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SUMMER VIBES NEWSLETTER

Celebrate summer and reflect on our annual achievements Latest updates on our summer and early fall activities and events

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Daily Minyan Times

Sunday Mornings: 9:15 a.m. Monday – Friday Mornings: 7:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday Evenings: 6:30 p.m. Please note: Morning Minyan for Federal Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. *(in-person & livestream)* <u>etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream</u>

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Dan Dorsch Rabbi

I've discovered that religious freedom can mean different things for different people.

For some, religious freedom means "freedom from religion". This was the approach that I was raised with in the northeast. Beyond a few trees, there are hardly any overt displays of religion in public spaces. Lots of candy canes and winter wonderland themes decorate shopping plazas. People wish each other a very pareve "happy holidays".

For others, religious freedom means equal representation for religion. Living in Georgia, this is what we tend to experience. In our pluralistic society we have holidays that we celebrate together (July 4, Labor Day, etc.), and others that we celebrate separately. I loved walking out of Hightower Trail Middle School and hearing the band not only playing Christmas music, but Maoz Tzur. Different clergy take turns offering prayers at Cobb County Commission meetings. Trees, Menorahs, Kwanza candles, and Diwali fireworks are all a part of our landscape.

At the bank last month, a woman wished me a "Happy Easter." "Thank you," I said politely with a smile. But in my case (I pointed to my yarmulke), it's Passover." We then had a friendly conversation about what it must be like to be part of a religious minority during majority holiday seasons. I explained to her that "not to worry," Judaism is equipped with our own holidays during these time periods.

The problem with our second approach happens when sadly, well-meaning people view this approach as giving license for dominant religions to claim greater market share. They may not realize it, but this creates a third meaning of freedom of religion.

Lawmakers in fifteen states are currently pushing legislation to publish the Ten Commandments in public schools. I don't fundamentally have a problem with the Ten Commandments, and neither, I suspect do you. This month, we celebrate Shavuot, the gift of the Ten Commandments and our Torah, to the Jewish people.

My problem is that proponents of posting the Ten Commandments believe that they are promoting option #2, when for non-Christian minorities, it feels an awful lot like our third "exclusive" option. Not to mention all the logistical headaches, including which translation to use (especially regarding some suggestive subject matter), that are not appropriate for children's classrooms.

Nonetheless, this year, I've decided I will acquiesce to this request on one condition: The Ten Commandments must be displayed only in Hebrew. This not only solves the problem of translation, but it will really determine how seriously they take equal representation intended by "religious freedom."

Oh wait...are you saying that if I write that publicly, that this would constitute my own selfish support for option #3?

Let's talk about it at our Tikkun Leil Shavuot on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. I hope you'll join us that evening to discuss what our freedom, including freedom of religion, means to you.



Jonathon Adler Assistant Rabbi

School's out, the sun's out (when we're not having thunderstorms like we are as I write this), and many of you are about to embark on exciting summer plans. For some, this means going to summer camp.

Jewish summer camps are, in a word, amazing. I'll never forget the summers I spent at Camp Ramah in Canada when I was a kid, nor the incredible experiences that so many have shared with me about Ramah Darom, Camp Barney, or the many other wonderful camps out there. Of course, Camp Ruach! here at home is about to get started for what's sure to be a summer of epic fun for the youngest members of our community who are attending, as well as for the middle- and high-school students who are helping.

The Hebrew word for camp is *Makhaneh*, which was first used in the Torah as the name of the Israelites' encampment, which they moved throughout the wilderness during their forty years of wandering. I'm not sure how fun the original *Makhaneh* might have been, especially compared to the camps we have now.

One of my favorite places with the title *Makhaneh* is *Makhaneh Yehudah*, which is not a camp, but a *shuk* —a bustling, vibrant market in Jerusalem. There are over 250 vendors, most of whom sell delicious foods, spices (which you can take home!), sweets, halva, fruits, vegetables, cheeses, meat, along with Judaica and more. There are plenty of restaurants and bakeries. The culinary options are definitely tastier than the manna that fed those in the first *makhaneh*. It's a great spot to shop and pick up a few treats, but even more so, it's perfect for people watching and getting a sense of what life in Jerusalem is really like.

Whether you're travelling, going camping, or staying around East Cobb, I hope you have a fantastic summer. When you next find yourself in Jerusalem, make sure to visit *Makhaneh Yehudah*. And wherever this summer takes you, don't forget your sunscreen!



Elliot Okrent President

Sittin' in the mornin' sun, I'll be sittin' when the evenin' come. Watching the ships roll in, And then I watch 'em roll away again, yeah, I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay, Watching the tide roll away. Ooh, I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay, Wastin' time... ~ Otis Redding

There's something about this song that instantly makes me feel relaxed. It's the soundtrack of summer in my mind - slow, easy and reflective. And as we head into the heart of the season, it reminds me how important it is to give ourselves permission to slow down, do less and just "be".

This is our combined June and July Voice of Chaim issue. A time when school is out, vacations are in full swing, and kids head off to camp. Routines loosen, flip-flops replace school shoes, and calendars fill with beach days, barbecues, and family road trips. As I write this, I don't have any beach plans myself (yet), but knowing my family, we'll pull something together at the last minute – maybe just a quick weekend getaway to recharge and make memories.

Even with summer's laid-back rhythm, some things still need to keep going, like our daily Minyan. If you're available, we could use your help during weekday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and for Friday night services too. When many people are traveling, it becomes harder to ensure we have the 10 needed to support those saying Kaddish and those counting on us for community.

Summertime at Etz Chaim also means "Casual Shabbat". While we still expect attire that's respectful of the sanctuary, it's a great time to embrace a more relaxed atmosphere. Jeans are welcome, the vibe is lighter, and we lean into the spirit of the season.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful summer. I'm always here if you need me, but if I don't respond right away, I might just be sittin' at the dock of the bay...wastin' time.

Or not - I do still have to work my day job.



Marty Gilbert Executive Director

"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but in thankfulness that he was." - Hebrew Proverb

June 15 marks the 25th Father's Day since my Dad, Elliott Gilbert z"l, passed and the first since my Father-in-Law, Irwin Festinger z"l, passed away in September 2024. It is difficult to imagine them both gone.

I learned so much from both professionally and personally. They valued their families above all else, but also they understood the value that every person has.

They both grew up in New York City. Elliott in Brooklyn and Irwin in the Bronx. They both got degrees from CCNY, and both served in the military after the Korean War. My Dad in the Army and my Father-in-Law in the Navy.

They both worked in multi-cultural environments. My Father in the garment industry selling thread and notions to small manufacturers and contractors around the tri-state area. My Father-in-Law working in retail with Lerner Shops in stores and districts as far north as New England.

I am very much a product of Dad. His life lessons and guidance helped me to become the person I am today; but Irwin helped before and after my Father passed away in 2000. His life experience, especially in business, helped me to create a successful retail career. They both taught me about how everyone makes a difference in the world.

They were exposed to many types of different people and different cultures. What they learned they taught to me: to deal with people honorably and treat everyone with respect and dignity, everyone has value, and it is our obligation to help support the needy and less fortunate people of the world both here and abroad.

I have hopefully taught my children to emulate that in their lives. What else can a good father do?

Happy Father's Day to All!



Rabbi Shalom Lewis

50+ Years of Etz Chaim's Achievements, Accomplishments and Milestones

- Male and female Chevra Kaddisha
- Challie Follies
- Daily morning and evening Minyan
- Blood Drive
- Religious School and Preschool
- Backpack Buddies Program
- Drive-through sukkah
- Holocaust Memorial Garden, Daffodil Garden
- Holocaust memorial service with the Catholic Church of St. Anne
- Political guest speakers, Governors, Senators, Congressmen, Mayors, Attorney General, Judges
- Touch Me Museum
- Mocha Mondays and Thursday Torah study
- Men's Club and Sisterhood
- Judaica and Gifts Shop
- Shabbat and Holiday services
- Scholar-in-Residence Weekends with world-class scholars
- Genizah
- Art Projects to support Lifeline for the Aged in Israel
- Congregational trips to Israel and Eastern Europe
- Memorial Program for Leo Frank
- Adult Education *Lilmode*
- Phillip's Library
- Movies at the Etz
- Meals for shiva
- Cotillion for our Hebrew School kids
- Summer camp
- Shul-wide Yard Sale
- Shiva Kits for mourners
- Support of the Uganda Jewish community
- Siyyum Sefer Torah
- Assorted Committees
- Financial assistance, gas money, bus tickets to those in need who come knocking on our door
- Support Masorti Movement in Israel
- Built an outdoor Menorah for Chanukah
- Softball team
- Hearing loop and ramp in the sanctuary
- Ruach Singers
- Countless B'nai Mitzvah, Brises, Baby Namings
- Host USY on Wheels
- Synagogue Retreat
- Host tours for visiting churches, schools, civic organizations
- Empty Nester/Senior programs with The Prime Timers and AgeWell
- Shabbos house for Shomer Shabbos guests

- Babysitting
- Outdoor prayer space
- Outdoor sukkah and all-purpose pavilion
- Train chazzanim and Torah readers
- Holiday treats for our local first responders
- Custodians of a Holocaust Torah
- Supply daveners for shivas
- Musical and dance events
- Food Drive for the Needy
- Jr. Congregation
- USY and Kadima groups
- Chavurot
- Veterans Day Shabbat, Gay Pride Shabbat
- Brisket sold for Pesach
- Members went to the Marietta Square to confront a Klan rally
- Visit Cobb schools and churches to teach Judaism
- Monthly Bulletin
- Braves Day
- Civil Rights trip to Selma and Montgomery
- Shabbat in the Park
- Art Festivals on the Roswell Square
- Made the New York Times and national news about a fake terrorist attack at a USY convention
- Kaddish and Torah reading at Auschwitz
- Community Seders
- Razzle Dazzle
- Evenings with Magicians and Comedians
- Lunch and Learn
- Arts and Crafts events of in-house talent
- Friday Carlbach service
- Playground
- Seeded leaders for other synagogues in Atlanta and beyond
- Provided leaders for the MJCCA, Federation, JF&CS, FIDF, Israel Bonds, AIPAC, AICC, ARA
- Mishloach Manot
- Welcome baskets
- Produced three Orthodox rabbis, three Conservative rabbis, one Reform rabbi
- A month of volunteers for Rebecca's Tent at Shearith Israel's Night Shelter
- Group Bat Mitzvah on Masada
- Built a building, expanded it twice, bought a house, bought a church, bought a soccer field
- Only two senior rabbis in fifty years

May God continue to bless our Holy Congregation for another 50 years. Nes Gadol Haya Po.



Lauren Chernau Preschool Director



By now, Camp Ruach is well on its way!

This summer we have camp groups full of kids not only from our preschool, but from our surrounding neighborhoods as well.

On any given day, you will see children happily engaging in water play on our outdoor classroom, science experiments and sensory activities, fun sports games and creative art experiences. They are making new friends, enjoying popsicles and singing and dancing each day. This summer we have adopted new themes, and we have invited special guests to entertain us each week.

Camp is such a great time to capitalize on the natural wonderment that children possess. During camp, when it rains, if there is no thunder or lightning, the children play in the rain. They are often seen splashing in puddles, reaching their arms up to the sky and trying to catch the raindrops as they fall. Children are busy making potions, building towers, creating art and discovering new finds every day.

Each day we watch as new friendships develop. We listen to the laughter and smile as we hear little voices shouting and singing the songs and chants that they have learned. During camp, time seems to go by more slowly, allowing the children to explore more, wonder a lot and play longer. We have tried to create an atmosphere that feels different than school but still respects our philosophy and our beliefs on how children learn best.

Our campers strengthen their communication skills, cognitive skills, motor skills and practice socializing and managing their emotions all while playing with each other.

Camp is such a happy place to be, filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm that seems to last all summer long!



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning Saturdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Babysitting is available on Shabbat when there is <u>no</u> other Youth Shabbat programming. Please check our <u>website calendar</u> or in the weekly EtzBlast for updates.

Etz Chaim Preschool Web Page



Camp Ruach! Dates to Remember:

Week 1: Water Wonders, June 3 - 6 (closed 6/2) Week 2: The Crazy Days of Summer, June 9 - 13 Week 3: Story Book Week, June 16 - 20 (closed 6/19) Week 4: Teddy Bear Picnic, June 23 - 27 Week 5: The Colorful Days of Summer, June 30 - July 3 (closed 7/4) Week 6: Outdoor Explorers, July 7 - 11 Week 7: Pirates and Princesses, July 14 - 18 Week 8: I Scream you Scream, we all Scream for Ice Crea, Icees, Popsicles and more! July 21 - 25 Week 9: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, July 28 - 30

Preschool Dates to Remember:

Thursday, August 10, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Preschool Meet and Greet Friday, August 11, First Day of Preschool

Camp Ruach! Registration Now Open



Preschool Registration Now Open!



Camp Ruach! & Preschool Registration





Education Dept. Photo Gallery

What a great year it has been! Thank you to all of our Preschool and Religious School parents and volunteers.

We wouldn't be who we are without you!













Maccabiah Games Last Day of Religious School











Religious School News

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming



The Whole Is Equal to the Sum of Its Parts

We've crossed the finish line and have begun the summer. It's a great time for our Religious School team to reflect on this past year and what helped to make it successful. It's clear and I want to say it LOUDLY that it's you - you are what made our year the one that it was.

From top to bottom, you have stepped up to help move things along in the smoothest manner possible. The first thing that comes to mind is snack bar. Whether you signed up at the very beginning of the school year or jumped in to cover us at the last minute, 20 parents joined in the snack bar festivities and helped pick up pizza and/or distribute it to our hungry kids.

An integral part of our 6th and 7th grade curriculum, field trips would not be possible without parent drivers, and seven different sets of parents stepped up to drive us to the various destinations. Nine parents volunteered to be room parents, and seven members of our community serve on the Religious School Board. Again, much of what we achieved would not have been possible without your support of our school and our teachers. Speaking of our teachers (and madrichim), they spent the year embracing new curriculum content and delivery, including parsha learning, making connections with Israel, and a Pesach-themed Shark Tank. Our Madrichim Team is comprised of Religious School graduates, and a whopping 82% of our teaching staff are members of Etz Chaim, which speaks volumes about who we are as a synagogue community and how we feel about educating the next generation of conservative Jews.

It's hard to express how very appreciative I am of all that you do for our school. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough. Please know that when you gave of your time to help in our Religious School, you have made a tremendous impact on all of us.

Even though we are in summer mode, don't forget to sign up for next school year by <u>clicking here</u> or scanning the QR code to the right.

Have a great summer!





Mazal Tov to Kitah Zayin for completing their B'nai Mitzvah studies!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates.

Remember to register your child(ren) up for Religious School. Early bird pricing ends on Sunday, June 15.

Monday, June 16 - July 15 - \$30 per child late fee assessed for Religious School Registration

Wednesday, July 16 - \$60 per child late fee assessed for Registration

Friday, August 22 - Shabbat in the Park

Sunday, August 24 - First Day of Religious School



Religious School Web Page

Youth Department

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming















Youth Department

Wishing much mazal to our Incoming Sababa USY Board Members:

President – Daniel Barchichat Israel Affairs Vice President – Evan Okrent Social Action/Tikkun Olam Vice President – Asher Barchichat Membership Vice President – Eli Slomovitz Communications Vice President – Ethan Greenberg

Mazal Tov for a job well done! Outgoing Sababa USY Board Members:

President – Kayla Kleinman RelEd – Daniel Barchichat IA – Molly Buchalter SATO – Evan Okrent MemKad – Bethany Rydell Comms – Jackson Powers

The Youth Department is looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year. Registration is now LIVE! Sign-up Today.



etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/form/ youthdepartmemberappl2025-2026





If you register before October 1, 2025 you will receive a free Youth Department t-shirt. If you register after October 1, 2025 there will be an additional fee of \$15 for a t-shirt (if you want one).

The price for USY is an all-in price, including all Wacky dinners, Limo Lock-in, social events, and Banquet for USY members.

Youth can "try-out" the events in August and September prior to becoming Youth Department members. After Rosh Hashanah you must be a Youth Department member to attend the events.

Our Caring Community



How Can We Help?

The Chesed Committee is expanding to help you navigate life's challenging times.



Contact Rabbi Dorsch at (770) 973-0137 or rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net to see how the Chesed Committee can help YOU or someone in your immediate family! Confidentiality respected.

IS THERE A NEW BABY IN YOUR HOUSE? Shalom Baby!

Once the synagogue has been notified, we're here to provide a warm welcome to the newest member of your family. We can suggest resources for a brit milah or a simchat bat, provide some nourishment for the whole family during those hectic first days and even provide your little one with some Etz Chaim "merch"!

DO YOUR CHILDREN NEED A LOCAL GRANDPARENT? Honorary Bubbes and Zaydes (Grandmothers and Grandfathers)

Sometimes grandparents live too far away for regular visits or even visits on special occasions; even local grandparents are sometimes unavailable. If you'd like your child or children to have the special gift of connection with a local bubbe or zayde, a savta or saba, we can arrange it!

WOULD YOU WELCOME A VISIT FROM A NEW FRIEND? Lev El Lev (Heart to Heart)

Sometimes illness, age, the death of a spouse or partner – even a new move to this area – can leave us feeling isolated and lonely. If you'd welcome the chance to meet a new friend, share a cup of coffee and maybe some life stories, we'd be happy to provide that friend for you!

DON'T FIGHT A MEDICAL BATTLE ALONE Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand)

If you're facing or battling a medical challenge, walk down that road hand-in-hand with someone who's already made that journey. A member of our congregation who has faced a similar medical issue can provide information, tips and other resources as you navigate the road ahead.

WOULD A VISIT LIFT YOUR SPIRITS? Bikkur Cholim (Visiting the III)

Time in the hospital, in rehab or during recuperation at home can be very long. A visit from a member of our congregation who comes with a smile -- and maybe even a joke or two -- can help break the boredom.

HAS A LOVED ONE PASSED AWAY? Nefesh L'Nefesh (Soul to Soul)

After the synagogue has been notified of the death of a congregant or a congregant's loved one, Nefesh L'Nefesh volunteers arrange a meal for the immediate family of the deceased after an in-town funeral. (Those congregants who observe shiva at home after an out-of-town funeral receive a fruit platter.) With our rabbis, we can also provide both short-and long-term resources to help you deal with loss and grief.

Men's Club

Men's Club is a vital part of our congregation. Our ongoing programs include:

- Supporting daily minyan
- Sponsoring picnics
- World Wide Wrap
- Providing scholarships
- Men's Club Shabbat
- Anshei Darom Retreat
- Synagogue Softball League
- Ushering for High Holidays
- Supporting the Holocaust Garden

Men's Club

Our goal is to provide our members with opportunities to meet one another and make new lasting friendships, support our community, and have fun during the process.

Join *Men's Club* and make a difference in our Etz Chaim community.

Get on our mailing list at: mensclub@etzchaim.net

President: Mathew Nathan, VP: Clifford Martin

How is it summer already? As we take a break for the summer, we'd like to take a moment to look back, before looking ahead. We started off by manning the grills at Shabbat in the Park and wrapped up the school year with an outing to see the Braves play.

In between, we:

- had a great turnout for Ribeyes with the Rabbis and are looking for an even bigger turnout this fall. Be on the lookout for a save-the-date.
- put on the "Best Breakfast in Town" to preview the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival. If you haven't attended before, this is a great opportunity to get a sneak peek at the movies coming out, as well as having the best breakfast (at least for the money) in the area.
- participated in the World Wide Wrap, where tens of thousands of Jews across the globe discuss and teach the meaning behind wrapping tefillin and morning prayers.
- prepared meals for our local first responders and Rebecca's Tent (at Shearith Israel)
- had fun at Trivia Night with Sisterhood
- attended the Anshei Darom annual regional retreat. Etz Chaim continues to offer grants to first-time attendees and younger members. Reach out for more information about next year.
- prepared and sold A LOT (300 pounds) of Brisket for Passover
- purchased yellow candles for Yom HaShoah and for evening Minyanim. We received over \$250 in donations on Yom HaShoah.

The Men's Club Braves game was a success for both the Etz Chaim Men's Club and the Atlanta Braves. The Men's Club sold 30 tickets to the May 4 game at Truist Park against the LA Dodgers. Everyone in attendance had a great time. In Star Wars Day fashion, the Force was with the Atlanta Braves, and they defeated the Dodgers with a score of 4 to 3. The Force was also with Austin Riley of the Braves as he hit two home runs in the Braves' victory.

Coming up this summer:

- FJMC National Convention is July 3-6, where Alan Lightstone will be recognized for all he has done for our chapter and the region.
- End of summer Family Bowling outing on August 17. See page 23 for more information and to RSVP.
- Men's Club Master Grillers will once again be grilling for Shabbat in the Park on August 22. Have a great summer, and we hope you will join us at a future event.
- Save the weekend, April 17-19, 2026, for the annual Anshei Darom Region Men's Club Retreat.

Do you have an idea about an event? Shoot us an email and let's discuss. We are actively looking for more social opportunities for our members to come socialize with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mathew Nathan (<u>mattynathan@gmail.com</u>) or Clifford Martin (<u>cliffordwmartin@gmail.com</u>).

President: Mathew Nathan VP: Clifford Martin

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club! <u>mensclub@etzchaim.net</u>











Sisterhood Scoop

Sisterhood Minyan Makers:

Join Sisterhood on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. as we help make a minyan for those saying Kaddish for a loved one.

Judaica and Gifts Shop:

Summer store hours are by appointment only. Please contact <u>Lauren Gray</u> for information at: <u>giftshop@etzchaim.net</u>.

JNF Trees for Israel:

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood Grove in Israel. For more information, contact <u>Sandy Bailey</u> or the <u>Gift Shop</u>.

Want to know more about Sisterhood?

Please contact <u>Dani Oren</u> at (770) 630-2254 or <u>Phyllis Silverstein</u> at (404) 643-8678.

Centerpiece Rental:

Consider using our beautiful new topiary centerpieces for your Friday night dinner, Kiddush luncheon or Saturday evening affair. Contact the Gift Shop for more information.



Sisterhood WhatsApp:

Join our WhatsApp Community and stay connected! You will be able to receive updates, chat with Sisterhood members, and join subgroups organized by topic such as Monthly Minyan and Book Club. Please complete <u>this</u> form to join our Community. Need assistance? Contact <u>Karen</u> in the synagogue office.

Torah Fund - Support Women's League Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the Conservative Institutes of Higher Jewish Learning. This year's pin, *Am Yisrael Chai* (The People of Israel Live), is a statement of solidarity for our Jewish nation and the continuity of our people. For information on donations and giving levels, contact Sandy Bailey at (770) 490-7874 or by email at jbsandy10@gmail.com.

Sisterhood is excited to start a new year with our new board. We want to wish a hearty Mazal Tov to the 2025-2026 Sisterhood Board.

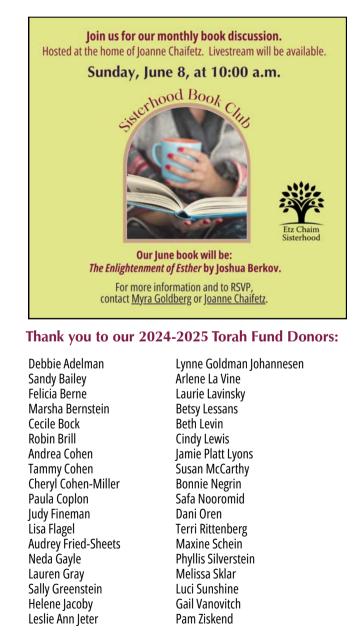
Co-Presidents: *Dani Oren and Phyllis Silverstein* VP Ways & Means: *Alison Barrack* VP Programming: *Linda Diamond and Paula Coplon* VP Membership: *Debbie Adelman* Director of Operations: *Tamar England* Recording Secretary: *Marnie Nadolne* VP Torah Fund: *Sandy Bailey* Interim Treasurer: *Reba Bachrach* Gift Shop: *Lauren Gray* Parliamentarian: *Helaine Mark*

We hope to see you at our Kick-Off Event! Have a wonderful summer.

Am Yisrael Chai,

Dani Oren and Phyllis Silverstein Sisterhood Co-Presidents





B'nai Mitzvah

The Voice features information on upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. If your child has a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the coming months, we would like to feature your child's:

- **Biographical information**
- School information Photo
- D'var Torah Ouote
 - Mitzvah Project

To have your child's simcha included in the Voice, please email the Bio form which is included in the B'nai Mitzvah Handbook from the Religious School along with a high-resolution photo to Bernice in the synagogue office.



Mitzvah

College Connection

Mazal Tov to our Graduating High School Seniors!

Etz Chaim's College Connection lets our undergraduate students know that their synagogue family is thinking about them. College Connection celebrates Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim by sending Jewish holiday "care packages" to our college students.

Sign up online to pay the \$36 registration fee and provide the details on where to mail your student's care packages, and we'll do the rest! Additional donations accepted as well. Click here to go to the College Connection Information Form.

For more information regarding College Connection, contact our co-chairs, Edye Mahaffey and Beth Walter, at EtzChaimCollegeConnection@gmail.com.

Lilmode: Adult Education



Our goal is to offer programs and classes that provide our congregants with an array of lewish learning opportunities. We have purposefully chosen a variety of enriching experiences so every member can benefit from courses, classes, and lectures. If you have a class idea for Lilmode, please feel free to contact Steve Birch.

Roots Groups



Have you heard about Roots, Etz Chaim's interest-based small groups initiative?

All you need is a volunteer leader and five committed members to form a group. You decide when and where. Have a question about joining or creating a Roots Group? Contact us in the synagogue office.

Schmooze on Zoom Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to chat and make social connections with friendly, non-aggressive chitchat, we are looking for you!

All topics are welcome, except for politics. Drop in any time and leave whenever you wish.

All are welcome...anyone of any age, looking to connect with others. If you are looking for some adult stimulation and conversation, are homebound, in the hospital, home with your children, or just want to schmooze with friendly faces, we are here for you!

To join the conversation, please contact Esther Shultz or call her at (678) 462-2373 for the Zoom link.

Our Etz Chaim Community



Have News You'd Like to Share?

Please submit community news to <u>Bernice Isaac</u> in the synagogue office.

Welcome to our Etz Chaim Family

- Rachel and Ben Salba | Rachel: (216) 536-5093 | Ben: (248) 730-7727 rachelsalba@gmail.com | bsalba@gmail.com
- Leah and Aaron Coonley | Leah: (678) 637-2598 | Aaron: (610) 574-2832 coonleyl@gmail.com | coonleya@gmail.com
- JoEllen Smith | (404) 414-6089 | joanellensmith@gmail.com

Mazal Tov Wishes

- Sharon and Alan Lightstone and Elyse and David Shaw on the birth of their grandson, Ronen Bailey, born April 23, to Jenna and Ian Shaw. Mazal Tov to Uncle Jordan Lightstone.
- Debbie and Gary Deutsch on the birth of their grandson, and to Lou Rosengarten, on the birth of his great-grandson Samson, born March 4, to Virginia and Craig Deutsch. Mazal Tov to great-aunt and -uncle, Marcy and Elliott Rosengarten.
- Lauren and Robert Gray on the birth of their granddaughter, Finley Eloise, born May 25, to Jessica and Michael Gray

Cell Phone Update

Josh Levetan (404) 966-7997

Correction: Mazal Tov to Abby and Daniel Vines on the birth of their <u>granddaughter</u>, Charlie.

Shout Outs

- Sarah Salamon and Sarala Waller for their excellent cooking and decorating skills, along with preparing the meals and set-ups for M&M Shabbat.
- Thank you to Michael Karp for delivering our food donations to JF&CS each month.
- Thank you to our office volunteers: Lauren Gray, Ron Judenberg, Karen Keeter and Linda Weinroth
- Thank you to the "office recycling team" for their weekly collection of paper. To join

the team, contact <u>Maxine Schein</u> at maxine.ketura@gmail.com.

• Thank you to all of our minyanaires (picture to the right) for their support of our morning and evening minyanim. We are also grateful to our congregants who have stepped up to lead the davening of our regular daily minyan.



Young Adults

Congregation Etz Chaim's Young Adults Group is open to Jews in their 20's and 30's. Synagogue membership is not necessary; however, a reduced membership is offered and includes a High Holiday ticket. Programs vary from social events, holiday programs and social action opportunities. Events take place at Etz Chaim, as well as locations around the city of Atlanta.

If you are interested in learning more about our Young Adults Group or would like to be added to our email list, please contact <u>Anne Still</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>.



Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. - Trivia at Mutation Brewing, 5825 Roswell Rd., NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 Free to attend | Trivia starts at 7:30 p.m., recommend arrival for parking by 7:00 p.m. | First pitcher on on the house from Etz Chaim Young Adults!

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/YAMutantTrivia



Sunday, July 6, 11:00 a.m. - 4th of July Ladybird Grove and Mess Hall Brunch Meetup, 684 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., NE Unit J, Atlanta, GA 30312. First round on Etz Chaim for the first 3 registrants. RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/YALadybird



Friday, August 15, 7:00 p.m. - Moon Taxi at Sandy Springs City Green, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 Bring your own picnic blankets and/or lawn chairs | Free admission | Food trucks available | Opening act at 7:30 p.m., Moon Taxi at 8:30 p.m. BSUP: otschaimate shullowed com (ovent (VAMoonTaxi

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/YAMoonTaxi

Shabbat Friday, August 22, 5:30 p.m. Shabbat in the Park, East Cobb Park Join us for this congregation-wide Shabbat experience in the park. Keep an eye out for more information on this special kickoff event in the weekly Etz Blast.

Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

- We mourn the loss of Milton Saul, beloved father of Michael Saul
- We mourn the loss of Sheralyn Rosenblum, beloved mother of Stacy Regitsky
- We mourn the loss of Doris Goldstein Goodman, beloved mother of Nancy Miller
- We mourn the loss of Ellen Katz Feinberg, beloved sister of Margie Sonshein
- and aunt of Ray Sonshein and Julie Schlosberg • We mourn the loss of Linda Silverstein, beloved mother of Laurie Sonshein
- We mourn the loss of Norden Wetstone, beloved father of Jordan Wetstone

We Remember

- Memorialize a loved one with a *plaque* on our Yahrzeit Wall in the Radow Sanctuary or with a brick in our Holocaust Memorial Garden. For more information on purchasing a plaque, contact **Betsy Fitzwater**.
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Shabbat Honors Reminders

- Do you have a milestone birthday, anniversary, or another significant life event? Observing a yahrzeit? •
- Being called to the Torah is a great way to commemorate the occasion whether honoring a simcha or honoring the memory of a loved one. •
- We also honor those who have volunteered at the synagogue to mark a job well done. •
- Please reach out to Glynis Okrent to schedule a Shabbat honor. •

June Yahrzeits

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1-June	Chester Deutsch 5 Sivan
1-June	Edward Buxbaum 5 Sivan
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*1-June	Risa Saffran 5 Sivan
1-June	Rita Alexander 5 Sivan
*1-June	Sadie Frankel 5 Sivan
1 Juno	Samuel Cohon 5 Sivan
1-June	Samuel Cohen 5 Sivan
*2-June	Claire Hammer 6 Sivan
*2-June	Edward Resnick 6 Sivan
*2-June	Ella Furst 6 Sivan
2-lune l	Kalman Becker 6 Sivan
*2-June	Netty Becker 6 Sivan
*3-June	Julius S. Spector 7 Sivan
*3-June	Paul Berman 7 Sivan
4-June	Nate Persky 8 Siyan
4-June	Nate Persky 8 Sivan Rita Schor 8 Sivan
*4-June	Robert Cohen 8 Sivan
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4-June	Rosalyn Cohen 8 Sivan
4-June	Ruth Berg 8 Sivan
5-June	Martin Ravitz 9 Sivan
5-June	Sandy Bernstein 9 Sivan Bassie Kron 10 Sivan
*6-June	Bassie Kron 10 Sivan
6-June	Bertha Freed 10 Sivan
*6-June	Elliot Ierome Pollack 10 Sivan
6-June	Irving Kravitz 10 Sivan
6-June	Julius Beer 10 Sivan
6-June	Mary Parolisi 10 Sivan
*6-June	Miriam Isaacs 10 Sivan
*6-June	Philip Goldstein 10 Sivan
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6-June	Ruth Rappeport 10 Sivan
*6-June	Shalom Mouallem 10 Sivan
7-June	Arlene Sukloff 11 Sivan Arthur Turner 11 Sivan
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7-June	Clifford Weiss 11 Sivan
7-June	Herman Mitchell 11 Sivan
7-June	Jack Kirshstein 11 Sivan
*7-June	Marion Kroungold 11 Sivan
8-June	Leon Lubeck 12 Sivan
8-June	Sidney November 12 Sivan
9-June	Leah Safer 13 Sivan
*9-June	Marlene Mitchell 13 Sivan
9-June	Mildred Meiselman 13 Sivan
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9-June	Robert Vexler 13 Sivan Anne Dinin 14 Sivan
10-June	Anne Dillin 14 Sivan
10-June	George Weinroth 14 Sivan

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10-June	Samuel Cohen 14 Sivan
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11-June	Abraham Bodenstein 15 Sivan
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12-June	Evalyn Ginsburg 16 Sivan
12-June	Marvin Berk 16 Sivan
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13-June	Barbara Levin 17 Sivan
14-June	Lillian Cohen 18 Sivan
*14-June	Morris Schneider 18 Sivan
14-June	Philip Sultzer 18 Sivan
14-June	Susan Hoffman 18 Sivan
*15-June	Abraham Bernkhont L 19 Siyan
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*16-June	Harold Bowman 20 Sivan
*16-June	Herb Dalmat 20 Sivan
16-June	Milton I. Zlotin 20 Sivan
16-June	Zoe Cohen 20 Sivan
*17-June	Bea Stadtler 21 Sivan
*17-June	Louis Coltman 21 Sivan
*17-June	Tillie Cohen 21 Sivan
*18-June	Adele (Dolly) Zucker 22 Sivan
10-june	Arlana Millar 1 22 Sivan
18-June	Arlene Miller 22 Sivan Charlotte Berg 22 Sivan
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18-June	EISIE BLOUSKY ZZ SIVALI
18-June	Harry Kaplan 22 Sivan
19-June	Barry Garron 23 Sivan
20-June	Edythe Simon 24 Sivan
*20-June	Phillip Rosenberg 24 Sivan
20-June	Ruth Dickson 1 24 Sivan
21-June	Ruth Dickson 24 Sivan Alan Shultz 25 Sivan
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21-June	Carl Isbitts 25 Sivan
*21-June	Carl Lambert 25 Sivan
*21-June	Diana Robbins 25 Sivan
21-June	Gerald Sheftel 25 Sivan
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23-June	Elliott B. Gilbert 27 Sivan
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*24-June	Fritz Eden 28 Sivan
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24-June	Joel Kummins 28 Sivan
24-June	Paul Cohen 28 Sivan
*25-June	Marny Liebschutz 29 Sivan
25-June	Morton Berg 29 Sivan
26-June	Anette Tinter Easton 30 Sivan
26-June	Carol Schulman 30 Sivan
*26-June	Charles Schweitzer 30 Sivan
*26-lune	Daniel Goldman 30 Sivan
*26-lune	Herman Yucht 30 Siyan
*26-June	Howard D. Goldman 30 Sivan
26-June	Margie B. Greenberg 1 30 Sivan
26-June	Margie B. Greenberg 30 Sivan Martin Friedner 30 Sivan
26-June	Mildred Itzkowitz 30 Sivan
27-June	Annette Felson 1 Tammuz
27-June	Frances Levy 1 Tammuz
*27-June	Joseph Schwarz 1 Tammuz
27-June	Joyce Barbara Isbitts 1 Tammuz
27-June	Linda Greene 1 Tammuz
27-June	Louis Cohen 1 Tammuz
*27-June	Marjorie Liebschutz 1 Tammuz
27-June	Morris Steiner 1 Tammuz
*27-June	Rose Goldstein Alter 1 Tammuz
*28-June	Belle Resnick 2 Tammuz
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28-June	Joan Slovin 2 Tammuz
28-June	Leo Mayers 2 Tammuz
*28-June	Louis Silverberg 2 Tammuz
28-June	Marc Ebel 2 Tammuz
*28-June	Sylvia Schulberg 2 Tammuz
29-June	Abraham Moe Richman 3 Tammuz
29-June	Alex Rothbard 3 Tammuz
*29-June	Archie Struhl 3 Tammuz
29-June	Herbert Kaplan 3 Tammuz
29-June	Pauline Kahn 3 Tammuz
30-June	Barbara Goodman 4 Tammuz
30-June	Dorothy Halperin 4 Tammuz
30-June	Marc Sheinbein 4 Tammuz
30-June	Marcia Sheftel Sarachek 4 Tammuz
30-June	Samuel Binder 4 Tammuz
Julie	

Condolences and Yahrzeits



July Yahrzeits

*1-July | Burnett Roth | 5 Tammuz 1-July | Sara Grunfeld | 5 Tammuz 2-July | Betty Lipson | 6 Tammuz 2-July | Eugene Allen | 6 Tammuz *2-July | Irv Sonshein | 6 Tammuz 2-July | Leon Harrison | 6 Tammuz *2-July | Manfred Heinemann | 6 Tammuz *2-July | Morris Cohen | 6 Tammuz 3-July | Harold Greenblatt | 7 Tammuz *3-July | Robert Sukloff | 7 Tammuz 4-July | Audrey Nathan | 8 Tammuz Bert Karol | 8 Tammuz 4-July *4-July | Henry Becker | 8 Tammuz Philip Gordon | 8 Tammuz 4-July | Alice Kopen | 8 Tammuz 4-July *4-July | Lilly Wanuck | 8 Tammuz *5-July | David Kaplan | 9 Tammuz 5-July | Sarah Krieger | 9 Tammuz Sonia Rosenberg | 9 Tammuz 5-July Diane F. Gilbert | 9 Tammuz 5-July 6-July | Leonard Kornbluth | 10 Tammuz *6-July | Phillip Morris | 10 Tammuz 7-July | Benjamin Karp | 11 Tammuz 7-July | Marcos Beker | 11 Tammuz *8-July | Jack Rabinowitz | 12 Tammuz *8-July | Claire Mitchell | 12 Tammuz *8-July | Albert Easton | 12 Tammuz 9-July | Bertram Greenberg | 13 Tammuz *9-July |Ellen Friedman | 13 Tammuz *9-July | Rachel Grodin | 13 Tammuz 10-July | Dean Coleman | 14 Tammuz *10-July | Moshe Welt | 14 Tammuz 10-July | Roger Waterman | 14 Tammuz 10-July | Lois Gordon | 14 Tammuz 10-July | Lorene Shaw | 14 Tammuz *10-July | Barbara Cohen | 14 Tammuz *11-July | Albert Aronson | 15 Tammuz *11-July | Garry La Vine | 15 Tammuz

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*10 July	Arling Mandel Friedman 16 Tammuz
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12-July	Barbara Festinger 16 Tammuz
*13-July	
13-July	Helen Avni 17 Tammuz
13-July	Irving Adelman 17 Tammuz
13-July	Robert "Bob" Kirschner 17 Tammuz
13-July	Ana Gelbs Sapoznik 17 Tammuz
13-July	Betty Lipsey Goldenberg 17 Tammuz
*13-July	Edna Frankel 17 Tammuz
14-July	Sidney Davis 18 Tammuz
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16-July	Barry Adelman 20 Tammuz
16-July	Bernard Friedrich 20 Tammuz
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*16-July	Stephanie Mitchell 20 Tammuz
16-July	Jayne Adair 20 Tammuz
*17-July	Beverly Mandel 21 Tammuz
*17-July	Elaine Sandak 21 Tammuz
17-July	Marcia Stone 21 Tammuz
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*18-July	Allen Robbins 22 Tammuz
*18-July	Arthur Robbins 22 Tammuz
18-July	Mildred Swartzman 22 Tammuz
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*20-July	Felix Louis Rand 24 Tammuz
*21-July	Polly Boardman 25 Tammuz
*22-July	Irving Greenspon 26 Tammuz
22-July 22-July	Joshua Sirkin 26 Tammuz
*22-July	Sulvia Eriodman 26 Tammuz
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*23-July	Howard Levy 27 Tammuz

23-July | Irwin Yonks | 27 Tammuz 23-July Margaret Rosenzweig | 27 Tammuz 24-July | Alvin Greenberg | 28 Tammuz *24-July Barbara Briks | 28 Tammuz *24-July Frederick Miner | 28 Tammuz 24-July Harriet Kaplinsky | 28 Tammuz 24-July Michael Hersh | 28 Tammuz *24-July Robert Fruchtman | 28 Tammuz *24-July | Selma Friedman Cohen | 28 Tammuz 24-July Ethel Kravitz | 28 Tammuz 25-July | Aaron Epstein | 29 Tammuz 25-July | Arthur Hoffman | 29 Tammuz *25-July Isidor Barkan | 29 Tammuz 25-July Morton Mandell | 29 Tammuz *26-July Rosalind Klein | 1 Av 26-July Suzanne Levine | 1 Av 27-July Frances Misnuner | 2 Av 27-July Herman Peskin | 2 Av 27-July Lawrence Salba | 2 Av 27-July Selma Barman | 2 Av *27-July Bertha Sachs | 2 Av 28-July Maj. Alfred E. Isaac | 3 Av 28-July David Sabin | 3 Av 29-July Charlotte Friedrich | 4 Av 29-July Ellen Levin Adler | 4 Av *29-July Effie Becker | 4 Av *29-July Gertrude Gronsbell | 4 Av 29-July Susan Dermer | 4 Av *30-July Eleanor M. Cohen | 5 Av 30-July Rosie Riesenberg | 5 Av Ruth Epstein | 5 Av 30-July 30-July Dorothy Cohen | 5 Av *30-July Sylvia Pomerantz | 5 Av Alan Mark Jacobs | 6 Av 31-July 31-July Issie Katz | 6 Av *31-July Oscar Adelman | 6 Av *31-July | Mildred Wachter | 6 Av

The Prime Timers



The Prime Timers are an affinity group of congregants who are 55+ in age and/or no longer have children living at home and are in the prime of their lives. They build new friendships and enjoy social and cultural events by coming together for monthly programs.

Past events have included: Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Historical and Museum Tours, Vodka and Latkes, Brunch, Trivia Night, and Dance parties with live music.

Want more information about this affinity group? Contact one of the co-chairs: Gail Vanovitch or Andrea Cohen.

Join the Prime Timers Planning Team!

Etz Chaim's Prime Timers Group is a social organization for any adult age 55 or older. We kick off our year with a Welcome Brunch and we hold a big dance each winter. Other events we have planned are a Trivia Night, Game Day, Shabbat Dinner, Havdalah/Sing Along and more. We're looking for a few more congregants to share their ideas and energy as part of the Prime Timers planning committee. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to either <u>Andrea Cohen</u>, andreacohen@ramahdarom.org, or <u>Gail</u> <u>Vanovitch</u>, gailvan14@gmail.com.



Sponsored by AgeWell and Etz Chaim

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Join us for fun and games with AgeWell. Free and open to the community. Questions? Contact <u>Bernice Mellman</u>.

The Prime Timers Annual Report:

We had a successful year of programming and we had:

- a very successful Shabbat Dinner with 68 attendees
- the always popular welcome brunch
- a wine tasting on the second day of Sukkot
- a game day with 25 people having a fun afternoon
- almost 100 people at our annual dance
- 25 people attend our inaugural Havdalah and Sing Along

See page 22 for our Prime Timers Fall Welcome Brunch Bash on August 17!



Holiday Information



Upcoming Holidays

Erev Shavuot

Sunday, June 1 6:30 p.m. Minyan 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Tikkun Leil Shavuot - To RSVP, <u>click here</u>.

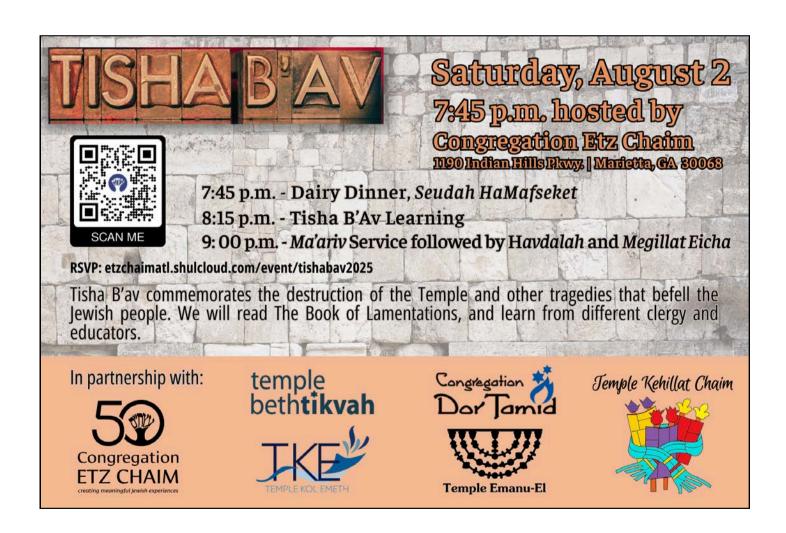
Shavuot Services and Yizkor

Monday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m., Water Festival - off-site

Shavuot Services/Morning Minyan, followed by a morning of study Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 a.m.

Fast of the 17th Day of Tammuz Sunday, July 13

Tisha B'Av Saturday, August 2 6:30 p.m. Minyan 7:45 p.m. Seudah HaMafseket, Learning and Havdalah



Social Action/ Tikkun Olam



At Etz Chaim, we care about the world around us. Through a variety of opportunities within Etz Chaim and the greater Atlanta community, Tikkun Olam is one of the cornerstones of Jewish tradition.

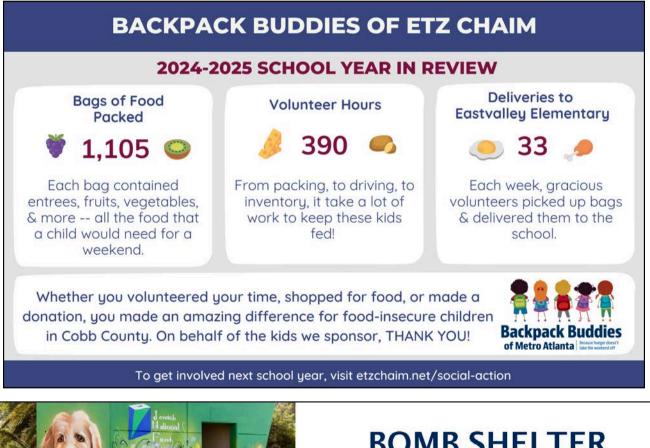
We continue to participate in the following annual events:

- Hunger Walk benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Kosher Pantry
- Knitting scarfs with our Sisterhood to provide warmth to our friends at MUST Ministries
- Cooking meals for the residents at Rebecca's Tent, a women's shelter, during the month of February
- Men's Club/Social Action annual blood drive with Life South
- Monthly food drive for the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS
- Educational programs on anti-sex trafficking and protecting your child from predators

If you have suggestions or would like to get involved in *Social Action* programs, please feel free to contact <u>Sharon Lightstone</u>, chair.



Join the "Office Recycling Team" for their weekly collection of paper at the shul - to join the team, contact <u>Maxine Schein</u>, maxine.ketura@gmail.com.



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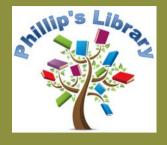
Etz Chaim is providing Safety in Times of Need

With a total gift of \$10,000, **Etz Chaim** an sponsor the painting of a bomb shelter and brighten the spirits of local residents.

WE ARE AT 65%! PLEASE HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ISRAEL! DON'T FORGET, THIS IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

DONATE TODAY AT: https://my.jnf.org/synagoguepaintshelters/CongregationEtzChaim

Phillip's Library News



Phillip's Library was refreshed and dedicated in memory of Phillip Michael Silverman on September 10, 2017.

Our library catalog is <u>available online</u>. You can look to see what books are available in our library anytime, day or night, by accessing our catalog.

There are lots of great books and DVDs available at Phillip's Library for children and adults!

Stop by the library and browse anytime except during Religious School hours. Just follow the directions on the circulation desk to self-check out books.



Book returns go in the return slot at the circulation desk.

Suggestions are welcome for new Jewish books to purchase for the library.

You can also locate the link to the online library catalog on the home page of Etz Chaim's website under the Learning tab, then, Library from the main menu bar.

Phillip's Library Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024-2025:

- 425 books checked out this year
- 3671 books in Phillip's Library Collection with 140 new books added this year
- 1730 Books for Adults: Fiction & Nonfiction (including Biographies, Genealogy, and Reference)
- 1941 Books for Children: (including Chapter books for Children (Grades K-4) and Young Adults (Grades 5-12), Picture Books, and Nonfiction (including General Nonfiction and Biographies)
- The K-2 children in the Religious School enjoyed storytime and library book checkout again this year. Books were also purchased to support the Sisterhood Book Club.

BOOK DONATIONS: Please DO NOT leave book donations on the library check-out desk or in the synagogue office. If you have gently used Jewish books from the last ten years you would like to donate, please contact Janice Levine at levines2000@comcast.net.

THANK YOU TO OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS! This fiscal year's volunteers are Lisa Dubovy, Erica Fox, Patsy Schneider, and Maddy Rothbard. Our library cannot function without the help of its wonderful volunteers.

NEED SOME SUMMER READING?

Why not check out some books for adults and some for kids at Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim to read over the summer? We have lots of great books to choose from. Stop by and browse anytime the synagogue is open.

WEBSITES

Check out these websites for some summer activities for children and adults.

For Kids: https://pjlibrary.org/home

For Adults:

The Jewish Guide to the Internet has great weblinks for teenagers and adults alike <u>https://www.jewishinternetguide.com</u>

For Everyone:

Jacob Richman's homepage has activities for children and adults. Learn Hebrew, play games, etc. at https://jr.co.il/

	Did you know you can do all of these things online?
REMINDER	 Pay your dues Make donations
REMINDER	RSVP for programs
	Update your family profile
REMINDER	Utilize the online directory for emails, phone numbers, and addresses of our congregants
M	View the synagogue calendar
	For assistance, contact Karen Chauvin in the synagogue office or
	call her at (770) 973-0137.

Chavurot Are Happening!

We welcome you to create your own chavurah or let us place you in a newly forming friendship group.

We are building communities together!

- Build treasured friendships
- Variety of activities
- Explore Atlanta
- Try new foods and restaurants
- Celebrate the holidays

Join Us!

For more information, reach out to Felicia Berne or Suzanne Rivchun or visit our website and fill out our online interest form.

etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/form/chavurot



We have a new name, day and time! Stitch 'n' Kibbitz with Rabbi Adler

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of stitching and kibbitzing! Bring your cross-stitch, needlepoint, and knitting for this weekly activity in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall.

All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

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2024-25

1,300 likes/1,700 followers 494 members 295 likes/295 followers 427 likes/448 followers 54 likes/60 followers 125 likes/136 followers 312 likes/324 followers 135 likes/137 followers 155 members

394 followers 274 followers

2023-24

1,300 likes/1,669 followers 483 members 281 likes/277 followers 404 likes/425 followers 53 likes/61 followers 123 likes/127 followers 308 likes/318 followers 129 likes/134 followers

369 followers 256 followers

78 Subscribers

YouTube (@congregationetzchaim-marie4670) 101 subscribers

Like and follow these two new pages! Keep an eye out for WhatsApp reminders, coming soon! Etz Chaim Young Adults - New Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/yaetzchaim Etz Chaim Young Adults - Now on Instagram: @etzya_marietta

Want to be "in the know"?... Like Us, Follow Us, Share Us!

Upcoming Events at The Etz

Save these dates for theses upcoming August events at Etz Chaim. We have great family activities coming up sooner than you think!





Join the Prime Timers for our annual Welcome Brunch Bash

Sunday, August 17 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$18 per person



Join us for a **wonderful breakfast** filled with **fun** and **games**! Celebrate and connect with friends old and new at our annual welcome brunch!

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/ptbrunch2025



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In appreciation of:

Barney Epstein, for your contributions to the silent auction

Aram Blankenship

Aram Blankenship for everything (and we mean everything) you did to make Eric and Lin's day special

Debbie and Gary Deutsch

In memory of:

my father, William Bachrach **Reba and Bob Bachrach**

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Lynn and Bob Sustak on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Liam Downey

Jessica and Rob Miller on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Harrison, and the grandson of Vivian and Allan Levine

Elyse and David Shaw on the birth of their grandson

Sharon and Alan Lightstone on the birth of their grandson

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Sharon and Alan Lightstone, Elyse and David Shaw

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my amazing Etz Chaim family's golden 50th anniversary. Feeling so blessed to be a part of such an amazing Shul. With love and Hashem blessings, miracles in good health to all of us with a lot of future success. 🚽

Galina Barshav

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my mother, Lottie Hartnig Fern and Richard Hartnig

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Cheryl and David Miller

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In memory of:

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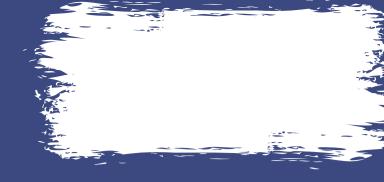
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