



SAJSS VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Rivka Schechter, one of SAJSS most active volunteers, has a rich history of involvement in the Jewish community. Rivka, who was born and raised in Yonkers, NY, has two degrees in education. She has used her degrees not only by teaching, but also by starting a Jewish Middle School in Calgary, Alberta, Canada where she and her husband, Rabbi Louis Schechter (OBM), settled. She also wrote and taught a Jewish curriculum there while teaching, raising 4 kids, and being a Rebbetzin.

In addition to teaching and volunteering, Rivka loves the theatre. In Calgary, she started a synagogue theatre and a successful dinner theatre. When she moved to San Antonio in 1984, she opened Star Theatre at Congregation Agudas Achim, which became the seed for The Vex at the JCC.

After Rivka moved back to Toronto, she taught 2nd grade and was a reading specialist at the Solomon Schechter Day School. After retiring, she moved back to SA in 1999 to be near her 2 sons who lived here. She worked as the TU-TO-R (Tune Up-Turn On-Read) coordinator, studied Senior Theatre at The Playhouse, and was Chapter President of 4 Hadassah groups. She remains actively involved in the Jewish community through **San Antonio Jewish Senior Services (SAJSS)**, Hebrew Free Loan, Jewish Community Relations Council, Congregation Agudas Achim, and Congregation Rodfei Sholom.

Rivka became involved with SAJSS as an original member of the EDGE (Engage Discover Grow Explore) Committee. She is an active Board Member and helps on various committees. She was also one of the first LIFE & LEGACY® donors and continues to support its efforts. She single-handedly opened the G'Mach in March 2022 to supply free medical equipment to people in the Jewish community. In one year, she has helped more than 30 families borrow equipment and provided more than 60 medical devices!

Rivka has led a life of giving... She says her parents taught her to "reach out, be positive, help others and your life will be worthwhile and well spent." Well said, Rivka.

THANK YOU for all that you do for San Antonio Jewish Senior Services and the broader Jewish community!



PLEASE NOTE:

The SAJSS office will be **closed** on **Tuesday, July 4** in honor of Independence Day.

Thank you to our recent donors!

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In Honor of:

Hana Ross' Special Birthday – Rebecca Solomon
Fred Kline's Birthday – Sandra Kline, Reesa Pullen
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Mike & Judy Kelne's 50th Anniversary – Susan & Arthur Abelman, Freida Donzis, Nancy & Jerry Gerson, Susan Gordon,
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In Memory of:

Jerry Kutler – Freida Donzis, Allan Smith
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call (210) 616-4811, or
mail to "SAJSS":

**13409 NW Military Hwy., #210
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SAJSS Sponsored & Partner Organization Events: July 2023



Contact Sandra for SAJSS program details: (210) 616-4811; sandraw@sajss.com

Complimentary *SAJSS transportation* available for SAJSS programs with one-week advanced booking: Lety (210) 616-4811 or www.sajss.com/transportation

SAJSS Caregiver Support Group
& *SAJSS Grief Support Group* will
be on hiatus until September.
See you then!

Thursday, July 13, 11:00 am
(Adante Ind. Living)
SAJSS Presents Jewish Chats:
Special Presentation on Elder Fraud
by US Attorney's Office representatives
Open to older adults & their adult children

Thursday, July 27, 10:45 am
(Madison Estates)
SAJSS Presents Jewish Chats:
Songs by Linda Kaufman

Barshop Jewish Community Center

For details, Isabel: (210) 302-6860;
resendezi@jcc-sa.org. RSVP required.

Tuesdays, July 11, 18 & 25, 6:30 pm
Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 10:30 am
Drop in Mah Jongg

Friday, July 7, 10:30 am
Karaoke

Fridays, July 14 & 28, 10:00 am
Silver Cinema

Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27, 9:30 am
Summer Bridge

Thursday, July 25, 10:30 am
Sing-A-Long

Tues., Thurs., & Fri., 12:00 pm
Senior Lunch

Sunday, July 30, 2:30 pm & 6:30 pm
*Finding Helena: An original musical written by
a father-daughter team here in SA*

Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning

For details: (210) 764-0300;
chabadsa.com; info@chabadsa.com.

Tuesday, July 27, 11:30 am
Sunshine Club Luncheon

Chabad La Cantera

For details: (210) 877-4218;
israelichabadsa.com

Saturdays, 10:00 am
Shabbat Services

Congregation Agudas Achim

For details: (210) 479-0307;
agudas-achim.org; rsvp@agudas-achim.org.

Friday night services, 6:00 pm

Saturday morning services, 9:15 am
Followed by *Torah Talk*

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (Zoom)
Book Study with Rabbi Bayar

Congregation Beth Am

For details: bethamsatx.org.

Congregation Rodfei Sholom

For details: (210) 493-3557;
rodfeisholom.com; rodfeisa@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 1
Family Friendly Shabbat

Tuesdays, 7:15 pm
*Rest the Jewish Way: Enjoy and understand
Shabbat like never before*

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm
Lunch and Learn

Congregation Shalom of SA

For details: shalomsa.org.

Saturday, July 1, 7:00 pm
Havdalah & Independence Day Themed Party
RSVP required

Friday, July 7, 6:00 pm
*Pre-Service Oneg Shabbat
Shabbat Service, 6:45 pm*

Friday, July 14, 6:45 pm
Shabbat Service, followed by dinner out

Friday, July 21, 6:45 pm
Shabbat Service, then Oneg Shabbat

Friday, July 28 - **NO SERVICE**

Saturday, July 29, 7:00 pm
Havdalah & Game Night

Wednesdays, thru July 12, 7:00 pm
Spiritual Practices for Real Life
Led by Rabbi Lisa (Zoom)

Hadassah San Antonio

For details: hadassah.org;
facebook.com/SanAntonioHadassah.

Hebrew Free Loan Association SA

Loans are available for Jewish older adults
through the *SAJSS/HFLA Older Adult Loan
Fund* and *HFLA-SA Ohr Lanu Medical Loan
Fund*: (210) 736-4352, hfla-sa.org.

Jewish Family Service of SA

For senior case management and
counseling: (210) 302-6920; jfs-sa.org.

Monday July 10, 1:30 pm (Fisher Bd Rm)
*Silver Connect: Learn about resources for
emotional support, reassurance & isolation*

Jewish Federation of SA

For details: (210) 302-6960; jfsatx.org.

Jewish War Veterans Post 753 of SA

SAJSS/JWVP Joint Fund is available to
support Jewish veteran transportation:
(210) 616-4811 or SAJSS.com.

National Council of Jewish Women SA

For details: ncjwsa.org.

OASIS San Antonio

Silver Connect partners older adults with
volunteers. For details: (210) 236-5954;
gbrown@oasisnet.org, and for classes:
store.oasis everywhere.org.

Senior Living Facilities

We are thinking of you and enjoy bringing
you Shabbat and holiday deliveries!

Temple Beth-El

For details: (210) 733-9135; beth-elsa.org.

Sunday, July 30, 2:00 pm
Sisterhood Bingo



SAJSS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



For **SAJSS Jewish Chats** this month, residents at Adante Independent & Assisted Living and Madison Estates were joined by **Kelley Gallant** of **San Antonio OASIS** for an informative talk.

The groups learned about all the things OASIS has to offer, from in-person classes and nationwide zoom classes, to day and overnight trips, to the Silver Connect program. Thank you, Kelley, for sharing the valuable information about OASIS, and for spending your mornings with us!



SAJSS Shabbat deliveries are still bringing smiles, one challah at a time! Thank you to all of our dedicated **Challah Helpers** for joining SAJSS to make Shabbat deliveries!

Why I Made a LIFE & LEGACY Commitment to SAJSS

By Robi Jalnos, SAJSS Board Chair

When I first heard of the **LIFE & LEGACY®** program and what the Harold Greenspoon Foundation was willing to do, I was blown away. What a great idea and a great way to leave a Legacy gift to your favorite Jewish organizations! Eileen and I immediately signed up and made our gift to **San Antonio Jewish Senior Services**.

I've been a part of Golden Manor and SAJSS for 50+ years. It has always been near and dear to my heart. They gave our Jewish seniors (a lot of them my friends' parents and grandparents) their connection to Judaism and dignity in their golden years. I've been honored to serve on the Golden Manor and SAJSS boards.

Since the home closed, SAJSS has created new ways to enrich the lives of older adults and keep them connected to the Jewish community. Through my Legacy commitment, and as SAJSS current Chair, I am helping to ensure that SAJSS will continue to fulfill this mission now and in the future through meaningful programming, Shabbat and holiday deliveries, and transportation.

I have personally made deliveries to our Jewish seniors and the happiness and thankfulness on their faces is priceless. Many of them don't leave their homes. Through SAJSS, we not only make contact, conversation, and deliveries but offer them the ability to utilize our transportation program. I know my mother really enjoys gift deliveries, especially the challahs since bread is her favorite food. It's nice of the SAJSS staff who reach out and check on her and others on a regular basis.

I hope you, too, will make a **Legacy** gift to SAJSS to help ensure that SAJSS will be here for our children and grandchildren as they become older adults and may benefit from SAJSS efforts.



Robi, Eileen, and Grandson Oliver

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Visit www.sajss.com/legacy for details and to complete YOUR Letter of Intent.

July includes **two fast days** that commemorate several tragedies in Jewish history:

Thursday, July 6 • the 17th of Tammuz

- Moses broke the tablets of the Ten Commandments in response to the sin of the Golden Calf.
- Daily sacrifices ceased during the Siege of Jerusalem.
- The Holy Temple was desecrated with an idol.
- Our enemies breached the Walls of Jerusalem.

Thursday, July 27 • Tisha B'Av

the saddest day on the Jewish calendar

- The spies returned with a bad report.
- Both Holy Temples were destroyed.
- The Jews were expelled from England (1290) and Spain (1492).
- Both World Wars began.



SAJSS McNay Museum Highlights Tour

Our first visit to the museum was a huge success! We enjoyed a private tour and explored the beautiful artwork around the museum. Be on the lookout for more photos from this exciting new program!

SAJSS Transportation is Available!

SAJSS Transportation is available for those 60+ in the Jewish community, providing rides to community programs, healthcare appointments, and religious services.

Advanced registration required, based on availability:

www.sajss.com/transportation or call Lety: (210) 616-4811.

Are you 90 years old or older living in San Antonio?

Do you have a loved one who is 90 years old or older living here? Please send us the name, age, and contact information to SandraW@SAJSS.com.

We would like to feature these special folks in the future.



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