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Shaare Zedek Synagogue

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Reservations:

Please call the Shaare Zedek office no later than February 14th

314-727-1747



Have you participated in the *Just Write It!* project yet? Don't miss the chance to share this sacred and beautiful opportunity with your children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

See pictures on page 12 from our most recent visit from Rabbi Druin.

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and Marcia Mermelstein!**

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| Mark Fasman | Rabbi |
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Todah Rabah!

Haftarot for January

Margaux Buck, Gerald Cohen, Wendy Anderson,
 Harriet Shanes

Greeters for January

Audrey Katcher, Pat Rosen, Ed Fitter, Nancye Gliner

Kiddushes for January

5th-Synagogue 12th-Marion Cohen
 19th-Sisterhood 26th-Howard & Phyllis Loiterstein

Consider sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of a loved one, a friend, to celebrate a special simcha... or just to be nice. It's a mitzvah!

Mazel Tov!

Wedding Anniversaries for February

Golda and Gerald Burke
 Gary Kodner & Peggy Nehmen
 Matvey & Klara Rybak
 Joseph & Aileen Shanker
 Alan & Helene Spetner
 Robert & Rosalie Stein

SHABBAT SERVICES FOR EVERYONE

Babysitting (1-5 years)

10:00 a.m. in the Early Childhood Center
 Fun and games for those too young to experience the other options, complete with snacks and juice

Family/Youth Services (K-4th grades & families)

10:25 a.m. in the Guller Chapel
 A lively and engaging service led by Julie Friedman and Marcia Mermelstein. The services are designed as an age-appropriate combination of prayer, song, stories, and discussion of Jewish themes. In February, we will have a discussion of Tu b'Shevat complete with a feast of fruit; in March, we will prepare for Purim with story and song; in April, we will have a Passover-themed service; and in May, we'll celebrate Israel's Independence Day.

Shacharit in the Sanctuary

8:45 a.m. in the Epstein Sanctuary
 All are welcome in the sanctuary for our main service. Children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend toward the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

Mincha Services and Seudah Shlishit

Check the shul calendar for times. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and help make a minyan.

A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



The Hebrew calendar contains oddities “that could cross a rabbi’s eyes.” We observe lunar months, but constantly adjust the calendar to coincide with the solar year.

Did you know:

1. The first day of Rosh HaShanah can only occur on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday?
2. The first day of Pesach can only occur on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday?
3. Hebrew months are either 29 or 30 days long?
4. Two of the months (Cheshvan and Kislev) can be either 29 or 30 days, in order that these two holidays will only occur on certain days of the week?
5. A cycle of nineteen solar years equals (almost exactly) 235 lunar months (but the nineteen year cycle of 12 lunar months would end up seven lunar months short)?
6. We make up the seven lunar months by adding an extra month to seven of the nineteen solar years; since Pesach must occur in the spring the added month (of 30 days) is inserted before the month of Adar and is called Adar I (the “regular” Adar becomes Adar II; Purim is celebrated in Adar II), and that that Hebrew year is called *me’uberet* – “pregnant”?
7. Normally twelve Hebrew months equal 254 days, but given #1, #2, #4, and #6, a Hebrew year can be 353, 354, 355, 383, 384, or 385 days long?
8. This year – 5768 – is a “leap year” containing 383 days (see #6 and #7)?

If you followed all of that you deserve a *yasher koach!* It is tough to navigate through Jewish time. So much to remember – it’s easier just to check the Jewish wall calendar. We live our lives according to various cycles. The rhythm of secular life follows the national holidays – Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Valentine’s Day, tax season, baseball season, Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, football season. That is the rhythm of American life – most of us have been living to this rhythm our whole lives. And it is so comfortable to us that we take it for granted.

The rhythm of the Jewish year is not learned; it is *lived*. You do not have to know any of the above; you just need to live the year in the context of your family and the Jewish community. The problem, of course, is that we increasingly live isolated from each other, even within our Jewish community. The rhythm of our lives is determined by the majority

of people with whom our lives intersect. It is easy to dance a *hora* when everyone (or almost everyone) at the party is Jewish; it is an altogether different problem to try to dance that *hora* while everyone around you is waltzing (or polka-ing, or square dancing, or....).

So where does the rhythm of the Jewish year fit in to our lives? It’s easy for me; I’m a professional Jew. But I remember how tough it was for so many years before I became a rabbi. There were so many points of conflict between what I wanted to do Jewishly and my professional obligations that were tied to the secular calendar. It isn’t possible to dance to two different rhythms simultaneously, so I had to choose. There was the time that my son (then eight years old) insisted that he be able to perform as a member of his karate demo team on a Friday night – and I said no, it is Shabbat. He argued that I play in the symphony on Shabbat and that the karate demo team was *his* work. That was one of the “moments of clarity” in my life that told me that I had to make a choice: to live according to the professional demands of my work in the secular world or to become a rabbi.

We all have to choose. That is part of what it means to live in our post-Enlightenment, post-Emancipation world. Few of us would consider withdrawing from our established roles in secular society. We Jews have become integrated into the larger culture. So we have to dance to their rhythms. (Put differently, the rhythms of the larger culture have become our rhythms; we no longer know our own particular rhythms.) How strange it is that we are free to do almost anything we want, and yet it is actually harder to keep Shabbat – it is harder to live a rich and serious Jewish life when *doing Jewish* conflicts with *doing American*. It’s not that we have to choose to do one or the other. It’s that we want to do both. And those two rhythms are often incompatible.

So what do we do? We dare not make all Jewish observance secondary to the demands of our secular lives. But it is unreasonable (and undesirable) to expect any of us to re-ghettoize ourselves. Our lives are necessarily a balancing act. But there are places in which we can tip the balance in favor of Jewish observance. The place that we control the most is our home. Our homes can be more joyously Jewish – in our homes we can eat Jewish and we can celebrate Jewish. Friday nights can be a Shabbat family meal – if this is a consistent practice, we create a rhythm of Shabbat in our lives and in the lives of our children. Not, Shabbat when convenient; rather, Shabbat every week. I know of no other way to establish this most basic rhythm of Jewish life. *Mi’she-nichnas Adar, marbim b’simcha* – “From the time that Adar comes in, we increase in joy.” Adar is the month of special joy. And this year, we get two months of Adar! So get into the rhythm of Jewish life this Adar – and we’ll dance the Jewish dance together.

Jewish Family & Children's Service is Celebrating!

Thanks to a new grant from the Harvey Kornblum Foundation, the food pantry will extend its hours of operation beginning February 1, 2008 to M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. With our new hours, we need new volunteers!

The Jewish Food Pantry has been providing food and personal care items to St. Louis families since 1991. With the additional hours, we will be able to help more people and better serve our existing families.

We need volunteers who are available weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Jewish Food Pantry is located at 10950 Schuetz Road. If you have two hours or more to spare in your week, we would certainly appreciate your help! Volunteering is a great way to get involved and help others. For more information, please call Kelly Mueller at 314-812-9386 or email kmueller@jfcs-stl.org. Thank you!

The Might of Midrash Study Series Led by Rabbi Ryan Dulkan

Join Rabbi Dulkan as he continues to lead us in the exploration, definition and enlightenment that can be gained through Midrash study and knowledge.

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| Leviticus | February 12 |
| Numbers | March 4 & March 18 |
| Deuteronomy | June 3 & June 17 |

No prior knowledge required. Come on time, seating is limited! Classes are given at **no charge** to Shaare Zedek members and guests.

Purim and Shalach Manot Time Around the Corner

Pick up a flyer in the lobby and be among the first to order Shalach Manot for the congregation, your friends and family.

See page 13 for details

MEET AND GREET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On February 16, Shaare Zedek will celebrate "New Members Shabbat" during Shabbat services and Kiddush. We are pleased to welcome 18 families who have joined our congregation during the past year. *They are:*

Alex Befeler and Serra-Lesa Ivener and family, David and Melissa Berk, Matt and Lizzie Berman, Stephen Brody and Brenda Grossman, Mark and Mary Engel and family, Betty Goldberg, Todd and Robyn Haim, William and Meris Hamilton, Lynda Lieberman, Jeff and Gabrielle Miller and family, John and Barbara Perlmutter and family, Beverly Rehfeld, Pamela Ross, Rabbi Allen Sellis and Lisa Peckler and family, Robert and Rosalie Stein and family, Joel Wexelman and Randi Mozenter and family, Benjamin Yavitz, and Zev and Lori Yudovich and family.

Which of the following is a mitzvah of Purim?

- (a) eating hamantaschen
- (b) wearing costumes
- (c) giving gifts to the poor

If you answered (c), you're right!

Matanot la'Evyonim, "gifts for the poor," is one of the four central mitzvot of Purim. The suggested gift is an amount of money sufficient for at least two meals – about \$20 today.

The Shaare Zedek Ritual Committee will collect your donations for matanot la'evyonim at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 16th and at the megillah reading on **Thursday night, March 20th**. Look for our table at these events. In accordance with the mitzvah, we will deliver your gifts to those in need on the day of Purim.

HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

Everyone's heard the old joke, but I will retell it for old time's sake:

The three local clergy of a small town (of course, a Priest, a Minister, and a Rabbi) held an emergency meeting to discuss a sudden infestation of mice in their respective houses of worship. The Priest explained how his church had invested in tents, fumigation, even cheese traps – all in vain. The mice continued to come back. The Minister recounted how she had all of the Sunday school children come and bang pots and pans, creating a huge racket to try and scare the mice away. Then they laid traps and spread poison—all to no avail. Of course, the Rabbi, stroking his beard, reported that his synagogue had succeeded in getting rid of the mice for good. "How did you do it?" his colleagues gasped in unison. "Easy!" replied the Rabbi. "We gave each one of them their own special tiny tallis, tefilin, and kippah, and Bar Mitzvahed them all. Haven't seen them since!"

This joke makes a statement so true and so sad that we can't help but laugh. How many people go on from age 13 to receive high school, college, graduate, and post-graduate degrees, becoming extremely educated individuals in every way, yet retain their seventh-grade level Jewish education throughout adulthood? It is never too late to begin or renew your study of Torah, as Rabbi Akiva's example teaches us (he began his Torah studies at age 40!).

But the point of this article is not to lament the situation of the majority of Jews in America. Instead, I plan to use this space to give you reason to hope in the next generation of Shaare Zedek members. To fully understand this reason, or rather, over 50 reasons, we invite you to share in the first annual Teen Shabbat. On Shabbat Terumah, February 9th, 2008, our youth will take over the leadership of our Shabbat services, speaking, chanting, and performing honors on the bima throughout the morning.

When the inevitable question arises: "How do we keep kids involved in Jewish life and learning after their Bar and Bat Mitzvah?" there are many promising answers: Jewish summer camp, Israel experiences, Community Hebrew High, Kadima and USY, and choosing a college based on what the Jewish campus life is like. But the more difficult question that arises, that the Bar Mitzvah Mice joke speaks to, is trickier: "How do we keep kids involved in *synagogue* life and learning?" According to the latest sociological research, many young Jews are coming of age feeling less and less connected to synagogues. While their identification with Jewish community remains strong, there is no imperative to belong to a synagogue. Hence, the proliferation of independent minyanim in urban areas such as New York, Washington DC, and Seattle. But these minyanim are going through growing pains of their own, as their members marry, have children, and face life cycle events of their own. These upstart institutions are ultimately faced with the same challenges as traditional synagogues: how to retain Jews? How to make the Bar/Bat

Mitzvah process meaningful for the whole family?

One of the solutions to this issue lies in creating more challenges and opportunities in the synagogue service for our teens and returning college students. Many synagogues have a Bar/Bat Torah program, where the children revive the parshiyot from their B'nai Mitzvah each year following. Some have a "Torah Reading club" where children of all ages, pre- and post- B'nai mitzvah, participate in reading Torah for weekday minyan and Shabbat.

Here at Shaare Zedek, all our recent B'nai Mitzvah have been invited to revive their Maftir and Haftarah portions on the anniversary of their big day. Some have already taken us up on the offer. And now, we have the first annual Teen Shabbat, which will allow our teens to take the reins for one day, and encourage their participation throughout the year. As we gear up for this special day, I hope you will make it a point to join us, to give our youth the recognition and affirmation they deserve, paving the way for each child to maintain their rightful place in synagogue life.

Keyn y'hi ratzon – may it be God's will.



CAST CALL

You Oughta Be in Pictures
or at least the Purim Spiel!

Save the date: March 20th
(Erev Purim)

"SCHMALTZ: A Grease Purim"
An original Purim Spiel
by Hazzan Joanna Dulkan and Carol Pessin

Looking for cast and crew members!
Call Hazzan Dulkan at (314) 727-1747
if interested.

President's Gavel

Marsha Birenbaum

Is Shaare Zedek your second home? I don't mean, do you spend a lot of time here (although some of us do). But is our synagogue a place where we are encouraged to feel at home in our faith and with our people? Perhaps many of us do not think of the synagogue as a second home. But we are here in some of the most important moments in our lives; times of hopefulness, joy, celebration, as well as times of sorrow, grief and times of sacred reflection such as at High Holiday season. True, we don't live here as we do in our regular home. We don't come here the same way as we do the club or office. Here we find our identity as Jews. We come to synagogue in a time of crisis. And should that happen, those who come when they are in need of a synagogue, of a congregation, of a people, would find our synagogue is here for them seven days a week, 52 weeks a year, morning and evening. Think for a moment of unaffiliated Jews who come to our synagogue or those who are passing through town who stop in for minyan or for a service. When we see and greet them, don't we

all feel just a little bit stronger? We come to our synagogue to heal human relationships past and present. We want to feel the presence of a Jewish community, and what better place to do that than at a synagogue. A synagogue is not a perfect place. It is a very human institution that strives to reach out to answer our deepest questions. And if the synagogue cannot provide us with the answers we need, it is often the place that we go to when we are plagued with some of life's most troubling questions. The synagogue becomes a second home when it is a place where we share our joy with one another and give thanks for our good fortune. The members of a synagogue must nurture one another because they need one another. We simply cannot do it alone; we are a hopelessly communal people. And what better definition of a home is that? - *Marsha*



Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg & Lisa Gellman Co-Presidents



Tri-Sisterhood Torah Fund Dinner Special Visitor Coming to Town

Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, is coming in from New York to be the guest speaker at our Tri-Sisterhood Torah Fund event on Sunday, March 9. Shaare Zedek, BSKI, and B'nai Amoona Sisterhoods are proud to combine efforts for this very special evening. Please respond to your mailed invitation quickly as we are expecting the limited seating to be filled fast!



This month we're very excited to announce our participation in the Tri-Sisterhood Torah Fund Dinner to be held at B'nai Amoona on Sunday, March 9th. We'll be joining our friends from BSKI and B'nai Amoona to share in a presentation by special speaker, Dr. Arnold Eisen. (see left).

** Please note that this Torah Fund Event is in ADDITION to our traditional Torah Fund luncheon here at Shaare Zedek being held in April. All monies collected from Shaare Zedek members, at BOTH events, go to Shaare Zedek Sisterhood's Torah Fund donations.

A huge thank you to Micki Kingsley for coordinating our Sisterhood Shabbat. It is a detailed job and Micki handled it beautifully. Thank you to all of our members who were able to participate in our special day!!

Watch your mail for more information on our Nordstrom's event taking place at 11:00 am on **Sunday, March 9**. Save the date for our perfume extravaganza being held at Nordstrom's. -*Cindy and Lisa*

Men's Club

Dave Propper, President

What a great success Sports Night was last month! Many thanks to all the men who helped make it possible. Thank you, again, to Mark Lamping, President, St. Louis Cardinals, for taking time from his busy schedule to enlighten our audience on the many facets of the upcoming 2008 Major League Baseball season. We wish the Cardinals the very best for Spring Training, which is right around the corner.

Speaking of sports, several of us at Shaare Zedek have been talking about forming a twice a month, Sunday evening, social co-ed bowling league to begin next Fall. Please let us know of your interest by dropping a line to Dave Propper at k2dp@charter.net or calling on the phone at 314-862-5698. We hope to develop enough interest to begin a "league of our own" this Fall.

February will be a most active month for Men's Club beginning with the annual World Wide Wrap on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd. Mitch Shenker will lead our program in concert with the Men's Club of BSKI and the Shaare Shalom Religious School, in teaching our students the proper use of tefillin. During late January, our combined Men's Clubs worked with the 6th grade Shaare Shalom class making our own tefillin built from kits provided through a program with

the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC).

February 23rd is Men's Club Shabbat. Alan Schwartz has been working diligently to make this a memorable Shabbat for all. Please join us, along with officers from the FJMC Mid-West Region based in Chicago, for a meaningful service.

Elsewhere in this month's bulletin, I hope you will have already seen the announcement for our Men's Club "Man of the Year" luncheon, to be held on Sunday, February 24th at Shaare Zedek. It is with great pleasure that we honor this year's recipient, Dr. Gerald Cohen. Gerry has been nominated for this honor in recognition of his many, many years of steadfast service to the Minyanaires, as well as his service to Shaare Zedek and our community during the past 50 years! At our luncheon, we will be joined by members of B'nai Amoona's Men's Club as they recognize their nominee for Man of the Year as well. The Man of the Year awards will be presented to the recipients by Sandy Victor, President, FJMC Midwest Region. Please join us for this auspicious occasion and remember to make your reservation to attend through the Synagogue office no later than February 14th !! - Dave



TJEWSZDAY NJEWS

Pam Ross, Chair

WANTED: A FEW GOOD BOOKS

January bloomed with Rabbi Dulkan and Rabbi Fasman. We had a marvelous combination of Midrash and the Jewish view of the Environment and we are only beginning. As we face a new secular year and Adar 1 we have some exciting news.

February begins with Rabbi Dulkan focusing on Leviticus Midrash. Even the book of laws takes on mystery and hidden meaning as it is viewed through the wisdom of Midrash- and our own discussions. TJEWSZDAY, February 5, 7 to 8:30. It may be cold outside, but we'll be warmed by the insights. No prior experience required.

February 12, 19, and 26 Rabbi Zalman Stein takes center stage. Back by popular demand is Rabbi Stein to deliver a 3 part series on a subject so amazing that we cannot share it with you here. You will have to wait to hear about

this... in bits and pieces...articles and emails...posters and Shabbat Bulletins. Be prepared for something as scintillating as having 2 Adars.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD BOOKS...and the funds to secure them. We have some new ideas for our TJEWSZDAYs and we need some help to bring them into reality. Call or e-mail me at pross973@aol.com; 618-223-1150 or 973-489-5018 for additional details. Sponsorship can be small or large but always appreciated.



Early Childhood Education

Marty Schaeffer & Tessa Katan

AN OPEN INVITATION TO PRESCHOOLERS & A FAVORITE ADULT TO CELEBRATE WITH SZECC

Singing, dancing, and celebrating is something we do best at Shaare Zedek Early Childhood Center. Shabbat is filled with children's voices singing along with Hazzan Joanna and her guitar. Dancing and jumping, the children get that "Shabbat Feeling" and the parents, grandparents, and teachers can't help but be enthusiastic, too.

As you know, it is a mitzvah to invite someone to spend Shabbat with your family. This is our invitation to all preschoolers 1-5 years of age to bring their favorite adult and join in on the ruach of Shabbat at the ECC. Each Friday from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. our children celebrate Shabbat with song and dance, challah and grape juice, and friends and family. Please feel free to join us any Friday and be our welcomed guest.

Throughout the year we also celebrate Jewish Holidays in a similar way. We encourage Shaare Zedek families and their friends to call for a calendar of events and join us for any and all special celebrations. Our next holiday celebration, Purim, will be Friday, March 21. Again we start at 11:30 a.m. with song, dance, and food. We look forward to seeing many children, parents, and grandparents that morning. Won't you join us, too?! Remember to wear your costume!



From left: Ansley creating something beautiful with Dad, Aaron Vickar, watching intently; middle; Claire with Mom, Lvav Spector, content and happy; right; Paula Rubin Sparks and son Joey share a yummy snack.

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Shaare Shalom

Chani Pinsberg, Education Director

The winter months are dedicated to acquiring Synagogue Skills for the students in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades.

You'll have the opportunity to see these students act as apprentices for the congregation's president or Gabbai on Shabbat mornings. The students are showing a great interest in their 'jobs' and they are learning first hand about the 'behind the scenes' activities in the synagogue. The unit will include our "World Wide Wrap" tefillin program on Sunday, February 3. The members of the Men's Club will help facilitate that day and also a day of making t'fillin kits with the students. We thank them for their continued support!

The students have been giving money for Tzdakah on a regular basis, and at the end of the first semester they had the opportunity to decide on the causes they want to give their money to. Each student received 10 Israeli Shkalim, and they needed to distribute the money among three different causes. Money was sent to adopt an animal at the Saint Louis

Zoo, to help Hazon Yeshaya Soup Kitchens for the Needy in Israel, and to Save Darfur.



Tu b'Shevat was celebrated at school with fruit treats, and a Tu b'Shevat Seder was conducted for the younger students. All classes had activities related to the holiday and to the theme of Repairing the World. It is rewarding to see how our students understand the connection to the Jewish values and the way they care about the environment.

Our Barton Candy Fundraising is taking place right now. Please help us by ordering Passover candy from one of Shaare Shalom students. The money will help to enrich our program. The order form is included in this issue. - *Chani*

Youth Programs

Melissa Berk, Youth Director



SZSL is back in action! On December 9th, twenty-six youth groupers gathered to celebrate Hanukkah, eat Latkes, play dreidel, dance, and light the menorah! What a beautiful experience to share the lighting of the menorah, and the singing of Maotzur with so many young people. At the end of December and the beginning of January, USY board member, Eliot Markman joined USYers from around the world at International Convention in Anaheim, California.

On January 13th, USY came together to dedicate a letter to The Shaare Zedek Torah Project.

There is something magical about fulfilling mitzvot with a group of teenagers and children. You watch their faces, their wide eyes, and you remember that although they look like adults, they are still children in so many ways, looking to us for a positive example.

Sitting in Shabbat morning services a month ago, I leafed through the Shaare Zedek "Just Write It" brochure. As I came to the page on "Dedication Opportunities," I imagined myself fulfilling this mitzvah as an individual and as a role model to

the youth. How quickly I became a child as I approached Mrs. Yetta Raiffie to inquire about her moment with the Sofer and the Sefer Torah. Her enthusiasm was inspiring and as she relayed her experience I felt as if I was part of her mitzvah.

As I wandered into Kiddush, USY board member, Mital Lyons-Warren, shared President Jake Shanas' desire to have USY dedicate a letter to The Shaare Zedek Synagogue Torah Project! Their participation in and of itself was an inspiration. But the reason behind it, that the teenagers "care about the synagogue community as a whole and look at the Torah Project as a wonderful way to be involved" helped me realize that just as much as they look to us, we look to them because they give us hope. I encourage you to embrace these young and enthusiastic members of the congregation, they are our future! - *Melissa*

New Scholarship Opportunities for Teens Traveling to Israel in 2008

CAJE offering \$500 merit-based scholarships

Deadline for submissions: February 18, 2008

Contact Karen Rader in the Israel Experience Center
(314) 442-3756 or krader@cajestl.org



Everyone Has A Story

The Story of Ruth Jacob

by *Sima Needleman*

You will find her sitting in the back row of Shaare Zedek Synagogue attending Shabat services just about every Saturday morning. That's what Ruth Jacob has been doing for the past 47 years.

Ruth's story begins with her father, Jacob Schrenzel, who was born in Skalat, Poland but as a young man wanted to immigrate to the United States. When he was about 18 years old, Jacob began to make plans to leave Poland and go to Hamburg, Germany, from where he could make passage to the USA. However, the process was slow and while living in Hamburg, Jacob met and then married Bertha Brasch. Jacob and Bertha had two children. First, their son, Gene, was born in 1921, and two years later on January 28, 1923, Ruth joined the family.

The Schrenzel family actually lived in Hamburg 14 more years. During that time, Jacob's brother, Oscar, came to Hamburg (also with the intention of going to America). While in Hamburg, Ruth's parents had a dairy store. Ruth remembers her mother coming home from work some evenings with a present for her — a book, which was a great gift because Ruth loved to read. Ruth attended a Jewish Day School from the time she was six until her family left Germany. She can remember her father sitting with her to help her learn to read Hebrew. She also remembers that newspapers at the time degraded Jews, who were usually pictured with big noses. At school, the teachers sent home notices to the children's parents warning them not to wear makeup or fur coats; i.e., not to draw any attention to themselves. She can still hear Nazis in the street, singing the words "when Jewish blood runs from the knife, then things go twice as good." It is no wonder that she had nightmares of soldiers looking for her or that she was afraid to walk home from school. Jews lived in fear.

Ruth's father became ill. He was suffering from a duodenal ulcer, but he refused to have surgery. His thoughts were focused on getting out of Germany. Finally, the family got its chance. In 1937 when Ruth was 14, her family knowing that they would not be able to go directly to the United States, found a way to leave Germany thanks to Dictator Raphael Trujillo and the Dominican Republic (D.R.), which had just one requirement (a visa) for entrance. (It is interesting to note that because of a German ruling that a person's nationality was determined by that of his/her father, Ruth and her brother had Polish passports even though they were born in Germany.) The ship from Hamburg to the D.R. was a tanker (a freight ship), which made stops in Amsterdam, Antwerp and Puerto

Rico before arriving in Santo Domingo. The voyage took 21 days. For all of those 21 days, Ruth was seasick!

Before leaving Germany, Ruth's family learned that the way to survive in Santo Domingo was to operate a beauty parlor. Therefore, her mother went to beauty school for four-months prior to their departure. When they arrived at their destination, they opened a beauty shop, hired a Cuban hair dresser, and Ruth became the manicurist after having just three lessons to learn the trade.

Soon after the family arrived in Santo Domingo, Ruth met Bert Jacob, who was the son of friends of Ruth's parents. She was 14 and he was 24. She was so young and there was such an age difference that Ruth was not interested in Bert at that time. He left Santo Domingo and went to America, making his home in St. Louis where he had family.

Ruth, who is very proud of her four children and five grandchildren, loves classical music and has always enjoyed reading, cooking, swimming, traveling, and attending sporting events.

Sadly, not long after settling in the D.R., Ruth's father's ulcer burst and he died. Jacob Schrenzel was buried in a Catholic cemetery because there were no other options at the time. (Years later, her father's remains were removed and reburied in a newly established Jewish cemetery.) A couple years after her father's death, Ruth's mother married her late husband's brother, Oscar. Thus, Ruth's uncle became her stepfather.

Ruth continued to work in the beauty shop until she left for the USA in 1941. In December of that year, arrangements were finalized for Ruth and her brother, Gene, to leave the D.R. and enter the United States. The needed affidavits guaranteeing that they wouldn't be a burden to the U.S. government were obtained thanks to their father's cousin. (Ruth's mother and step-father for some reason couldn't get affidavits at that time.) Again the voyage was hard on Ruth's stomach but she made it. When she and Gene arrived in New York, Ruth stayed with a friend she knew from Santo Domingo, and Gene stayed with their Dad's cousin. Gene found work as a locksmith, and Ruth began a string of jobs — first as a nanny in Brooklyn, next in a bedspread factory; and then in a silkscreen factory. After they found employment, Ruth and Gene moved to a rooming house in the Bronx. All this time, Bert had stayed in touch with Ruth's family. He was able to provide the guarantees for Ruth's step-father, Oscar, to get an affidavit to enter the USA. The three of them then got an apartment in Washington Heights.

Meanwhile in St. Louis, Bert first worked at Famous Barr as a furrier and then went into the fur business for himself. From time to time, he came to New York to buy furs. When

he did, he got in touch with Ruth and their friendship grew. (About this time Bert got an affidavit for Ruth's mother to come to the States.)

In time, Ruth and Bert fell in love, and Bert asked Ruth to marry him. They were married on December 16, 1945 at the Forest Park Hotel by Rabbi Mazur of Brith Shalom (where Bert and his family belonged). Ruth moved from NY to St. Louis to make a new life here with Bert, which was hard for her in the beginning because she loved living in NY. It didn't take long, however, for Ruth to adjust to her new surroundings. She made friends easily and became active in the Brith Shalom Sisterhood. In those early years, Bert had a fur shop at 6238 Delmar Blvd, and they lived on Cabanne Avenue and then at 5828 Westminster Place in a duplex in University City. In 1947, their twin sons Gary and James were born, followed by daughter Toby Lynn in 1950 and Jeffrey in 1953. Bert gave up the fur business during WWII and entered a partnership with his cousin Larry Librach. They had government contracts to make various items for the war effort.

In 1956, six-year-old Toby was in a car accident. Bert was so grateful that she survived that he became very observant. Although the family still belonged to Brith Shalom when the twins celebrated their Bar Mitzvot, not long afterwards (late in 1960), the Jacob family switched affiliation from Brith Shalom to Shaare Zedek and bought a house at 7357 Chamberlain so that Bert could walk to shul. Both Bert and Ruth attended services on a regular basis and participated in synagogue activities on many levels. Bert was President of the Men's Club, Vice President of the Synagogue, and a member of the Ritual Committee. Ruth has always participated in as many activities at SZ as she could. For many years, she was active in Sisterhood where she served as financial secretary, helped with food preparation for Kiddishim, and served as chair of the Meals-on-Wheels Program. To this day, she signs up for and attends just about every class and activity that is offered and she likes to attend the monthly 60+ Luncheons.

In June, 2003, at the age of 90, Bert passed away after two years at the Cedars of the JCA., having suffered from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases for several years. This past year, Ruth moved to a condo on Chimney Rock Drive in St. Louis County that is not only close to the JCC, which offers aerobic classes and other programs that are of interest to her, but also close to many of her dear friends. Ruth, who is very proud of her four children and five grandchildren, loves classical music and has always enjoyed reading, cooking, swimming, traveling, and attending sporting events. In addition to her synagogue activities, she was a member of both Hadassah and the JCA for 40 or more years. Ruth Jacob is a cheerful, outgoing person who loves people and loves life!

Sima Needleman has been interviewing Shaare Zedek members for this column, "Everyone Has a Story". If you would like to be the subject of the column or if there is someone you would like to recommend, please call Sima at (314) 997-4293.

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About the Family Service

The weekly Shaare Zedek Family Service will offer families of Kindergarten through 4th grade children the opportunity to have a meaningful and joyful shared prayer experience on Shabbat mornings. Beginning at approximately 10:45 each week (following family Kiddush snacks), parents and their children will meet in the chapel to sing, pray, dance, and learn together, after which we will move into the sanctuary to participate in the closing prayers of the main service.

Reb Nachman said, "People reach in three directions. They reach up, out, and in. They reach up to God, out to other people, and into their own hearts. The secret is that all three directions are really the same. When I reach out to another person, I find myself and God; when I find God, I find others and the real me; when I find myself, I reach God and other people." Through prayer, our Family Service will give us a way of reaching in all three directions. Each Shabbat we will reach up to God by singing and dancing the same prayers in the same order; we will reach out to others in the minyan

by singing the familiar words TOGETHER; we will reach into our own hearts by bringing our creativity, personal meaning, harmonies, and enthusiasm to the music and study.

Our Family Service will offer what we hope will be many holy moments by making Jewish worship a "participation game" rather than a "spectator sport" for everyone attending. We welcome everyone to sing with us, learn with us, and help us create a community of Shaare Zedek families who can share in this special Shabbat experience.

Julie Friedman

A native Saint Louisan, Julie Friedman is the director of Gateway Music Together®. Bringing families together in the creation of musical community is her passion and her inspiration in her work. Julie brings her musical talents to our service in the form of a beautiful voice, guitar, and Native American flute. Her daughter, Amarah, is in kindergarten.

Marcia Mermelstein!

Marcia Mermelstein is originally from Overland Park, Kansas, and she has been involved as a Jewish communal professional in St. Louis for many years. Among Marcia's proudest professional accomplishments is her creation of the Family Shabbat Morning Service while she was the Family Educator at B'nai Amoona. Marcia has three daughters and two granddaughters.

For any questions, please contact Hazzan Dulkan at 314-727-1747
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