

THE SAJSS SCOOP January 2026

San Antonio Jewish Senior Services



*A new SAJSS program featuring a variety of topics relevant to adults 60+*

Join us for SAJSS' Food for Thought Lunch, in partnership with National Council of Jewish Women

Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



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**Allyson M. Pratka, Au.D., CCC-A, MBA**

*Director of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology  
Department of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery  
University of Texas Health San Antonio*



**Jennifer Borromeo, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Comprehensive Ophthalmology  
Medical Director, MARC Ophthalmology Clinic  
University of Texas Health San Antonio*

**\$36/person, includes lunch**  
Lunch options upon registration  
*Certified kosher meal by Linda Wolfe upon request*

**RSVP required by Jan. 23**  
Scan QR code or call (210) 616-4811

### Learn about:

- The latest breakthroughs in restoring sight & sound
- How new technology is changing lives
- What's new and what's next

### Program includes:

- Speaker handouts
- Audience Q&A



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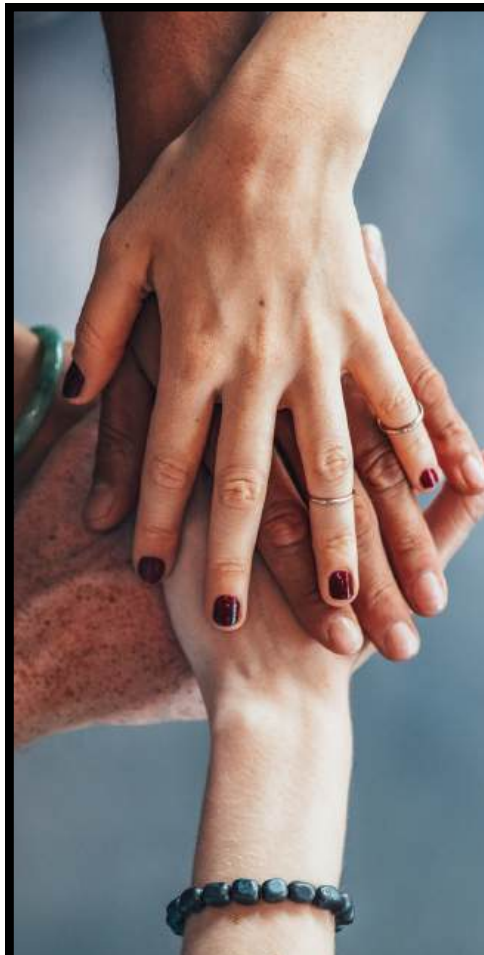
## In Honor of:

Dylan Levy's college graduation - Jerry Leverant  
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## Support Groups



Facilitated by  
**Renee Glazier, MBA**  
Ret. Certified Geriatric Care Manager

### GRIEF SUPPORT

*Share memories, learn strategies to cope with the death of someone dear, find support from others experiencing loss*

**1:00 PM**

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

*Share ideas, learn tools for providing care for a loved one, find rejuvenation and support among peers*

**2:15 PM**

**TUESDAYS**


Jan. 6 & 20  
Feb. 3 & 17

**OPEN**  
to everyone

**RSVP**  
Preferred:  
210-616-4811

Groups meet at SAJSS: 13409 NW Military Hwy, #210

# SAJSS & Partner Organization Events: January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Years Day (SAJSS closed) 	2	3
4 • 10a Hadassah/JCC Mah Jongg	5	6 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 1p SAJSS Grief Support Group • 2:15p SAJSS Caregiver Support Group	7 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch	8 • 11a SAJSS Jewish Chats at Adante Ind. Liv. • 12p SAJSS Jewish Chats at Adante Asst. Liv. • 12p JCC Snr. Lunch • 12:30p Israeli Chabad Lunch+Learn • 7p JCC Author Speaker: Tovah Klein • 7p HMMSA Learn & Remember Program	9 • 6p Agudas Congregational Dinner • 6:30p TBE Shabbat w/ Rabbi Yael Karrie D'Var Torah	10 • 9a TBE Shabbat w/ Rabbi Yael Karrie Torah Study • 12:30p TBE Shabbat w/ Rabbi Yael Karrie Lunch & Learn
11 • 10a Rodfei Community Brunch • 10a Hadassah/JCC Mah Jongg • 1:30p Cong. Shalom Mah Jongg Club	12	13 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 7p TBE Navigating Grief & Mourning	14 • 11:30a Rodfei L'Chayim Club Lunch • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 7p JFSA Israel & the Complexity of Urban Warfare	15 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 12:30p Israeli Chabad Lunch+Learn	16 • 6p TBE 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Shabbat • 6:45p Cong. Shalom No-Host Dinner	17 • 11:45a TBE Shabbat Lunch Chavurah
18 • 10a Hadassah/JCC Mah Jongg • 10a TBE Service & No-Host Lunch • 4:30p MLK Interfaith Service	19 MLK Jr. Day (SAJSS closed) • 8:45a MLK Day March • 7p Agudas Shabbat Shira & Installation of Rabbi Kaplinsky	20 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 1p SAJSS Grief Support Group • 2:15p SAJSS Caregiver Support Group • 7p TBE Navigating Grief & Mourning	21 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch	22 • 10:45a SAJSS Jewish Chats at Madison Estates • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 12:30p Israeli Chabad Lunch+Learn	23 • 6:30p TBE Beyond the Dome Series	24 • 9:15a Agudas Sisterhood Shabbat • 6:30p TBE Hallelujah Interfaith Choral Concert
25 • 9a Jewish War Veterans Board Meeting • 9a JFSA Maimonides Zinn Lecture • 10a Hadassah/JCC Mah Jongg • 1:30p Cong. Shalom Mah Jongg Club	26	27 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 7p HMMSA Learn & Remember Program • 7p TBE Navigating Grief & Mourning	28 • 11:30a SAJSS Food for Thought Lunch at Max & Louie's • 12p JCC Senior Lunch	29 • 12p JCC Senior Lunch • 12:30p Israeli Chabad Lunch+Learn	30 • 6:30p TBE Rodeo Shabbat & Dinner	31

See next page for full event details, partner contact information, and additional programs.

# SAJSS & Partner Organization Events: January 2026

## Coming up at SAJSS:

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

Complimentary **SAJSS Transportation** is available for SAJSS programs upon reservation: [sajss.com/transportation](https://sajss.com/transportation)

**Community members are welcome  
at all SAJSS programs!**

Tuesday, January 6 & 20  
1:00 pm - *Grief Support Group*  
2:15 pm - *Caregiver Support Group*  
SAJSS Conference Room

Thursday, January 8  
11:00 am - Independent Living  
12:00 am - Assisted Living  
*SAJSS Jewish Chats at Adante*

Thursday, January 22, 10:45 am  
*SAJSS Jewish Chats at Madison Estates*

Wed., Jan. 28, 11:30 am (Max & Louie's)  
*SAJSS/NCJW Food for Thought Lunch:  
Advances in Technology for Hearing  
Aids & Cataracts w/ experts from UTHSC*  
Payment/advanced registration req'd  
Certified kosher meal upon request

### Barshop Jewish Community Center

(210) 302-6860; [jccsanantonio.org](https://jccsanantonio.org);  
[avenac@jcc-sa.org](mailto:avenac@jcc-sa.org), [rams@jcc-sa.org](mailto:rams@jcc-sa.org)

Sundays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 am  
*Hadassah/JCC Open Play Mah Jongg*

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:00 pm  
*Author Speaker Series* w/ Tovah Klein

Friday, Jan. 9-Sunday, Jan. 11, 5:00 pm  
*Machol Texas 2026*

Friday, Jan. 16-April 12  
*Texas Senior Games*

Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:00 pm  
*Senior Lunch*

### Chabad of Boerne

(830) 368-5008; [JewishBoerne.org](https://JewishBoerne.org)

Friday Nights, *Shabbat Services*

### Chabad Jewish Life & Learning Center

(210) 764-0300; [chabadsa.com](https://chabadsa.com)

### Chabad La Cantera, Israeli Chabad

(210) 877-4218; [israelichabadsa.com](https://israelichabadsa.com)

Thursdays, 12:30 pm (Yummy)  
*Lunch & Learn*

Saturdays, 10:00 am - *Shabbat Services*

### Congregation Agudas Achim

(210) 479-0307; [agudas-achim.org](https://agudas-achim.org)

*Friday Services, 6:00 pm*

Friday, Jan. 9, 6:00 pm  
*Congregational Dinner*

Saturday, Jan. 19, 7:00 pm  
*Shabbat Shira/Installation of Rabbi Kaplinsky*

Saturday, Jan. 24, 9:15 am  
*Sisterhood Shabbat*

### Congregation Beth Am

Wkly details: [hbmbtx@gmail.com](mailto:hbmbtx@gmail.com)

General: [Kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com](mailto:Kurzban.ruiz@gmail.com);

[stanwendre@gmail.com](mailto:stanwendre@gmail.com); [bethamsatx.org](https://bethamsatx.org)

*Services: First Friday, 6:30 pm*

*Saturdays (except First Sat.), 10:00 am*

### Congregation Rodfei Sholom

(210) 493-3557; [rodfeisholom.com](https://rodfeisholom.com)

Sunday, Jan. 11, 10:00 am  
*Community Brunch*

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11:30 am  
*L'Chayim Club Intergenerational Lunch*

SAVE THE DATE: Wed., Feb. 4, 11:30 am  
*SAJSS-L'Chayim Club Lunch & Program*

### Congregation Shalom-SA

[info@shalomsa.org](mailto:info@shalomsa.org); [shalomsa.org](https://shalomsa.org)

Thursdays, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 pm  
*Intro to Judaism*

Fridays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:45 pm  
*Shabbat Services*

Sundays, Jan. 11, 25, 1:30 pm  
*Mahjongg Club*

Friday, Jan. 16, 6:45 pm  
*Shabbat service/No-Host Dinner*

### Hadassah-SA

[Facebook.com/SanAntonioHadassah](https://Facebook.com/SanAntonioHadassah);  
[hadassah.org](https://hadassah.org)

Sundays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 am  
*Hadassah/JCC Open Play Mah Jongg*

### Hebrew Free Loan Association-SA

(210) 736-4352; [hfla-sa.org](https://hfla-sa.org)

Loans for Jewish older adults available  
through *SAJSS/HFLA Older Adult Loan Fund*  
and *HFLA/Ohr Lanu Medical Loan Fund*

### Jewish Family Service-SA

(210) 302-6920; [jfs-sa.org](https://jfs-sa.org)

*Senior case management and counseling*

### Jewish Federation-SA

(210) 302-6960; [jfsatx.org](https://jfsatx.org)

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7:00 pm  
*Israel & the Complexity of Urban Warfare*

Sunday, Jan. 18, 4:30 pm  
*MLK Interfaith Service*

Monday, Jan. 19, 8:45 am  
*MLK Day March*

### Jewish Federation-SA cont.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:00 am  
*Maimonides Zinn Lecture*

Holocaust Memorial Museum-SA  
(210) 302-6807; [hmmsa.org](https://hmmsa.org)  
Open: M-F 9:00a-3:00p, Sun. 1:00-4:00p

Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:00 pm  
*Learn & Remember Opening Program*

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7:00 pm  
*Learn & Remember Closing Program*

### Jewish War Veterans Post 753-SA

[jshaines@swbell.net](mailto:jshaines@swbell.net); (210) 616-4811

*SAJSS/JWVP Joint Fund* available to support  
Jewish veteran transportation: [sajss.com](https://sajss.com)

Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:00 am - *Board Meeting*

### National Council of Jewish Women-SA

[susan@conbriobeads.com](mailto:susan@conbriobeads.com);  
[iamawiner@gmail.com](mailto:iamawiner@gmail.com); [ncjwsa.org](https://ncjwsa.org)

### Starr Family Jewish Day School

(210) 607-7261; [starrjds.com](https://starrjds.com)

### Temple Beth-EI

(210) 733-9135; [beth-elsa.org](https://beth-elsa.org)

Shabbat w/ Rabbi Yael Karrie  
Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30 pm - *D'Var Torah, Scholar*  
Saturday, Jan. 10:  
9:00 am - *Torah Study*  
12:30 am - *Lunch & Learn*

Tuesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, 7:00 pm  
*Navigating Grief & Mourning in Jewish Trad.*

Friday, Jan. 16, 6:00 pm  
*11th Annual MLK Shabbat*

Saturday, Jan. 17, 11:45 am  
*Shabbat Lunch Chavurah*

Sunday, Jan. 18, 10:00 am  
*Service/No Host Lunch*

Fri., Jan. 23, 6:30 pm - *Beyond the Dome*

Saturday, Jan. 24, 6:30 pm  
*Hallelujah Interfaith Choral Concert*

Fri., Jan. 30, 6:30 pm - *Rodeo Shabbat/Dinner*

# SAJSS-JCC CHANUKAH LUNCH & GAME ON!

Nearly 100 people gathered to get into the holiday spirit last month. We enjoyed a delicious lunch which included latkes and sufganiyot, then played several rounds of Bingo. Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to the JCC for your partnership with this event. Thank you to Christine Saalbach for contributing one of the grand prizes, Roger Ojeda for donating the raffle prize, and Barbara Arnow, Jeannie Karren, Iris Lieberman, Roger Ojeda, Elizabeth Quiroz, Marcia Schwartz, Amy Strickland, Sherie Trakhtenbroit, and Ruthie Wurzburg for helping at the event. We couldn't do it without all of you!



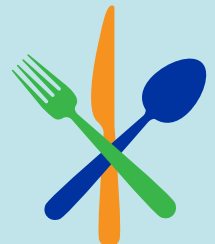
## PLEASE JOIN US

L'Chayim Club Senior Lunch Program  
with SAJSS and Congregation Rodfei Sholom

**Wednesday, February 4**

**11:30 am**

Rodfei Sholom (3003 Sholom Drive)



Free event, sponsored by  
**SAJSS and Rodfei Sholom**  
RSVP required: Sandra (210) 616-4811



## SAJSS-JCC Arts & Crafts Expo

Over 20 vendors gathered at the SAJSS-JCC Arts & Crafts Expo last month where the community enjoyed shopping local. Thanks to all who participated!



## SAJSS Jewish Chats

Rabbi Mara Nathan of Temple Beth-El entertained the residents of Adante Independent Living and Assisted Living with Chanukah songs. The residents enjoyed singing along and discussing different Chanukah traditions.

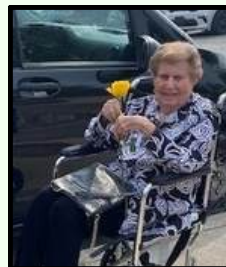
Hannah Margolis demonstrated how to tie tzit tzit onto a talit for the residents at Madison Estates. It was a fascinating morning full of learning.



## SAJSS Transportation

SAJSS offers transportation for adults 60+ in the Jewish community to and from religious services, community events, and medical appointments.

Please reserve at least ONE WEEK in advance; rides subject to availability. To request a ride: [sajss.com/transportation](http://sajss.com/transportation) or (210) 616-4811



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## SAJSS-HFLA Senior Loan Fund

Older adult loans are available, up to \$6,000 for 50 months; no interest, no fees.

Hebrew Free Loan Association  
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