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Shabbat in the Park

at East Cobb Park

Friday, August 22

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.



Kick off the new year at our signature event at East Cobb Park.

Join us for schmoozing, fun, games, and dinner made by our Men's Club Master Grillers, as well as a beautiful Shabbat service.

This is a multi-generational event, so...

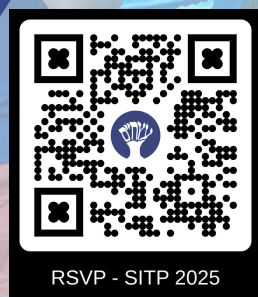
bring your family, friends (prospective members), picnic blankets, drinks (water provided) and chairs!

Cost: \$18 per person in advance/Day of \$20 per person
\$45 per family in advance/Day of \$50 per family

Looking to volunteer? Sign up when you register.
We need assistance with shopping and food preparation,
set-up and break down.

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/ShabbatPark2025>

Please note, this will be the only service for Shabbat evening.



RSVP - SITP 2025

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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*)

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Dan Dorsch

Rabbi

Why do rabbis go on vacation?

There's something that they don't tell you when you are in rabbinical school: that when you become a rabbi, at least in public, you lose a part of your identity. The title of rabbi carries not a small bit of gravitas. When I call a meeting in my office, I joke that I have a home court advantage that is even greater than the Los Angeles Lakers in the playoffs.

Then, I go away for part of the summer.

At Ramah Darom, I am one of a dozen rabbis on staff. Although I am on the teaching staff, most rabbis actually do other things: from photography to water skiing. We organize a "holy rollers" poker game at night (don't worry, it's not as high stakes as Rabbi Lewis' poker game), and organize a special Oneg for 75 rabbis' kids to eat junk food and attend what is ostensibly a large therapy session to complain about their parents.

After camp, the Dorsch family then jet sets off to visit our respective families in Winnipeg and Philadelphia. As you can imagine, in Winnipeg, my in-laws do their utmost to make sure that I never forget that I am married to their wonderful daughter. We spend Shabbat in Winnipeg Beach, where I go daven in a little 75-year-old synagogue that is literally no bigger than my office. I don't give a sermon. I agree to lead Musaf, but only because it comes with the promise of some schnapps, Diet Coke, and a schmoo tort for kiddush. Our kids spend the duration of their time playing with their cousins, and I get a little light reading in.

Philadelphia is not all that different. This year, my father turned 70, and so my siblings and I miraculously managed to coordinate a weekend that worked for all of our families to surprise him. I say miraculously because my brother is also a rabbi, and my other brother is a Jewish day school principal, which makes scheduling any mutually agreeable weekend easier said than done. When we get together, we go to all of our familiar haunts (Cheryl Eppsteiner will vouch for all of our favorite local stops in Bethany Beach, Delaware) and catch up with lifelong friends who wouldn't call me rabbi if their lives depended on it.

Of course, it's not just rabbis. In a world where everyone wears a kind of facade, it's important for all of us to have sacred places where we get to be ourselves. Teachers need to go places where they won't run into their students. Doctors go on holidays where they won't get asked for medical advice in the grocery store.

Our rabbis talk about the difference between kodesh and chol, the sacred and the ordinary. I love living my life in the conventional sacred space 97.5% of the time. But there's also something sacred about living in the ordinary come summertime.



Jonathon Adler

Assistant Rabbi

The weather this summer here in East Cobb has been unpredictable, to say the least. Many days, although the forecast has told us to expect clear skies, there have been short but intense storms - thunder, lightning, intense rain. I'll admit to having been caught a few times without an umbrella.

One recent evening, I was on my way home. The forecast that morning called for only a small chance of rain. As I was driving, I turned a corner and suddenly saw a beautiful rainbow arcing through the sky in front of me. It was, beyond a doubt, the brightest, most intense, and longest-lasting rainbow I've ever seen. I cannot begin to tell you how stunning it was, nor how happy it made me to watch that rainbow for the ten minutes or so that I got to see it. It was truly something special.

There's a blessing we say upon seeing a rainbow:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם זֹכֵר הַבְּרִית וְנֹאֲמָן בְּבְרִיתוֹ וְקִים בְּמַאֲמָרוֹ.

Baruch atah Adonai Elkeinu melech ha'olam zocher habrit v'ne'eman bivrito v'kayam b'ma'amaro.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who remembers the Covenant, and is faithful to the Covenant, and keeps God's Promise.

The blessing refers to the Covenant God made with Noah after the flood. The rainbow, ethereal and ephemeral, is a symbol God placed in the sky to remind us all of God's promise to never again destroy humanity with a flood.

Of course, I said that blessing when I saw that rainbow in the sky. In that moment, I also thought about the rains we've had this summer here at home and in so many parts of our country, where they have wreaked havoc in their aftermath. But this rainbow and its blessing reminded me that God's covenant with Noah, and indeed, God's covenant with us, still holds.

This particular rainbow I saw, perhaps obviously, reminded me of other times when I have seen a rainbow, which hasn't been often. It was the first time I saw one in Georgia, and accordingly, felt extra special. I was fortunate to experience this arc of colors, a wonderful benefit of the many microstorms we've experienced over the summer. I hope there are many more to come.



Elliot Okrent

President

"No change, I can change, I can change, I can change, but I'm here in my mold, I am here in my mold; But I'm a million different people from one day to the next, I can't change my mold, no no, no no, no, no, no." – The Verve (Bittersweet Symphony)

I'm not usually one for serious or deep books, especially in my free time. Life is already full of stress, news, and noise, so I tend to keep things light when I can. Comedies, quick reads, easy shows. But every once in a while, a book comes along that makes me think, OK... this might actually be helpful.

Many years ago, that book was *Crucial Conversations* by Joseph Grenny. It was a total game changer for how I communicate. Last month though, I picked another one that might just land in the same category. It's called *Chatter* by Ethan Kross, and it's all about the constant mental narration that runs through our heads. You all know it - the second-guessing, overthinking, over-analyzing voice that's always just... there.

Kross calls it "chatter", and it's exactly the right word. Some days that inner voice is helpful, like a coach or a cheerleader. Other days, it's more like a critic on a loop.

What I appreciated about the book is that it didn't try to shut that voice down. Instead, it offered practical ways to gain a little distance from it, so it doesn't take over. One idea that stuck with me was this: instead of thinking "Why can't I get this right?", try "Why is Elliot (insert your name here) feeling stuck right now?" That tiny shift in language can help you see your situation with a little more clarity and compassion. It actually works! I've tried it, although not in a particularly stressful environment yet.

So as life picks back up as we race towards the High Holiday season and we all try to get back into rhythm after one busy summer, I'm keeping that idea in my pocket. A little distance. A little perspective. And maybe a little grace when the chatter kicks in.

We've got a lot of great programming coming up at Etz Chaim, and I hope to see you at our shul. One of my favorite summer-to-fall traditions is **Shabbat in the Park on August 22**. It's always a great way to reconnect after the summer, catch up with friends, and enjoy some excellent food thanks to our Men's Club. If you haven't been before, come check it out. If you know of prospective members who are looking to meet us, please reach out to Marty Gilbert and we hope they'll join us too.

Here's to a new season, a fresh start, and maybe a little less noise in our heads. Elliot thinks the rest of the year is going to be amazing.



Marty Gilbert

Executive Director

As I write this (without the help of ChatGPT), Rosh Hashanah is exactly two months away!

Tickets will be mailed out. Reserved seats will be purchased and marked off in the Radow Sanctuary. Parking spots will be reserved. And don't forget about guests, young adults, and college student tickets. These routines don't change every year, but how early we start them does depend on the holiday timeline.

The new addition to this year's annual ritual is the security meetings and webinars. They have already begun and will continue through mid-September. They start on a large scale both as webinars and in-person meetings. Additional meetings hosted by the Federation, SCN (Secure Community Network), and CSS (Community Security Service) will all start in the next two weeks. In the past, SCN has made webinars available to the synagogue communities. Once those are announced, I will make that information available to everyone.

We are also getting ready to hold our synagogue-specific High Holiday security meeting. Our Security Committee, headed by Lisa Olens and Elaine Schwartz will cover specific issues we want to address for this year. We are very fortunate to have Scott Price as our Cobb County Sheriff Deputy. Scott knows many of you and feels like part of our Etz Chaim family. His backups are also Etz Chaim semi-regular deputies.

In 2023, we were awarded a Non-Profit Security Grant by FEMA/GEMA. This was the third time that we have been awarded a grant of this kind. The money was used to upgrade our internal and external camera system, replace our door access system with a more efficient system, and replace some doors that had reached the end of their effectiveness.

All these improvements have helped to make our building more secure and safe every day. The most important piece of this puzzle is YOU! Please remember to always be aware of your surroundings in and around the building. If something or someone seems suspicious or out of place, please do not hesitate to mention it to Aram, myself, or another staff member.

Everyone's safety is our top priority.

Etz Chaim Preschool



Lauren Chernau
Preschool Director



They say, "Time flies by when you are having fun!" And just like that, summer is over. Camp Ruach! 2025 is in the books. We have packed up the splash pads and sprinklers. Put away the camp games and art materials. We have taken down the signs and banners and packed away Camp Ruach! for another year. We certainly had a blast playing with old friends and making new ones. But now, it is time to switch gears. It is time to shift our focus and start thinking about the school year ahead.

This year, our little school has grown by leaps and bounds! We will have two one-year-old classes, two two-year-old classes, two three-year-old classes, and a full PreK class! We are all, including the teachers, feeling that sense of newness; of nervousness, worry, and definitely excitement! Our curriculum will focus on learning, growing, finding our peace, finding our spirituality, and enjoying the beauty of children's pure wonderment about the world around them.

The children will practice being kind, generous and how to be a good friend. They will practice making good choices, learn how to manage their big emotions and practice using good communication skills. We will all get to know each other as individuals and grow into a beautiful community of children, teachers, parents and friends.

As Jews, we often wrap our thoughts, needs, hopes and dreams with a prayer. As I think about this exciting time of year, I think that the most appropriate prayer would be the *Shehecheyanu*. *Barukh Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu, v'higiyanu la'zman ha'zeh*. Loosely translated, "Thank you, God, for this moment in time."



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning

Mark your Calendars!

Saturdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Babysitting is available on Shabbat when there is no other Youth Shabbat programming. Please check our [website calendar](#) or in the weekly EtzBlast for updates.



Sing-a-long Shabbat 2025-2026

10:30 a.m. - Noon

**Bring your child(ren) for a fun
Shabbat morning sing-a-long.**

 **August 16, November 15, December 6
January 17, March 7 & April 18**

Check out our Preschool Facebook page for more information.

Questions? Contact Lauren Chernau, Preschool Director
at lauren@etzchaim.net or call (770) 977-3384.

www.etzchaim.net/preschool

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068





m&m Shabbat 2025-2026

Join us for a fun, family-friendly Shabbat service and more!

Save these dates:

Shabbat Service w/Dessert Oneig 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 12 Hammer Pavilion, weather permitting Friday, February 27	Shabbat Service w/Shabbat Dinner 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 10 ~ Dinner in the Sukkah Friday, December 12 ~ Chanukah Pajama Party Friday, April 24 ~ Celebrate end of school year
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More details to come regarding registration and cost.
All are welcome.

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Preschool Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, August 5, New Parent Orientation

Sunday, August 10, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Family Meet and Greet

Monday, August 11, First Day of Preschool

Friday, August 22, Shabbat in the Park

Monday, August 25, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Cool Cats, Puppies, Turtles, Monkeys, and Busy Bees Parent Preview

Tuesday, August 26, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Ladybugs and Butterflies Parent Preview

Etz Chaim Preschool
Web Page



Camp Ruach! Photo Gallery

Camp was filled with lots of fun and ruach! (spirit)



Religious School News

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



Teach a child in his own way... (loosely based on Proverbs 22:6)

It's time!! Our summer has been spent interviewing teachers and madrichim, evaluating our classrooms, and refreshing our curriculum. We have shed some things that didn't align with our mission and added some things to help us make everyone's experience more robust.

We want to continue to build community, and our board is working on ways to bring us together. We did, however, spend the majority of our time reviewing our Hebrew curriculum and delivery system. We believe in the importance of meeting each child's individual learning style, attention span, interest in learning, and abilities. To do so, we've realized that while being in a classroom with children of the same age/grade for all learning has its benefits, it's more challenging when there is staff for only two or three Hebrew groups. In addition, since Hebrew decoding is rarely used or practiced when children are not in school, we need to focus more concentrated time on teaching Hebrew in our school.

Studies have shown that when children are in smaller groups with other children whose learning is more aligned with each other, the learning can be more focused and with a greater chance of understanding and recall. To provide this experience for our students, we have shifted our delivery model to Hebrew only on Tuesdays. We anticipate around 28 different learning groups from the second graders, who are just being introduced to the alef bet, up to the seventh graders, who will be focusing on their B'nai Mitzvah prayers. Students will be given the time they need to master each objective and can move forward at their own pace. This will take a great deal of coordination and a lot of staff (interested in working two hours once a week? Call me!), but we know this will be the best for all our students. Students who are unable to come on Tuesdays will reschedule with me for a different day of the week. If this is the case for your child, please reach out to me so we can create a plan. Sunday will be spent in their assigned class with a teacher and madrich or madricha, and all classmates together. Change is often difficult, but we are excited about what this year will bring.

Mark your calendar for the first day of Religious School on Sunday, August 24th. Please join us for our annual bagel breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to remind you to sign up for the Youth Department. We have a lot of fun things planned for each age group!



Shake it Up SHABBAT

Shabbat Morning Family Program
in the Radow Sanctuary

Join us for our monthly Shabbat morning service geared toward our Kindergarten through Seventh Grade students and their families.

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

August 16, November 15, December 6, January 17, March 17 & April 18

The goal of the service is for everyone to become more comfortable in the Radow Sanctuary, where our classes lead parts of the service.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun "Shake it up Shabbat".

Have questions? Contact Debbie Deutsch, Director of the Religious School at debbie@etzchaim.net.



Mark Your Calendars! M&M Shabbat

**Fridays, September 12, October 10,
December 12, and April 24
6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat service and more! See our ad on page 5 for more details. If you have any Questions, contact [Sarah Salamon](mailto:sarahsalamon@gmail.com) by email at sarahsalamon@gmail.com or by phone at (561) 558-7603.

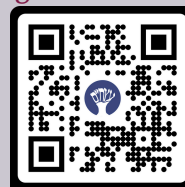
Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

Friday, August 22 - Shabbat in the Park

Sunday, August 24 - First Day of Religious School and Pre-K
6th and 7th Grades - B'nai Mitzvah Meeting and Breakfast
Pre-K Family Workshop
Kindergarten Meet and Greet

Sunday, August 31 - No Religious School

Religious School Registration 25-26



Religious School Web Page



Youth Department

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming

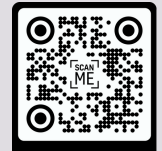


People often ask, "What exactly goes on in the Youth Department?" To which I reply, "I'm so glad you asked, because there is so much going on."

The Youth Department is comprised of four groups: Chalutzim is for kindergarten through second graders, Chaverim is for third through fifth graders, Geshet is for sixth through eighth graders, and USY is for ninth through twelfth graders.

Our goal is to offer activities designed to connect your children with their Judaism, with the concept of Tikkun Olam, and most importantly, with each other. Our USY chapter is one of the best in the southeast, and along with Wacky Wednesday and conventions, we'll be holding some events on Sundays each month.

Please register your child today for this wonderful chance to be a part of our community.



Youth
Department

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

If you register by September 30, 2025, you will receive a FREE Youth Department t-shirt. If you register after October 1, 2025, an additional \$15 fee will be charged for a t-shirt (if you choose to purchase one).

The price for USY includes all-inclusive costs, covering Wacky dinners, Limo Lock-in, social events, and the Banquet for USY members.

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



etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/form/youthdepartmemberappl2025-2026

ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:



Spread the sweetness one jar at a time
with *Honey from the Heart*

It's time to order your jars of kosher honey for your friends and family this High Holiday season and support our Youth Department programming.

- Cost per jar is \$18, which includes shipping and handling, BUT you must order by August 8 to avoid an \$8 shipping charge
- Order through September 10 - \$8 shipping charge per jar within the U.S.A., for guaranteed delivery before Rosh Hashanah
- Honey Store closes October 22 (while supplies last)

Need assistance? Contact Marty Gilbert at mgilbert@etzchaim.net.



www.orthoney.com/order-process/

Once on the site, select the organization "ECY"
Congregation Etz Chaim (youth group), Marietta, GA



Our Caring Community



How Can We Help?

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

Shalom Baby!

שלום תינוק

Hello Baby!

Honorary Bubbes & Zaydes

Grand Mothers & Fathers

Lev El Lev

לב אל לב

Heart to Heart

Yad V'Yad

יד ביד

Hand in Hand

Bikkur Cholim

ביקור חולים

Visiting the ill

Nefesh L'Nefesh

נפש לנפש

Soul to Soul

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 Ill)

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

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](#)

Save these Dates:

- Men's Club Master Grillers will once again be grilling for **Shabbat in the Park** on **August 22**.
- 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 (mattynathan@gmail.com) or Clifford Martin (cliffordwmartin@gmail.com).

President: Mathew Nathan, Vice President: Clifford Martin



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ETZ CHAIM MEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR...

FAMILY BOWLING DAY

BOWLING FOR A SAFER TOMORROW IN ISRAEL TODAY

Bowlero **Sunday, August 17**
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
785 Old Roswell Rd., Roswell, GA 30076

 Men's Club

All synagogue members are invited to a family bowling event hosted by the Men's Club — a great opportunity for men interested in joining to see what we're all about!

The first 30 people to register will be treated to a fantastic day of bowling, absolutely free of charge! (Children 4 and up are welcome to play.) This includes bowling shoes, a game of bowling, cheese pizza, and soft drinks.

We will also be accepting donations for the JNF Shelter Beautification Project at my.jnf.org/synagoguepaintshelters/CongregationEtzChaim

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/bowling4israel





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

BOMB SHELTER BEAUTIFICATION

Etz Chaim is providing Safety in Times of Need

With Etz Chaim's total gift of \$10,000, we will be able to sponsor the painting of a bomb shelter to brighten the spirits of local residents.

DONATE TODAY AT:

<https://my.jnf.org/synagoguepaintshelters/CongregationEtzChaim>

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 [Lauren Gray](mailto:Lauren.Gray@etzchaim.net) for information at: giftshop@etzchaim.net.

JNF Trees for Israel:

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood Grove in Israel. For more information, contact [Sandy Bailey](mailto:Sandy.Bailey@etzchaim.net) or the [Gift Shop](#).

Want to know more about Sisterhood?

Please contact [Dani Oren](mailto:Dani.Oren@etzchaim.net) at (770) 630-2254 or [Phyllis Silverstein](mailto:Phyllis.Silverstein@etzchaim.net) 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.



e are Women's League
Engaging, Enriching and Empowering Jewish Women
Women's League for Conservative Judaism

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 [this form](#) to join our Community. Need assistance? Contact [Karen](#) 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 Membership Appreciation Event

Let's kick off the upcoming New Year 5786 with a sweet Sisterhood activity!

How to Decorate Cookies for Rosh Hashanah with Michal Brand

Sunday August 10 7:00 p.m.

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/ShoodAppr2025>

RSVP By August 4



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Support Etz Chaim Sisterhood's 2025/5786 High Holiday Greeting & Remembrance Book

Final deadline for all orders is **Friday, August 1.**

Submit your order now at:

tinyurl.com/greetandremember25

Printed copies of the combined book will be available at services and will also be online.

Need assistance? A Sisterhood volunteer will be happy to help you with your submission.

Please email us at hhetzchaim@gmail.com.

Upcoming Programs - Save these Dates:

Pinktober - Breast Cancer Awareness Event and Mah Jongg
Sunday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.



Shalom in the Shul with Rabbi Lewis
Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 a.m.



Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Group
Celebrating the New Moon
Tuesdays, November 18, January 20, February 17, and March 17
from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Torah Fund 2025-26
For details on ordering this year's pin and donation, see page 22.

Watch for more details and links to RSVP for these events and more in the September or October/November combined issues of the Voice of Chaim.

Lilmode: Adult Education



Our goal is to offer programs and classes that provide our congregants with an array of Jewish 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](#).



Learners' Minyan

Saturdays, November 1, March 14, and April 25
10:00 a.m. in the Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel


Everything you wanted to learn about Shabbat Services but were afraid to ask! Each minyan will focus on a specific part of our Shabbat Services, from Psukei d'Zimra through Musaf. Why these prayers? Why wear a tallit? And so much more! Designed for learners of all ages.



Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, August 21 and 28, September 4 and 11
10:00 a.m. in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Join us in person or via [Zoom](#) for a stimulating conversation with the Rabbi. To RSVP, contact [Betsy](#) in the office.






FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

JOIN LILMODE FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING AT THE ALLIANCE THEATRE'S COCA-COLA STAGE
(1280 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309)
FOR THE BELOVED CLASSIC, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
begins at 7:30 p.m.

Prime Orchestra Level Seats \$88.76 per person
All are welcome. For ages 10 and up.
All sales are final - no refunds.
Limited tickets available. Order yours today!
RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/FiddlerAlliance

Questions?
Contact our Lilmode Chair, Steven Birch at birch.steve18@gmail.com

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Join Congregation Etz Chaim's
Explore Israel Family Trip
Led by Rabbi Daniel Dorsch
July 5-16, 2026

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"One does not travel to Jerusalem, one returns."

It's Time to Get Back to Israel!
Join Rabbi Dorsch for a meaningful tour of Israel.
Some highlights of the trip are:

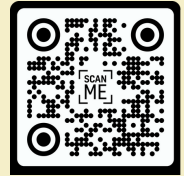
- Old Jaffa and Tel Aviv
- Caesarea's Roman Ruins
- Tzfat's Mystical Alleys
- Golan Heights Jeep Tour
- Shabbat at the Western Wall
- Optional Bar and Bat Mitzvah Service on Masada
- Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum
- Israel Museum & Dead Sea Scrolls
- ...and much more!

For details on the tour, pricing, and application form, go to:
www.etzchaim.net/learning/lilmode-adult-education/

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 Quote
- Mitzvah Project



B'nai
Mitzvah

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.

College Connection



Have you signed up your college student for holiday care packages?

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.

We know you are busy preparing your college students for the start of a great school year. We are reaching out to remind you about updating contact information for Etz Chaim College Connection. Each year we purge the college lists to ensure we have the most updated information.

To receive College Connection packages, you will need to re-register your child. **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 are 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.

BEING SAFE, SMART, AND JEWISH ON CAMPUS

Resilience Prep for
College Students

August 10, 2025
2-4 PM FREE

*The Atlanta area location will be
provided upon registration*

Topics from Jewish professionals:

- Understanding the truth behind anti-Israel slogans
- Deciding where to start Israel's story
- Recognizing when protests violate your rights
- Knowing where to turn for support
- Making the most of your college years



Talk to fellow college students
and recent grads about Jewish life
and challenges



REGISTER TODAY



<https://rb.gy/6kzb20>

Contact

rhonda.povlot@israeled.org
for more information



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Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

- We mourn the loss of Barbara Mullen, beloved sister of Laurie Lavinsky
- We mourn the loss of Lois Danis, beloved mother of Ken Danis
- We mourn the loss of Penny Zinsenheim, beloved wife of Stephan Zinsenheim and sister-in-law of Shari Landon and aunt to Mallory Landon and Michael Landon
- We mourn the loss of Marysia Gordon, beloved mother of Sunny Monitz

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](#).
- An Asterisk (*) denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

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.

August Yahrzeits

1-Aug Joshua Lane 7 Av	10-Aug Jennie Wilson 16 Av	*19-Aug Adolph Kronberger 25 Av
*1-Aug Pearl Stickgold 7 Av	10-Aug Linda Epstein 16 Av	*20-Aug Jacob Friedman 26 Av
1-Aug Rita Hoffman 7 Av	11-Aug Joe Brown 17 Av	20-Aug Robert Felson 26 Av
2-Aug Jerry Schneider 8 Av	11-Aug Samuel Wesley Adams 17 Av	21-Aug Frank Vitale 27 Av
2-Aug Leslie Reicher 8 Av	12-Aug Abe Schultz 18 Av	21-Aug Phillip Bass 27 Av
3-Aug Anna Rosenberg 9 Av	12-Aug Israel Brill 18 Av	*22-Aug Charles Hirsch 28 Av
3-Aug Lois Ann Cohen 9 Av	12-Aug Joseph Rosenberg 18 Av	22-Aug Lena Frank 28 Av
*3-Aug Phillip Kaplan 9 Av	*12-Aug Mary Safran 18 Av	23-Aug Howard Silverstein 29 Av
*3-Aug Susan Altfeder 9 Av	12-Aug Mitchell Bierman 18 Av	*23-Aug Ruth Bodzy 29 Av
4-Aug Arthur Ehrlich 10 Av	12-Aug Sally Sencer 18 Av	23-Aug Ruth Kroll 29 Av
4-Aug Nancy Wetstone 10 Av	12-Aug Seymour Sklar 18 Av	24-Aug Abraham Etscovitz 30 Av
5-Aug Harvey Silverman 11 Av	*12-Aug Simon Denenberg 18 Av	24-Aug Adel Filsoof 30 Av
5-Aug Max Weinstock 11 Av	12-Aug Sylvia Blumenstein 18 Av	24-Aug Irwin Festinger 30 Av
5-Aug Michael Pomerantz 11 Av	13-Aug Dora Weinstock 19 Av	24-Aug Lillian Spiselman 30 Av
5-Aug Mose Taffel 11 Av	13-Aug Elaine Pollock 19 Av	24-Aug William Kurtz 30 Av
6-Aug Anita Lichter 12 Av	13-Aug Jane Shilling 19 Av	25-Aug Lila Kaplan 1 Elul
6-Aug Barbara Lightstone 12 Av	14-Aug Allen Cohen 20 Av	*25-Aug Martin Sussman 1 Elul
6-Aug Edna Brown 12 Av	14-Aug Harold Sperling 20 Av	26-Aug Eleanor Mendel 2 Elul
6-Aug Edward Kappelman 12 Av	14-Aug Jerome Mendel 20 Av	26-Aug Florence Schneider 2 Elul
6-Aug Eric Jacobsen 12 Av	14-Aug Morris Potler 20 Av	26-Aug Margaret Harrison 2 Elul
6-Aug Harry Diamond 12 Av	14-Aug Saul Swartzman 20 Av	26-Aug Mark Schimmel 2 Elul
7-Aug Hilda Kurtz 13 Av	15-Aug Harold Cohen 21 Av	*26-Aug Rafael Fruchter 2 Elul
7-Aug Markus Spandorfer 13 Av	15-Aug Morris Katz 21 Av	27-Aug Louis Chesin 3 Elul
7-Aug Stanley H. Levine 13 Av	*15-Aug Rosalind Schwartz 21 Av	*27-Aug Rochelle Perlow 3 Elul
8-Aug Jane Cohen 14 Av	16-Aug Lois Roth Berch 22 Av	*28-Aug Debby Dix 4 Elul
8-Aug Raymond Kahn 14 Av	16-Aug Margie Becker 22 Av	29-Aug Arnold Drake 5 Elul
*9-Aug Harry Cohen 15 Av	16-Aug Sadie Simon 22 Av	29-Aug Charles Moog 5 Elul
9-Aug Herman Trotz 15 Av	17-Aug Ethel Cohen 23 Av	*29-Aug Harry King 5 Elul
9-Aug Marc Elkan 15 Av	17-Aug Mac Blatt 23 Av	29-Aug Lionel Bloomberg 5 Elul
*9-Aug Morris Elkan 15 Av	17-Aug Sam Goodman 23 Av	*29-Aug Rae May 5 Elul
9-Aug Peggy Kaplan 15 Av	17-Aug Samuel Lebow 23 Av	30-Aug Diana Goldstein 6 Elul
*9-Aug Rueven Wollner 15 Av	17-Aug Theodore Kaplan 23 Av	30-Aug Leon Weinberger 6 Elul
*10-Aug Dr. Jerome B. Cohen 16 Av	*18-Aug Janice Hiller 24 Av	*30-Aug Marshall H. Jaffe 6 Elul
	18-Aug Max Rabin 24 Av	*31-Aug Blossom Ellerin 7 Elul
	18-Aug Norman Lebedin 24 Av	*31-Aug Joan Enken Barth 7 Elul
		31-Aug Moris Salk 7 Elul

Our Etz Chaim Community



Have News You'd Like to Share?

Please submit community news to
Bernice Isaac in the synagogue office.

Mazal Tov Wishes

- To Terri and Scott Rittenberg on the engagement of their daughter, Alexa "Alex", to Alyson Yawitz
- Marnie and Brian Nadlone on the engagement of their daughter, Mollie, to Zach Landes and mazal tov to grandmother, Brenda Bookman
- Alan Lightstone on receiving the FJMC *Ma'asim Tovim Award* at the Men's Club national conference
- Jaffe Smith on her upcoming marriage to Jeff Rosen. Mazal tov to her parents, Sandy and Richard Smith, and her son, Sam
- Sophia Mielnikowski, daughter of Mindy and Jason Mielnikowski, was selected as a Jewish Atlanta Merit Scholar for 2025. She will be attending Weber this fall.

Shout Outs

- Thank you to our congregant, Ashley Maloy, for bringing AgeWell programming to Etz Chaim.
- 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 [Billy Balser](#).

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 [Anne Still](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Shabbat in the Park

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.

Welcome to our Etz Chaim Family

- Rachel Rittman and Jason Cowen | Rachel: (678) 770-3093 | Jason: (770) 703-9032
rachella5@aol.com | jason2060@gmail.com
- Carly and Chad Israel | Carly: (213) 321-9317 | Chad: (310) 621-0944
carlyisrael@yahoo.com | chadrisrael@gmail.com
- Rachel and Jason Levin | Rachel: (404) 808-1715 | rnooromid@gmail.com
- Joshua Oppenheim | (678) 849-6777 | josh.oppenheim@pm.me
- Jamie and Robert McDaniel | Jamie: (404) 693-4021 | Robert (404) 725-7097
jsdance11@aol.com | bbqandy@gmail.com
- Robert Grenitz | (954) 817-5530 | bgrentiz@bellsouth.net

Welcome back to our Community

- Oksana Obertas and Ronny Sulimani
(470) 265-2617 | oksana.obertas@icloud.com
(770) 876-9043 | rsulimani@yahoo.com



Cell Phone Updates

- Kevin Robbins: (404) 556-7921
- Shelly Reiner: (770) 354-9402

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We took this selfie yesterday evening while delivering welcome bags to new members. Sarah Salamon and Lauren Levetan joined me last night to deliver welcome bags to four new (and returning) families in East Cobb/Roswell. Everyone was home, so we got to chat and introduce ourselves to them, and remind everyone about Shabbat in the Park. Included in their gift bags was the 2025 membership directory book.

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Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for a BYO Shabbat dinner at City Green with live music featuring Moon Taxi. Admission is free.

Shabbat Dinner at City Green

1 Galambos Way | Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Friday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.



RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/yamoon taxi



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 [Andrea Cohen](#), andreacohen@ramahdarom.org, or [Gail Vanovitch](#), 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 [Bernice Mellman](#).



PRIME TIMERS 2025-26

Join congregants who are in the prime of their lives (55+). Build new friendships while enjoying social and cultural events together. Mark these dates on your calendar!




SUN AUG. 17	Welcome Brunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	SAT FEB. 7	Dance 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
SAT NOV. 8	Havdalah & Sing-a-Long 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	FRI MAR. 13	Shabbat Dinner 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
SUN DEC. 7	Game Day 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	SUN APR. 12	Cooking Demonstration 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://www.etzchaim.net/get-involved/prime-timers/>

For more information and to become involved, contact our co-chairs: Gail Vanovitch, gailvan14@gmail.com or Andrea Cohen, andreacohen@ramahdarom.org

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Stitch 'n' Kibbitz with Rabbi Adler

**Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.
returns on August 19**

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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Koffee & Kibbitz

In partnership with Congregation Etz Chaim

Join us for this monthly gathering featuring a different activity each month.

The Three C's of Effective Estate Planning
with Attorney Kelley Napier

Tuesday, August 26, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

For more information or suggestions, please contact Ashley Maloy at JF&CS, amaloy@jfcsatl.org or BerniceMellman@gmail.com, our Etz Chaim liaison.

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/AgeWell_3Cs

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Holiday Information

Upcoming Holidays

Tisha B'Av


Saturday, August 2

6:30 p.m. Minyan

7:45 p.m. Seudah HaMafseket, Learning and Havdalah

Sunday, August 3

Fast of Tisha B'Av




7:45 p.m. - Dairy Dinner, Seudah HaMafseket
8:15 p.m. - Tisha B'Av Learning
9:00 p.m. - Ma'ariv Service followed by Havdalah and Megillat Eich

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/tishabav2025

Tisha B'av commemorates the destruction of the Temple and other tragedies that befell the Jewish people. We will read The Book of Lamentations, and learn from different clergy and educators.


Saturday, August 2
7:45 p.m. hosted by
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Dor Tamid



Temple Emanu-El

Temple Kehillat Chaim



Are you ready for the High Holidays?

Place your orders by these dates:

All Guest, College Student, and Young Adult Tickets, Reserved and Handicap Parking, and Seats: **August 25**

Babysitting: Early Bird Ends **September 2**. After which, a \$15 late fee per child will be assessed. **Registration closes on September 12.**

Chavaya: **September 15**

Lulav and Etrog orders: **September 18**

Need Assistance?

Contact [Karen](#) in the office at (770) 973-0137.



<https://tinyurl.com/HHDForms2025>



**THE GREEN TEAM'S
MISSION COFFEE MUG**



MISSION BYOM - BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE MUG

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT IN YOUR MUG! WE HAVE 30 CONGREGANTS PARTICIPATING.

BYOM for Kiddush lunch to reduce our paper goods footprint.

- Your name will be placed on your mug (using an oil-based paint pen).
- Your mug will be washed weekly.
- Your mug will be stored in the Sunshine Kitchen for use on Shabbat.

We ask you to bring your mug to the synagogue during the week to be labeled and stored.

Have questions?
Contact Aram at the synagogue.

Etz Chaim is not responsible for any broken or lost mugs.



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.

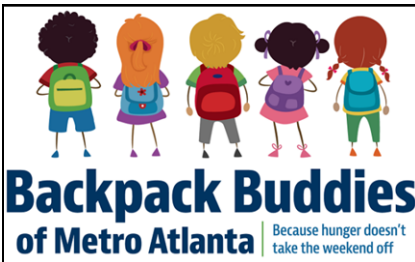
We continue to participate in the following annual events:

- 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 [Sharon Lightstone](#), chair.



Join the "Office Recycling Team" for their weekly collection of paper at the shul.
To join the team, contact [Billy Balser](#) at balser18@gmail.com.



Backpack Buddies at Etz Chaim

Help provide food to food-insecure children each week with our social action project!

To volunteer your time, [please click here to fill out the interest form](#).

To donate food, shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) or purchase items yourself from our [list of requested items](#) and drop them off in the bin in the Etz Chaim lobby.

For more information, contact Angie Nothdurft at anothdurft@gmail.com.



HELP US HELP OTHERS

JF&CS KOSHER
FOOD PANTRY



Kosher, non-perishable items are needed for our ongoing Tzedakah project for JF&CS.

• Canned tuna & salmon	• Jelly
• Shelf-stable milk	• Mac & Cheese - Publix
• Cereal	• Kosher Soup
• Pasta & pasta sauce	• Soup Packets
• Peanut butter	

All items must be marked with a kosher symbol.
For more information, contact Sharon Lightstone.

Rabbi Dorsch had the pleasure of speaking at the Annual Prayer Breakfast of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta.



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 chit-chat, 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.

Woodworking Group

by Hank Needle

The call came in shortly after Rosh Hashanah 2024. Aram wanted me to look at the preschool ark that the synagogue had been using at the church for the services over the years. The ark suffered some damage while making the most recent move between the preschool and the church. Aram wanted to know if we could repair the ark. I told Aram I would look at the ark and let him know. Jack Weinstein (one of the other members of the woodworking group) and I looked, measured, and evaluated the ark. We realized it would be better to build a new ark than try to repair the existing one. We proposed to Aram that the woodworking group would build a new ark for the preschool. Aram agreed.

The first step was to prepare drawings for review by the synagogue staff. I made the initial drawings. Jack reviewed them, making some corrections and improvements to the design. We incorporated design requests from the preschool director and the facilities staff. The synagogue liked the design. We agreed to have the ark ready for this coming Rosh Hashanah.

The next step was to obtain sheets of plywood and break them down into parts. Ugh! My least favorite part of any project and a real procrastination roadblock. It took a couple of months to get around the roadblock. I was saved by Nicole Andreas and Antonio Cruz of Andreas-Cruz Cabinetry LLC. They agreed to provide all the construction materials, parts fabrication, and finishing. Within a month, they provided a complete set of parts ready to assemble. We also used a decorative panel from the old ark to tie the past to the present to the future.

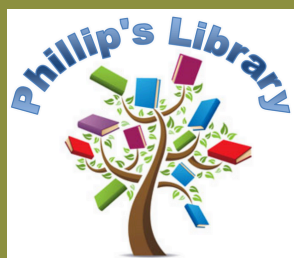
There were four scheduled build sessions in my garage. As with all projects, some of the easy jobs turned out to be tough, and the worrisome ones were easy. The woodworking assembly crew, Paula Coplon, Bob Gordon, Hank Needle, Miriam Rosenbaum, Sam Roth, Maxine Schein, Jack Weinstein, and Joe Ziskend, worked diligently to produce a colorful ark for the preschool. One final design element was to incorporate a thank you to the builders and donors.

Dedication on the Ark Plaque

This ark was constructed by the Congregation Etz Chaim Woodworking Group for the Etz Chaim Preschool. We hope the ark will be a focal point in the Jewish education of our children and grandchildren for many years to come. The build team members were Paula Coplon, Bob Gordon, Hank Needle, Miriam Rosenbaum, Sam Roth, Maxine Schein, Jack Weinstein, and Joe Ziskend. The construction materials, parts fabrication, and finishing were generously donated by Nicole Andreas and Antonio Cruz of Andreas-Cruz Cabinetry LLC. June 2025



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 [available online](#). 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

to help with the library at Etz Chaim once a month on Sundays during the school year, or during the week as needed. If you are interested, contact Janice Levine (levines2000@comcast.net). There will be an organizational meeting for the school year at a date and time still to be determined. Watch the Etz Blast for more information on the meeting.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

For Adults

The Midwives' Escape: From Egypt to Jericho by Maggie Anton. A new book from the author of *Rashi's Daughters*. Through vivid descriptions of everyday living, epic battles, and a colorful cast of characters, Anton's book brings to life the Israelites' flight from slavery.

For Children

Finn and Ezra's Bar Mitzvah Time Loop by Joshua S. Levy. Winner of a National Jewish Book Award, Finn and Ezra's bar mitzvah weekend takes on a Groundhog Day twist in this hilarious, exciting and magical novel for ages 10 to 14.

BOOK DONATIONS

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WEBSITES

Check out these websites for activities for both children and adults.

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

For Everyone:

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Upcoming Events Around Atlanta

Inclusive Futures, Jewish Roots *Growing from Strength to Strength*

A Disability Inclusion Cohort for Parents:
Monthly Sessions | September-February

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A Groundbreaking Learning & Leadership Series for Jewish Families Raising Children with Disabilities

Be part of something new! Inclusive Futures, Jewish Roots: Growing from Strength to Strength is the inaugural offering of a unique six-session program designed to support Jewish families raising children with disabilities, hosted by JAccess (formerly known as Jewish Abilities Atlanta). JAccess promotes an inclusive Jewish community that celebrates the uniqueness of each person and lifts the voices and experiences of people with disabilities. Together, we can ensure that everyone has the opportunity to fully participate in Jewish life. Please complete this application thoughtfully, as participation requires full engagement in all six sessions.

A thoughtful program for Atlanta Jewish families raising children with disabilities, Inclusive Futures, Jewish Roots: Growing from Strength to Strength, offers an opportunity to explore the Jewish vision of a full life, deepen understanding of inclusion through valued roles, and build the skills needed to create stronger, more inclusive communities. Through engaging discussions, expert speakers, and meaningful connections, this program guides families in creating Jewish pathways for a meaningful and inclusive future.

Through engaging discussions, expert speakers, and shared experiences, you will:

- ✓ Explore the Jewish vision of a good life and what it means for your family
- ✓ Learn about inclusion, belonging, and valued social roles
- ✓ Gain tools to advocate for more inclusive opportunities within Jewish spaces
- ✓ Connect with other families navigating similar experiences

Who Should Apply?

This program is for Jewish parents who:

- Are raising a child with a disability
- Want to deepen their understanding of inclusion and belonging
- Are interested in advocacy and leadership in the Jewish community
- Can commit to attending all six sessions
- Have a partner, co-parent, or spouse who may also wish to participate (optional)



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Session Overview

Session 1: Exploring a Good Life

September 7, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

What makes a “good life”? Learn about the Six Spheres of a Good Life, high expectations, and the importance of ordinary, fulfilling experiences.

Session 2: Devaluation and Wounds

October 19, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Examine unconscious bias, the impact of devaluation, and the historical role of exclusion in Jewish communities.

Session 3: The Role of SRV and VSR in Achieving a Good Life

November 16, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Discover how Social Role Valorization (SRV) and Valued Social Roles (VSR) promote dignity, inclusion, and opportunity.

Session 4: Inclusion and Exclusion in the Jewish Community

December 14, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Explore barriers to belonging and strategies for creating inclusive Jewish spaces.

Session 5: Preparing for Lay Leadership & Advocacy

January 11, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Build leadership and advocacy skills to foster inclusion and drive change.

Session 6: Putting Inclusion into Practice

February 1, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Apply what you’ve learned to create a lasting impact in your community.

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Maxine Schein's 80th birthday
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caring mother and grandmother like you. During
challenging times and even in my everyday life, I still
ask myself what your advice would be to make the
best possible decision. Your wisdom still helps me to
navigate through life and to live by your values. You
are missed a lot. With love,

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my father, Juby Spector. I miss you dad!
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my mother, Sylvia Schulberg
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my wonderful sister, Ellen Feinberg

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my father, Abraham Bodenstein
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Warmly,

Lynne and Jerry Johannesen

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my aunt, Selma Friedman Cohen, on her yahrzeit
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Miriam Rosenbaum, with big thanks and love for your dinners during my recovery from surgery. You are very special to me.

Faye Lebish, with big thanks and love for your lunches, desserts, your company, and taking care of me during my recovery from surgery. You are very special to me.

Karen Chauvin, with big thanks and love for your ice cream treat during my recovery from surgery. You are very special to me.

Cindee Sapoznik, with big thanks and love for your dinners during my recovery from surgery. You are very special to me.

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In celebration of:

Barbara Fellner's Birthday!! We are thrilled to celebrate with you!! Here's to many more!!

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In honor of:

Maxine Schein's birthday. All birthdays are special, just like Maxine.

Sally Greenstein

In loving memory of:

Doris Goodman, Nancy Miller's mom
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my father, Harold Needle
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my brother, Marc Ebel
Lynn Sustak

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my parents, Lillian and Louis Cohen, on their yahrzeits
Sally Greenstein

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In celebration of:

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Aliyahs for the 50th anniversary of Ian's Bar Mitzvah and his birthday, along with honoring his father's 18th yahrzeit

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Maxine Schein's 80th birthday. Wishing her a long, long healthy life!
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my mother, Barbara Goodman, on her yahrzeit
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Maxine Schein's 80th birthday. Welcome to the 80's.
Esther Shultz

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my father, Bert Karol. Always thinking of you, Dad.
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my parents, Ruth Lipnick Epstein and Aaron Epstein. Still thinking of you every day and miss you greatly.

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In memory of:

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Lynne and Jerry Johannesen

our mother, Pearl Stickgold on her yahrzeit

Vivian, Allan and Children

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In honor of:

Dana Greenberg for your generosity, friendship, and above and beyond support after the passing of my mother. Thank you so much for all you did for us.

Jodi and Ken Danis

Maxine Schein's 80th birthday

Phyllis Green

In loving memory of:

our beloved father and grandfather, Frederick Miner, on his yahrzeit. It has been 5 years, and we think of you every day.

our beloved father and grandfather, Harold Greenberg, on his yahrzeit

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In memory of:

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Elyse and David Shaw

In memory of:

Barbara Mullen. Thinking of you, Laurie, and your family during this difficult time. So sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. May her memory be for a blessing. Love,

Elyse and David Shaw

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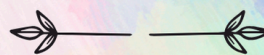
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