

Isabelle Schaefer is a member of the Ganeinu class at The Silver Academy, and her family is our "Spotlight family" of the week. Isabelle and her parents, Stacey Shubitz and Marc Schaefer, live in Harrisburg.



What do you like best about The Silver Academy? As parents, we love hearing Isabelle come home and sing the brachot she's learning in Ganeinu. She likes to play school with her stuffed animals. We often overhear her teaching them about the holidays.

Where else have you lived? We lived in New York City (Stacey in Manhattan and Marc in Brooklyn) when we met. Then, we lived in Providence, RI, for two years before moving to Harrisburg.

What is your occupation? Stacey is a literacy consultant and author. Marc is a physician.

What do you like about living in central Pennsylvania? People are friendly!

What are your favorite family activities? We enjoy going to the beach and pool together.

What relative lives furthest away, and where do they live? Most of our family lives on the East Coast. We have cousins in San Francisco who Isabelle has met several times.

What is your family's favorite vacation spot? Ogunquit, Maine

What is your family's favorite holiday tradition? We sing an alternate melody of *Ma Nishtana* along with Isabelle at the Passover Seder. We first learned this melody when we were congregants of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Manhattan. One year we even added hand-held instruments like maracas and tambourines at the Seder table. (You can hear this song at <https://www.bj.org/spiritual-life/music-of-bj/the-music-of-pesach/>)

What does your family like to do on snow days? Drink hot chocolate

What type of food does your family REALLY enjoy? Isabelle and Stacey often share green smoothies in the morning. However, all three of us have a real love of ice cream!

Isabelle says that her family is special because they sing "The Nimus Song" with her. ("The Manners Song")