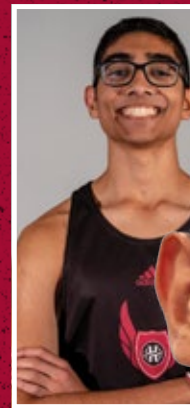
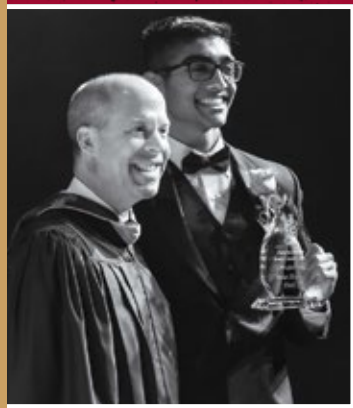




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Tu B'Shevat  
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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Joe Roberts, Executive Director

I've been thinking a lot lately about the fragility of life—the way each day slides by so quietly that we barely notice time passing until something cracks us wide open. Maybe it's a doctor's diagnosis, or a ruptured relationship, or the terrifying realization that we don't get another go-around. We only have this one life, and it's terrifying. It's beautiful. It can feel impossibly lonely and inexplicably full, all at once.

For me, my Jewishness is an anchor in the midst of all that raw emotion. It's the tradition that reminds me: "You're not alone in this; we've been asking the big questions together for thousands of years." When I feel like a single thread about to snap, I remember that I am woven into the tapestry of our people. Our prayers, our holidays, our values—they all speak a quiet truth: your life matters because you are part of something bigger than yourself.

Still, it's hard. We live in a society that bombards us with reasons to retreat into ourselves—endless to-do lists, social media's empty validation, the lure of convenience over connection. The world can feel like it's screaming, "You come first. That's all that matters." But our ancestors carved out a different path, one where caring for others is the heart of who we are. And even though this path demands vulnerability, it's also the source of our greatest strength.

Sometimes, I don't have the answers. I have doubts. I have fears. I have nights when I can't sleep, wondering if I'm doing enough, if we're doing enough. That's when I think of our mission at Federation—this communal promise we make to each other, this vehicle for impact that says, "We may not be able to fix everything, but we'll fix something. And we'll do it together."

Your support, your time, your passion—they aren't simply nice gestures. They're the glue that binds us when the world feels fractured. They're the ripple that keeps our people's story alive. I see it every day: when we are able to keep the lights on for a family who's struggling, or a place of connection for seniors who are alone, or strengthening Jewish identity for a kid who's still figuring out who they are. In each of these moments, we're declaring that people matter, that life matters—and that we won't let cynicism or despair have the last word.

I'm not going to pretend it's easy. Many times it's not. Sometimes it's hard to invest in causes where the outcomes are sometimes intangible and uncertain. But isn't that part of the human experience? We walk a thin line between heartbreak and hope. And still, we give of ourselves. We risk disappointment and heartbreak because we believe in the power of tikkun—of repairing what is broken.

That's the raw truth. The world is often broken, and so are we. But in our brokenness, we reach out, and our community—our Federation—becomes a bridge. A way to bring a little light into a space that can feel unbearably dark. It's a holy mission, yes, but it's also messy and difficult and deeply human. And it's exactly what our tradition calls us to do.

So, thank you. Thank you for saying "yes" when it would be so much easier to say "I'm too busy." Thank you for daring to believe that we can make a difference in each other's lives, even in the face of so much uncertainty. Thank you for linking arms with me and everyone else in this community as we try, day by day, to transform what feels fragile in this moment into something enduring and powerful.

We only get this one life. It's precious. And, it's precarious. We have to make it matter. Our community is working everyday to do just that. And, we're doing it *as one*. And that, well, that's all that really matters. ■



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# October H8te Film & Discussion

with guest speaker, Eyal Yakoby

# OCTOBER H8TE

The Fight for the Soul of America



Sunday, February 2 at 1:00 pm  
at Circle Cinema

\$7/students \$10/adults  
**Tickets:** [JewishTulsa.org/October-H8te](http://JewishTulsa.org/October-H8te)



Join us for a compelling and thought-provoking documentary on the aftermath of October 7 on college campuses, social media, and on the streets of America. The film highlights how America reached this critical moment, where some view Hamas as freedom fighters instead of terrorists, and how social justice movements have aligned themselves with a violent and reactionary cause. Featuring prominent voices including Debra Messing, Mosab Yosef (son of Hamas's co-founder), Sheryl Sandberg, US Rep. Ritchie Torres, Kristen Gillibrand, and more, the film paints a picture of the climate on American campuses, the threats to Jewish students, and raises urgent questions about the future of Western democracy.

Post-film we will hear from Eyal Yakoby, a former UPenn student featured in the film, and a prominent voice on radicalism and antisemitism in universities.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**JMoms Galentine's | Tuesday, February 11 | 7 pm**  
**Nothings Left Brewery**

Calling all Gals Raising Jewish Children for a special Galentine's Celebration with JMoms! Let's celebrate friendship, creativity, and our shared journey of motherhood with an evening of art and friendship. Enjoy a hands-on art project as we create 4x4 acrylic art pieces, perfect for personal expression or gifting. Take a break from the hustle and bustle to connect with fellow JMoms in a supportive, fun environment. Cost is \$25 per person. Limited spots available so be sure to RSVP to secure your space!

RSVP: [JewishTulsa.org/galentines](http://JewishTulsa.org/galentines)



**Community Wide Tu B'Shevat | Sunday, February 16 | 10 am**  
**| Jewish Federation**

Turn over a new leaf at a community-wide Tu B'Shevat Festival promoting the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world. There will be family friendly activities for kids of all age, guest speakers from multiple organizations throughout the city to educate about sustainability practices, and vendor booths to learn what you can do to better our Tulsa community and the environment! Learn more on page 10.

RSVP: [jewishtulsa.org/trees](http://jewishtulsa.org/trees)



**YJP Torah on Tap "Choosing Judaism: Process, History, and Meaning" | Thursday, February 20 | 7 pm | American Solera**

Join us for a thought-provoking program filled with learning and conversation with Rabbi Daniel Kaiman from The Synagogue | Congregation B'nai Emunah as we dive into the topic of conversation. How does someone become Jewish and what does conversion mean within the Jewish tradition? This session will offer a deeper understanding of the conversion process to Judaism alongside its rich historical and cultural context. Explore how conversion has evolved through Jewish texts and history, uncover its spiritual and communal dimensions, and learn about the experiences of those who have embraced Judaism. Whether you're curious about conversion or want to broaden your knowledge of Jewish tradition, this session provides a welcoming space for exploration and discussion. YJPs are Jewish adults 21-40.

RSVP: [JewishTulsa.org/yjp-feb](http://JewishTulsa.org/yjp-feb)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Super Sundae | Sunday, February 23 | 2:30 pm  
Jewish Federation**

Mark your calendars and be part of our annual Super Sunday Call-a-Thon Fundraiser! Together, we'll raise the vital funds needed to support the programs and services that keep our Jewish community strong and thriving. Make a direct impact on the lives of individuals and families in our community. Enjoy the spirit of togetherness as we work toward our shared goals. Whether you're making calls, lending support, or simply showing up to cheer us on, your involvement makes a difference. Let's come together **As One** and create another remarkable chapter for our Federation and community! Complimentary childcare and delicious ice cream bar provided!

RSVP: [jewishtulsa.org/supersunday25](http://jewishtulsa.org/supersunday25)



**Make Your Voice Heard in the Zionist Movement | Thursday, February 27 | 6:30 pm hors d'oeuvres | 7 pm Program**

We are thrilled to welcome Herbert Block, Executive Director of the American Zionist Movement, who will speak about the upcoming elections for the Zionist Congress. Between March 10 and May 4, 2025, American Jews will vote for their delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress, the "parliament of the Jewish people," which will convene in Jerusalem in October 2025. Voting in the election is the most powerful opportunity to have your voice heard in Israel, make an impact in Jewish communities worldwide, and stand up for Zionism. This is a rare and special opportunity to hear directly from one of the leading figures in the Zionist movement and learn how you can make a difference.

RSVP: [JewishTulsa.org/israel-Feb](http://JewishTulsa.org/israel-Feb)

*Save The Date~*



**Maimonides Society Brunch | Sunday, March 2 | 11am**

Join us for a special social gathering with the Maimonides Society, open to current members and those considering joining! The Maimonides Society brings together healthcare professionals who support the Jewish Federation of Tulsa's Annual Campaign at the Maimonides level. This event will feature guest speaker Remi Haik, a renowned holistic health author and educator, who will lead an engaging session exploring wellness from a holistic perspective. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and explore the benefits of being part of the Maimonides Society community. More information to come!

RSVP: [JewishTulsa.org/maimonides-march](http://JewishTulsa.org/maimonides-march)



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*Community Wide*  
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Sunday, February 16 | 10 am | Zarrow Campus

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# TURN OVER A NEW LEAF IN 2025

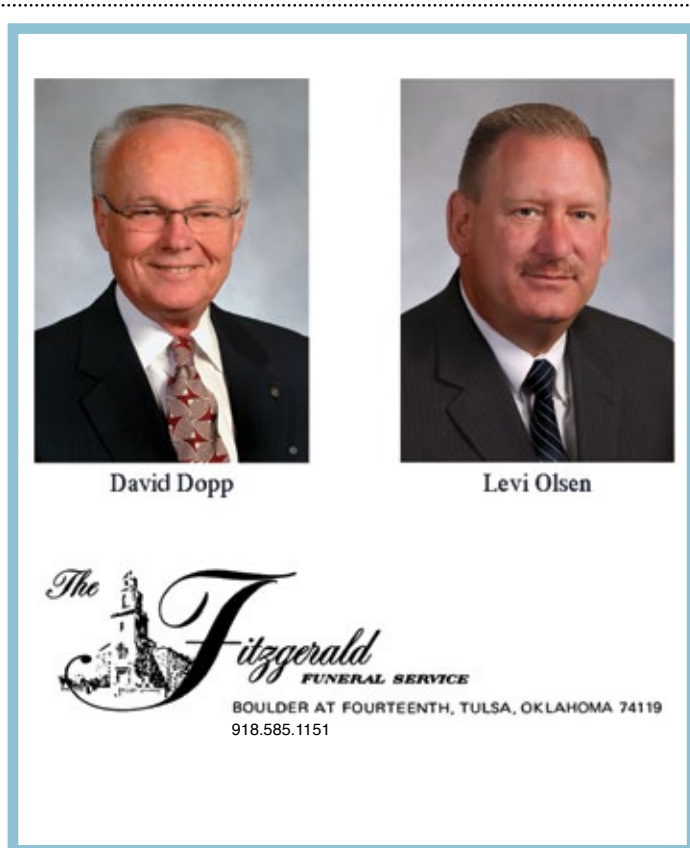
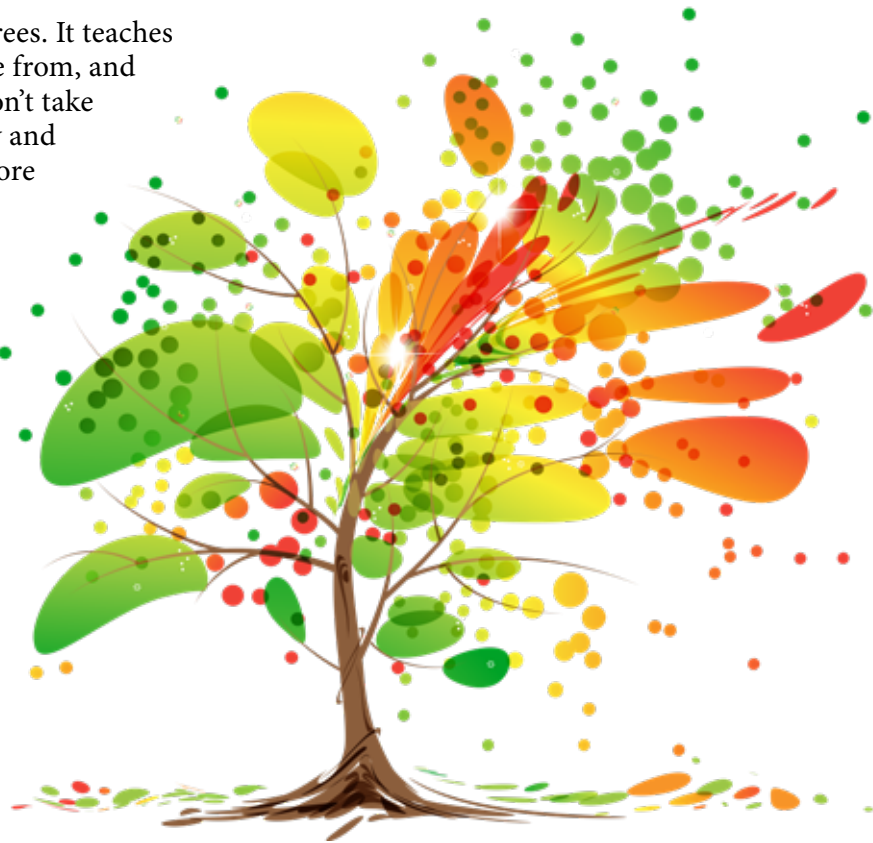
by Sarah Howman, Digital Marketing & Advertising Manager

Tu B'Shevat is more than the birthday of the trees. It teaches us where our oxygen and favorite fruits come from, and also reminds us of what happens when we don't take care of the world around us. The Jewish community and greater community of Tulsa has recently become more aware of the need for sustainability practices in our every day lives. There are many organizations around Tulsa promoting positive change for the environment, and we all benefit from these groups' efforts.

On **Sunday, February 16**, the Tulsa Jewish community is coming together for a Tu B'Shevat Festival. The goal of the community wide program is to promote the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam*—repairing the world—and focuses on educating the public about sustainability practices. The planning committee consists of representatives from the Tulsa Jewish organizations—Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, Congregation B'nai Emunah (CBE), Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Mizel Jewish Community Day School (Mizel JCDS), Moishe Pod Tulsa, The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art (SMMJA), Temple Israel (TI), and Zarrow Pointe—will welcome the community at 10:00 am followed by the Rabbis leading a short explanation of the holiday of Tu B'Shevat.

Following the welcome, you can expect **family friendly activities** for kids of all ages and plenty of **vendor booths** led by different organizations around Tulsa, as well as a pop-up exhibit featuring artwork from students at CBE, Mizel JCDS, and TI in the Sharna Newman Frank Education Gallery of The SMMJA. Mom's Closet, whose mission is "helping you express your unique style while being kind to the planet," will be on site **accepting clothing donations** of all sizes and styles. Every half hour beginning at 10:30 am, **educational guest speakers** from Osage Forest of Peace, Sustainability Alliance, and Up With Trees will present on environmental and sustainability topics. Up With Trees is generously giving away a limited number of free trees ready to plant in your own yard!

You can expect to leave this one-of-a-kind event inspired about how YOU can make a difference in *Tikkun Olam*—repairing the world—and work to make Tulsa a cleaner and more eco-friendly place for all! ■



# COMMITTING TO CLIMATE ACTION

by Sandy Sloan, Editor Tulsa Jewish Review

Adamah, which means “earth” in Hebrew, is the country’s largest Jewish environmental organization. Launched in 2023, Adamah is the product of a merger between Hazon, a New York City-based environmental group, and the Pearlstone Center, a retreat center specializing in outdoor education.

In September 2022, Adamah launched its signature climate initiative, the **Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition**, bringing together 20 prominent founding partners of Jewish institutions, including Hillel International, the Jewish Federations of North America, Birthright, the Foundation for Jewish Camp, Moishe House, and houses of worship from Reform to Orthodox. As of December 2024, 403 Jewish organizations have signed on to the coalition, including the **Jewish Federation of Tulsa**, recognizing the urgency of climate action and committing to act.

Members publish annual plans detailing past actions and commitments toward reducing greenhouse gas

emissions and mobilizing constituents around climate. There are no mandates. Each member organization decides what to include, which can range from installing solar panels to a community gathering centered on discussing the issue.

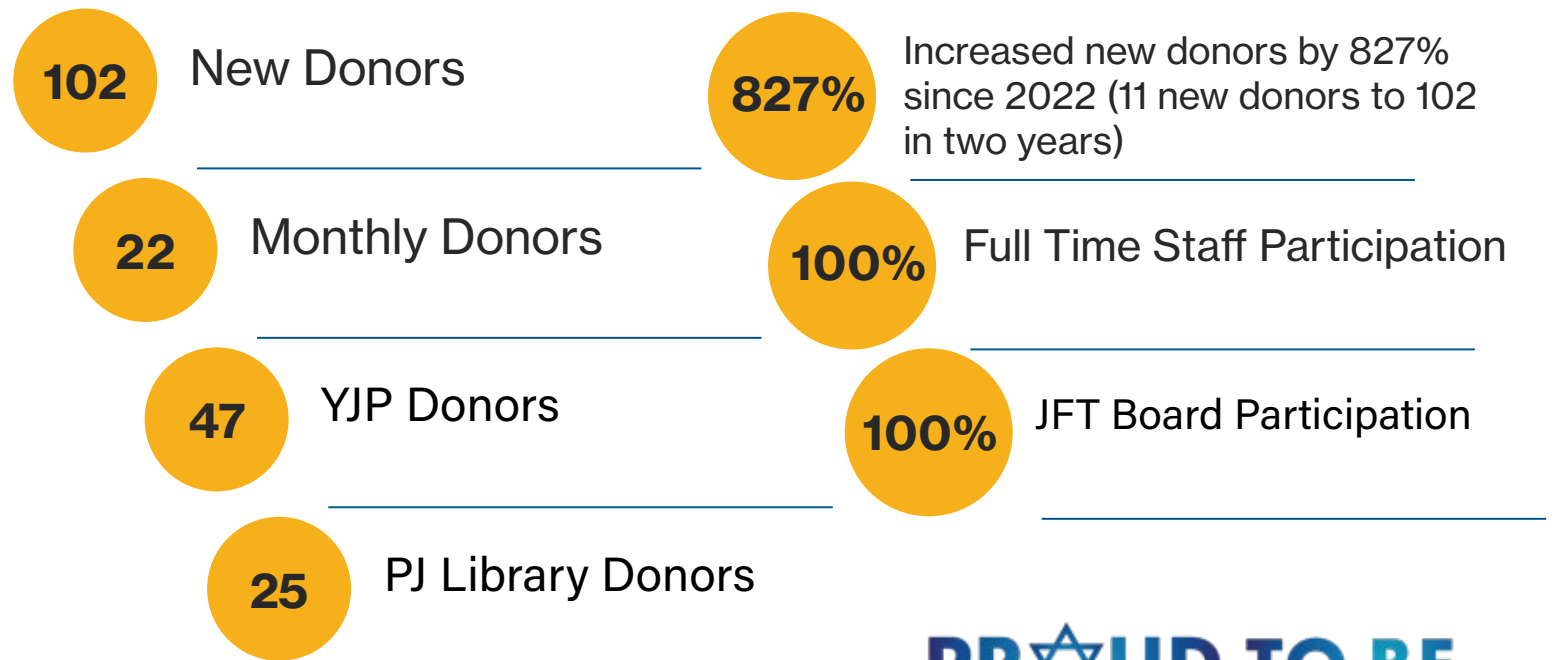
The **Jewish Federation of Tulsa’s** climate pledge is to offer more sustainable items in the facility. Instead of Styrofoam cups and plates, we will have recyclable paper cups and plates available (once we deplete our supply of previously ordered Styrofoam). At small programs, we will provide pitchers of filtered water instead of single-use plastic water bottles. Better yet, we challenge our community members to bring their own refillable water bottles to programs and exercise classes. The CSJCC has a filtered water station to encourage everyone to bring your water bottles!

If you have been in the building lately, you may have noticed many more blue recycling bins. In addition to reducing our waste of single-use plastic, we are

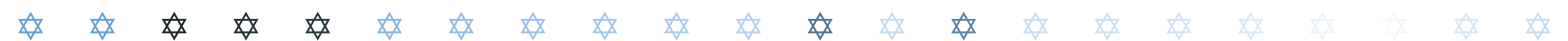
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### Tribute Gifts

Laura Allen - In Honor of CSJCC staff  
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### Matching Gifts

Joe and Marielle Roberts  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Free Friend February

Celebrate the month of love and friendship with FREE Friend February. The entire month of February you can bring a friend with you to the gym for free! Your friend will need to sign a waiver at the JCC Fitness Desk. You are welcome to bring the same friend or a different friend each day. There is no limit on friendship! Your friends may test out our cardio and strength training machines, join a fitness class, play pickleball, or even enjoy a soak in our hot tub. This is your opportunity to show others our excellent facility and welcoming community. We hope to see you, and your friends, throughout the month of February!



### Fitness Challenge – February Fitness Bingo

Grab a bingo card from the fitness desk and start your February fitness challenge. Each space gives you a health and wellness task to complete. We will post your bingo card on the fitness center wall so you can see your and others' progress. For every line of bingo, you will receive a small prize. If you reach blackout (fill-in all spaces), you will receive a large prize. Join us for fitness gamification and yelling out bingo for every goal met!



### Tzedek Project | Monday, February 10 | 10:30 am Meals on Wheels

We are heading back to Meals on Wheels to volunteer! Join us as we help stuff and seal envelopes for important mailings to support this valuable program. Please arrive by 10:20 am so we are ready to start our shift which runs from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will be sitting the majority of the time. 12 spots available. Please RSVP in advance.

RSVP: [csjcc.org/tzedek-feb](https://csjcc.org/tzedek-feb)



### Social: Bagels and Board Games | Friday, Feb 14 | 10:15 am Dan Room

Let's gather together to enjoy bagels and board or card games. We will have a few games onsite, but if you have a favorite game, please bring to share. Playing games can enhance memory and reduce blood pressure. When enjoying with friends you are also getting the benefits of socializing with others which is vital to our overall well-being. Hope you can join us!

RSVP: [csjcc.org/social-feb](https://csjcc.org/social-feb)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Wellness Series| Safety Awareness with Lt. Kyle Murray | Thursday, February 20 | 10:15 am | Dan Room

The CSJCC is fortunate to have TPD officer Lieutenant Kyle Murray, who has worked as an off-duty police officer on our campus for over 15 years. Kyle protects our campus, ensures safety during Camp Shalom, and serves the city of Tulsa. Join us as Lt. Murray talks about Safety Awareness, providing important tips to keep yourself safe and aware of your surroundings at all times. Please feel free to bring any questions you might have. All Wellness Series are free and open to the public. Bring a friend....or two!

RSVP: [csjcc.org/wellness-feb20](https://csjcc.org/wellness-feb20)

### FEATURED CLASS:

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Need a break from sitting at your desk all morning? Noontime Bootcamp is the perfect solution!

Bootcamp combines strength and cardio exercises for a full-body burn.

The class includes high-intensity exercises that keep the heart rate up while challenging your muscles. Bootcamp is different every day! You will never get bored performing strength exercises and cardiovascular activities using equipment from dumbbells to jump ropes to medicine balls and kettlebells.



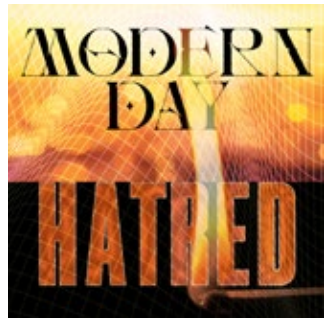
### February Holiday Hours

Monday, February 17 – Open 12 - 5 pm

President's Day



## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS



### Modern Day Hatred | September 19 – February 27, 2025

When World War II ended and Nazi concentration camps were liberated, the world made a promise of never again. Never again to Jewish people and all other genocides. Yet the hatred that sparked the Holocaust has existed throughout history and continues to this day. Inspired by the opening section of the Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center, *Modern Day Hatred* examines how racism, antisemitism, homophobia, and other forms of hate have manifested in Oklahoma from the past to the present. By using the Holocaust as a case study, we emphasize the principle of "never again" for all persecuted people. The exhibition focuses on the historic events of Kristallnacht, the Tulsa Race Massacre, and the Osage murders of the 1920s, as well as the ongoing global responses to them. Featuring objects from the SMMJA, images from the Tulsa Historical Society, and items that survived the Race Massacre, viewers will learn about hate groups in Oklahoma and the efforts of local organizations to combat them. Special thanks to Greenwood Rising and the Tulsa Historical Society for their assistance.



### Theodore Fried: Art in Hiding | On View Now

This exhibition is a celebration of the survival of art in dark times with Theodore Fried's work that was hidden in Europe during the Holocaust. We are honored and privileged to hold the largest collection of Fried's work.



### Temple Israel Songbook Illustrations | On View Now

Ready for a trip down memory lane? Revisit the charm of Sunday school at Temple Israel with these delightful, vibrant illustrations by Tulsa native Carmelita Avery. Created in 1945, these pieces capture the playful spirit of the era. Donated to the Museum in 2002 by the artist's daughter, Sharon Avery, these works are proudly on display for the very first time.

**27TH ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH**  
**AN INTERFAITH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION**  
 THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 | 7 PM  
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 PROTECTING EACH OTHER IN PERILOUS TIMES"**  
 WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR. CAROL RITTNER, RSM



**T**heodore Fried: *Art in Hiding* is an exhibition that came to be by accident, but is one of my favorites that I have curated.

At The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, we have four main gallery areas that must be curated with new and engaging exhibitions each year. The most challenging is our Katharine Penson Miller Fine Art Gallery. This is because the exhibition space is located in a hallway. The advantage of a hallway gallery is, of course, the foot traffic. The disadvantage is that often in hallways, people are just passing through. So, I know whatever is going to be in this space has to be visually engaging. Ideally, this is the perfect location to highlight some of the best work we have to offer. This way instead of just passing through, people will stop and take notice.

With that in mind, I began to scour our collection for something exciting. Perhaps something that had never been on exhibit.

After nearly two years as the chief curator, I decided it was time to showcase Theodore Fried.

Our Museum is home to the world's largest collection of work by Jewish-Hungarian painter Theodore Fried. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Fried was an avant-garde painter of figure and genre in a style described as "geometric realism". His career began in the early decades of the 20th Century in Paris, which was then the premier art center of Western culture. Some of those who settled there were escaping oppressive political situations in their own country, and Fried was one of these artists.

Fried stayed in Paris until 1940, however, the rise of Nazism began making life intolerable for him, and his work, along with that of Gaughin, Van Gogh, Chagall, and Kandinsky, was labeled "degenerate" by Hitler, who publicly threatened the artists.

By 1942 Fried's Quaker friends under the auspices of their American Friends Service Committee decided his life was in danger and secured one of the 150 visas available for artists considered at political risk.

All of this I knew. But what I didn't know is what became of the art he created in Europe before fleeing.

According to our records, he did the most sensible thing for art at risk; he hid it. In barns, friends' homes, attics, and in one case a chimney. Much of it miraculously survived the war, and the artist was able to return years later and retrieve it.

Once I learned this fascinating tidbit of information, I began to pour over our catalog in order to determine if we had any of this work that survived. We do. Folders and folders of unframed never before exhibited art. When I began to uncover these pieces, I actually squealed with excitement!

*Theodore Fried: Art in Hiding* is a special exhibition because not only is it a symbol of resilience, but it also demonstrates

Fried's style in those early years. It also gives us a glimpse of the Europe that was destroyed by the Nazis.

It is remarkable that amidst the horrors of the Holocaust and WWII, this art sat quietly waiting for the return of its creator; waiting for peace.

Once in New York, Fried was able to begin a new life and later started an artist cooperative in Greenwich Village, where he continued his figurative work for which he had gained a reputation in Europe. In his artwork, Fried explored many themes including anti-fascism and non-political subjects such as children at play, moving horses, flowers, musicians including jazz figures, city scenes, and beautiful landscapes.

*"... THIS ART  
 SAT QUIETLY WAITING FOR  
 THE RETURN OF ITS CREATOR;  
 WAITING FOR PEACE."*

He continued to work as an artist in New York and elsewhere for the rest of his life and retrieved his hidden work in the 1950s and 1970s.

This exhibition showcases some of his work that survived the war and is now housed in the permanent collection at The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art. Our Museum has the honor of housing the largest known collection of Fried's work. I hope you find the time to stop by and wander our hallways! ■

# ART IN HIDING

by Sofia Thornblad, Director of Collections & Exhibitions



## FOR THE LOVE OF ZION

### NEW PODCAST BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF TULSA

by Sandy Sloan, Editor Tulsa Jewish Review

“TULSA HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS SURROUNDING ISRAEL, ZIONISM, AND THE JEWISH FUTURE.”

“Tulsa has a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on global discussions surrounding Israel, Zionism, and the Jewish future,” states Executive Director Joe Roberts. With this in mind, the Jewish Federation of Tulsa launched its new podcast series, For the Love of Zion, last month. “With the podcast, we are building a platform for thought leaders to share their expertise and inspire action. By leading these conversations, we can make Tulsa a global hub for Jewish advocacy and support for Israel,” states Roberts.

Each week, Roberts and Israel Emissary, Shahaf Feinkuchen speak with thought leaders, advocates, and visionaries to talk about Israel, Zionism, the

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Jewish future, and more. The podcast will challenge, inspire, and deepen your connection to Israel and the Jewish people. From strengthening diaspora-Israel relations to combating delegitimization, For The Love of Zion is your source for meaningful dialogue.

“Shahaf and I are off to a good start,” continues Roberts. “In January, we hosted four outstanding guests and we’re thrilled to announce new additions each week.” When you tune in, you’ll have the opportunity to hear from the following speakers:

Georgia State Representative **ESTHER PANITCH**, is the only Jewish legislator in Georgia’s House of Representatives. Esther shared her powerful journey as a public servant, advocate, and proud Zionist, delving into her work fighting antisemitism and fostering connections between the Jewish Diaspora and Israel. She speaks about her recent trip to Israel post-October 7 and the challenges and triumphs of passing the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism in Georgia, and her personal connection to Zionism. Ester also discussed her role as a candidate for the Jewish Future Slate in the World Zionist Congress elections and the importance of strengthening Jewish unity in turbulent times.



**AVI MELAMED** is a renowned Middle East analyst and educator, former Israeli Intelligence Official, and Senior Advisor on Arab Affairs. With over 40 years of professional experience and a deep understanding of the region, Avi provides a nuanced and apolitical analysis of the seismic shifts in the Middle East following October 7, 2023. This thought-provoking conversation covers the state of the Middle East today, the challenges of Israeli-Palestinian relations, and the importance of education in navigating these complex realities. Avi also shared insights about his work with Inside the Middle East and his upcoming visit to Tulsa.

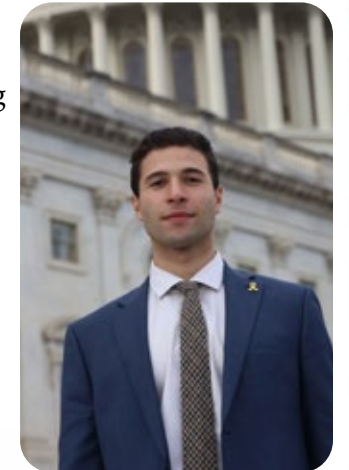


**DR. CASEY BABB** is an expert on national security, antisemitism, and Zionism. Dr. Babb, a senior fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute and an advisor to Secure Canada, shared his insights into the alarming rise of anti-Zionism, terrorism, and extremism in Canada and beyond. Drawing from his extensive experience in academia, government, and media, Dr. Babb explored the misconceptions surrounding Zionism, the challenges facing Jewish communities in the West, and the urgent need for unity and education in combating antisemitism.



**EYAL YAKOBY\*** is a rising advocate against campus radicalism and antisemitism. A recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Eyal shared his experiences combating anti-Israel rhetoric and

extremism at one of America’s most prestigious universities. From speaking before Congress to initiating legal action against his alma mater, Eyal’s story is one of courage, advocacy, and a commitment to Jewish and Zionist values. This powerful discussion dove into the systemic issues within academia, the challenges of addressing antisemitism in higher education, and Eyal’s vision for a united and proactive Jewish community.



\*Eyal will be in Tulsa on Sunday, February 2 at the Circle Cinema for the screening of the film, October H8te. Following the film Eyal will lead a short discussion on college campuses pre and post-October 7th, what happened at UPenn and what steps he took, and the future for Jewish students on college campuses and in the West at large. ■

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## For The Love of Zion

Tune in weekly as Joe Roberts and Shahaf Feinkuchen welcome guests to talk about Israel, Zionism, and more!



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# MIZEL JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

by Amanda Anderson, Executive Director

Mizel Jewish Community Day School (JCDS) is proud to be a cornerstone of learning and connection in Tulsa. As a community day school, we are dedicated to growing alongside our families and meeting their needs with innovative programs and resources. With exciting new opportunities on the horizon, Mizel JCDS is expanding its reach while continuing to honor its legacy.

## Extending Our Vision with Camp Shalom

In partnership with Camp Shalom, Mizel JCDS is thrilled to extend its community offerings. Camp Shalom has long been a trusted part of our community, and together, we are creating a seamless experience for children and families. By sharing spaces and collaborating on programs, we ensure that more children have access to enriching and meaningful experiences year-round.

## BUILDING a Two-Year-Old Program

Based on the growing demand and needs of our community, Mizel JCDS and Camp Shalom are developing a new two-year-old program (18 months +). This initiative reflects our commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education and creating a nurturing environment where our youngest learners can thrive. By investing in the foundational years of education, we are helping to lay the groundwork for lifelong curiosity and success. Not only will our childcare program provide a safe space for toddlers, but by providing year-round, all-day care, we are meeting the needs of working parents.

## LOOKING AHEAD: Celebrating 50 Years of Mizel JCDS

As we plan for the future, we are also taking time to celebrate our past. In 2025, Mizel JCDS will mark its 50th anniversary with the theme "Mizel JCDS is Solid Gold!" This milestone is a testament to the strength of our community and the enduring impact of our school. From our humble beginnings to the vibrant institution we are today, Mizel JCDS has always been a place where students grow, families connect, and traditions flourish.

## A PRICELESS COMMUNITY

The value of a community day school extends far beyond academics. It is found in the relationships we build, the shared experiences we cherish, and the future we create together. At Mizel JCDS, parents support one another, teachers inspire students and families alike, and our entire community works together to nurture the next generation.

We are excited to embark on this next chapter, welcoming new families, launching new programs, and celebrating five decades of excellence. Mizel JCDS is more than a school—it is a family, and we look forward to continuing this journey with all of you. ■



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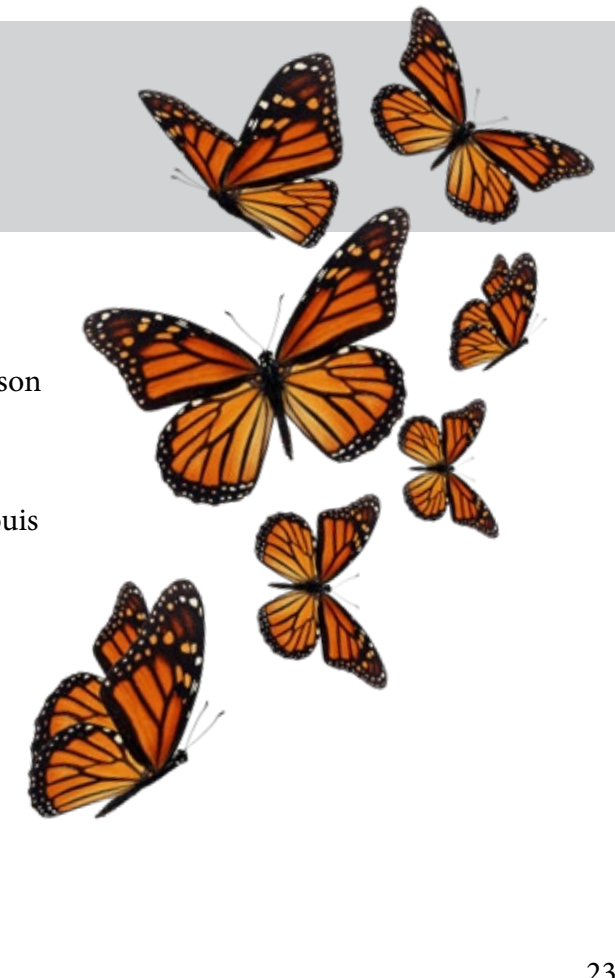
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# GENTLY USED HOLOCAUST BOOK DRIVE FEBRUARY 10 — MARCH 10

by Nancy Pettus, SB1671 Development Consultant

In August 2023 I had the distinct pleasure of offering a four-part series of Holocaust-related presentations and was thrilled to see how well-received it was by the residents of the Zarrow Pointe community. Their interest gave me hope that the Holocaust will not be forgotten, and the mission of our Oklahoma Holocaust Legislation Coalition, "Fight hate. Respect diversity. Protect democracy. Teach these values to future generations through the study of the Holocaust" will someday bring peace to our world. Since then, we have been busy teaching educators so they may pass on their knowledge of the Holocaust on to their students.

In 2024 our Coalition hosted 150 teachers in Enid, Tulsa, Norman, and Lawton and we hope to double our outreach in 2025. At present, we are planning our next set of state-wide teacher conferences for June/July of 2025, in the same cities.

At these conferences, we were able to give teachers gently used Holocaust-related books (novels, memoirs, historical fiction, etc.) that had been donated to the Jewish Federation by members of the Jewish Community. As thrilled as we were to offer these books, the teachers

were even more excited to have these additions to their classroom libraries. It was quite interesting to note that when we broke for lunch, at least 60% of the teachers headed for the books and not the food!

I will be donating books from my personal collection and am hopeful that you might be able to help with any Holocaust books you may want to share. New books are also welcome. To contribute you may drop your books at one of 3 collection boxes located in the **Zarrow Pointe Lobby; The Sherwin Miller Museum Lobby; or the Jewish Federation of Tulsa Lobby.** You may also reach Nancy Pettus at [Nancy3988@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy3988@gmail.com) or by phone at 918-637-9653 and I will come to your home and pick them up. **Our book drive will begin on Monday, February 10, 2025 and conclude Monday, March 10, 2025.**

Thank you on behalf of the many teachers who, despite limited budgets, spend hundreds—sometimes thousands—of their own dollars to provide meaningful materials for their students. ■



Mazel Tov to Brandon and Chloe Chappell. They welcomed their first child, a daughter, on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Jubilee Azur Chappell was born weighing 7 lbs 6oz and measuring 20 inches long. The couple are excited to celebrate her birth with the community in an upcoming Simchat Bat ceremony. The whole family is healthy, happy, and are thrilled to begin the next chapter in their lives!



Mazel Tov to Sean and Laura Allen. They welcomed their first child on Saturday, January 4, 2025. John David Allen was born at 7 lbs 5oz at 10:24 am. The whole family is healthy, happy, and are thrilled to begin the next chapter in their lives!



## CELEBRATE SIMCHAS!

Share your simchas with the entire community! Send us your b'nai mitzvah, wedding announcement, birth of a child, graduation, or other milestone for our "simchas" section each month.

Send submissions for the Tulsa Jewish Review to Sandy Sloan, [sandy@jewishtulsa.org](mailto:sandy@jewishtulsa.org)



### B'NAI MITZVAH OF SAM AND WILL SANDITEN

Sam and Will Sanditen will celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah on Saturday, February 22, 2025, corresponding to 24 Shevat, 5785, at Congregation B'nai Emunah. They have been working very hard under the tutelage of Nina Fitzerman-Blue. Their parents Adria and Brad, and sister Phiifer are extremely proud of all the boys' hard work and accomplishments.

Sam and Will are seventh graders at Holland Hall. They are both fluent in Spanish, play the piano, and are active in Boy Scouts. Sam and Will enjoy spending time with their family, especially their grandmother Jolene Sanditen. Sam plays the euphonium in the school band and likes playing tennis. He enjoyed his first year in cross country and Math Counts. Sam volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House for his service project. Will plays the French horn in the 7th grade band. He has been a part of the middle school production of the play, "Night at the Wax Museum," as well as a member of the cross-country team. Will organized an underwear and sock drive for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless where he collected over 400 pairs of socks and 200 pairs of underwear.

Mazel Tov Sam and Will!



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## MOISHE POD TULSA REOPENS

by David and Sarah Howman, Moishe Pod Tulsa Residents

**M**oishe Pod Tulsa is officially back! Moishe Pod, a branch of the global organization *Mem Global*, is a hub for young Jewish adults to develop their Jewish identity and build a network with peers. *Mem Global*'s vision is to ensure every young adult has the access and resources needed to build their own place for Jewish community, find friends, and move further along their Jewish journey. In the 26 countries where Moishe House is active, there are 99 Moishe Houses and 27 Moishe Pods, with the goal to engage 44,000+ unique participants annually. Moishe Houses consist of 3-5 residents planning 5-6 programs a month, and Moishe Pods have 2 residents planning 3 programs a month.

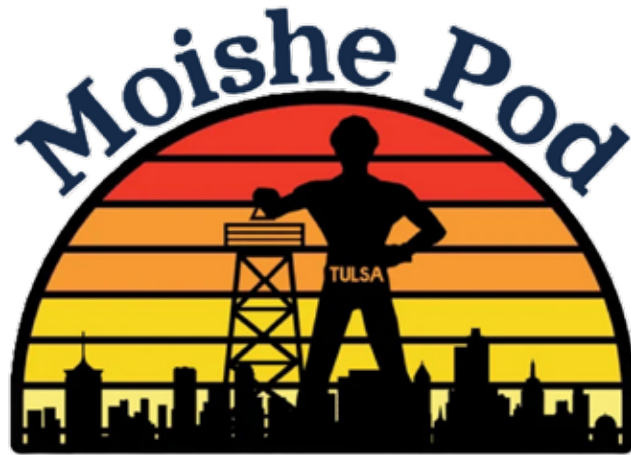
*Mem Global* is the global leader in peer-led Jewish young adult engagement. Every year, thousands of young Jews experience innovative, engaging, exciting Jewish programming. All Moishe House programming is planned and executed by their peers, creating countless opportunities for young adults to connect with their own Jewish identities, their friends, and their wider communities. While we have a small, but mighty Jewish community here in Tulsa, we look forward to including our vibrant young adult network into these large scale international numbers.

### MEET YOUR NEW VOLUNTEER RESIDENTS:

David and Sarah Howman moved from Phoenix together through Tulsa Tomorrow in June 2022. They met at Arizona State University while working as RAs in the dorm. After finishing their Master's Degrees during the pandemic, they wanted a change in pace by moving somewhere new. Tulsa wasn't even on their radar until Matt Levitt (Sarah's cousin) sent the information about Tulsa Tomorrow. They came on an individual trip and less than two months later they made the move! David and Sarah were participants on the Young Jewish Professionals trip to Israel through the Federation in May 2023, where they got engaged in Tzfat. In August 2024, they were married in Iceland.

Sarah works for the Jewish Federation of Tulsa as the Digital Marketing and Advertising Manager. She spearheaded a book club for the women involved in the young Jewish professionals (YJP) group and loves to plan programs catering towards the wants and needs of the community. In her free time, Sarah loves to travel, play pickleball, and cook.

David works as a Financial Planner for Northwestern Mutual. He also writes for *Blogging the Boys* covering the Dallas Cowboys, and he is the site coordinator and



editor for *Devils in Details* covering all things Arizona State University athletics. He is involved in both the YJP and Tulsa Young Professionals networks. In his free time, David loves to travel, try new restaurants, and play basketball at the CSJCC.

Each month, Moishe Pod Tulsa will plan at least three programs for Jewish Tulsans between the ages of 21-32. Through guidelines set out by Moishe House, these programs will fall into one of four categories: Jewish Learning, Culture and Holidays, Tikkun Olam, and Socials. David and Sarah are thrilled to program based on the desires of the YJP community, while also including their own interests and hobbies. To stay connected, be sure to follow @MoishePodTulsa on Instagram or email MoishePodTulsa@gmail.com to be added to their newsletter. ■



David and Sarah Howman

## THE GERMAN TITANIC®

by Phil Goldfarb

**T**he story of the ill-fated ship *Cap Arcona* has rarely been told. Only remembered through a handful of obscure studies published in Germany with just a single marker at the site of the disaster.

*Cap Arcona*, named after Cape Arkona on the island of Rügen, was a large German ocean liner and the flagship of the Hamburg-South America Steamship Company costing 35 Billion Reichsmarks to build. Called the "Queen of the South Atlantic," initially she carried passengers and cargo between Germany and South America. It was the largest and quickest prestige ship on the route with five decks carrying 1,325 travelers with 24,000 horsepower traveling at 20 knots—a speed unequalled at that time.

The maiden voyage on October 29, 1927 to Buenos Aires from Hamburg, Germany in 15 days was a roaring success, garnering instant notoriety as one of the world's premier ocean liners and soon appeared on postcards and in magazine stories throughout Europe.

By 1936, reports around the world began surfacing of the growing fanaticism inside Hitler's regime and bookings on the ship declined significantly by year's end. The Nazi regime also placed restrictions on their citizens' ability to travel outside of Germany.

In 1939, the *Kriegsmarine* (German Navy) requisitioned the *Cap Arcona*, had her painted grey, stripped down for use as a floating barracks for naval personnel, training platform for naval exercises, and a U-Boat training school. From Nov 29, 1939 to January 31, 1945 it would spend most of its time docked at Gdynia. Without maintenance or regular use, it fell into disrepair.

Operation Hannibal evacuated Germans from the ports of Danzig and Gdynia to the west ports like Copenhagen. It was 800 ships, evacuating 2 million Germans and 1 million soldiers from the advancing Russian Army. In January, 1945, the *Cap Arcona* was restored and reactivated to help. Their first load was 10,000 refugees from Gdynia to Copenhagen. The ship then sailed from Denmark to the base just off of Neustadt and Lubeck. The trips were made dangerous by mines and Soviet Navy submarines. In fact, on February 20, 1945, the *Cap Arcona*'s captain, Johannes Gertz, shot himself in his cabin while in Copenhagen rather than face another trip back to Gotenhafen.

On March 30, 1945, *Cap Arcona* finished her third and last trip between Gdynia and Copenhagen, carrying 9,000 soldiers and refugees. However, her turbines were



The Cap Arcona

completely worn out and her days of long-distance travel were over.

With the war near the end, the Nazi's had a problem on what to do about the concentration camps as the prospects of millions of survivors telling graphic stories could not happen. They set out to destroy concentration camps so they wouldn't fall into enemy hands

The Nevegamme Concentration camp near Hamburg was a labor camp that produced bricks and armaments as opposed to a death camp and from 1939-1945 more than 106,000 prisoners were incarcerated here. By 1944 over 44,000 prisoners were in the camp and sub camps. The Nazi's wanted to relocate the prisoners from Nevegamme to a secret camp in the Baltic for possible future labor.

Prisoners left Neuengamme from April 19-27. Many lacked shoes and had rags tied around their bloody feet. All were weak, ill, and malnourished with little food or water. Thus began the forced evacuation of the largest camp in Northern Germany. Evacuation traveled at night due to Allied bombing during the day and SS guards shot anyone who could not keep up. Prisoners also died in route due to starvation and weakness and it became the worst death march in WWII. Starting with 10,000 prisoners, by the time they arrived, there were 7,000.

In the interim, they were to be concealed from the advancing British and Canadian forces. For this purpose, the SS assembled a prison fleet of decommissioned ships in the Bay of Lübeck, including the *Cap Arcona* which became a floating concentration camp and was defenseless.

There were no beds or facilities available, little food and water, denied medical attention, no place to bathe

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or sleep, no privacy, no windows, no fresh air or light, and prisoners were forced to sleep and sit in human waste. Typhoid fever and lice spread among the prisoners, When prisoners died, they were thrown overboard.

With 5,000 on board, the Cap Arcona refused to accept any more prisoners. Over eight hundred were returned to the beach at Neustadt in the morning of May 3, with around five hundred killed in their barges by machine-gunning, or beaten to death on the beach.

On May 2, 1945, the British Second Army discovered the empty camp at Neuengamme. The International Committee of the Red Cross informed the British Commanding General that 7,000–8,000 prisoners were aboard ships in the Bay of Lübeck. **But it was never communicated to the pilots.**

The main focus of the RAF's nine bombers on May 3 was the two larger ships—Cap Arcona and Deutschland—due to their size and potential of transporting thousands of German soldiers. There were no exterior markings of a red cross or prisoner transport.

German trawlers sent to rescue Cap Arcona's crew members and guards managed to save 16 sailors, 400 SS men, and 20 SS women who were equipped with life jackets. Only 350 of the 5,000 former concentration camp inmates aboard Cap Arcona survived after the Royal Air Force sank her.

Those who escaped the sinking and burning ship were met by RAF planes who started to attack the survivors in the water...the water turned red. The RAF was unaware that they were not German soldiers.

This became the biggest single-incident maritime loss of life in WWII and the last major tragedy of the Holocaust. The British 5th reconnaissance regiment advanced northwards to Neustadt witnessing the ships burning in the bay. They did rescue some severely emaciated prisoners on the beach at Neustadt, otherwise they found mostly the bodies of women and children massacred that morning. The RAF pilots were never told that they mistakenly attacked ships carrying prisoners until "The 30 Year Rule" British declassified documents in 1975.

The capsized hulk of Cap Arcona later drifted ashore, and the wreck was finally broken up in 1949. For weeks after the attack, bodies of victims washed ashore where they were collected and buried in mass graves. Parts of skeletons washed ashore over the next 25 years, with the last find in 1971.

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One day after thousands of concentration camp survivors lost their lives on board the Cap Arcona, British Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery accepted the surrender of all Nazi forces.

The Cap Arcona disaster claimed more than three times as many people as the Titanic and remains one of the worst maritime disasters, the worst incidence of friendly fire, and one of history's most tragic episodes. ■

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**Shema: Shabbat Music Class for Babies**

**Saturday, February 1 | 10:30 a.m.**  
Share the joys of Shabbat and community with your baby. This month's Jewish music class for babies and caregivers will focus on Shabbat rituals and song. Surround your little one with their peers as we celebrate the day of rest together. Following services, we'll gather as a community to share blessings of hope and sweet treats.

**Magic City Books presents U.S. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon—It Takes Chutzpah**

**Thursday, February 2 | 6:00 p.m.**  
It Takes Chutzpah is an inspirational call to action by a senior U.S. politician, describing how Americans of all age groups, persuasions, and occupations can defy convention, chart new pathways for their communities, schools, at work and in life. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is widely praised for coming up with sensible-sounding ideas no one else had thought of and making the counter-intuitive political alliances that prove helpful in passing bills. In It Takes Chutzpah, he offers a progressive leader's manifesto for being a courageous warrior during turbulent times. This is a free event open to the community, however, please register to attend at [www.magiccitybooks.com/events](http://www.magiccitybooks.com/events).

**Women's Wellbeing Retreat Friday, February 7 through Saturday, February 8**

The Women's Wellbeing Retreat is designed for women-identified folks in our community to come together for 24 hours of connection, learning, and unplugging. With the noise of the daily grind out of our way, we'll zoom into relationship building and create a holy community in the Osage Forest! The retreat will include meals and prayer experiences, learning, breakout sessions on topics of interest, and song. This experience is geared toward an intergenerational audience! If you are interested in attending or for more information, please contact the Synagogue at 918-583-7121.

**Lifelong Learners at Zarrow Pointe**

**Wednesday, February 12 | 11:30 a.m.**  
Ageless seniors from all over the community are invited to join Rabbi Kaiman for a learning session and lunch provided by Zarrow Pointe, starting at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your spot by contacting the Synagogue at 918-583-7121 or registering at [www.tulsagogue.com/events](http://www.tulsagogue.com/events). Please check-in at Zarrow Pointe Town Center and you will be directed to the Dining Hall for the learning seminar.

**Blatt + Blue**

**Thursday, February 13 | 7:00 p.m.**  
Visit [www.tulsagogue.com/events](http://www.tulsagogue.com/events) for more information regarding the movie selection and viewing options. Join us for our conversation at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (918 583 7121). Newcomers are welcome to join the dialogue.

**Tu B'Shevat Shabbat Shalom: Musical Circle, Dinner and Shabbat Talks**

**Friday, February 14 | 5:30 p.m.**  
Experience a musical Tu B'Shevat Shabbat evening with songs and storytelling starting at 5:30 p.m. This inclusive and accessible event is an ideal introduction to Shabbat traditions, welcoming participants of all ages and backgrounds.

Following services, we'll enjoy a beautiful Shabbat dinner together starting at 6:15 p.m. The evening will conclude with a special Shabbat Talks speaker at 7:00 p.m. to discuss environmental sustainability. Reserve your spot at the Shabbat table by registering at [tulsagogue.com/events](http://tulsagogue.com/events).

**Afternoon/Evening Services**

Join us on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the Davis-Goodall Chapel for traditional prayer and community Mourner's Kaddish. Both in-person and Zoom participation are available. Please register for in-person attendance on our website.

**Shabbat Morning Services**

Every Saturday at 9:30 a.m., we celebrate Shabbat through song, Torah study, and fellowship. These services, available both in-person and via Zoom, offer a chance to mark anniversaries, celebrate milestones, and engage in our congregation's ritual life. ■

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**Repairing Our People: Israel and the Crisis of Liberal Judaism on Zoom • Thurs., Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 2:00 p.m.**

Contemporary Judaism is facing unprecedented challenges. Today's Jews have the opportunity—and the obligation—to reclaim a Jewish vocabulary of sanctity, activism, and the desire to stand apart from today's world. This course explores the ever-changing landscape of modern Jewish life through the lens of one of American Judaism's most prolific voices. The message: the role of faith is to challenge us as individuals and to challenge society.

**Family Shabbat in person • Fri., Feb. 7 • 6:00 p.m.**

Family Shabbat provides a sacred space for our young families with songs and prayers. Following the service, join us for a family friendly dinner. RSVP by Thurs., Feb. 6. Contact Rabbi Jasper at [rabbitzvia@templetulsa.com](mailto:rabbitzvia@templetulsa.com) for more information.

**Zamru L'Shabbat Shira in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Feb. 7 • 6:00 p.m.**

Join us as we celebrate Shabbat Shira with Elijah's Minor Prophets. Stay after the service for a special savory oneg.

**Shabbat Morning Adult Learning • Fri., Feb. 8 • 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a fun and fascinating Tu B'shevat Seder. RSVP at [rsvp@templetulsa.com](mailto:rsvp@templetulsa.com) by Tues., Feb. 4.

**Sisterhood • Stained Glass Event • Sun., Feb. 9 • 12:30 p.m.**

Join us for a vibrant Stained Glass Art Event, where creativity meets craftsmanship! Whether you're a seasoned artist or a curious beginner, this hands-on workshop offers a unique opportunity to design and create your own stained glass masterpiece. Cost is \$60 per person.

**Birthday Shabbat Service with Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Feb. 14 • 6:00 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome in Shabbat with the chanting of Torah. We will also celebrate February birthdays. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for our joyous pre-oney.

**Shabbat Service in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live followed by Congregational Dinner • Fri., Feb. 21 • 6:00 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome in Shabbat.

RSVP for a delicious Italian dinner after the service.

**Anniversary Shabbat Service with Torah in person, on Zoom & Facebook Live • Fri., Feb. 28 • 6:00 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome in Shabbat with the chanting of Torah. We will also celebrate February anniversaries. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for our joyous pre-oney.

**Zarrow Pointe Shabbat Service • Fri., Feb. 28 • 6:15 p.m.**

We cordially invite all those who wish to join us for this meaningful Friday evening service with music, held in the Burnstein Auditorium at Zarrow Pointe. We welcome not only Temple members and Zarrow Pointe residents, but all other friends in our community who would appreciate being together on Shabbat. ■

**TEMPLE ISRAEL FINDS A TEMPORARY HOME AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION**

by the NextDor Leadership Team

Todd Arlan, Ryan Coretz, Brina Reinstein (Temple Israel President), Julie Rettinger, Jon Stolper (NextDor Chair), David Weil, Rabbi Michael Weinstein

We are pleased to report a significant development in our NextDor process: The Jewish Federation of Tulsa has agreed to provide a temporary home for Temple Israel while we are "between buildings."

We are grateful to the Federation leadership for their support and look forward to being on the Zarrow Campus. Once we are out of our existing building (probably sometime early in the summer of 2025), we will hold services and religious school on the campus. We will also be able to take advantage of the Federation's meeting rooms and other facilities.

Since the Federation is providing space at no charge—as part of their mission to support the Tulsa Jewish community—being on the Zarrow Campus is a major financial savings for Temple Israel. Instead of renting space for services and school, or moving from place to place, we now only have to rent office space for our staff (and, yes, we are working on finding a donor for that as well!).

We know that most of our members are quite familiar with the Zarrow Campus, and are confident that it will be convenient for our community.

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now more recycling-friendly. Employees have been educated about proper recycling practices, bins are readily accessible, and we have added clear signage. We encourage all community members to find a blue bin to properly recycle all paper, cardboard, single-use plastic, aluminum, and glass.

Changing the mindset of both staff and community members is the first step towards a more sustainable future. Although recycling programs and eliminating Styrofoam and single-use plastic may seem like baby steps...at least they are steps to ensuring our greener future.

We all have a role in the climate crisis. What steps of *Tikkun Olam* are you doing in your home or office to *repair the world*? We are excited to embark on this important journey with our community to preserve our beautiful planet for future generations. ■



We will share more specific information about the project timing—including when we will leave our current building—as soon as we have it. It is a complex process and we want to make sure we get every step right. ■



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