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# A Message from the President



Charles Weissman, President

**H**ello Schaarai Zedek! I am so excited and proud to serve as the next President of our amazing congregation. It is truly an honor and privilege to take on this role.

As President-elect for the past year, I had the opportunity to shadow Carla Markowitz. Her

leadership was inspiring. She was focused, driven, and goal-oriented. I'm grateful to have had her as a mentor, and I feel well-prepared to step into this position.

This summer, we'll begin preparing for the High Holy Days and continue our

work on the strategic plan launched last year. We also hope to expand our staff to support our growing congregation, including hiring an assistant cantor, an assistant executive director, and others as needed.

In addition, we are reviewing our physical space and hope to present a plan for both upgrading our facilities and adding more space. This is an exciting time for our community. Stay tuned for updates!

I look forward to working with our incredible clergy and staff as we continue to make Congregation Schaarai Zedek a vibrant and welcoming home for all. ●

## Summer Is a Great Time to Update Your Info!

Did you move recently? Welcome a new baby? Get married or change your phone number? While summer brings a change of pace, it's also the perfect time to make sure we have your most current information.

Keeping your account up to date ensures you stay connected with all that's happening at Congregation Schaarai Zedek. You can update your information online at [congregationschaaraizedek.shulcloud.com/member](https://congregationschaaraizedek.shulcloud.com/member), or email us at [office@zedek.org](mailto:office@zedek.org), and we'll be happy to make the changes for you.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch!



## Staff Update: Growth and New Faces at Schaarai Zedek

We are excited to share that **Debra Zepeda** has been promoted to **Associate Executive Director**. Debra has been a valued member of our team, and her new role reflects her dedication and leadership at Congregation Schaarai Zedek.

As we continue to grow, we are also pleased to welcome two new staff members: **Christina Guzman**, who joins us as **B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator**, and **Kim Johnson**, who will serve as **Operations Coordinator**. We look forward to the energy and talents they bring to our community.

Please join us in congratulating Debra and welcoming our newest team members. We are confident that these additions will strengthen our efforts in serving our congregation with excellence.

## SHOFAR



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# Being Present in Every Inning

Rabbi Joel Simon

I'm one of those people for whom having the TV on can be a helpful aid in falling asleep, but it has to be the right kind of television. Downton Abbey is one of my favorites (there's something about the accents...), but during the summer, baseball is the perfect soporific.

And so it was that I found myself with a Mets-Dodgers game on one evening, just past midnight. The game didn't do its job though, and I found myself watching a close game intently, only for the Mets to take a 6-0 lead after a huge eighth inning. But it was the top of the ninth inning, as I was still awake, that got my attention.

Yes, the Mets had the game more or less put away, but nonetheless I was surprised, disturbed even, to see the Mets players flipping a water bottle in the dugout while their teammate was batting. You may know the game - you take a partially full water bottle, flip it, and try to get it to land upright. The announcers were loving it, ecstatic to show Juan Soto ultimately succeeding in the task, but I found myself wondering why, even though

they were well ahead, wasn't the team paying attention to their teammate who was at the plate.

Sure, this is a silly example, but it is baseball season, and it got me thinking about what it means to be present for a friend, family member, or our community, regardless of the proverbial inning or score of the game.

At a shiva minyan, I often share with the mourners that while their friends will head home when the evening is over, we remain there for them. We will continue to reach out, perhaps more than needed, but the alternative is possible as well, and even if the call or text isn't made, we remain present. We remain available for anything needed. As we return to our lives, it might look like we're "flipping water bottles," but our love and care remains, and we want to be present if our presence is desired.

The same is true in any time of need. When we need support, we may look at our friends and family, see them enjoying life, and not want to trouble them with our problems. We might even be upset or disappointed that they're not there for us. But acknowledging that our support

system isn't simply sitting in the dugout but rather are "up to bat" in their own lives, sometimes we have to make that call to let them know that we need them.

Please know that the same is always true from us, your Schaarai Zedek family. We are always here for each of you, in times of joy or times of need, any time you want us lifting you up or cheering you on. As we continue to develop our Caring Committee, we, as a congregation, want to be there for you! As always, you can reach out to clergy or staff at any time, and whether volunteering to be part of that presence, or if you need that support, you can reach out at [caring@zedek.org](mailto:caring@zedek.org)

It's easy to miss the moments when someone needs us, when they're "up to bat" and just hoping someone's watching. And sometimes, we're the ones standing there, quietly hoping someone notices.

As we strive to be more present, for those closest to us, for our greater community, and perhaps, even for ourselves, your Schaarai Zedek family is always here.

For every inning.

For every moment.

For every one of you. ●

# HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE



We look forward to welcoming our Schaarai Zedek family and guests as we worship together in our sanctuary. Times below are subject to change. We will post updates on [www.zedek.org/HHD](http://www.zedek.org/HHD).

Full details for all services and events, including links and instructions, will be sent via email and postal mail to all members.

## ROSH HASHANAH

### Monday, September 22, 2025

6:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Early Service  
8:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Late Service

### Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Early Service  
11:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Late Service  
2:30 PM Family Service  
3:45 PM Tot Service  
4:15 PM Baby Blessings  
5:00 PM Tashlich Service at Ballast Point

## YOM KIPPUR

### Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 AM Woodlawn Cemetery Service  
9:00 PM Myrtle Hill Cemetery Service

### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:00 PM Kol Nidre Early Service  
8:30 PM Kol Nidre Late Service

### Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:30 AM Yom Kippur Early Service  
11:30 AM Yom Kippur Late Service  
2:15 PM Open Discussion with Rabbi Birnholz  
2:30 PM Family Service  
3:45 PM Tot Service  
4:00 PM Healing Service with Cantor Cannizzaro  
4:45 PM Afternoon Service  
5:15 PM Yizkor & Neilah Service  
6:30 PM Break-the-Fast

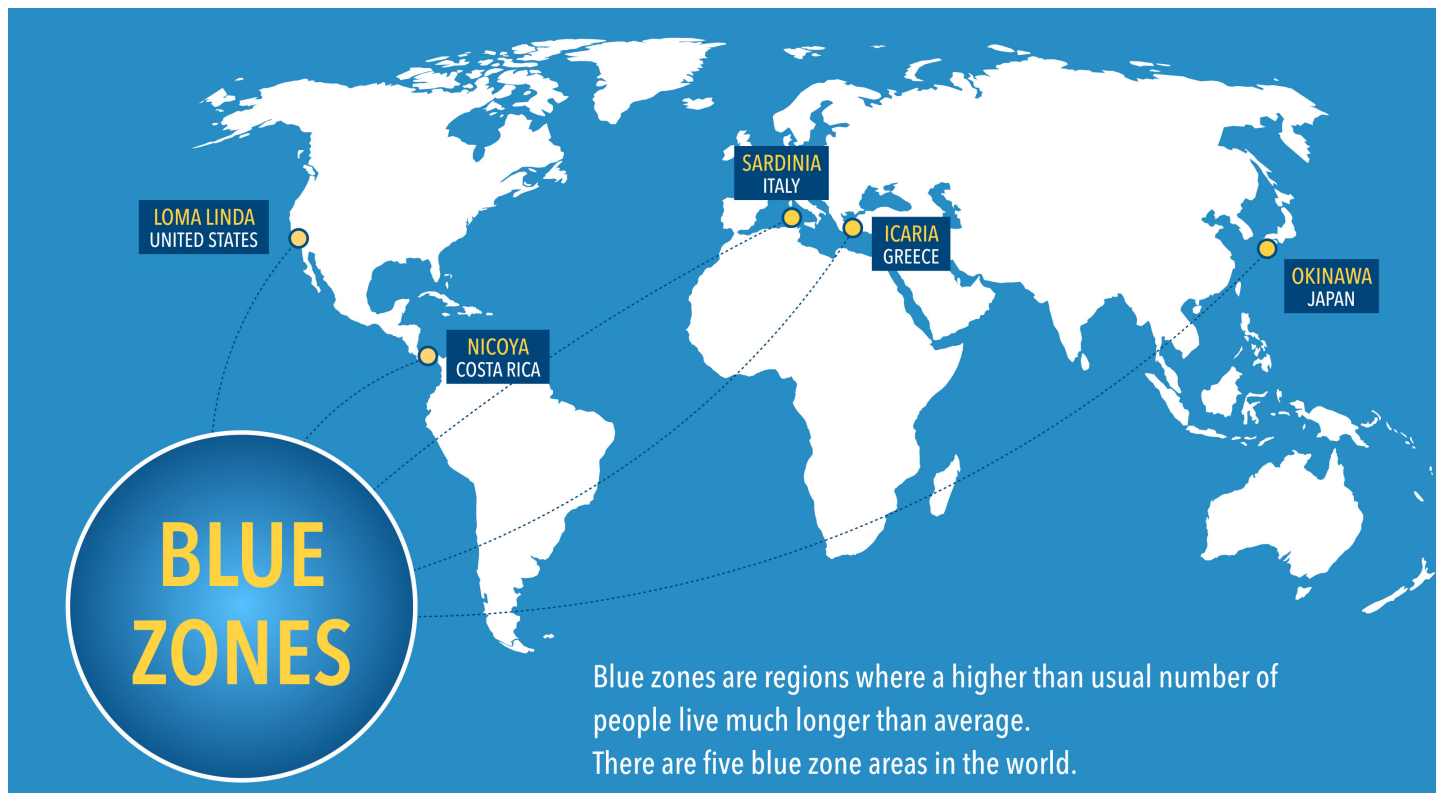
## JOIN US!

The High Holy Days are a sacred and meaningful time at Congregation Schaarai Zedek. Tickets for all High Holy Day services are included with a membership in good standing. We look forward to welcoming you and your family as we come together for reflection, prayer, and community.

If you'll be out of town during the High Holy Days and plan to attend services at another congregation, please contact Sarah Guerra in the temple office to complete a URJ reciprocity form. This allows you to attend services elsewhere as a visiting member.

For service times, livestream access, and full High Holy Day details, please visit [www.zedek.org/HHD](http://www.zedek.org/HHD).





## Our Hunger for Connection

Rabbi Michael Weiss

In the year 2000, when many thought the world was going to end in some kind of computer-induced societal breakdown, Michel Poulain, a Belgian demographer and professor, introduced the idea of “blue zones.” Blue zones, Poulain proposes, are places in the world where people live past the age 100 due to “maintaining a traditional lifestyle implying an intense physical activity that extends beyond the age of 80, a reduced level of stress and intensive family and community support for their oldest olds.” An American author, Dan Buettner, has carried the torch for this idea, writing books and producing documentaries advocating for bringing some of the values of these blue zones to other parts of the world.

One particular characteristic of one of these blue zones captivated me. On the Japanese island of Okinawa, parents place their children in a five-person social group called a *moai* with the expectation that they will spend their life-journeys together. At every stage of their lives, they celebrate each other’s successes, care for each other’s families when someone gets sick or dies, and support each other

financially when needed. Their lives are intertwined until the end; an end that comes later than most other places in the world, with women having an average life expectancy of approximately 90.

Doctors and scientists tell us there are lots of ways to extend our lives: diet, exercise, mental stimulation, lessening stress. It’s also clear that we need to be connected to other people in the same way we need to eat or breathe. Being with other people who share your joys and sorrows, who lift you up and help you, who are invested in what happens to you, is not a novel idea. Jewish tradition discovered the benefits of being part of a close community based on shared values a long, long time ago. We see this at the very beginning of the Torah. In the story of the creation of the world, humankind’s first crisis is that Adam is lonely, so God makes a partner for him. “It is not good for the Human to be alone” is a verse we should keep in our pockets. “Do not separate yourself from the community,” says Rabbi Hillel at the turn of the first millennium, and, “If I am only for myself, what am I?” Each of us has a missing piece that other people hold, and we can’t find it unless we seek them out and connect.

If only there were some place where people gather with shared purpose for social interaction and building supportive lifelong relationships based on shared moral values. That’s right! I’m talking about spin class. Oh, wait! How about the synagogue? While our destinies might not be intertwined from the very start (unless you are one of the babies born into our community), our congregation is a place where we work to alleviate the epidemic of loneliness, where people meet and connect through learning, prayer, and simply spending time together. The hope is that these connections grow and endure even outside of the walls of the synagogue.

In a perfect world, everyone would have their temple people on speed dial. If you haven’t found your temple people yet, come to Schaarai Zedek and we’ll help you find them! I don’t have any peer-reviewed research on this, and I think for legal reasons, I can’t guarantee a longer lifespan through participation in communal Jewish life. I can guarantee a more meaningful life, surrounded by kind, thoughtful people who will be there for you when you need it. Maybe then Tampa will be the world’s next blue zone. ●

# Flom Religious School

Debbie Steinfeld, Religious School Director

**R**egistration for the 2025–2026 school year is open! Be sure to register your child by **August 1**. Visit [www.zedek.org](http://www.zedek.org), click on *Flom Religious School*, and follow the easy steps to complete your enrollment.

**Calling all high schoolers in grades 10–12!** We've enhanced our Teacher Assistant (TA) program to give our teens a more meaningful role within our Religious School. As part of our *Madrichim*, students will help shape the learning experience for younger children while learning to become leaders and enjoy the company of their peers within our community and space. Enrollment in Religious School is required for participation - but there's no fee. We will be having an information dinner session on August 4. Check your emails for the link to RSVP for this informative evening.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- **August 1** – Registration deadline
- **September 5** – Family Shabbat Dinner, Open House & Services
- **September 7** – First Day of Religious School

**Love working with kids? Want to give back?** We're looking for enthusiastic, caring individuals to join our Sunday morning teaching team! Whether you're interested in a regular teaching role or prefer to substitute occasionally, we provide all the lesson plans and materials you'll need. Help us inspire the next generation—it's fun, fulfilling, and a great way to stay connected to our community.

For more information, reach out to me at (813) 876-2377, ext. 246, or email [dsteinfeld@zedek.org](mailto:dsteinfeld@zedek.org). ●

**REGISTER NOW**



## Amy Gail Buchman Preschool



### July 2025

- July 4: Independence Day - School Closed

### August 2025

- August 1: Last day of Summer Session - Early closing at 12:30 PM
- August 4: No School
- August 5-11: Teacher Workweek, no school
- August 12: First day of school for two- and five-day students
- August 13: First day of school for three-day students

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## Lifecycles

### NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS (April - May 2025)

**Jacob Babbín**  
**Natalie Caban & Charles Bruck**  
**Jeffrey Cohen**  
**Kimberly Sherrill & Julie Enszer**  
**Ariella Haas**  
**Alexandra Valdes & Jacob Levy**  
**Stephanie Myrda & Samuel Ochstein**  
**Loretta & Edward Saff**  
**Lindsey Joseph & Jared Schiller**

### BIRTHS (April - May 2025)

**Maverick Frederick McGilvary**  
*Great-grandson of Lynne Merriam*  
**Benjamin Tankel**  
*Son of Laura & Scott Tankel*  
**Layla Temperato**  
*Daughter of Kathy & Joe Temperato*

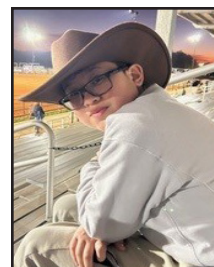
### IN LOVING MEMORY (April - May 2025)

**Eugene Beck**  
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**Otto Weitzenkorn**

### Mazel Tov to Our B'nei Mitzvah

**Evan Le**  
*Parents: Liat Le & Tien Le*  
May 3, 2025

**Dexter Liszt**  
*Parents: Jessica & Zachary Liszt*  
August 30, 2025



Evan Le



Recapping powerful moments of connection and unforgettable adventures for all ages at Schaarai Zedek.

Gates of Gaza

Our community came together for a powerful evening, “The Gates of Gaza: Tales of Survival and Strength.” With moving stories from Amir Tibon, Linor Ein Gedi, and Tamar Sara Capsouto, we heard firsthand accounts of resilience, courage, and hope. These shared moments of understanding and connection remain close to our hearts.



Water Wonderland

What a splash we had at our last Playground Playdate – Water Wonderland! Our littlest ones (and their grown-ups!) enjoyed a fantastic morning of cool water play, bagels, and coffee. Seeing all those happy smiles was the perfect way to kick off summer. Check out these adorable moments!

Mystery Bus Ride

SchZFTY’s Mystery Bus Ride was a day full of surprises and laughter! From spotting dolphins on a boat tour to game show fun, expressive “junk therapy” art, and a hibachi dinner followed by an epic Survivor Challenge at Schaarai Zedek - our teens made memories to last a lifetime.





# Sisterhood Update

Karen Shanberg & Sarah Shanberg  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

**W**e are excited to be your new Sisterhood Presidents, although both of us are new to this role we served as Sisterhood VP of Religious Programming the past two years. We both feel that Congregation Schaarai Zedek is home, and seek to continue to foster an inclusive, welcoming, engaging and caring Sisterhood. We would like to take this time to introduce ourselves and please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time!

**Hello, I'm Karen!** I am so excited to be one of your new Sisterhood Presidents. I have previously served on the Temple Board and Sisterhood VP of Religious Programming. I have been a member of Schaarai Zedek for the past 31 years and worked at the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool for 10 years and prior to that I worked as a teacher in Hillsborough County. I have been married for 30 years and have three adult children that grew up in the congregation: Vincent, Sarah, and Danielle. I also have a two-year-old

grandson Bryan that currently attends the Preschool.

**Hi, I'm Sarah!** I am honored to be serving as one of your new Sisterhood Presidents. Over the past two years, I've had the joy of serving as one of Sisterhood's VP of Religious Programming, and I've loved helping to plan meaningful, engaging experiences for our members. I've been a member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek for the past five years, but my connection to this community started even earlier - through four wonderful years serving on the PPA of the Amy Gail Buchman Preschool. My background is in catering and event planning, and I've always been passionate about creating experiences that bring people together. I am so grateful for my amazing family: my husband, Chuck; two daughters, Grace and Lily; and our English bulldog, Jo Jo.

We can't wait to get to know you all better and hope to see you at many of our upcoming events. We have many new and exciting things planned for the upcoming year, including book club, religious programming, social and educational events.

The Star Event will be the evening of November 6, so mark your calendars. We can't wait to see you all there!

If interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Faith Alexander at novalaw97@yahoo.com or Carlyn Neuman at carlyn@360realtytampa.com.

Joining Sisterhood is easy, and is a great deal. For those who join there are three membership levels Rachel (\$54), Leah (\$108), and Sarah (\$180).

Sisterhood will host an area gathering for WRJ Southeast District on August 2. Join us for a day filled with sisterhood, spirituality, and social action. Please look for registration information in our weekly sisterhood emails! ●

Please mark your calendars for these opening events, and look for our weekly emails for more information:

- **August 2:** WRJ Area Gathering
- **August 17:** Cantorial Event Sisterhood Sponsored Oneg
- **September 7:** Sisterhood Meet & Greet
- **September 10:** Sisterhood Social
- **September 15:** Book Club
- **September 17:** Religious Programming

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# Brotherhood

Robert Applebaum, Brotherhood President

It has been a great year for Brotherhood! We took a group to watch the Tampa Bay Lightning win, broke bread and drank liquid bread (delicious beer, of course) at a very fun tasting at Rollin' Oats Market, and packed thousands (yes, thousands!) of meals for children and families with End 68 Hours of Hunger. These were just a few of the fun and exciting events we hosted this year - some familiar and some new.

We will take a break over the summer, as we always do, in preparation for next year. We are looking forward to another exciting year. Look out for upcoming emails with dates for the Brotherhood Kickoff Event (always no cost to members), as well as the newly reinstituted tasting event at J.C. Newman Cigar Company. We hope to make next year even busier and more exciting than last.

As we prepare, I have a call to action for the men of Schaarai Zedek. The Brotherhood Board is in need of new members. We are looking for people to bring new ideas and help plan and execute events. Eventually, we hope new members will want to fill roles on the Executive Committee and help shape the future of the Brotherhood Board.

Fortunately, the Brotherhood Board does not require a significant time commitment. We meet on the first Monday of every month and aim to host one event each month during the academic year. Food and drinks are provided at every meeting (and the food is always good!). All we ask is that you help with the planning and execution of 1-2 events each year. We work in teams and hope members will eventually want to take the lead on an event.

We really need the help of our members to make next year the best yet for Brotherhood. Please reach out to me at [rjapplebaum@gmail.com](mailto:rjapplebaum@gmail.com) or to Marc LeVine at [mlevine@zedek.org](mailto:mlevine@zedek.org) if you are interested. We also welcome all members at Board meetings without any obligation. Food and beverages are always provided.

Thank you all for your support! Have a wonderful summer! ●

## JOIN TODAY!

### MAKE THE CONNECTION. STAY INVOLVED.

Whether you've been a longtime member or you're just getting started, now is the perfect time to join (or rejoin!) Brotherhood and Sisterhood at Congregation Schaarai Zedek.

All members are automatically billed for Brotherhood and Sisterhood dues in your annual membership invoice.

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Contact the temple office at  
(813) 876-2377 or email  
[billing@zedek.org](mailto:billing@zedek.org).

Let's stay connected. Let's stay active.

Join us in a year of community, camaraderie, and connection.



RABBI RICHARD J. BIRNHOLZ

# Torah Circle

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This past year, our challenge gifts, donated by several notable congregant families: **Bert & Selime Boksen; Michael & Karen Greene; Pisa Foundation; The Shanberg Family: Brian & Karen Shanberg, Vincent Shanberg, and Sarah, Lane & Bryan Marquardt Danielle Shanberg; and one Anonymous family** went to our Eternal Light Endowment.

The Eternal Light Endowment ensures that we can provide an inspiring Jewish home for generations to come. For every new or increased dollar added to this year's campaign, our challenge will provide funds toward securing our congregation's future.

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# Calendar Highlights

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 6 PM



## Movie Night - Wonka

This whimsical musical prequel follows the young Willy Wonka on his journey from shop clerk to legendary chocolatier, offering a fresh take on Roald Dahl's classic character.

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 6 PM



## 20s+30s Game Night

Do you love playing games? Come join 20s+30s for Game Night! We will have all sorts of board games and our Nintendo Switches available to use! If you have a board game or Switch game you love, bring it along too! Light dinner and snacks will be provided. RSVP is appreciated for dinner count.

SATURDAY, JULY 12



## Playground Playdates: Water Wonderland

Beat the heat with a day of water fun! Join us at 10:30 AM for gentle play, bagels, and snacks, perfect for our littlest ones. At 3:30 PM, older preschoolers can dive into bigger water stations and enjoy frozen treats to stay cool.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 6 PM



## Summer Fun Night (BINGO)

Join us for an exciting summer evening of music, trivia, and bingo with MUSIC Bingo, hosted by Events Done Right! Perfect for families with elementary-aged kids and older, this DJ-led event features multiple rounds of music bingo, great prizes, and plenty of fun. Enjoy a delicious dinner and dessert before the games begin. Don't miss this fantastic night of entertainment and community!

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 10 AM



## Jack Hartmann Live in Concert!

Join us for a lively morning with popular children's musician Jack Hartmann! He will perform some of his greatest hits for your family to sing and dance to. After the concert, join us outside (weather permitting) for snacks and some time on the playground. This is geared for families with children ages 7 and younger.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 5:30 PM



## Tot Shabbat & Dinner

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 and time on the playground with other families!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 5 PM



## Movie Night - A Real Pain

Mismatched cousins David (Jesse Eisenberg) and Benji (Kieran Culkin) reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd-couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history.

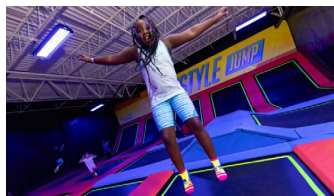
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 5:45 PM



## Primary Shabbat & Dinner

Designed for children in grades K-2 and their siblings, Primary Shabbat builds on our beloved Tot Shabbat foundation with age-appropriate music and prayers that mirror what students are learning in Sunday School. Join us in the Sanctuary for a joyful service, followed by a family-friendly Shabbat dinner.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 9 AM



## Back to School Bash

Kick off the school year with a high-energy morning at Urban Air! Elementary school students and their siblings are invited to enjoy unlimited access to trampolines, climbing walls, and more. Light breakfast bites and drinks will be provided. A waiver is required for all participants.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 3 PM



## Cantorial Concert

Enjoy the beauty of Jewish music performed by our talented Cantor Cannizzaro!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 5 PM



## Taste of CSZ

Join us for an electrifying celebration! Step into a vibrant year ahead as we come together with both old and new friends. Enjoy dinner, entertainment, and activities suitable for all ages. Meet representatives from our diverse groups and auxiliaries. Doors open at 5 PM, followed by Shabbat services at 7 PM.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 3 PM



## SchZFTY Kickoff

High school students, launch the new year with a high-energy opening event! Whether you're a returning member or new to SchZFTY, we'd love to welcome you. Come connect, have fun, and start the year off right.



JULY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	12:00pm Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 2	1:00pm Game Afternoon 3	5:30pm Shabbat Service 4  Independence Day	9:00am Torah Study 5
6	2:00pm Summer Book Club - "People Love Dead Jews" by Dara Horn 7	8	12:00pm Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 9 6:00pm Movie Night - <i>Wanka</i>	12:00pm Lunch & Learn 10 6:00pm 20s+30s Game Night	4:00pm Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 11 7:00pm Shabbat Service	9:00am Torah Study 12 10:30am Playground Playdate – Water Wonderland (Littles) 3:30pm Playground Playdate – Water Wonderland (Bigs)
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AUGUST 2025						
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					7:00pm Shabbat Service 1	9:00am Torah Study 2 5:00pm Movie Night - A Real Pain
3  Tish'a B'Av	6:00pm Madrichim Information Dinner Session 4 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5	12:00pm Midday Mussar Lunch & Learn (Zoom) 6	1:00pm Game Afternoon 7	4:00pm Allegro Hyde Park Shabbat Service 8 6:00pm New Member Shabbat Dinner 7:00pm Shabbat Service w/ New Members Blessing	9:00am Torah Study 9 9:30am Playground Playdate  Tu B'Av
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