

What's  
Happening

**Thurs, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm – Board Meeting

7:15pm – Long Range  
Planning Committee

**Sat, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Max Stokes – Bar Mitzvah

**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Rosh Hashanah

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Yom Kippur

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### BAR MITZVAH OF MAX STOKES

Max Stokes, the son of Sarah and Danny Stokes and brother of Emma and Sydney Stokes, will celebrate his status as Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat, August 22, 2020.

Max is in the eighth grade at St. Patrick School, where his favorite subject is math. His hobbies include video games, basketball, swimming, and playing the base guitar. Max's special talents are bass guitar, math, and making people laugh.

For his service project, Max has been writing letters to assisted living residents and raising money for the Honor Flight Network and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

His favorite books are *Sword of Shannara* and *Wings of Fire*. Max's favorite movies are *The Sandlot* and *Avengers: Endgame*. He enjoys music by Queen, especially the song "Another One Bites the Dust" and his favorite quote is "Get to the chopper" – Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The congregation is invited to the Bar Mitzvah of Max Stokes on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Services will begin at 9:30 and be led by Paul Schwartzbaum. A dinner and reception will follow at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls with a cocktail hour beginning at 5:30 pm.

For more information and to RSVP go to [www.barmitzvahmax.com](http://www.barmitzvahmax.com) or call/text 319-830-7209.

A Free Virtual Celebration...

## NATAN SHARANSKY: PRISON, POLITICS AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE

By Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center Classes

**Monday, August 3, 2020 – 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

You must register for this event at: [https://temple-emanu-el-streicker-center-classes.ticketleap.com/natan-sharansky-prison-politics-and-the-jewish-people/dates/Aug-03-2020\\_at\\_0500PM](https://temple-emanu-el-streicker-center-classes.ticketleap.com/natan-sharansky-prison-politics-and-the-jewish-people/dates/Aug-03-2020_at_0500PM)

On the morning of February 11, 1986, Natan Sharansky woke up a prisoner of the Soviet Union, convicted of treason for advocating that Jews be permitted to emigrate to Israel. By nightfall, after nine years of confinement in prisons and forced labor camps, he was praying at the Western Wall. The sudden freedom left the man who'd spent his life under the heel of Soviet tyranny reeling. "The main principle then was: No compromise," he once said. "In the morning, you said no to the K.G.B., and in the evening you said no. You could feel yourself a tzaddik... In the free world, it is a lot more complicated."

After his arrival in Israel, Natan Sharansky went into politics and served as Minister of Industry and Trade; Deputy Prime Minister; and Minister of Diaspora and Jerusalem before being elected chair of the Jewish Agency. The author of five books, he was awarded the 2020 Genesis Prize Foundation award for his "lifelong struggle for human rights."

A month before the release of his new book, *Never Alone*, reflections on the journey he's traveled from Soviet Gulags to the rough-and-tumble of Israeli politics and then to the leadership of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Sharansky will join us for a conversation moderated by Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism.

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