjoy a Shabbat dinner together with other families at no cost to you!

This is a great time to meet other families with young children at Schaarai Zedek. This service is fun for older siblings and grandparents. The evening is enjoyable for all who celebrate with us! Invite your unaffiliated friends to join us, too!

Pirate Primary Shabbat

January 26, 5:45 PM

Pirate Primary Shabbat - Focusing on our children in grades K-2 and their siblings, we are excited to introduce and celebrate the Gasparilla season with our K-2 students! This service will expand upon the base we have developed through years of successful Tot Shabbat programming and parallel the music and prayers being introduced in Sunday School. Following services in the Sanctuary, we will host a family friendly Shabbat Dinner for all to enjoy!



Purim Speil Audition Notice!

ESTHER'S STORY - Taylor's Version:
Celebrate Purim with the biggest
artist in the world, Taylor Swift

We will be putting on a Taylor Swift
Purim Spiel, using some of Taylor's
hottest hits, including:

- *Love Story (Ensemble)*
- *Blank Space (Ensemble)*
- *Bad Blood (King)*
- *Shake It Off (Mordechai, Esther)*
- *You Belong With Me (Esther)*
- *We Are Never Getting Back*

Together

(Palace Guard)

- *Mean (Vashti)*
- *Karma (Haman)*
- *I Knew You Were Trouble*

(Mordechai)

- *Our Song (Haman)*

The Purim Spiel will happen on
Friday, March 22, and we need YOU!

Auditions will be held in January,
and we are looking for kids and
adults alike. If you want to be part
of the hottest spiel in town, please
email Cantor Deborrah Cannizzaro
for more information. dcannizzaro@zedek.org.

Flom Religious School

We are having a great time at Religious School! We were so pleased to see so many of our families participating in Mitzvah Day! Our students and staff also had an awesome visit with Dan Nichols as everyone enjoyed singing and praying with him at Religious School. Our students have also enjoyed learning about and celebrating Chanukah and were even treated to an Olive Oil Making Workshop with Rabbi Birnholz! Our high schoolers went to Weinberg Village to give the residents a special Chanukah Party! It's been a busy 2 months!

Arrival and Dismissal:

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:

- *January 7 – Religious School*
- *January 14 – NO Religious School*
- *January 21 – Religious School*
- *January 28 – Religious School*
- *February 4 – Religious School*
- *February 11 – Religious School*
- *February 16 – 5th Grade Family Shabbat Service*
- *February 18 – NO Religious School*
- *February 25 – Religious School*

Substitute Teaching Opportunity

Do you want to further Judaism and enjoy spending time with great children? Then become a substitute at our Flom Religious School on Sunday mornings! It's easy and fun. We supply the lesson plans and materials for you! Join the team and start making a difference. For more information, contact Debbie Steinfeld at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246, or email dsteinfeld@zedek.org.

Gesher L' Mishpachah: Jewish Family Fun

Your family is invited to join in the adventure! Who can participate? First-timers and past participants can all participate! Even if you've completed the program before, the experience comes with a new perspective and understanding with each passing year! What will you do? Each family completes 18 easy activities in the areas of Torah (study), Avodah (worship), and G'milut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness) from a list of more than 70 activities during this school year. You have probably already completed these activities without even realizing it! What happens next? After you complete and submit the checklist, you will be honored at a Family Shabbat Service, and your family's name will be engraved on our Gesher plaque in the Religious School hallway. Have questions? Contact Debbie Steinfeld at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246, or dsteinfeld@zedek.org.

Social Action

The Big Red Bus at Schaarai Zedek

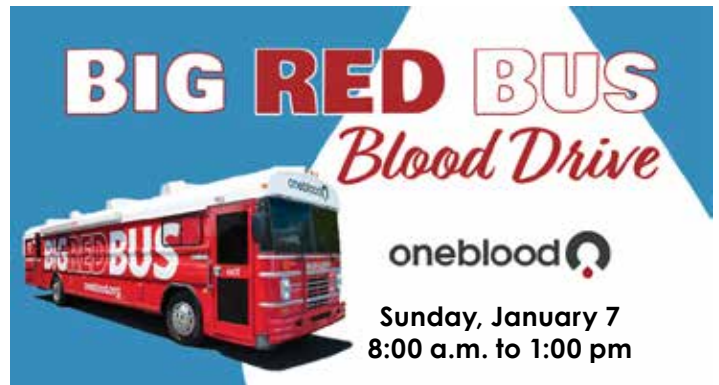
The Big Red Bus is coming to Congregation Schaarai Zedek on **Sunday, January 7, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. All donors will receive a t-shirt and a \$20 e-gift card. Appointment Link: donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1376395

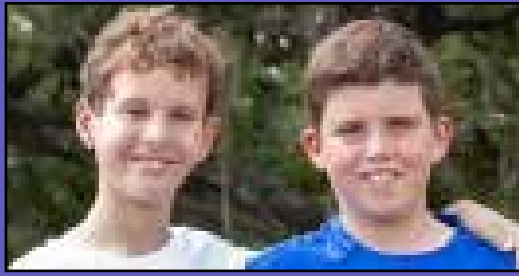
Mitzvah Day

Approximately 450 people participated in our congregation-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 5. The following organizations were served:

- Abby's Organic Community Farm
- Allegro Senior Living
- Amy Gail Buchman Preschool
- Bakas Equestrian Center
- Clothes to Kids
- Comfort for Critters
- Community Garden for Refugees
- End 68 Hours of Hunger
- Fueling Hope
- Give Kids the World
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services
- Refugee Garden and cards for volunteers and clients
- Hillsborough Education Foundation
- Humane Society of Tampa Bay
- Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful
- Kindness Rocks and Posters
- MacDonald Training Center
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Myrtle Oaks Apartments
- One Blood (We collected 15 units of blood which can save up to 45 lives at our local hospitals, per One Blood)
- Quantum Leap Farm
- Ronald McDonald House
- Sharsheret
- Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank via on site volunteers and a Bowl-a-Thon
- Unaccompanied Children Center
- Veterans Administration
- Warming the World
- Weinberg Village

Please mark your calendar for our next congregation-wide Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 3, 2024.





Jackson & Mason Myers



Michael Furman



Gabriel Salzer

B'nei Mitzvah

Brett Boksen

Parents: Jessica & Brian Boksen

February 3, 2024

Emma Boksen

Parents: Jessica & Brian Boksen

February 3, 2024

Samuel Friedman

Parents: Jennifer & Michael Friedman

February 24, 2024

Michael Furman

Parents: Dora & Alexandre Furman

February 3, 2024

Jordyn Morgan

Parents: Sloane Fox-Morgan & Darren Morgan

February 17, 2024

Jackson Myers

Parents: Michelle & Chris Myers

February 24, 2024

Mason Myers

Parents: Michelle & Chris Myers

February 24, 2024

Charlie Polsky

Parents: Nicole & Ethan Polsky

February 17, 2024

Gabriel Salzer

Parents: Abby & Michael Salzer

January 13, 2024

Ivy Weitzenfeld

Parents: Melissa & Hal Weitzenfeld

February 10, 2024



Charlie Polsky



Ivy Weitzenfeld

Welcome New Members

Nicole and Connor Barr

Monique Cohn and Joe Moore

Andrea and Joseph Duffy

Baylee and Bailey Federer

Harris Gruman

Annie and Aaron Kleiman

Molly Levinson and Karl Kroeber

Olivia and Alan Kronenberg

Rachel and Joshua Munch

Rachel Rivera

Derek and Brittany Rodriguez

Allison Tawil and Jason Erickson

Carolyn Cutler Tzeel and Albert Tzeel

Jennifer Weisberg and Mark Gustin

Mazel Tov

Cindy Minetti was awarded the "Gladys Schutz Award for Exceptional Leadership from Gulf Coast JFCS"

Julia Miller was awarded "The Anne Frank Humanitarian Award".

Shirley Kaufman Hoffman turned 100 on September 28, 2023, and currently is believed to be the oldest living member of the temple.



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 October 1 - November 30, 2023.

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In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Flitman from **Howard & Jennie Rothbaum**

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from **Diane Goldfeder**

EDUCATION PILLAR FUND

in memory of Johanna Barat from **Steve & Linda Grau**
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in memory of Johanna Barat from **Richard Rudolph**
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FLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

in honor of Suzanne Gellens' special birthday from **Geoffrey & Elaine Gross**
in honor of Lynne Merriam's special birthday from **Geoffrey & Elaine Gross**
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in honor of Lynne Merriam's 80th birthday from **Barbara Rosenthal**

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from **Carolyn Kurtz**
from **Sara Kurtz**
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in memory of Donald Burke from **Marc & Lisa LeVine**
in memory of Harry LeVine from **Marc & Lisa LeVine**
in memory of Rabbi Theodore Levy from **Jon & Karen Levy**
in memory of Dr. Milton Greenberg from **Jon & Karen Levy**
in memory of Ida Markman from **Stuart & Lori Markman**
in memory of Irma Zilbert from **Eric & Lyris Newman**
in memory of Albert F Rogan from **Eric & Lyris Newman**
in memory of Murray Puterman from **Sam & Grace Puterman**
In memory of my mother, Esther M. Reback from **Rochelle Reback**
in memory of Edith Rudolph from **Richard Rudolph**
in memory of Frieda & George Freedman from **Anita Saphier**
in memory of Ella Saunders from **Alan & Stephanie Saunders**
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in memory of Peter Black from **Michael & Shelley Barker**
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in memory of Shirley Borkowf from **Allen Root**
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in honor of Jack Rosenkranz's birthday from **Betty Shalett**

YOUTH PILLAR FUND

from **Jordan & Ali Felsen**

Schaarai Zedek offers a variety of donation opportunities so all members can participate in the mitzvah of tzedakah at whatever level is comfortable. For more information about our different funds and various ways to give, please visit: www.zedek.org/donate

Calendar Highlights

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

JAN 3 AT 7 PM



ACTIVE ADULTS TRIVIA NIGHT

We will meet at 7:00 pm for appetizers, trivia begins at 8:00 pm. Compete against other teams in five rounds of fun trivia.

JAN 10 AT 9 AM



ACTIVE ADULTS - THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA

Featuring Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mahler and more.

FEB 2 AT 5 PM



CHAVERIM OVERNIGHT

3rd-5th Graders gather for dinner and a sleepover at the temple. There will be fun crafts, activities and movies.

FEB 15 AT 6 PM



BROTHERHOOD'S FINISH THE BOURBON

Sample bourbon and paired eats at the historical Merrymakers Club on Davis Island.

JAN 6 STARTING AT 9 AM



TORAH STUDY, SHABBAT YOGA & BAGEL MINYON

Start with Torah Study, then enjoy Shabbat Yoga and stay for Bagel Minyon. Or join us for just the part you want.

JAN 29 AT 10 AM



SISTERHOOD STAR EVENT

Featuring celebrated home cook, author and award-winning blogger Deb Perelman.

FEB 7 & 8



ADULT EDUCATION WITH RABBI RICHARD ADDRESS

Dinner and discussion with Rabbi Address. He will provide an engaging look at a series of Torah texts that have implications in longevity for baby boomers and their families.

FEB 21 AT 6 PM



MIDDLE SCHOOL HANG OUT NIGHT

Come hang out with friends and enjoy crafts and fun activities.

JAN 12 AT 7 PM



MLK EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein who was arrested with Dr. King on June 18, 1964 will be our guest speaker.

JAN 29 AND FEB 12 AT 7 PM



ADULT EDUCATION

Guest speakers from St. Leo Center for Catholic Jewish Studies will discuss in a 3-part series, Jewish-Christian relations in today's environment.

FEB 12 AT 9 AM



ACTIVE ADULTS MUSEUM MONDAY

Take a bus from temple to the Morean Arts Center, have lunch and then visit the Chihuly Collection across the street.

FEB 23 AT 7 PM



HONORING CANTOR CANNIZZARO

Join us in celebrating Cantor Debborah Cannizzaro's 10th anniversary at Schaarai Zedek at our shabbat service. There will be a festive oneg following.

Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



January 2024

- Jan. 2-5: School Open to Extended Day Students
- Jan. 8: School returns for PT and SD students
- *Jan. 15: MLK Jr. Holiday/Non-Student Day
- Jan. 19: Pirate Parade
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Donuts with Dads and Friends

*indicates school is closed / **indicates school is closing early.

School Shabbat Schedule

- 9:30-9:50 AM: Pre-K & Threes
- 10:00-10:15 AM: Toddlers & Twos

February 2024

- Feb. 1-29: FUNdraiser Month
- **Feb. 2: Teacher Workday/Early Closing
- *Feb. 19: Presidents Day/Non-Student Day
- Feb. 20-22: Maccabiah Games
- Feb. 29: Auction Gala

*Enrichment classes will not be scheduled on early closing days and all holidays.

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Temple Office Closed 1 Preschool Closed New Year's Day	2	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (via Zoom) 3 7 PM Active Adults Trivia Night at The Blind Goat	1 PM Game Afternoon 4 7 PM Brotherhood Guest Speakers	7 PM Erev Shabbat Service 5	9 AM Torah Study 6 9:15 AM Shabbat Yoga 10:30 Bagel Minyan
9 AM Religious School 7 9 AM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Brotherhood Board Meeting	12 PM Sisterhood Book Club 8 6:30 PM Exec Committee Meeting	6:30 PM Religious School Committee Meeting 9	8 AM Coffee Talk - Sandwich Generation 10 9 AM Active Adults Florida Orchestra 12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (via Zoom) 6 PM SchZFTY Hangout Night	10 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting (via Zoom) 11 12 PM Lunch & Learn	7 PM MLK Erev Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker 12	9 AM Torah Study 13 10 AM Active Adults Hiking
14	Temple Office Closed 15 Preschool Closed MLK Day	16	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (via Zoom) 17 5 PM Brotherhood Brew-Haha 6 PM Middle School Hangout Night	11:30 AM Senior Luncheon 18	5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 19 7 PM Erev Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 20
9 AM Religious School 21 11:30 AM High School Lunch 11:30 AM B'nei Mitzvah Informational Meeting	7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 22	23	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (via Zoom) 24 7 PM Tu BiShvat Seder/ Wine Tasting	12 PM ROMEOs + Jew-liets 25 6 PM B'nei Mitzvah Family Program Tu BiShvat	5:45 PM Primary Shabbat (K-2) and Dinner 26 7 PM Erev Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 27
9 AM Religious School 28 10 AM Active Adults Pickleball 2 PM Florida Orchestra	10 AM Sisterhood Star Event 29 7 PM Adult Education with St. Leo Center for Catholic Jewish Studies	30	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (via Zoom) 31			

FEBRUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	5 PM Chaverim Overnight 2 7 PM Erev Shabbat Service Groundhog Day	9 AM Torah Study 3 6:30 PM Parents' Night Out
9 AM Religious School 4	6:30 PM Exec Committee Meeting 5 7 PM Active Adults Shuffleboard	6	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn on Zoom 7 6 PM SchZFTY Hang Out Night 6:30 PM Sacred Aging Dinner & Discussion	12 PM Sacred Aging Lunch & Learn 8 6:30 PM Sacred Aging Dinner & Discussion	4 PM Allegro Hyde Park Erev Shabbat Service 9 7 PM Erev Shabbat Service	9 AM Torah Study 10 9:15 AM Shabbat Yoga 10:30 Bagel Minyan
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18	Temple Office Closed 19 Preschool Closed President's Day	20	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn on Zoom 21 6 PM Middle School Hangout Night	12 PM ROMEOs + Jew-liets 22 Washington's Birthday	5:30 PM Tot Shabbat 23 7 PM Erev Shabbat Service Honoring Cantor Cannizzaro's 10th Anniversary Purim Katan	9 AM Torah Study 24 10 AM Active Adults Biking 5 PM SchZFTY Event
9 AM Religious School 25 10 AM Active Adults Pickleball 11:30 AM Yeladim Event	7 PM Board of Trustees Meeting 26	27	12 PM Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn on Zoom 28 6 PM Adult Ed Dinner w/ Demons	29		



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