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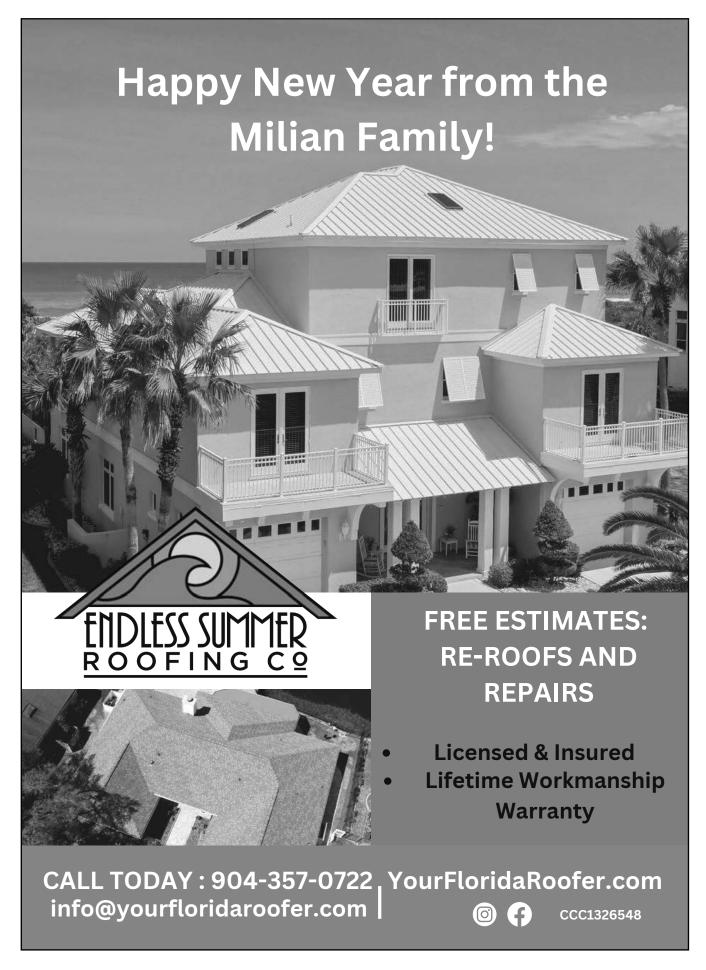
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# **№**-A Message from Rabbi Lubliner - ®

#### THE ROADS TO AND FROM JACKSONVILLE: A SABBATICAL JOURNEY



Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner

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Baseball enthusiasts dream about visiting all 30 major league stadiums in North America. From Oracle Park in San Francisco to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, the rules of the game are the same, yet each park possesses its own distinct layout, history, culture, and legends. Indeed, each park even has its own micro-climate, which affects hitting and fielding in unique ways.

Like baseball stadiums, synagogues the world over also share a set of basic values and beliefs. The differences between synagogues, however, can be far more dramatic. At times their practices and core assumptions may even be inimical to one another.

I had the privilege this spring and summer while on sabbatical to visit more than 30 synagogues on three continents. Some I went to in person, others I attended virtually on Shabbat. Still, I visited others as a tourist. From Chicago to Baltimore, Berlin to Tel Aviv, and Warsaw to Rome, I traveled a spiritual universe that took me from a progressive synagogue in Tel Aviv to the grandeur of Rome's Tempio Maggiore and the antiquity of the Altneushul in Prague, the resting place of the legendary Golem.

To be honest, I wasn't always fully at home in the services I attended. Sometimes it was simple unfamiliarity: the Italian rite orders the liturgy in a way very different from the Ashkenazi and Sephardi services with which I am more familiar. On several occasions, though, my discomfort was ideological. At one end of the religious spectrum, I was

dismayed to observe women being hushed in a particular synagogue for singing too loudly from the women's balcony. At the other end of the religious spectrum, I squirmed through a rewrite of the traditional Hebrew liturgy. By referring to God as female for roughly half the service and male for the other half, I found myself focusing less on God's transcendence and more on God's "gender."

I'm not being critical; it just wasn't my cup of tea.

To be sure, I could have confined myself to attending only those services that were comfortable and familiar. Yet I would have missed an incredible chance to pray with those of our brothers and sisters who think differently. I could not talk to some of them because they spoke neither English nor Hebrew, but our common heritage offered a context where we could pray together. I could not speak with candor to others because their religious assumptions were so different from mine. Still, we share a Torah, a history, and a covenantal relationship with God.

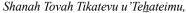
Some would respond – not without justification – that the openness of which I speak is a one-way street. Many of those with whom I prayed would never worship at our synagogue. But we don't have to emulate the ideological narrowness of others by making ourselves equally narrowminded, for as the sage Rabbi Avin teaches in the Talmud, "Those who pass judgment on others are the first to be judged themselves" (Babylonian Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 16b). If we are comfortable in our own skin, we need not romanticize, rationalize, or even condemn those who will never pray with us. When I walk into a synagogue that does not fully reflect my religious sensibility, I am still grateful to be with my fellow Jews. I am blessed with an openness that allows me to embrace my Conservative Judaism without the need to defend myself from those whose views do not sync with mine. In doing this, I recall what Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, of blessed memory, once said, "I don't need you to agree with me; I need you to care about me!" This is the essence of Ahavat Yisrael, a sense of connection with our people the world over.

At the Jacksonville Jewish Center, we focus on how to make our services more comfortable, relevant, and accessible to our members.

This is vital and necessary. But as I reflect on my travels this past year, I wonder if we are doing all that we can to raise a generation capable of attending services in very different Jewish communities without feeling like aliens from another planet. Could our children walk into a synagogue in Israel and follow the basic outline of the service? What about in Prague,

Warsaw, Berlin, or Florence? Even more important, would they feel drawn to the doors of such institutions, places of Jewish life so different than their own? Klal Yisrael is a family that spans the "four corners of the world," and our prayers are almost always recited in the plural. Each day our liturgy reminds us to pray for the well-being of our people wherever they might be. To maximize one's Jewish life in Jacksonville requires that we venture outside of our comfort zones by exploring Jewish life elsewhere. Whether separated by religious belief or political orientation, even when we can't talk to our fellow Jews – perhaps especially when we can't – it becomes more important, not less, to pray together. To stand before God as our ancestors once did at Sinai demands no less.

Susan and I wish each one of you a Shanah Tovah Tikatevu u'Tehatemu. May we all be inscribed and sealed for health and happiness in the New Year 5784.



Jonathan Lubliner



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# **№**—A Message from Rabbi Rosenblum—

#### THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE: DO SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF



Rabbi Shira M.T. Rosenblum

In Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers, chapter 4 mishna 2 we learn, "Ben Azzai says: Run to do an easy commandment as to a difficult one, and flee from sin; since a commandment leads to another commandment, and a sin leads to another sin..." or in the Hebrew, "mitzvah gorreret mitzvah, aveirah gorreret aveirah."

This mishna teaches that when we find the courage to perform difficult mitzvot instead of only performing easier ones, we are likely to perform a higher number of mitzvot altogether. What's more, the ones that seemed difficult at first, gradually become more attainable over time. However, the opposite is also true. When we allow ourselves to commit what we perceive as little sins, under the false pretense that they're just "little sins" that won't hurt anyone, we are much more likely to commit more sins in the future.

This teaching reminds me of a famous story about two men who came to their rabbi before the High Holy Day season. They told their rabbi, "We acknowledge our sinful ways, and want to clear our consciences. Can you advise us on how to do this and be absolved of our guilt?" The rabbi agreed to help. "But first," he said, "you will have to tell me about your sins." The first man said, "I have committed a terrible sin, a grievous sin, a great big sin." The second man said, "Oh, well, I have committed a number of small sins, but none of them are grievous or terribly significant."

The holy man pondered the matter for a while, then said, "Each of you must bring me a stone, representing each one of your wrongdoings." The two men then set out to carry out the rabbi's instructions. After a while, the first man staggered back, carrying with him a huge boulder. It was so heavy he could hardly lift it. With a loud grunt he dropped it before the old man. Then the second man returned carrying a bag of small pebbles, which he promptly laid at the rabbi's feet.

"Very good work," said the rabbi. "Now, each of you take your stones and put them back where you found them." The first man staggered back to the place from which he had brought the huge boulder. But the second man was unable to remember where he had found each of his little pebbles. So he returned to the wise rabbi and told him that he couldn't carry out his instruction. The rabbi replied, "You must realize, my son, that sins are like those stones. If a man commits a big sin, it lies heavily on his conscience. But, if he

truly repents, the burden is lifted. He is forgiven and the load is taken away. However, if a man is constantly doing small things that are sinful, he is less likely to repent and more likely to remain a sinner, out of habit. Understand, therefore, that it is just as important to break the habit of committing little sins as it is to avoid committing a big sin."

Although we may be tempted to discount the small sins we commit, they add up and really do make a difference. Instead of ignoring your small sins while actively avoiding the big ones, devote yourself to performing more mitzvot. And remember, by performing more mitzvot, you will inspire yourself and others to perform more mitzvot each and every day. Spread the love...and the mitzvot!

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah,

Rabbi Shira M.T. Rosenblum



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# R-A Message from the Hazzan $^{-1}$

#### YOUR STORY IS OUR STORY



Hazzan Jesse Holzer

For those who may not know, I have a not-so-secret weapon that I use to create and curate my online content and social commentary: my older sister. Now, to be honest, I found great joy when my sister Morgan would first visit Jacksonville and be referred to as "the cantor's older sister" as opposed to my maintaining of the long-serving title "Morgan's little brother." That being said, we have bonded over the past few years as I created parody songs, videos, and more. I'd often ask, "Is this funny?" or "Is this cool?" and her answer, as the cooler sibling, whether living in hip places like New York City or San Francisco, still holds a lot of weight in my content.

So when I didn't get her reference when she said something about Nanette a few months ago, Morgan balked and sent me a link to a Netflix special from the Stone Age of 2018. Wow. Hannah Gadsby's Nanette is simply breathtaking. What begins as a slow-moving comedy makes a turn roughly 20 minutes in, transforming into a harsh critique of comedy tropes, a raw display of anger, and a wake-up call for toxic masculinity. So when is the turning point? When Gadsby states:

"I have built a career out of self-deprecating humor, and I don't want to do that anymore. Do you understand what self-deprecation means when it comes from somebody who already exists in the margins? It's not humility; it's humiliation. I put myself down in order to speak, in order to seek permission to speak, and I simply will not do that anymore, not to myself or anybody who identifies with me. If that means my comedy career is over, then so be it."

Gadsby understands that punchlines depend on tension in the room, while tension feeds trauma. As she puts it, "I've been mastering the art of tension since childhood. I didn't have to invent the tension. I was the tension. I'm tired of tension. Tension is making me sick." It's like when an athlete works out; there are two types of pain- good and not-good. There's the discomfort of trying something new and growing from that experience, and there's the pain that comes from being unable to tell your own story.

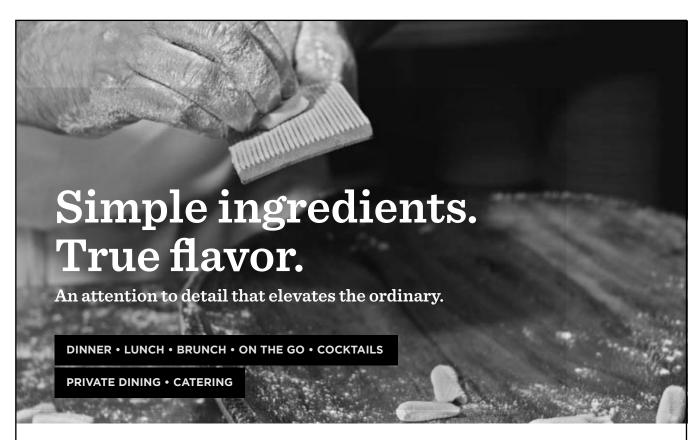
As Gadsby concludes: "You learn from the part of the story you focus on. I need to tell my story properly." And so, my hope for all of us is to tell our story properly in the year ahead. May we focus on the humanity of those we agree and disagree with so they, too, can tell their story. May those of us who aren't on the margins feel that tension, just a little bit,

so we can offer empathy and support, creating an environment where every story can be told. Will the world of 5784 have fewer punchlines? I sure hope so, but it would mean we are still a funny yet kinder world. May we all hear your story, from your lips to our ears, straight to our hearts.

From Leora, Rena, Dafna and Eitan, we wish you a year of laughter, love and kindness.

Shana Tova, Hazzan Jesse Holzer





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#### *№— A Message from the Executive Director* -



#### STRENGTHENING OUR SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY: A CALL FOR UNITY AND CONNECTION

A thriving synagogue community is built upon the pillars of inclusivity, support, and shared values. Our sacred space serves as a haven for prayer, learning, celebration, and solace. However, it is our collective actions and commitment that truly breathe life into our community, transforming it into a vibrant tapestry of individuals and families who support one another through life's joys and challenges.

I invite each one of you to reflect on how we can strengthen our bonds and nurture a sense of belonging. Let me offer a few ideas to consider:

Embrace Diversity: Our synagogue community is beautifully diverse, encompassing a multitude of backgrounds, traditions, and perspectives. Let's celebrate this richness and foster an atmosphere of acceptance and appreciation for one another's unique perspectives.

Extend Warmth and Hospitality: Reach out to fellow congregants, both those you know and those who may be new or feeling isolated. A simple act of kindness, a warm smile, or an invitation to join a group or event can make a world of difference in someone's life.



Jennifer Smith Executive Director

Collaborate and Volunteer: Our synagogue thrives through the contributions of countless volunteers who generously offer their time, skills, and resources. Consider how you can contribute to the various programs, committees, or social action initiatives within our community. Together, we can make a meaningful impact.

Engage in Dialogue: Every healthy community needs to encourage thoughtful conversations promoting understanding, empathy and respect. Let's create an environment where everyone's voice is valued and heard.

Embrace Lifelong Learning: Our tradition emphasizes the value of learning, and our synagogue serves as a hub for education and spiritual growth. We deepen our connection to one another through shared learning.

Celebrate Life's Milestones: Our community stands together to celebrate joyous occasions and offer comfort during moments of grief. Attend lifecycle events, help one another during times of need and recognize the power of collective support. Together, we create an atmosphere of compassion and strength.

Engage the Next Generation: Our children and young adults are the future of our community. Invest in their growth and development by attending programs, engaging in educational opportunities, and mentorships. By nurturing children's connections to Judaism and our community, we ensure the continuity of our traditions.

Building a strong community requires the commitment and participation of all our members. Let us embrace this shared responsibility and work together to create a warm, welcoming, and inclusive environment where every person feels valued.

I invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions to further enhance our community with not only me, but with our Board of Directors and Trustees. Your input is invaluable as we move forward in our collective journey.

May the bonds of our synagogue community continue to deepen and may our shared commitment to Judaism inspire us to make a positive impact in our own lives and the world around us.

Daniel, Josh and I extend our wishes for a sweet, happy and healthy new year.



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# In Loving Memory of





















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# MARGO ILLYNE PILTON RUBY



#### Bluma bat Avraham Halevi V'Chana

With hearts filled with gratitude and joy, we celebrate the remarkable life of Margo Ruby. Born on February 25, 1939, to Harriet Louise Kantor and Ernest Abraham Pilton in Jacksonville, Florida. Margo was the oldest of three sisters- Helaine Indianer and Annette Cantor. Margo's journey was one of love, passion, and unwavering dedication. Her spirit continues to inspire us as we remember the extraordinary moments she shared with our community.

She met her husband Stanley Ruby at an AZA/BBG mixer at the Jacksonville Jewish Center on 3rd and Silver in 1955. On October 27, 1957, Margo married Stanley, and together they shared a beautiful journey for 65 years. Their love and devotion served as an inspiration to all who knew them. Margo and Stanley were blessed with a loving family, including their children Holly and Gordon, Allen, Paula, Andrew and Catrina. Margo found immense joy in her role as a grandmother "Gammy" to Whitney and Dan, Jessica and Blake, David, Jacob and Madyson, as well as her great-grandchildren Mason, Lucy, Arielle, Layla, and Harper.

Margo's passion for the culinary arts blossomed early in her life. She earned a degree as a Certified Catering Professional through Purdue University. In 1973, she embarked on her journey as a caterer, starting her business from the comfort of her own home on the south side of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Jewish Center on 3rd and Silver Street. As her expertise grew, Margo expanded her operations, opening the renowned Margo's Kountry Kitchen restaurant in 1980. Over the years, she added a Gourmet Shop, a Wholesale Bakery, and, in 2000, a full-time Kosher Catering business at the Jacksonville Jewish Center.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Margo was deeply connected to her faith and community. Her great-great grandfather, Elias H. Pilton, played a significant role in the history of our Jacksonville Jewish Center, helping build the original synagogue and serving as its president for 20 years. Margo actively contributed to the community, playing a vital role in creating the JJC Sisterhood Cookbook and participating in synagogue services.

In her leisure time, Margo delighted in playing Mah Jongg with her dear friends and indulging in her love for Broadway musicals. She had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed traveling, always seeking new experiences. Family dinners and holidays held a special place in her heart, where she showcased her culinary prowess and shared her love with those closest to her. Margo also found solace in reading murder mystery novels, constantly expanding her knowledge of the genre. And, of course, she had a passion for shopping, always on the lookout for new treasures.

In 2012, Margo Ruby retired from her thriving catering business and passed on her remarkable legacy to her youngest son, Andrew, and his wife, Catrina. Andrew, who had worked by his mother's side since his teenage years, continues to honor Margo's vision. His talent for buffet designs, fruit sculptures, and menu creations has exceeded even Margo's dreams. Catrina, the creative force behind Margo's Catering, dazzles with her pastry skills, crafting exquisite confections that delight the senses. Together, Andrew and Catrina carry on Margo's culinary legacy, creating culinary masterpieces that honor her memory. Margo's spirit lives on in every delectable dish and in the hearts of all who have had the pleasure of savoring her legacy.

Margo Ruby will forever be remembered as a beloved matriarch, a talented caterer, a devoted community member, and a beacon of inspiration. As we reflect on her life, let us carry her spirit of dedication, love. culinary excellence within us. May her memory be a blessing, and may her legacy continue to thrive in the lives she touched and the culinary delights she created.





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# $\climeter A$ Message from the President



#### TO NEW BEGINNINGS...



Tyler Curl **Board President** 

...and the not-so-new! It's a pleasure to write the second yearbook article of my term. There's a great deal to reflect on from the past year.

"Routine" is what we've aspired to be for the last several years. No matter how underwhelming a routine can feel, one cannot help but notice the unique qualities that grow from said routine—the uniqueness of a growing community with strong educational institutions, professional staff, and solid finances.

Here in sunny Florida, we're far from the desert wanderings of our ancestors. So much of what we have here at the Center, and what we often overlook distinguishes us from other synagogues today. We have a thriving preschool, day school, religious school, and youth groups as well as are excited for new revived affinity groups and expanding adult education. Our endowments are on solid

footing, and our finance committee continues to work on our operating budget to prepare for the future.

People can develop a tendency towards negative bias ingrained in us as a means of survival. However, this inclination can often blind us to the countless amazing opportunities that lie before us or cause us to overlook and undervalue the blessings we already possess. The more I think about our new governance structure, the more potential I see for us to accomplish what we want — an engaged and committed community.

As I write this, we've assembled slates for the Board of Directors and the Trustees. All our leaders have what it takes to actualize our vision. Our congregants' involvement, dedication, and encouragement are vital to shaping our path and manifesting our aspirations for the future.

As I said during Yom Kippur last year, this place is more than a building, more than a religious institution;

it is the Center of a community. Day and night, the people and the experiences they have here make it what it is. It's more than religious services, it's the casual day-today interactions of life that make a community, and we have a place that can accommodate all of this. Whether you prefer utilizing our Beth Shalom Park- poolside or at the pickleball court or helping to make aminyan, this is a place where our members can create the community they desire.

Shanah Tovah, from my family to yours, may your new year be sweet!

**Tyler Curl** President Jacksonville Jewish Center



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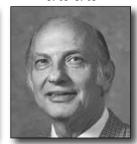
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Jack Shorstein\* 1972-1974



Charles Mizrahi 1974-1976



Sheldon Gendzier 1976-1978



Lawrence DuBow 1978-1980

# **№— Jacksonville Jewish Center Leadership**



Samuel "Bud" Shorstein 1978-1980



Nathan Krestul\* 1980-1982



**Sol Proctor\*** 1982-1984



Dr. Joseph Honigman\* 1984-1986



Eugene Kornblum\* 1986-1988



Marsha Pollock 1988-1990



Jeffery Morris 1990-1993



**Stuart Hecht\*** 1993-1996



Evan Yegelwel 1996-1998



Mark Shorstein 1998-2000



Michael Shorstein 2000-2002



Philip Bloom 2002-2004



Seeman Zimmerman 2004-2006



Sandy Zimmerman 2006-2008



**Dr. Mitchell Levine** 2008-2010



Michael DuBow 2010-2013



Fred Pozin 2013-2015



Alyse Nathans 2015-2017



David Bielski 2017-2019



Ben Setzer 2019-2021



**Debby Kaye** 2021-2022



# COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS



















#### JACKSONVILLE JEWISH CENTER COMMITTEES

Each committee plays a vital role in shaping the vibrant life of our community. We invite you to get involved and contribute your unique talents and passions to one of our many committees:

**Religious Life**: Collaborates with the Clergy on worship services, life cycle ceremonies, daily minyanim, High Holy Days, Festivals, Shabbat services, and holiday observances.

Congregational Learning: Works in consultation with the Rabbis to oversee family & adult education

We are actively recruiting for the following subcommittees — Setzer Youth Education and Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School

**Membership Engagement**: Welcoming of new members and enhancing the experiences of existing members through community building, Havurot, and engagement in affinity groups. Our Hesed committee, Sisterhood, and Men's Club fall under this umbrella.

**Community Engagement**: Engages with the broader community outside of the Congregation. Subcommittees: Rodef Tzedek (Social Justice), Social Action, and Israel

**Finance**: Reviews the Congregation's financial operations, develops the proposed budget, and manages fundraising efforts. May have subcommittees dedicated to fundraising, endowment & legacy giving, and financial reporting.

**House**: Works with the Facility Director to maintain the building, physical plant, property, and cemetery of the Congregation. The current focus is on long term maintenance and developing Beth Shalom Park. Subcommittees: Security and Cemetery

**School Board**: (By Nomination) Functions as an independent board overseeing the Laurie Preschool and Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, including summer programs and activities.

By joining a committee, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the decision-making process, develop leadership skills, and help shape the future of our Congregation. We encourage you to explore the committees that align with your interests and consider becoming an active participant in our vibrant community. Together, we can create meaningful and impactful experiences for all members of our Congregation.



# Committees & Organizations



#### **ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

We often associate Jewish education with children, but the study of Judaism and the Torah is a lifelong endeavor. The Center's Clergy and Adult Education Committee provides classes, films, speakers, and special events for members of all ages. We design them to educate and engage adults in our community at every level of learning. Popular classes include Hebrew reading and service skills, Foundations of Judaism, adult B'nai Mitzvah, Monday Morning Mapquest and coffee & Torah to discuss the weekly parsha as well as Talmud study.

We rekindled our 18-month adult B'nai Mitzvah course, thanks to member, Lois Tompkins. The course aims to make Judaism and Jewish learning more accessible, motivating members to participate more fully in Jewish ritual in synagogue and at home. It is taught by Lois among other lay leaders and includes group events, co-curricular activities and *Havruta* study, where a small group of students discuss and analyze Talmud. Fellow Center member and chef, Lenny Maiman, taught a class on Israeli cuisine as part of the course.

For those who want to comprehend the fundamentals of Judaism more deeply, we offer a seven session-Foundations of Judaism course that meets weekly August through May. You can begin at any time.

Our Center Book Club remains lively and volunteers Wendy Honigman and Jonathan Reiner update the Henry Kramer Adult Library regularly to serve as a resource for all who wish to do research, learn something new or enjoy Jewish fiction.

We look forward to the featured speakers of the Marilyn and Louis Safer Shabbaton Scholar-in-Residence and the Jack F. Shorstein Endowment fostering dialogue about Jewish topics, history, and perspectives. The Safer Shabbaton is March 1-3, 2024. Our weekly e-newsletter HaKesher will keep you updated about upcoming adult education opportunities and announce the Shorstein Endowment speaker for 2024.

To join the Adult Education Committee, please contact Stuart Appelbaum, Vice President of Congregational Learning at stu.appelbaum@gmail.com or Danielle Berke at dberke@jaxjewishcenter.org in the clergy office.







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# COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS



# SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: MAKING A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

The Social Action Committee oversees the donation station in the Center's lobby, just one of the activities we sponsor to help those in need. The abundance of food we collect goes to LJD Jewish Family & Community Services (JFCS) - Max Block Food Pantry, while new garments for foster children are donated to the Fanny Landwirth Clothing Closet.

We hold Mitzvah Day to gather the Jewish community in compassion, feeding not just a few but hundreds of families. Members and volunteers prepared and delivered over 500 Meals on Wheels and baked and distributed cookies to First Responders across Duval, St. Johns, and neighboring counties. They also cooked and served meals for those staying at the Sulzbacher Center homeless shelter, Ronald McDonald House, and Gabriel House of Care, which cares for adult cancer and transplant patients.

The social action committee asks for your support and participation to ensure that no one goes hungry on Mitzvah Day- December 25th. Together, we can create a day of boundless nourishment where every person is embraced with love and warmth.

Please join us in making a lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most. To help, contact Rhonda Goldstein at rhodagoldstein@hotmail.com or the office at 904.292.1000.







#### &— Community Lifecycle Committees



The Jacksonville Jewish Center's three cemeteries have provided serene resting places for Jews since the early 1900s. Our Interfaith Section offers an area where multiple generations can be together at the same sacred place.

Lot prices will increase this year because maintenance costs rose. Prices will go up after the High Holy Days, something to consider as you buy plots for your family.

Members of the Cemetery committee worked hard this year maintaining and improving our beautiful spaces. We oversaw the removal of dead trees and stumps and the restoration of land. We also added more graveside receptacles for stones and had the irrigation system repaired in the new cemetery. Also, new section markers are on their way. We are committed to continuing to beautify and enhance all three cemeteries.

The Cemetery Fund relies on your donations to continue this necessary work. Please consider contributing to preserve the history of past generations and purchasing your family plots, as the best locations are being sold quickly. We appreciate your continuing support.

Please contact Rose Tincher for lot purchase information or to make a contribution by calling the office.







#### HEVRA KADDISHA

In the course of a lifetime, we inevitably encounter death, an experience for which no one can truly be prepared. Judaism, however, acknowledges death as a natural part of life and prescribes rituals to honor our departure.

The responsibility of caring for the deceased immediately after death lies solemnly with the <u>H</u>evra Kadisha, a holy society comprised of dedicated laypeople from the community. These members possess deep knowledge

of the traditional duties and carry them out with the utmost respect. They begin with the Taharah, purifying and preparing the body for burial. A Shomer (guardian) remains with the deceased, offering the required prayers until the burial takes place.

Grieving families are heartened to witness Hevra Kadisha's commitment and dedication as they uphold high standards of service during one of the most significant traditions in Jewish life.

Members of the Jacksonville Jewish community can find solace in knowing that the services of the Hevra Kadisha are available to all Jews, regardless of their financial means or affiliation with a synagogue. If you have concerns or questions, please reach out to any of our officers or rabbis. Our motto is "Dedication," and we strive to embody it in everything we do.



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President Ava Axelrod

Vice President Marlene Sussman Wendy Honigman

Treasurer **Bruce Goldring** 

> Secretary **Beth Fleet**

Sergeant of Arms **Penny Powell** 

Taharah Committee Chair Ava Axelrod Marlene Sussman

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# COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS



#### JACKSONVILLE JEWISH CENTER FUTURES

Volunteerism and growing a solid group of leaders is imperative to the future of the Jacksonville Jewish Center. Mike Mass, z"l, felt very strongly about this when he created JJC Futures in 2016.

JJC Futures aims to strengthen the Jacksonville Jewish Center by identifying, inspiring, and cultivating leaders for our community.

How do we accomplish our mission? Nominated participants engage in a multi-session course that exposes them to critical areas, including our governance structure. Through varied activities, our members interact with key leaders of our organization to better understand how the JJC thrives. JJC Futures is also an investment in people. We support the growth and development of personal leadership skills for members of our community. Many have put this knowledge to work and serve as lay leaders for the Jacksonville Jewish Center and beyond.

JJC Futures provides enriching educational experiences for our members, such as understanding personality types and how to use this awareness to your advantage; understanding the philanthropic initiatives of the Jacksonville Jewish Center; the opportunity to direct resources towards their passions within our Jacksonville Jewish Center community; understanding our history, what we do, why we do it, and how our work gets done; and understanding our educational offerings, religious offerings, finances, committee structures, and governance structure.

The course culminates in a grand finale session spun off from the hit show Shark Tank, called ARK TANK. We have representatives present on behalf of our lesser-known committees to increase the members' understanding of the Center's needs, spark their philanthropic desires, and have a good time.

If you would like to nominate someone for the course or you would like to discuss this program further, please contact us at memberoutreach@jaxjewishcenter.org.

#### **JJC FUTURES GRADUATES**

Alan Andrew Stuart Appelbaum Greg Arnold Gabby Ashbrook Roy Ashbrook Stacy Aubrey Jesse Bannon Robyn Bell Prince Benyehuda Danielle Berke Herschel Bettman Dave Bielski Saul Bloom Sarah Bloom Ilene Bomser Colman Brodsky Rachel Brodsky Jeff Bubis Gaby Bubis Tyler Curl

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# Communities & Organizations























# Communities & Organizations



#### SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood members are pleased to say that we provided valuable programs, raised money for our good causes and as always, served the community. It was a successful year. The Sisterhood's hard work and dedication benefits the Jacksonville Jewish Center and the Galinsky Academy. This year, members awarded \$2,500 in youth scholarships for camps and summer programs in Israel. Sisterhood also gave \$3,000 to the Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School, \$4,000 to L'Dor v'Dor and \$2,500 to Setzer Youth Education.

We were pleased to meet in person now that the pandemic has waned. This year, Sisterhood members:

- Gathered to install officers and welcome new members
- Held a membership luncheon
- Inaugurated the first annual Artisan and Craft Fair, co-sponsored by the Galinsky Academy
- Sisterhood Shabbat Friday night service and dinner
- · Made challah covers and challah
- Baked and sold more than 3,000 hamantaschen
- Joined with Hadassah to prepare the favorite food of a fallen Israeli soldier
- Raised money for Torah Fund
- Enjoyed a successful year in the Judaica Shop
- Collected items for the Period Power program



Margie Holzer
Vice President of the
Communications Committee

Sisterhood members changed the local organization's structure this year, substituting a committee of the executive board for a single president. The new arrangement broke with tradition, but holding regular meetings and communicating regularly made it work. Executive Board members are Shirley Bielski and Sandy Selwitz, Vice Presidents of the Ways and Means Committee; Kim Glasgal, Treasurer; Rhoda Goldstein, Vice President of Membership; Edith Horovitz, Vice President of Torah Fund; Margie Holzer, Vice President of Communications; Marilyn Mass, Recording Secretary; Marjie Rogozinski, Vice President of Programming; and Ann Silke, Social Secretary. The board was a great support and the source of many new ideas. A big thank you to all!

Sisterhood wishes everyone a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a good and sweet year ahead.

#### B'Shalom,

#### Margie Holzer

Vice President of the Communications Committee

<b>Past Presidents</b>		
Sybil Ansbacher Margie Holzer Margie Holzer Margie Holzer	arjie Rogozinski	
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Phyllis Goldberg Marsha Pollock	Eunice Zisser	
Renee Gordon Andy Raitt		
Judy Halperin Jeanine Rogozinski		



# World Wide Wide Wrap

Each year, the Men's Club joins students from the Galinsky Academy Schools for a morning of learning and experiencing tefillin.

This annual tradition provides an intergenerational opportunity for hands-on learning with this physical mitzvah. Tefillin provides the wearer with a regular physical connection to God, and can help bring the prayer experience to a physical, tactile opportunity. Prayers are thoughts of our mind and heart, which tefillin brings onto our bodies.



Join us for this year's World Wide Wrap on February 11th, 2024!







Tefillin like baseball is an experience worth sharing.
Buy your B'nei Mitzvah their own and share minyan together.

It is the Center's B'nei Mitzvah policy that every Bar Mitzvah receive a set of tefillin so that he may participate fully in weekday morning minyan. Sets are available in the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

If you would like to explore tefillin, ask a weekday morning minyannaire or clergy for a loaner set and the experience.



# Communities & Organizations



#### MEN'S CLUB



The Jacksonville Jewish Center, Men's Club, dedicates itself to enriching life at the Center and in the Jewish community. Members work together to bring meaning to our mission of involving Jewish men in Jewish life.

The Men's Club belongs to the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), an international organization dedicated to upholding the ideals, philosophy, and traditions of Conservative Judaism. FJMC awarded our club first place and honorable mention in years past and now offers nationwide the Yad Shel Chai (Hand of Life) program, first developed by our Men's Club, which recognizes youth in the congregation who have read from the Torah 18 times since their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We also distribute yellow Holocaust Memorial candles so every congregant can honor the memory of the Holocaust on Yom HaShoah. And we join in World Wide Wrap — wrapping tefillin with congregants, clergy, and Center students on Super Bowl Sunday.

The club works with Center Youth and Education leaders to support the Center's children and youth organizations. We help out during local and regional USY and Kadima conventions. We sponsor the Yad Shel Chai (Hand of Life) and Double Yad Shel Chai awards. We give the Martin J. Gottlieb Brit Hinukh award (Covenant of Education) each spring to a teacher at the day school who offers students the highest quality of learning. We also sponsor and raise

money for the Summer Scholarship Fund for children to attend Camp Ramah and other Jewish enrichment programs.

The Men's Club is a great place to make friends. Preparing meals at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless is a highlight. We kick off fall with a party for members and watch the Jacksonville Jaguars play on a big-screen TV. Men's Club members help with Sukkot and Purim celebrations. We are your children's teachers, community volunteers, and spiritual lay leaders.

We invite you to join the Men's Club if you are at least 18, male, and a member of the Jacksonville Jewish Center. For more information, contact the Men's Club at jjcmensclub@gmail.com.

#### PAST PRESIDENTS

Harry L. Peltz

Neil Gordon

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ANNIVERSARIES

The Judaica Shop is by appointment only. You can call the shop directly at 904-292-100 x152, or the Center office to set up a time to visit.





# Lifecycle Events



#### BABIES



Lyric Ragan Moss

June 27, 2022

Parents: Sarah & Jewels Moss

Grandparents:

Caryn Kenny, Leon Yergin,

Mike Moss and Pabol & Martha Lopez



Amelia Gray Darwin
June 29, 2022
Parents: Elizabeth & Grant Darwin
Grandparents: Diane & Nathan Goldman
and Jodye & the late Gary Darwin
Great Grandparents:
Albert Datz and Natalie Darwin



Stella Jo Feinberg
August 23, 2022
Parents:
Dena Mizrahi & Michael Feinberg
Grandparents: Nancy & Jack Mizrahi



Twyla Kagan Solomon-Bloom
August 25, 2022
Parents: Seth Bloom & Gary Solomon
Grandparents: Jack & the late Tricia K.
Bettman, Paul Bloom, and
Martha & Gary Solomon Sr.
Great Grandparents: Gloria Newman and
the late Rhoda & Norman Kagan



Stella Hazel Taylor
September 8, 2022
Parents:
Stephanie Kleiner Taylor & Scott Taylor
Grandparents: Carol & Gil Kleiner



Levi Noah Demri September 14, 2022 Parents: Ori & Jordana Demri Grandparents: Moti & Cindy Demri



Sylvia Evelyn Shorstein
October 21, 2022
Parents: Mathew & Deborah Shorstein
Grandparents:
Robin & Michael Shorstein
Great Grandmother: Judy Shorstein



Hunter Alex Storch
October 26, 2022
Parents: Melissa & Douglas Storch
Grandparents: Kathy & Morrie Osterer
and Annette Storch

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# LIFECYCLE EVENTS



#### BABIES



Simon Ian Salzman Morris
November 14, 2022
Parents:
Aramie Brooks Salzman & Zachary Morris
Grandparents: Robin & Jeffery Morris
Great Grandmother: Bess Saliman



Parker Todd Ausley
December 11, 2022
Parents: Brandon & Sasha Ausley
Grandparents: Linda & the late
Philip Bloom
Great Grandmother: Joan Waitz



Randy and Ariella Young
January 21, 2023
Parents: Alex & Stephen Young
Grandparents: Cindy & the late
Randy Silverberg



Evan Appelbaum
February 2, 2023
Parents:
Michael Appelbaum & Samantha Kariolich
Grandparents: Karen & Stu Appelbaum



Leah Rose Burgess-Davis
February 16, 2023
Parents:
Mary Davis & Dr. Jeremy Burgess
Grandparents: Dr. Joanne &
the late Dr. Leo Davis



Eden Williamson
March 11, 2023
Parents: Britney & Drew Williamson
Grandparents: Sheri & Wayne Williamson
Great Grandparents: Deanna & Mike Lissner



Sophia Ann and
Robert William Pellican
April 3, 2023
Parents: Kimberly & Bob Pellican
Grandparents:
Jennie & Steve Bermudez
and Bob & Jill Pellican
Great Grandmother: Vina Schemer
Great Aunt: Amy Schemer



Emma London Shenkman May 12, 2023 Parents: Drew & Patty Shenkman Grandparents: June & Bobby Shenkman

## LIFECYCLE EVENTS



#### BABIES



Nachum Barak Schmerer May 27, 2023 Parents: Matthew & Rebecca Schmerer Grandparents: Priscilla & David Schmerer and Scott & Madelon Clark



Naomi Gloria and Eden Georgie Demri June 23, 2023 Parents: Yanir & Courtney Demri Grandparents: Moti & Cindy Demri



Gary Najeeb Solomon-Bloom
June 30, 2023
Parents: Seth Bloom & Gary Solomon
Grandparents: Jack & the late Tricia K.
Bettman, Paul Bloom, and
Martha & Gary Solomon Sr.
Great Grandparents: Gloria Newman and
the late Rhoda & Norman Kagan



## Lifecycle Events



#### BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS



Zachary Bomser August 13, 2022 Parents: David & Ilene Bomser



Brennan Zaner August 20, 2022 Parents: Bradley & Brooke Zaner



Jayden Leach September 10, 2022 Parents: Jeff & Stacy Leach



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#### BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS



Allie Lyubomirsky October 29, 2022 Parents: Boris & Julia Lyubomirsky



Abigail Miller November 5, 2022 Parents: Stacy Aubrey & Albert Miller



Julia Stein November 26, 2022 Parents: Craig & Dianna Stein



Levi Kaplan
December 3, 2022
Parents:
Jay Kaplan & Amy Kaplan
Grandparents: Jerry &
the late Aviv Kaplan (z"l)



Joel Sebastian Zapen Douglass
December 3, 2022
Parents:
Rebecca & Jeremy Douglass
Grandparents: Lois & Dale Gosa,
Ronald Zapen, Jonna Douglass
and Gene & Bev Douglass



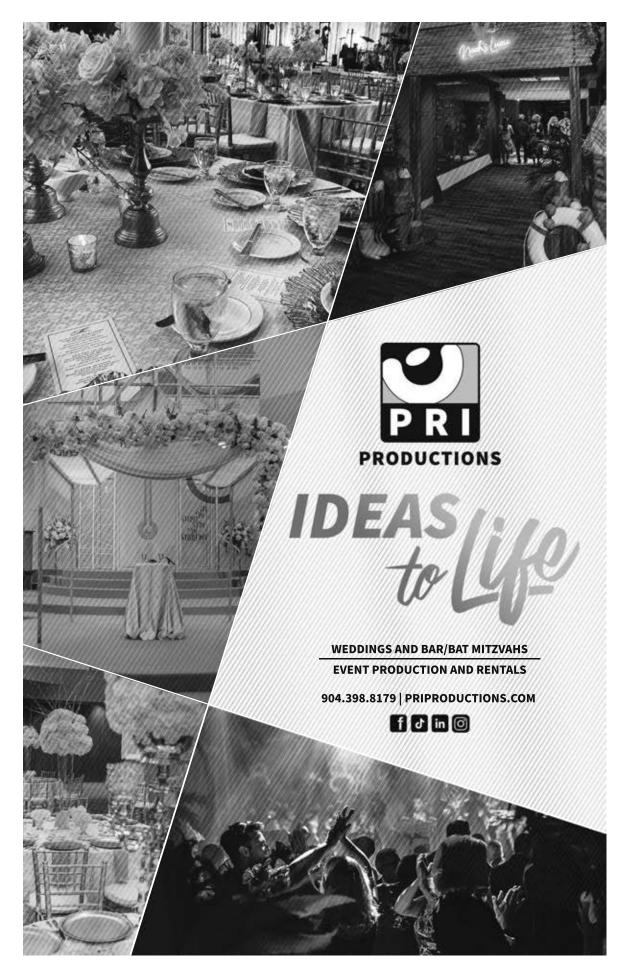
Madyson Leah Bell
December 31, 2022
Parents: Brian & Robyn Bell
Grandparents: Norma & the late
Richard Bell and Karen & Eric Andres



Barrett Hunt
January 7, 2023
Parents: Jason & Lisa Hunt
Grandparents: Tom & Sheree Spriggs
and Tom & Valerie Hunt



Logan Hunt
January 7, 2023
Parents: Jason & Lisa Hunt
Grandparents: Tom & Sheree Spriggs
and Tom & Valerie Hunt



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#### BAR AND BAT MITZVAHS



Zachary Trest
January 14, 2023
Parents: Eric & Rachel Trest



Tavi Schwartz
January 28, 2023
Parents:
Scott Schwartz & Nan Kavanaugh



Eli Kuvin
February 11, 2023
Parents:
Grant & Whitney Kuvin
Grandparent: Jennifer Stuart



**Tobey Hoff**March 4, 2023
Parents: Mathew & Jeannine Hoff



Noah Neihaus
March 25, 2023
Parents:
Dr. Steven & Dr. Tmima Neihaus
Grandparents:
Norman & Jane Neihaus and
Charlene Herman Straus



Taliah Herman May 11, 2023 Parents: Sarah & Michael Herman Grandparents: Faye and Philip Robinson



Anna Elizabeth Millrood
May 20, 2023
Parents: Jeremy & Kimberly Millrood
Grandparents: Kenneth Millrood,
Edwin & Helene Thall and
Norm & Karen Numerof



Ben Levinson
June 3, 2023
Parents: Don & Amy Levinson
Grandparents:
Kalman & Judith Levinson and
Irma & the late Basil Goldman

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#### WEDDINGS



Hallie Morris & Robert Mislavsky
August 20th, 2022
Bethesda, MD
Parents: Joel & Carol Morris



Shaina Plotkin & Joshua Taft
November 5, 2022
Atlanta, GA
Parents: Cheryl & Jay Plotkin and Paula Taft
Grandparents: Herbie & Roselynn Plotkin
and Harvey & Lois Schlesinger



Kate Buschini & Todd Sager
December 31, 2022
Ponte Vedra, Florida
Parents: Gaye and the late Dr. Neil Sager



Danielle Rogozinski & Andrew Zwelling
September 4, 2022
Jacksonville, FL
Parents: Dr. Chaim & Jeanine Rogozinski
and Dr. Len Zwelling & Dr. Genie Kleinerman-Zwelling



Michele Katz and Christie Radney
November 6, 2022
Jacksonville, Florida
Parents: Carole Wolpin, Ron & Brenda Katz,
and Elaine Radney



Rebecca Shorstein & Elie Hassan
January 15, 2023
Jacksonville, Florida
Parents: Beth & Mark Shorstein
and Daniel & Cindy Hassan
Grandparent: Judy Shorstein

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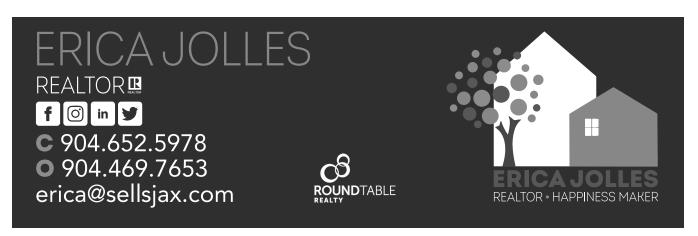
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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS



#### WEDDINGS



Jackie Grill & Jordan Axelrod

March 4, 2023

Jupiter, Florida

Parents: Ava Axelrod and Kenneth & Helene Grill



Jennifer Shorstein & Kevin Clark
April 2, 2023
Jacksonville, Florida
Parents: Beth & Mark Shorstein and Christine & David Clark
Grandparent: Judy Shorstein



Brooke Strumlauf & Josh Monski
April 22, 2023
Atlanta, Georgia
Parents: Lane & Melissa Strumlauf
Grandparents: George & the late Phyllis Strumlauf



Shira Rittenberg & Gil Alexander May 6, 2023 Ponte Vedra, Florida Parents: Meryl & Harris Rittenberg and Carla Pasquale & Rob Horowitz



Shelby Isaacs & Samuel Fleisher
May 21, 2023
Long Island City, NY
Parents: Stacey & Steve Isaacs
and Rhonda & Mark Fleisher





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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS



#### DEARLY DEPARTED

As a Center community, we mourn the loss of our beloved congregants over this past year. May their memories always be for a blessing.

> Naomi Lazar August 1, 2022

Steve Albert August 13, 2022

Alma Sylvia Wadler August 21, 2022

Marilyn Margol September 14, 2022

Kenneth Kraemer September 18, 2022

Karen Krameison October 4, 2022

Norman Kagan October 21, 2022

Phyllis Levitan November 5, 2022

Philip Bloom

November 13, 2022

Leo Davis
November 26, 2022

Heather Diamond December 6, 2022

Mary Beissinger December 21, 2022

Robert Bossen
December 27, 2022

Margo Illyne Pilton Ruby January 9, 2023

**Davida Weiss** January 9, 2023

Hans "Harry" Frisch January 13, 2023

Lawrence "Larry" Jaffe January 28, 2023

> Ralph Levitan January 30, 2023

> Esther Weiss February 4, 2023

Jeffrey Levitsky February 14, 2023

**Aron Zimmerman** February 24, 2023

Helen Jaben March 17, 2023

Joan Freidlin March 27, 2023

Rhoda Kagan April 25, 2023

Nolan Karstaedt May 1, 2023

Eugene Yudowin May 12, 2023

Barbara Datz June 20, 2023

Dr. Jack Rosner July 2, 2023

Lilya Volkovinskaya July 3, 2023

> Rakhil Shteyn July 13, 2023

John Scott July 23, 2023 Condolences to our congregants mourning the loss of loved ones over the past year. May their memories always be for a blessing.

> Elizabeth "Betty Infeld August 15th, 2022

**Dr. Lawrence Troum** August 21, 2022

Margaret Hargrove September 17, 2022

Bradley Adam Fletcher September 19, 2022

Rose Baer September 20, 2022

Zelda King September 27, 2022

Abraham Silverstein October 22, 2022

Edwin Solomon Fleet October 23, 2022

**Ira Bruce Price** October 26, 2022

Mark Richard Kallman November 5, 2022

Ludmila Grayber November 21, 2022

Susan Brodski Kowalski December 4, 2022

> Faye Leach December 25, 2022

Frieda Zaner January 10, 2023

Edwin Malloch January 14, 2023 Irwin Lester Eisenberg January 27, 2023

Robert Rubens

February 9, 2023

Clifford Zaner February 25, 2023

Marilyn Schinasi March 10, 2023

Stephen Presser March 26, 2023

Steven Slutzah March 26, 2023

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## **№ SPECIAL EVENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

#### TORAH AND HAFTARAH

Our congregation is very fortunate to have so many people willing and able to participate in our services. They have given of their time to prepare and then read Torah and Haftarah throughout the year. We appreciate all of them for adding to our synagogue experience. Here are those who have participated over this past year:

#### TORAH READERS

Avigail Barak Robyn Bell Brian Benwick Rabbi Martin Berman

> Josh Bernard Larry Bernard

Sam Bernard

Herschel Bettman Jack Bettman

Zachary Bomser

Lily Davis Rich Davis

Moti Demri

Samantha Eller

Irving Federman Josh Fleet

Roy Goldman

Zev Goldschmidt Benjamin Gotlib

Michael Grossman

Taliah Herman Tobey Hoff

Zachariah Hoff

Hazzan Jesse Holzer

Bruce Horovitz

Max Horovitz

Mindy Horovitz Barrett Hunt

Lisa Hunt

Logan Hunt

Andrew Jaffa

Kyra Jaffa

Levi Kaplan

Sheldon Kaplan

Aidan Kempner

Benjay Kempner

DJ Kempner

Nava Kempner

Rayna Kempner

Eli Kuvin

Eric Leach

Jagger Leach

Jayden Leach

Ben Levinson

Lynn Levitan

Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner

Allie Lyubomirsky

Gabrielle Magid

Stephen Margles

Jeff Marks

Abby Miller

Scott Miller

Anna Millrood

Madelyn Millrood

Joey Morgenthal

Aliza Morris Susan Needle

Noah Neihaus

Steve Neihaus

Jadyn Reff

Rabbi Shira Rosenblum

Hazzan Henry Rosenblum

Abby Rotenberg

Mara Rotenberg

Eliot Safer

Rachel Sakofs

Joe Schmuller

Mark Shainbrown

Hank Shapiro

Rabbi Merrill Shapiro

Tom Spriggs

Casey Stein

Dianna Stein

Julia Stein

Zachary Trest

Mitchell Wohl

Andrew Wolpoff

**Howard Wolpoff** 

Brennan Zaner

#### HAFTARAH READERS

Avigail Barak

Madyson Bell

Rabbi Martin Berman

Zachary Bomser

Sandy Demby

Roy Goldman

Michael Grossman

Tobey Hoff

Hazzan Jesse Holzer

**Edith Horowitz** 

Barrett Hunt

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Charles Katz

Eli Kuvin Jayden Leach

Ben Levinson

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Lenny Maiman

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Anna Millrood

Jack Mizrahi

Joey Morgenthal

Susan Needle

Noah Neihaus

Rabbi Shira Rosenblum

Hazzan Henry Rosenblum

Mara Rotenberg

Rachel Sakofs

Tavi Schwartz

Mark Shainbrown

Julia Stein

**Edward Tannen** 

Lois Tompkins

Zachary Trest

Howard Wolpoff

Brennan Zaner

We are always looking for new Torah and Haftarah readers. If you would like to volunteer to read over this year, please reach out to Howard Wolpoff at hwolpoff@gmail.com.



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#### **Judy Paul** (Aishet Hayil)

Judy has truly had a life journey at the Jacksonville Jewish Center - as a student in the Preschool, Hebrew School, Sunday School, and Confirmation. Enjoyment and participation in Center youth groups added to the synagogue's vibrancy and were central to her everyday experiences in her early years. In 1968 she and her husband, Herman, were married in our old synagogue at 3rd and Silver Streets. This opened a new chapter in her life. Mrs. Paul taught in Montgomery County, Maryland, and Duval County Public Schools. How natural it was to return to

her roots and teach in the Center's Laurie Preschool and Martin J. Gottlieb Day School for half a century. She attributes her extended learning and comfort given to her students to her own secular and Judaic background. Through her years as an educator at the Center, Judy acknowledges having gained new learning from fellow teachers, school directors, and staff, individuals who maintain the surroundings of our synagogue, parents, and children, all of whom are forever a family of friends. A part of her time has included working over many years in the synagogue office, giving her an awareness of all we have. She is always surrounded by her loving family, including her children, Michael and Angie Paul, Steven and Jessica Paul, Laurie and Mark Walther, and her grandchildren, Alex, Paige, Ashlyn, and Rebecca. Without question, she and Herman are hand-in-hand, making each new day a special one. In their thoughts are their dear parents, of blessed memory, Rubye and Moe Safer, and Freda and Louis Paul, who share this sweet and memorable journey.



#### **Daniel Jaffa** (Hatan Torah)

Dan is a third-generation member of the Jacksonville Jewish Community. His Jewish education began in the JCA's Gan Yeladim program and continued at the Beth Shalom Religious School during elementary school. He studied to become a Bar Mitzvah in Israel with Morah Eta (Edith) Horovitz. While at Bolles High School, his family became members of the Jacksonville Jewish Center, and Dan became an active member of USY. He served as Vice President in his senior year. Dan celebrated his confirmation under the guidance of Rabbi Gaffney. He fondly remembers traveling with Rabbi Dov Kentof to Poland and Israel as a teen and on other youth leadership camping trips. After high school,

Dan attended the University of Florida and Adelphi University in New York, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. While climbing up the corporate ladder and living in the New York City metropolitan area, he met his wife, Karianne. In 1999, they married and started co-teaching religious school on Long Island. After living in New York for twelve years and surviving 9/11 and the Northeast Blackout of 2003, Dan and Karianne moved back to Jacksonville in 2004 to spend more quality time with their new baby, Maiah. Dan focused on his career in Jacksonville and is currently the Director of Enterprise Architecture for Kemper Insurance. While working, Dan became involved with the Jacksonville Jewish Federation, serving on the Young Leadership Board, and was awarded The Ilene Sari Selevan Young Leadership Award. In addition, he co-chaired Super Sunday for two years. His three daughters, Maiah (age 19), Ava (age 17), and Kyra (age 14), all attended the DuBow Preschool (now known as the Laurie Preschool) and later graduated from the Martin J. Gottlieb Day School. Maiah attends the University of Florida and majors in Digital Arts and Sciences through the School of Engineering. Both Ava and Kyra attend Creekside High School. Ava is a senior in the engineering academy, and Kyra is a freshman in the digital media academy. Dan has always had a love for Jewish education and community. When the girls were in preschool, Dan was the carpool daddy and often was found in the preschool hallways mornings and evenings helping out. Eventually, he was asked to join the preschool committee. As the girls graduated preschool and became involved in youth groups, Dan began chaperoning events for Chalutzim, Kadima, and USY. His past educational roles include serving on the youth commission, General Board of Directors, and Vice President of Youth for two years. Currently, Dan is the Center's Vice President of Congregational Learning.



#### **Jodi Rogozinski** (Hatan Bereshit)

Jodi was born to Wendy and the late Stuart Coplan in Baltimore, MD. She and her sister Abby attended Beth Tfiloh Day School and learned from her father the importance of direct, hands-on involvement in a Jewish Community. Jodi moved south to college, earning her Bachelor's in Public Relations and Creative Writing from the University of Miami. She then returned home to work for The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore. She then earned her master's in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Columbia University. A topic she can now give a Masterclass on

as she implements these skills with her five children and husband. She met her husband, Josh Rogozinski while working at a non-profit in Jacksonville. They grew together between Tampa, Miami, and Philadelphia, adding a few twin boys along the way (Zeke, Alexi, Cobie, and Quinn) before landing back in Jacksonville and completing their family with their little gem, Ruby. During this time, she balanced working and supporting her family and husband through his medical training while always wanting to stay connected with the Jewish community. Jodi is currently serving her 3rd year as Galinsky Academy's PTA President. Something you may not know about Jodi is that while working full-time and being a mother, she continued her studies to become a 500-hr Registered Yoga Teacher. She is also a Certified Resume Writer.



## **№ Special Events & Recognitions**



#### SCOTT P. ZIMMERMAN MINYANNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD



This year, we are proud to honor Edward Tannen as our eighth annual Scott P. Zimmerman Minyannaire of the Year award recipient. Each day, morning and evening, members of the Jacksonville Jewish Center gather for prayer. Minyan is the Hebrew word that describes the quorum of ten Jewish adults required for certain religious obligations. The word comes from the Hebrew root maneh meaning to count or number. Well, you can always count on Edward Tannen.

"I was born and raised in a small Jewish community in Hampton, Virginia. I received my B.A. in economics from the University of Virginia and my law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. I began my career in Richmond, Virginia, where I met and married a stunningly attractive dental student named Millie. We have always joked that Hadassah was responsible for our marriage, as our mothers met at a Hadassah meeting and found that they both had children in Richmond, and the rest, as they say, is history.

We moved to Jacksonville in 1981 and immediately found a home in the Jacksonville Jewish Center. Shortly after arriving, I was recruited by the late Philip Selber to join the

Sunday morning minyan team and began attending on Sunday evenings several years later. After my father passed away in 1988, I attended minyan both morning and evening faithfully for the next year, and it was then that I began leading services when asked.

I served as an Assistant General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel of the City of Jacksonville for 24 years before retiring in 2012. Millie operated a dental practice in Jacksonville for over 30 years and counted several members of the Center as valued patients of her practice.

For nearly 20 years, I served on the board of the Jacksonville Jewish Center and as Chairman of the Religious Counsel. Both of our sons attended what was then the Solomon Schechter Day School at the Center. I have over 30 nieces and nephews and am particularly proud that two of my nephews and one great-nephew are veterans of the Israeli Army, and two more greatnephews are currently serving in the IDF.

My activities and travel are restricted because of a health condition. Still, I donate blood regularly and am on track to attain my goal of becoming a lifetime donor of 100 gallons in a few years. Although we have no relatives in Jacksonville, we have several close friends with whom we share holiday and Shabbat dinners. For the past twenty years, we have hosted "Movie Night at the Tannens," inviting friends to enjoy movies of Jewish or Israeli interest."



## SPECIAL EVENTS & RECOGNITIONS

# MINYAN - MAKE CONNECTIONS, SHARE MEANINGFUL MOMENTS, AND ENGAGE IN PRAYER

For over a century, our congregation has gathered each morning and evening to forge connections, share meaningful moments, and engage in prayer. Every participant plays a crucial role as a member of the daily minyan, ensuring that the service can be conducted and those who need to say kaddish can do so.

In the expansive stretch between Atlanta and Miami, we proudly stand as the only conservative congregation upholding the tradition of holding minyan twice a day, every day. This commitment is not solely attributed to the dedication of our members, but also owes its success to the remarkable leadership of our minyan captains. These extraordinary individuals volunteer their time and effort to establish intimate networks among attendees, ensuring the presence of a minyan on their respective days. Our unique practice of daily minyan strengthens our sense of community, and the selfless service of our minyan captains ensures its continuity. Together, we embrace the spirit of togetherness and fulfill the needs of our congregants, both in prayer and in forging lasting connections.

#### Our minyan captains are:

Monday AM	Ilene Levenson	Thursday PM	Bruce Stark
Monday PM	Steve Mizrahi	Friday AM	Marco Rand
Tuesday AM	Jack Mizrahi	Friday AM	Beth Shorstein
Tuesday PM	Robin Shorstein	Saturday PM	Lisa Cohen
Wednesday AM	OPEN	Sunday AM	OPEN
Wednesday PM	Jeremy Millrood	Sunday PM	Martin Chafetz
Thursday AM	OPEN	Sunday PM	Edward Tannen
Thursday PM	Michael Schneider	Sunday PM	Stuart Appelbaum

We are grateful for all of their efforts throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome to attend our daily morning and evening minyan. Feel free to reach out to any of our captains if you have any questions about minyan.

If you would like to be a minyan captain for one of the open positions, or be informed of a last-minute need to fill our minyan, please email your name and cell phone number to Faye Hedrick, Vice President of Religious Life, at fayemhedrick@gmail.com. You will then be added to the GroupMe app list for either morning or evening minyans or both.



## SPECIAL EVENTS



#### 6TH YEAR! - LATKES & VODKAS

The 6th Annual Latkes & Vodkas was a fun-filled evening. Our talented staff, Jennifer Smith, Michelle Penson, and Sarah Bloom, planned this event and really nailed it. We brought the event back inside to the Benjamin Setzer Social Hall. There was live music performed by String Theory, lots of latkes, and the open bar featured two specialty drinks- Dizzy Dreidel & Chocolate Gelt Martini. Center members and others throughout the community joined together for food, gambling, and a wonderful evening. The casino tables showcased special guest dealers- Jacob Ruby, Mark Penson, Jeff Leach, Renee Haire, Daniel Smith, Dan Hedrick, Dave Bielski, & Noah Pozin and were filled with people winning lots of "fun money." Everyone could use their fun money to enter the raffle with over 20 prizes to win. Thank you to all the local businesses and volunteers that helped make this event happen. You won't want to miss this event next year. Mark your calendar now- **December 9, 2023**.















## SPECIAL EVENTS

#### DECEMBER 25, 2022 MITZVAH DAY

The Jacksonville Jewish Center and local synagogues teamed up for an unforgettable mission on Sunday, December 25th. The day was filled with excitement as we helped the less fortunate in our community. We cooked, packaged, and delivered over 500 meals alongside Aging True, the local Meals on Wheels provider. But that wasn't all—our generosity extended to area first responders, as we prepared and distributed cookies and baked goods as a token of appreciation. Laughter filled the air, and a profound sense of fulfillment washed over us as we united under a shared purpose, leaving an indelible impact on the lives of those we touched. Together, we forge a legacy of unity, compassion, and hope for a brighter future.



### JANUARY 20-22, 2023 - BIBLE PLAYERS

We were captivated by The Bible Players, an unstoppable Torah Comedy team hailing from the cities of New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angele that are teaching Jewish Values and sweeping the nation! With their theatrical prowess and comedic genius, The Bible Players unleash an exhilarating fusion of laughter and improvisation, breathing new life into timeless tales from the Torah and beyond. Since their inception in 2011, their trailblazing journey has taken them on a whirlwind tour across America, leaving a trail of uproarious laughter and inspiration in their wake. They brought their unique Family Playshop and "Unkosher" comedy show . But that's not all—they did a family comedy show and an awe-inspiring educator Playshop, leaving audiences craving more.





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## Special Events



#### JUMBO SHRIMP BASEBALL GAME - SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 HANNUKAH & HOCKEY GAME - DEC 21, 2022

















## Special Events



### APRIL 10, 2023- INTERFAITH PROGRAM AND DINNER

The Interfaith Center of Northeast Florida and the Jacksonville Jewish Center hosted their 7th annual joint program where Jewish, Muslim, Christian and interfaith communities joined together for a discussion embracing various religious holidays, rituals and traditions. Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner and community leaders discussed thoughts on the afterlife. This year was the first-ever Kosher- for- Passover Iftar dinner. Thank you to all our volunteers from both organizations!







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## SPECIAL EVENTS



### MAY 6, 2023 - 60-YEAR B'NAI MITZVAH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REUNION

We were transported back in time as the Jacksonville Jewish Center embraced a momentous occasion that brought together over thirty remarkable individuals from the iconic 1963 B'nai Mitzvah/Sunday School class. With hearts full of anticipation, these cherished members, hailing from Jacksonville and beyond, embarked on a journey that rekindled old friendships and celebrated an extraordinary milestone. As the sacred Shabbat morning services unfolded, a sense of excitement and nostalgia filled the air. With each familiar face taking their place, the sanctuary transformed into a living tapestry of cherished memories and renewed bonds. Together, they led the congregation, their voices intertwining in harmonious unity, as the spirit of celebration and camaraderie enveloped the entire space. From the corners of Jacksonville to the far reaches of the country, this unforgettable gathering served as a testament to the enduring power of community and the beauty of shared experiences. Let us revel in the joyous reunion of this illustrious class as they etch another chapter in the books of history, leaving a mark on the hearts of all who witnessed this extraordinary celebration.

#### **ATTENDEES**

Linda Aronovitz Schuster, Susan Axelberg Lazurus, Brian Benwick\*,

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Fran Forman Greenes, Saul Freiden, Susan Gendzier Sternstein\*,

Rick Goldstein, Barbara Goodman Zimmerman, Carol Gross, Alan Harris, Linda Hilsenrad, Jan Lerner Beaudreau, Mark Lodinger,

Holly Lodinger Mandelkern\*, Rodney Margol, Jeff Marks\*,

Debbie Morris Simkin, Shelley Newman Linsey, Ivan Peltz,

Sandi Reich Fletcher\*, Lynelle Resnick Antoff,

Arnold (AJ) Rosenberg Michaels, Eliot Safer\*, Irvin Weinstein,

Mike Weiss, Gary Wolfson, Michele Yergin Rosenthal\*, Mike Zadoff

\*Reunion Committee Member



## Special Events

## MAY 6, 2023- 60-YEAR B'NAI MITZVAH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL REUNION



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## SPECIAL EVENTS



#### **EDUCATIONAL MILESTONES**



Siyyum Confirmation - 12th Grade May 27, 2023

Ava Jaffa Dorothy (Daisy) Handmaker Aidan Kempner



Martin J. Gottlieb Day School 8th Grade Graduation - May 31, 2023

Ariadna Castano Brennan Zaner Hank Shapiro Itamar Ohayon Joseph Morgenthal



Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School 7th Grade Graduation - May 23, 2023

Zach Bomser Chava Ducali Ian Funk Mason Gridley Jayden Leach Allie Lyubomirsky Adam Tesler Nathan Willens Vivi Weil





#### Martin J. Gottlieb Day School Consecration -Kitah Aleph - February 24, 2023

Emma Hasden Alexi Rogozinski **Empress Busch** Ava Morris Grant Fleet Ben Lavi Henry Horovitz Bobby Herman Keanu Mendenhall Brody Efron Marco Lasry Dafna Holzer Rylan McClure EJ Neren Yahli Arad Eliana Horovitz

#### Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School Consecration - Kitah Aleph - February 26, 2023

Zachary Cheatham Apphia Daniels Annabel Fernandez Riley Hustis Jonathan Leder Shelby Rauchwarger Alexa Rickoff Max Steiner Samantha Turner

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## GALINSKY ACADEMY





Gabrielle Bubis VP of Day School and Preschool

Reflecting on this past school year at Martin J. Gottlieb Day School and Laurie Preschool, I can't help but think of how quickly the year has gone by here and for my own family. With my youngest child graduating from high school in May, I am getting used to becoming an empty nester. It is a strange feeling. My kids have spent many years within the Jacksonville Jewish Center, and so have I—as a parent, volunteer, and lay leader. It doesn't seem that long ago that they graduated from the



Martin J. Gottlieb Day School. As my youngest begins a new chapter at college, my time as VP of Day School and Preschool has come to a close.

Looking back on the past two years, the schools have had dramatic changes and growth. Karin Hallett, the Head of the School, and Pamela Feldman, the Director of Early Childhood Education, have completed their first full year in their new positions. Their positive energy, enthusiasm, and love for the schools are self-evident. The most exciting highlight of the year was the 8th-grade trip. Our children had an opportunity to travel to Israel in a group with kids from two other Jewish Day Schools, creating lasting memories. It was a wonderful way to end their time at Martin J Gottlieb Day School. I enjoyed serving on the Jacksonville Jewish Center board as VP of Day School and Preschool and look forward to seeing the schools continue to grow and flourish in years to come.

## Shana Tova, Gaby Bubis









## Galinsky Academy



### L'DOR V'DOR

The Galinsky Academy includes the Laurie Preschool, Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, Bernard & Alice Selvan Religious School and Setzer Youth Education. The schools are dedicated to shaping the future leaders of the Jewish community.

The Academy's success molding the next generation of engaged Jewish adults depends on the support of the community. That's where you come in. The L'Dor v'Dor campaign reaches far beyond classroom walls to touch the lives of countless children and teens such as our Learning Lab (STEAM) and Mitzvah Program.

We are immensely grateful to those who contributed to this year's campaign. The community's generous donations ensure that our schools provide children with a solid foundation to build their Jewish identities. The future of our community lies in their hands.

The L'Dor v'Dor Annual Giving Campaign invests in the lives of our children and the legacy we leave to them. Together we can ensure that the flame of our Jewish traditions passes from generation to generation.

To contribute to the L'Dor v'Dor campaign, please contact Sarah Bloom at — sbloom@jaxjewishcenter.org.











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## GALINSKY ACADEMY



#### PARENT- TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Galinsky Academy PTA has had an incredibly impactful year. Introducing our new website has empowered parents with easy access to essential resources and information, fostering seamless communication and active participation. Our NEW-Ruach Rock has created unforgettable memories to celebrate our students' birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, and other milestones. We have also embraced the significance of community by starting our First Friday program, where we gather monthly at Beth Shalom Park. We now have a School Spirit-wear shop that offers a range of merchandise that exemplifies our pride. We cut and distributed more challah than we can count, celebrated holidays galore, appreciated our teachers & staff in numerous ways, and put on some incredible events. Thank you to Jodi Rogozinski for her hard work and commitment as PTA president this past year! Our community is STAND OUT because of her and all our hard-working volunteers!











## Galinsky Academy



#### PURIM CARNIVAL

The Galinsky Academy PTA Purim Carnival drew in hundreds of people to celebrate at the Jacksonville Jewish Center. It was a joyous occasion for all who attended, creating cherished memories that will be treasured for years to come. The carnival boasted an impressive array of activities and attractions, from thrilling carnival games to outdoor inflatables and even a petting zoo. This year we added a talented caricature artist to send children home with a delightful memento to cherish.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support from our sponsors. We are especially grateful to our sponsors that gave at the \$1000+ levels- Ackerman Urology, RORE Investing, Dr. Robert Busch & Family, and Tersak's Academy. Their generosity and dedication make it a record-breaking year, surpassing all expectations. The Galinsky Academy PTA extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors and volunteers. Mark your calendar for next year's Galinsky Academy PTA Purim Carnival-March 24, 2024.



















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# CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS, EMBRACING THE FUTURE: A REFLECTION ON THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR



Karin Hallett
Head of Schools
Laurie Preschool &
Martin J. Gottlieb Day School

As we reflect on this past school year, the Day School and Preschool community are filled with pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together. It has been a journey made successful by strong relationships; all focused on our students' growth and well-being.

This year we embarked on meaningful experiences centered around Jewish education, including our inaugural capstone trip to Israel, where our 8th-grade students deepened their connection to the land of Israel and self-identity in Jewish life. At the core of our work was focusing on social and emotional well-being, taking significant strides to nurture the whole child. From community-building events with inspiring speakers to multi-disciplinary classroom and school-wide activities, we created an environment where every student felt seen, heard, and supported.

Perhaps most importantly, the school's successful accreditation process was a testament to our focus on excellence. We recognize that our work is sacred and all about the children. Their growth, joy, and accomplishments drive us forward daily.

As we look ahead, we are thrilled to share that next year's enrollment is robust, a testament to the trust and confidence our community places in us. We will continue to provide a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment where each student can reach their full potential.

We start this year with enthusiasm and gratitude--especially thankful to our community partners, including the Jewish Federation Foundation of Northeast Florida, LJD Jewish Family and Community Services, and River Garden for their continued commitment to Jewish education in our community.

As we begin, I wish you and your families a Shanah Tovah!

#### CHESED: A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF OUR PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY



Pamela Feldman
Preschool Director

When you join our family at Laurie Preschool, you're starting a journey in Chesed. Chesed encompasses more than mere kindness; it entails wholeheartedly giving of oneself with love and compassion. Our preschool, nestled on a sprawling 34-acre property, is dedicated to fostering a love for learning through laughter, creativity, and hands-on experiences. We strive to provide an enriching and safe environment for our youngest community members to grow. Our devoted teachers extend a warm welcome to each child, embracing them with kindness and compassion every morning. The glow and wonder in our students' eyes as they enter a place they consider their second home. We cherish the privilege of nurturing a love for Judaism and nurturing your child's natural curiosity. Collaborating closely with our families, we strive to provide an enriching experience that lays a joyful foundation and instills a deep appreciation for Jewish heritage.

On our beautiful campus filled with playgrounds, gardens, a sanctuary, and modern classrooms, our students benefit from exceptional programming enriched by the invaluable contributions of our dedicated clergy. Families choose Laurie Preschool not only for its unique early childhood curriculum but also for the warm embrace of our loving community. The warm

and welcoming environment is precisely what you want for your children and family! Imagination is endless. You can imagine your future and dreams and even reach them at Laurie Preschool! We welcome you to join us, where friends become family.

Please visit our website at www.dubowgottlieb.org, or schedule a personal tour. On behalf of my staff and family, Jason, Ralph, and our newest addition, Daphne, we all wish you Shana Tovah Umetuka. Have a sweet, good, and healthy new year!!

## LAURIE PRESCHOOL AND MARTIN J. GOTTLIEB DAY SCHOOL

















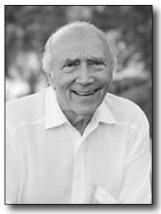












Laurie DuBow

We are excited to start 5784 with a special dedication. As you may know, DuBow Preschool has proudly carried the name of the DuBow family for over 10 years. Laurie DuBow is highly respected in the non-profit community and has been a strong supporter of Jewish education.

In loving dedication to Laurie DuBow, our school and the DuBow family wish to honor him and celebrate his contributions to our programs. We are so pleased to announce that DuBow Preschool will now be known as Laurie Preschool.

As his family states, "We felt that transitioning the name to Laurie Preschool was the perfect way to honor him individually as his long-standing commitment to children and education has always been his priority. His motto `it's all



about the children' signifies this naming." As a school, we aspire to live up to Laurie DuBow's

motto, which guides all of our decision making on a daily basis. Please rest assured that the mission, philosophy, and leadership of our school will remain unchanged. We look forward to continuing our wonderful and enriching program as Laurie Preschool.





























#### BUILDING OUR JEWISH IDENTITY ONE CHILD AT A TIME



Liat Walker
Director of Jewish Education
Laurie Preschool & Martin J.
Gottlieb Day School
Martin J. Gottlieb Day School
Middle School Mitzvah
Coordinator

This year brought many new opportunities to celebrate the Jewish holidays with our preschool and day school students, staff, and families. Our weekly preschool Shoobie Doobie Shabbat service was open to parents and grandparents who "kvelled" over the love of Shabbat showcased by our younger students.

Every Jewish holiday was celebrated by all of our students with programs such as sukkah hops, all Hebrew Tu B'Shevat play (3rd grade), Tu B'Shevat & Yom HaAtzmaut in the garden, hamantaschen baking, Megillah reading, Model Seders, all Hebrew Pesach play (2nd grade), Lag B'Omer "Color War," and a culinary taste of Israel in honor of Israel's 75th anniversary.

With our entire school (preschool and day school) dressed in white, we celebrated our final holiday program, our traditional and beautiful Bikkurim (first fruit) festival, by bringing fresh and canned fruit to the "Temple!" Everyone marched, singing, from the Ansbacher Pavilion to the main sanctuary reenacting the annual pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. What a great way to celebrate Shavuot and end the year as one school!

Lastly, our schools were open on the first day of Shavuot while observing the laws and spirit of the Yom Tov. Students engaged in Shavuot games and activities and participated in the main service at the Jacksonville Jewish Center.

Our Middle School resumed its weekly off-campus mitzvah projects this year. These

included many of our favorites from previous years and some new activities as well! These included holiday programs with the seniors at River Garden/The Coves, a buddy program with

students from the North Florida School for Special Education, delivering Thanksgiving baskets and holiday gifts to needy members of the Jacksonville community, and delivering "mishloach manot" on Purim to members of the Jewish community. Additional examples of our mitzvah projects included making hygiene bags for the residents of the Sulzbacher Center and helping assemble snack bags at the Max Block Food Pantry for children who live in food deserts in Jacksonville.

During Purim, the 8th-grade students embarked on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Israel with Liat Walker, the Director of Jewish Education, Chai Gross, a Jewish Studies educator, and students and faculty from the Tucson Hebrew Academy and the Tampa Bay Hillel Academy. While fostering bonds with other 8th-grade day school students, this trip also "brought to life" everything the students have learned about Israel and Jewish history throughout their day school education.

























#### CLASSES OF 2022-2023

#### **Tzvaim**

Teacher: Ale Lemus

Students:

Emersyn B. (not pictured), Zachary B., Shayna H., Jonah L.



#### **Doobonim 2**

Teachers: Ashley Dooley, Randi Gilbert

Students:

Sianna C., Oriel C., Yonatan C., Levi H., Ethan K., Ezra L., Liam M., Maya M., Everly S., Rayna Z.





#### Doobonim 1

Teachers:

Julia Spencer, Paulina Arhin (not pictured)

Students:

Aven A., Levi B., Ralph F., Julia H., Jack J., Sawyer J., Josie M., Niv O., Ruby R., Serafina R.



#### Kofim 1

Teachers: Rebecca Fulinara, Mariya Tesler

Students:

Ruthie B., Snir G., Genevieve J.,

Naomi K., Lev M., Everett S., Lili S., Aurora T.,

Yeheli Z.

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# Laurie Preschool and Martin J. Gottlieb Day School



# CLASSES OF 2022-2023



Parparim 1
Teachers:

Janet Benitez, Rukhsana Raza

Students:

David B., Hannah H., Liam, K., Cooper M., Rai O., Felix O., Avery R., Cobie R., Quinn R., Micah W.



Parparim 3
Teacher:
Karen Offield

Students:

Esther H., Layla M., Benjamin M., Veronica O., Ezra P., Alice P., Clara S.

### Kofim 2

Teacher:

Kizziy Jackson

Students:

Talia A., Maddie B., Clara C., Andrew G., Zoe L., Sylvie L., Tomer L., William M., (not pictured), Hollyn R., Joseph W.



Parparim 2

Teachers:

Ruth Jimenez, Alex Correa

Students:

Raegen B., Shayna E., Dax H., Eitan H., Ezra H., Mark M., Benny O., Zehava R., Kai S., Reagan S., Charlie W.



# Laurie Preschool and Martin J. Gottlieb Day School



### CLASSES OF 2022-2023

### Tzeeporim 1 (VPK)

Teachers:

Cathy Corcoran, Sarah Perkins

### Students:

Noah A., Juliet B., Micah C., Hannah C., Eliana F., Nolan H., Evelyn L., Akshara N., Nathaniel (Tani) N., Sofia S., Mila S., Logan W.



### Tzeeporim 2 (VPK)

Teachers:

Carolyn Kershaw, Shawn Shults

Students:

Salem A., Alexander B., Kingston B., Jack D., Avery F., Kylie H., Griffin H., Finn K., Raffi L., Henry L., Leah R., River S., Nava S.

### Kindergarten

Sam A., Clara B. (not pictured), Zoey B., Emerald B., Vienna F., Jack L., Maya L., Liz M., Jasper S., Jordana S., Leo S.



# **%**

# Laurie Preschool and Martin J. Gottlieb Day School



### CLASSES OF 2022-2023



### First Grade

Yahli A., Empress B., Brody E. (not pictured), Grant F., Emma H., Bobby H., Dafna H., Eliana H., Henry H. (not pictured), Marco L., Ben L., Rylan M., Keanu M., Ava M., EJ N., Alexi R., Zeke R., Eliana W.



Ella A., Chana G. (not pictured), Kyle H., Maya L., Jacob M., Leora N., Miriam P., Eliana R., Jack R. (not pictured), Ethan R., Jordan R., Jackson S., Beryl S., Jonah W.



# Third Grade

Maor A., Belle H., Eden L., Leeah M., Jacob M., Gavri R., Mira S., Shelby S., Maya W.



### **Fourth Grade**

Zachary G., Rena H., Rowan M., Daniel M., Ayelet O., Samuel P., Raphael R., Adeline T., Sofia T., Hannah T., Tali W., Bethenny Z.





# LAURIE PRESCHOOL AND MARTIN J. GOTTLIEB DAY SCHOOL



### CLASSES OF 2022-2023

**Fifth and Sixth Grade** 

Lily Pop A., Suleiman C., Dillon E., Evie H., Natalie L., Elliott N., Hannah R., Koren R., Nikita R., Amit S., Nikki S., Michael S.



**Seventh Grade** 

Zohar A., Neshama Laya G., Levin K., Rayna K., Noah N., Andi S., Zachary T.



**Eighth Grade** Ariadna C., Joseph M., Itamar O.,

Hank S., Brennan Z.



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# & Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School →



Rabbi Shira M.T. Rosenblum
Director of the Bernard &
Alice Selevan Religious School

What a year it's been at the Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School! This year, we focused on infusing our school with the feeling of community. We were excited to resume utilizing our Day School classrooms in addition to some of our larger spaces throughout the building and grounds. This enabled us to continue fostering meaningful peer interactions and joyful Jewish learning.

Bernard & Alice
SELEVAN
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We gathered as a school community throughout the year to celebrate the

holidays in style. Starting with our annual "Pizza in the Hut" celebration, students and families shook the lulav & etrog and competed in a fun and challenging Sukkot-themed escape room experience! Our annual "Hanukkah Happening" program was complete with dinner from Margo's Catering and authentic sufganiyot (jelly donuts) from Chef Oren. We also held the final rounds of our 3rd Annual Major League Dreidel Competition for students in Kitah Hey-Zayin. After finishing second place last year, Hayden Funk was crowned our 5783 Major League Dreidel Champion!

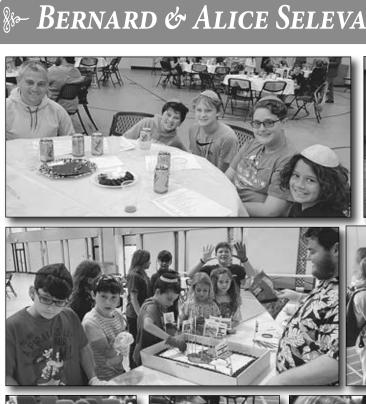
Our older students participated in World Wide Wrap with the Center's Men's Club, trying on tefillin and learning about this important mitzvah. They then traveled to the cemetery for a book burial ceremony with Rabbi Lubliner. For Purim, students got to bake hamantaschen and marched in a school-wide costume parade. Our entire school community came together and thoroughly enjoyed a unique Chocolate Seder in preparation for Passover. We then celebrated Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israel's Independence Day) by learning about Hatikvah (Israel's national anthem), enjoying Israeli snacks at our "Israeli Café," and decorating a cake with a topographical map of Israel made out of candy and other sweets. What a fun and delicious way to learn about the geography and terrain of our ancestral homeland!

Harry Aaronson received the Joni Shmunes "Mensch of the Year" Award, and our entire school community came together to support our Kitah Zayin graduates and their families, followed by a sweet treat in their honor!

Our students have thrived this year, and we look forward to returning in the Fall to continue growing and learning together!

Please contact Mary Ellen Hathaway at **mhathaway@jaxjewishcenter.org** or Rabbi Shira M.T. Rosenblum at **srosenblum@jaxjewishcenter.org** for more information about the Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School. We hope you'll consider joining our community of learners in the coming year!

# 👺 Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School 🦓

























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### CLASSES OF 2022-2023



### Kindergarten and 1st Grade -Kitah Gan and Aleph

Moreh Yakov, and Madrikh Andrew W.; Asher C., Ella S., Mimi K., Aubrey P., Sawyer K., Ryan B, Asher G., Mila H., Sadie T., Daphne P., and Emma H.

Not pictured: Edina S. and Emily W.

### 2nd Grade - Kitah Bet

Madrikha Jasmine T., Morah Melissa, Madrikh Scott M., and Madrikha Chava D.; Zac C., Shelby R., Alexa R., Samantha T., Jonathan L., Riley H., and Henry D.

Not pictured: Annabel F.





### 3rd Grade - Kitah Gimmel

Moreh Matityahu, Jeremy S., Ellen H., Vivienne S., Lily S., Ellie H-L., and Morah Jocheved

Not pictured: Isla F.

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### CLASSES OF 2022-2023



### 4th Grade - Kitah Dalet Morah Keren, Morah Jocheved, and Morah Daniela; Ben L., Levi B., James T., Eva S., Alex O., and Bradley R.

Not pictured: Sebastian C., Hanna H., Jonathan H., and Max K.

### 5th Grade - Kitah Hey Morah Keren, Moreh Marty, Moreh Matityahu, and Morah Daniela; Milly H., Oliver W., Mackenzie T., Bailey S., and Jamie L.



6th Grade - Kitah Vav Moreh Boaz, Ilan D., Victoria R., Harper H-L., Liam F., Josh S., Naomi C., Isaac R., and Izzy K.

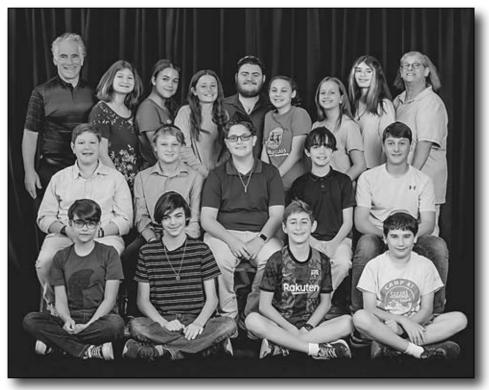
Not pictured: Moreh Matityahu and Morah Ronni

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### CLASSES OF 2022-2023

(All names are left to right)



7th Grade - Kitah Zayin Moreh Marty, Reba G., Mara R., Abby M., Moreh Boaz, Madyson B., Helena E., Anna M., and Morah Keren; Harry A., Barrett H, Logan H., Ben L. and Joseph E.; Taliah H., Ian G., Eli K. and Elijah S.



### **Tzevet**

Morah Keren, Moreh Boaz, Morah Melissa, Morah Jocheved; Morah Daniela, Moreh Matityahu, Moreh Marty, Moreh Yakov and Rabbi Shira Rosenblum;

Not pictured: Morah Ronnie and Morah Shulamit





# ...to our Graduates from the **Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School**



Harry Aaronson Madyson Bell Helena Ekkawi Joseph Ekkawi Ian Gebo Reba Gould Taliah Herman **Tobey Hoff Barrett Hunt** Logan Hut Eli Kuvin Ben Levinson Abigail Miller Anna Millrood Mara Rotenberg Elijah Sereboff Zachary Setzer

# And a special shout-out to this year's recipient of the Joni Shmunes Mensch of the Year Award, Harry Aaronson!



Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School gave the Joni Shmunes "Mensch of the Year" Award to recognize a graduating 7th grader who displays a commitment to Jewish studies. In memory of our beloved teacher, Joni Shmunes, we honor students who attend class consistently and show a sincere willingness to learn. We particularly appreciate a student who puts their heart and soul into learning about Judaism despite challenges and roadblocks along the way. We proudly recognize Harry Aaronson as the honoree for the 2022-23 school year.

Thanks for a fantastic year of learning and growing together... Join us for JTLI (Jewish Teen Leadership Initiative) & Madrikhim!

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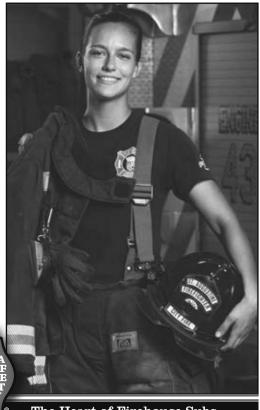
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Michelle Penson
Director of Youth Engagement

Setzer Youth Education offers programs for 3rd-12th grade students at the Galinsky Academy to help them build community, create long-lasting friendships and make memories with their Jewish peers. The activities provide students with a safe and fun environment to develop and strengthen their Jewish identities.

In Chalutzim (3rd-5th grade), we focus on fostering friendships and creating experiences that extend beyond the walls of the Martin J. Gottlieb Day School and



Bernard & Alice Selevan Religious School. We teach Kadima (6th-8th grade) children the leadership skills required to run their chapter. Students conduct their own programs, meetings, and events by the time they reach USY (9th-12th grade).

The year 5783 introduced changes in our local chapter and our southeastern USY region HaNegev. Because of a decline in attendance, Kadima youth now

attend regional and sub-regional conventions with USY students. We traveled to Congregation Ohev Shalom in Orlando with twenty-one children for our first Mercaz convention in three years. Mercaz is a Zionist organization of the Masorti [Conservative] Movement. Eleven 6th-12th graders attended HaNegev's Spring Convention at Yom Ramah Darom a month later. Some of the students' favorite programs were Chalutzim's Mad Science event, Kadima's Unconventional Art event, and USY's Karaoke and PowerPoint events. Chalutzim and Kadima kids also shared a few field trips, including going to Adventure Landing and Flight Adventure trampoline park and watching a private viewing of the Super Mario Bros. Movie.

Setzer Youth Education aims to create relevant experiences for our youth. Whether that's meeting other Jewish kids, engaging in Judaism in a joyful alternative way, or through service learning -- we provide it all. Whether you find joy in Judaism through nature, going on a scavenger hunt, playing games, attending conventions, making sufganiyot, or learning about Tikkun Olam and Jewish values, you won't have a dull moment when you're with our youth groups.

For more information, contact Michelle Penson at **mpenson@jaxjewishcenter.org**. Please join us and get in on the fun this year. You can find a calendar of events and register at **https://www.jaxjewishcenter.org/learn/sye/** 

Shanah Tovah u'Metukah from Setzer Youth Education!

### **CENTER YOUTH COMMISSION**

The Youth Commission oversees all youth programs sponsored by the Jacksonville Jewish Center, including Chalutzim, Kadima, USY, JTLI, and Scouts. The committee is composed of the Youth Commission chairperson, the USY president, lay leaders, the director of Youth Engagement, and the director of Setzer Youth Education. The Youth Commission seeks to inspire students to embrace Judaism and joyfully engage with the Jewish community.

It aims to help students deepen their experience of Judaism, grow lasting friendships, and learn

menschlichkeit (kindness, integrity, honor, and compassion) through community service, prayer, sports, arts, leadership training, and nature. In addition to membership in Center Youth Groups, the Youth Commission encourages our youngsters to attend Conservative Jewish summer programs, such as Camp Ramah, Ramah Israel Seminar, USY-on-Wheels, and USY EPIC Israel. These provide excellent opportunities for our children to share wholesome, fun, and uniquely Jewish experiences with their peers from all over the United States and Canada.



## **CHALUTZIM • GRADES 3-5**





### **KADIMA • GRADES 6-8**







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# UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH • GRADES 9 -12



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### JTLI: JEWISH TEEN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

# FOR THE EIGHTH-ELEVENTH GRADE YEARS OF SETZER YOUTH EDUCATION

This year, Rabbi Shira M.T. Rosenblum and Michelle Penson guided our Jewish Teen Leadership Initiative program, also known as JTLI. Teenagers in 8TH-12th grades participated in a variety of informal and experiential programs, served the community, and interacted with their peers. Guests and facilitators from the greater Jewish community joined us. We learned about Jewish values and concepts while considering how to handle issues teens face in high school, college, and beyond.

JTLI and Siyyum welcomed guests, including Irene Jaffa, who spoke on behalf of the 2nd Gen Holocaust Survivors. We Zoomed with the Anti-Defamation League and welcomed new friends from the Sulzbacher Center, sharing a meal in the Goldman Sukkah. We cooked, packed and delivered meals for fragile and home-bound residents. We were excited to celebrate our ugly Hanukkah sweater party with residents of the Coves, where we shared Hanukkah treats and some very competitive bingo games.

We are excited to plan for a new year to prepare Jewish teens for life in the 21st century. We have many exciting things in store and can't wait to experience them together. We hope you'll join us as we continue to learn and grow together in the coming year.















### **SIYYUM**

### Mazel Toy to our confirmands and their families:

### Ava Jaffa

Daughter of Dan & Karianne Jaffa

### **Dorothy (Daisy) Handmaker**

Daughter of Bobby Handmaker and Cindy Handmaker

### Aidan Kempner

Son of Benjay & Marissa Kempner

*Siyyum* means conclusion or graduation and lends its name to the ceremony we hold at the end of studying a tractate of Talmud. The liturgy expresses this hope:

"May it be Your will, Lord my God and God of my ancestors, that just as You have helped me conclude this tractate, so may You help me begin and complete other sacred works and holy books, that I may learn and teach, observe, do and fulfill all the words of Your Torah, in love."

The *Siyyum* ritual emphasizes not only attaining one's goals, but charting new paths. This concept celebrates Jewish teens' transition from high school to college. At the Jacksonville Jewish Center, seniors study and discuss how to become leaders as well as strengthen their connection to their Jewish identity and ethical tradition.

We celebrated our *Siyyum* confirmands in synagogue earlier this year as they prepared to graduate from high school. In the coming academic year, Ava Jaffa will attend the University of Central Florida, Daisy Handmaker will go to Indiana University and Aiden Kempner will attend Aish HaTorah-Gesher Yeshiva in Israel. Congratulations to them all.







### SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH YOUTH

The Jacksonville Jewish Center has a vibrant and active youth community that enthusiastically participates in summer programs. These programs, sponsored by the Conservative Movement, provide invaluable opportunities for informal enrichment and meaningful education. We are delighted to yet again send the largest group of campers from a single synagogue to Ramah Darom this summer. We also had youth attend Ramah Rockies and Ramah Israel.

Camp Ramah Darom offers an array of exciting experiences for our youth. Alongside the traditional four- or eight-week summer sessions, the camp provides a variety of additional programs, including:

**TASTE OF RAMAH:** Introductory programs for younger children to expose them to the magic of Camp.

- Ta'am: 5-night program for rising 2nd graders to have a brief but meaningful Camp experience.
- **Garinim**: 11-night program for rising 3rd graders to provide a slightly longer duration for campers to further explore and engage in the Camp's activities and community.
- Nitzanim & Sollelim K'tzara: 18-night program for rising 4th and 5th graders

Didn't get enough camp this summer? Camp Ramah Darom also offers...

WINTER BREAK FAMILY CAMP- December 27, 2023 – January 1, 2024

Rest, play, learn and hang out with new and old friends, while we take care of the cooking, cleaning and entertainment. Fun for the whole family with counselor-led adventures, family and adult-only time, a magical Shabbat and a New Year's celebration. Ring in the New Year with a rockin' kids party as well as an adult-only celebration.

# UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH (USY)

For more than 60 years, USY has been at the forefront of providing Jewish teens with lifealtering travel experiences, illuminating their perspective with new horizons, diverse cultures, and breathtaking wonders. Whether embarking on the thrilling USY on Wheels adventure across North America or immersing themselves in the captivating tapestry of Israel and Europe through the Israel Pilgrimage programs, USY offers a transformative journey.

Delve into the spirituality of Shabbat, discover the profound impact of Tzedakah, and find inspiration through creative prayer and captivating interactive Jewish learning programs. These experiences not only foster a deeper connection to Jewish heritage but also cultivate lasting friendships. Whether our teens seek adventure, spirituality, or personal growth, USY Summer Programs are designed to ignite their passion, expand their worldview, and empower them to embrace their Jewish heritage with pride and enthusiasm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in funding our summer scholarship programs: Youth Merit Scholarship Fund, Abe Selber Trust Fund, Charles Palot Youth Fund, Gordon Family Scholarship, Center Israel Scholarship Fund, Center Sisterhood, Center Youth Department, Horty T. Gendzier Men's Club Summer Scholarship Fund, Joan Levin Gift of Israel Program through the Jacksonville Jewish Federation, Myra Thier Lazarus Camp Ramah Fund, Sylvia H. Shorstein Scholarship Fund, Debbie Katz Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund.

# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH YOUTH

















### SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS









### CENTER YOUTH & STAFF THAT ATTENDED SUMMER PROGRAMS

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR JEWISH YOUTH























# JACKSONVILLE JEWISH CENTER SCOUTING

Jacksonville Jewish Center has participated in Cub Scouts for more than 100 years. This year Pack 14 Cub Scouts members hiked, learned about nature, made candles for Chanukah, camped and celebrated Havdalah in Beth Shalom Park. Pack 14 welcomes girls and boys from kindergarten to 5th grade. A smaller group, Webelos Den for boys in 4th and 5th grade, frequently joined Troop 12 scouts from Congregation Ahavath Chesed- the Temple to learn camping, cooking and first aid skills. Troop 12, which includes boys from 5th grade to 18 years old, has also existed for more than 100 years. The Scouts and Webelos Den camped at six state parks, volunteered at Purim carnivals at both the Center and Temple, helped out at River Garden Hebrew Home on Mitzvah Day and shared in Scout Shabbat.

For more information about Pack 14 Cub Scouts, contact Allan Andrew at aandrew@alum.mit.edu or Eli Fleet at ewfleet@gmail.com. If you want information on Troop 12, contact Scoutmaster Michelle DeDeo at jaxtroop12@gmail.com or visit the website at www.jaxtroop12.com.











# JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 2023-24

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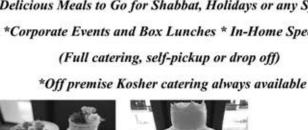
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# Best Wishes for a Healthy & Happy New Year

Leonard & Debra Setzer

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# L'Shanah Tovah



Best Wishes for the New Year

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L'Shanah Tovah

The Glasgal Levy Family Kim, Peter, Rachel & Evan



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Drs. Jeffrey & Ilene Levenson
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May the Coming Year Bring to you all the Blessings of Health, Peace & Joy

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Wishing Everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year

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New Year
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Lin, Amy & Dylan



Happy New Year

Risa & Lawrence Datz

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May You All Have a Year of Health, Happiness & Peace

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Ethan, Samuel, Sydney Rae,
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Happy & Healthy
New Year

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& Bobby Leah

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Wishing all my friends and relatives A Happy and Healthy New Year

Love,
Debby Katz

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& Dylan Dreyer

Wishing Everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year

Mimi Kersun Sam, Allison & Michael

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"THIS DAY MAY YOU STRENGTHEN US"
--High Holy Day Musaf Liturgy

A Year of Peace & Blessing to all the Members of the Center Family

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Shanah Tovah
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L'Shanah Tovah Jo Marks

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Joshua & Noah
Adam, Lauren, Max
& Nora
Gabe

Best Wishes to
Everyone for
a Happy, Healthy,
Sweet New Year
L'Shanah Tovah

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Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

Ellen & Barry Setzer

Dena, Jason & Shep Rosen

For the New Year & Always...
Health, Happiness & Peace to You & Yours

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Our Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

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Jessica & David Silverman
Lexi & Aidan
Risa & Ari Silverman
Ruby, Peri & Marco

Wishing Everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year

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### L'Shanah Tovah Greg & Barbara Arnold

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Sincere Wishes for a Healthy Happy New Year

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Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

Alan & Renee Gordon Children & Grandchildren

A Happy, Healthy

& Peaceful New Year

A sweet and Happy New Year to you from the Curls! Shanah Tovah!

Chary & Michael Greenburg

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Happy New Year

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The Krestul Family

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Best Wishes for a Year of Peace, Health & Happiness

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### L'Shanah Tovah



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Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year

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Happy and Healthy New Year to all
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**Becky Bromberg & Penny Powell** 

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A Happy & Healthy New Year to all Our Fellow Congregants

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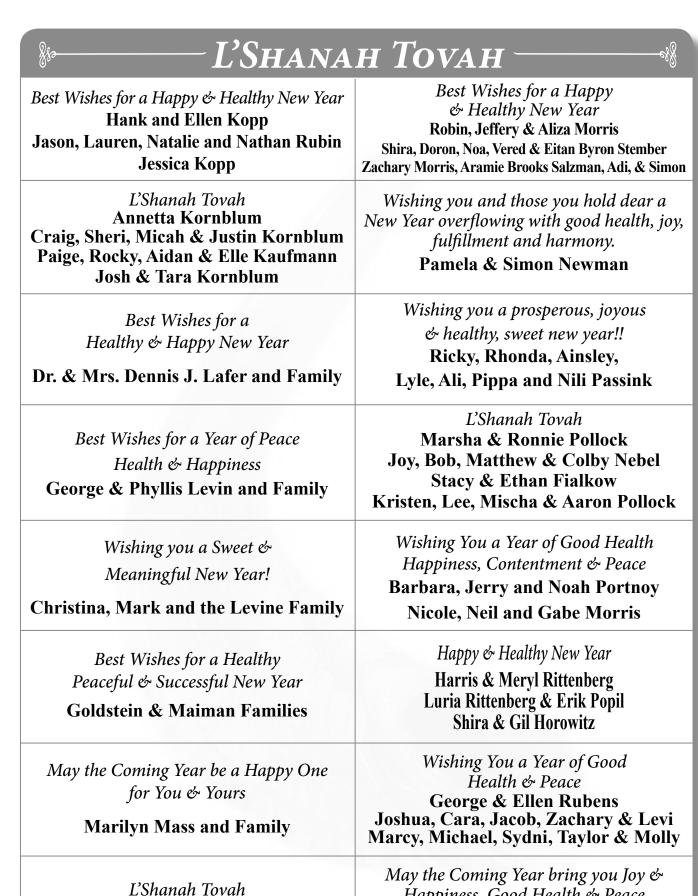
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### Harold (Hal) Baumgarten

One of the greatest of the greatest generation.

D-Day Survivor; Beloved Husband; Devoted Dad; Adoring Poppy; Sincere Friend; A True Legend.

Forever in our hearts and deeply missed.

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Grandchildren - Michael, Rose, Jeremy,
Samantha, Matthew, Katy Rose & Rachel
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### In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents

### **Elayne and Marty Brown**

Remembered for all the love you gave.

Always a part of our lives.

Alison Brown
Alvin Brown
Michael and Marcie
Dylan and Mason Brown
Zachary Brown
Felicia Merwin & Shelby Reed
Alexandra, Ben, Ethan & Ava Weingarten

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### In Loving Memory of Alvin "Al" M. Coplan













So many words can be used to describe the extraordinary life of Al Coplan: Devoted Father; Husband; Brother; Uncle; Successful Businessman; Work-Out Enthusiast; Inspirational Mentor; Passionate Traveler; Joke Teller; Gourmet Foodie & "The Chairman" of Coplan Vineyards

You lived no ordinary life & you are deeply missed beyond words.

Carole Coplan and Susan Coplan
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### In Memoriam



### In Memory of

### Dr. Leo C. Davis

Our hero, our mensch, our cheerleader, our mentor, our artist, and our ultimate role model. Your greatest masterpiece is a family that cherishes love, prioritizes laughter, and believes in each other. The world is a better place because of your kindness, creativity, and devotion. You will forever be in our hearts and our smiles.

The greatest husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Your legacy of kindness, creativity, and dedication to family will endure for generations. You



dedicated your life's work to helping people smile. We shall forever honor your lasting legacy of immense positivity, unbridled enthusiasm, and genuine care for others. We will always remember your charismatic, funny, and passionate personality. We wish that we could get just one more back scratch, however when we hug our own kids or give them a back scratch, we know your hand is guiding ours. We miss you so much and we feel your presence and impact every day.

You had a natural curiosity for people, arts, and sciences. You served your country in the Air Force, serving as a dentist and fighting...well, tooth decay. It is said that being born is G-d's gift to us. How we live our lives can be our gift back to G-d. You gave infinite gifts throughout your life. May your memory be for a blessing.



The Davis Family



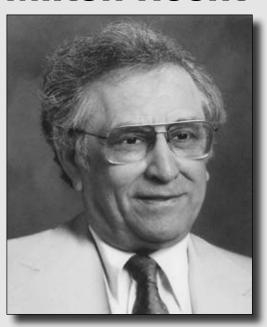
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### Sylvia "Tootsie" Hecht

### Stuart Hecht



### **Milton Hecht**



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Rozie, Faye, Dan, Milly & Ellen





### In Loving Memory of My Husband

### Alan H. Katz

Thank you for the 56 wonderful
And loving years we
had together.
You'll always be in my
heart and thoughts.

With All My Love,

Debby



In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Husband & Father

### Mickey Kersun

&

Our Beloved Daughter & Sister

### **Michele**

You remain in our hearts and in our lives forever.

We miss you every day.

Mimi Kersun Sam, Allison & Michael









In Loving Memory of

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Forever in our Hearts.

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### In Loving Memory of

### Marilyn & Wilbur Margol



You are always in our hearts.

Kim & David
Wendy & Fred
Rodney & Lee
Lonnie & Lesa
and all your grandchildren
and great grandchildren





### Daniel and Helene Pollan Our loving parents and grandparents



You are sadly missed, yet quietly remembered every day.

And though you are no longer in our lives, you will always hold a place in our hearts forever. We miss you dearly.

Arthur, Loretta, Adina and Adria; Irving, Susan, Rebekah and Jakob; Edward, Sherry, Jason and Megan; Stephen





### In Loving of Memory of our Beloved Parents

### **Esther & Sam Rosenblum**



Larry, Arthur & Sharon



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### In Memory of **Alan J. Taffet**



Remembering you is so easy, I do it everyday. But missing you is hard and will never go away.

> Your Loving Wife, Ina

### In Memoriam

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### Dr. Roy & Audrey Baker

Their Loving Family

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### **Ronnie Cherry**

Beloved Husband, Father, & Grandfather

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Marc, Jenny, Andrew and Rebekah
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In Loving Memory of

### **Linda DuBow**

Devoted Wife, Mother, Gramma & Friend

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The DuBow Family



### In Memoriam



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### Norman P. Freedman

Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather

"Gone But Not Forgotten"

Norman made us laugh everyday

Now his laughter is in the ocean breeze

His smile is in the summer sun

His spirit is in the blue sky

From the tears and smiles he left behind

We know that his beautiful soul will always be with us.

Carol, Barney, Karen and Michael Grace and Hope Freedman

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### Maxine Witten Funk Ethel & Irving Funk Sophie & Joe Witten

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### Fred & Marilyn Kupperman Abe & Anne Fletcher Ben & Gussie Kupperman

Gone from our sight, but never gone from our hearts. Because of you our lives have been truly blessed.

Greg Kupperman Keith, Cathrine & A.J. Kupperman

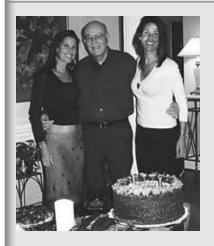




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### Raela & Norman Moss Sheldon Moss Robert & Marilyn Kauss

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Elyne Moss
Roseanne & Andy Kauss and Families



In Loving Memory of

### Neil Presser

Forever in our hearts.
Always in our thoughts.



Dad, it's hard to believe it's been 5 years. You are forever imprinted in our hearts and minds. Your generosity, devotion to the community, never-ending love of family (and all things chocolate) is a testament to your unsurpassed character.

Remembering you is easy, we do it every day... missing you is hard, it never goes away.

We love you, Pam & Jeri

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In loving memory of a wonderful caring husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather

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In Memory of

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Beloved Brother

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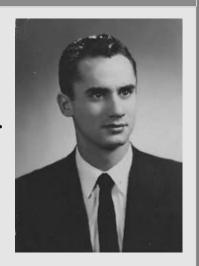
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### **Sumner (Sonny) Waitz**

Beloved Husband, Father, G-father & Great G-father
We will love you forever



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#### **Steve Albert**

You are always in our hearts,

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#### Phillip H. Bloom

Grateful for all the love you gave us.

Linda Bloom

Greg, Lauren, Liam and Luke Wishna

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