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G'mar Chatima Tova

May you be written and sealed in the book of life.

**Celebrate the "g"
Holidays with us!**



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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

I remember landing in Israel just hours before the start of Sukkot. Before heading to my apartment in Jerusalem, where I would be living for the year, I spent the holiday with my friend Arie (now Rabbi Arie Hasit) in his Tel Aviv apartment.

That first night, we walked to dinner at a friend's house. Like Arie, she was also a new olah to Israel. We ate outside on her patio. The patio had a permanent overhang, but she hung tapestries along the sides and added a few paper chains. She laughed as she admitted that it wasn't a kosher sukkah, but "for now, it's good enough."

I can still remember that moment, because at the time it bothered me. I had envisioned my year in Israel as one of unadulterated, perfect Jewish experiences. This wasn't it. After all, halakha is clear about what constitutes a sukkah: the roof must be temporary, open enough to see the stars, and uncovered by trees. And yet, here I was, eating my very first Sukkot meal in Israel in a space that clearly didn't measure up.

Over time, especially once I became a parent, I began to learn that there really is no such thing as unadulterated perfection. Amy and I even have a sign in our hallway that reads: *"Please excuse the mess: we've stopped caring with each subsequent child."*

Jewish law, like life, may set forth an ideal. But there's also wisdom in learning when to breathe, take a step back, and acknowledge: *this is good enough.*

The Mishnah in *Pesachim* offers a lesson in this regard. It teaches that one need not worry that a weasel might drag crumbs back into the house on Passover. Why? Because if you let your anxiety run unchecked, you will drive yourself mad. Taking a Q-tip to every crevice of your home may technically align with the ideal, but it misses the point: it strips the holiday of its joy.

Living in the South, I've come to appreciate the expression "giving a bout of grace." That young woman who had just moved to Israel built her sukkah under a permanent roof. So what? Imagine what courage it took for her to leave behind her family and start fresh in a new place. Context, after all, is often the first thing overlooked by an ideologue.

A Passover where the house isn't perfectly spotless. A Sukkot celebrated under a covered pavilion. A Shabbat dinner where pizza is delivered to the table. None of these are the Norman Rockwell ideal of Jewish observance. But they are real, lived Jewish moments.

As we step into Sukkot, remember that your sukkah doesn't need to be perfect. However you observe, do your best. There is an ideal, but more often than not, it is just fine, even holy, when it is "good enough."



Jonathon Adler

Assistant Rabbi

Last year was the first time I had my own Sukkah!

I have great memories of spending time in Sukkot as a child. Tsimmes in my rabbi's sukkah was a particular highlight. It was usually pretty darn cold, though.

My parents, however, never wanted to build one—though I would frequently eat meals on the porch in our backyard. I went off to college and then to New York. But I never had a house, and none of my New York apartments had even a glimmer of somewhere to build a Sukkah. But now, I have a house with a back patio that's perfect for building one. So, with a bit of help, I put one together. It has a wooden frame, lattice walls, and two very modern components. Color-changing LED lights, and my personal favorite, a colorful paper chain.

I don't know why the paper chain is one of my favorite parts of a sukkah, but it absolutely is. Some of it probably has to do with the fact that I love colors. But maybe because there's something soothing and meditative about stapling the paper into chains, but that can't be the only thing - I used a foam "paper" that not only stands up to any rain, but I'll be able to use the exact same paper chain this year as I did last year! Although maybe I'll make some more, just because I can. And who can complain about the weather we have here during our fall holiday?

My other favorite thing about having a Sukkah was hosting meals throughout the holiday. No tsimmes, but I served dishes ranging from matzo ball soup (I use my grandmother's matzo ball recipe!) to burgers, I was able to share meals in my sukkah with many new friends.

As we approach Sukkot this year, I'm planning more festive meals in my Sukkah for this year, deciding what colors I'll set the LED lights to, and realizing that because I finally have my own Sukkah, Sukkot has a really good chance of becoming my new favorite holiday.



Elliot Okrent

President

"Sounds of laughter shades of life are ringing, Through my open ears inciting and inviting me. Limitless undying love, which shines around me like a million suns, And calls me on and on across the universe. Nothing's gonna change my world." – The Beatles

We've all heard the phrase, "The shoemaker's children go barefoot." A contractor's house might be the last one to get fixed up. A teacher's kid sometimes struggles with homework help. And yes, even a writer can find themselves staring at a blank page, stuck in the fog of writer's block, when it comes time to write something personal instead of professional.

Why is it that taking care of business for others can feel so natural, yet doing the same thing for yourself can feel like climbing a mountain? At work, the assignments are clear and the audience is defined. But writing here is something different. It asks me to pause, reflect, and not just report on what's happening, but search for what it means.

And maybe that's the beauty of it. This season, stretching from the High Holidays into Thanksgiving and soon to Chanukah, is all about that mix: looking inward while also reaching outward. Even when we feel like we have "nothing to say," how we show up for each other speaks volumes.

So yes, sometimes the cobbler's children go barefoot. Sometimes the song gets stuck on the first line. But here in our community, we remind each other to keep walking, keep singing, and keep taking care of each other, together.

I look forward to sharing these next months with you: celebrating and reflecting, and maybe even finding the right words along the way.



Marty Gilbert

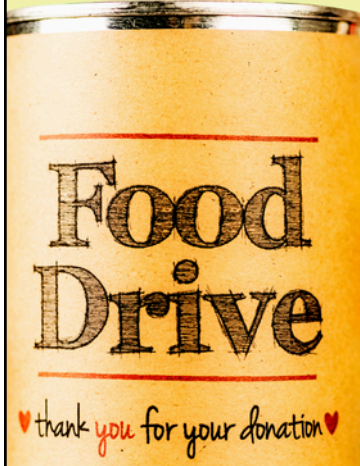
Executive Director

As I watched the Mets get eliminated from the MLB playoffs this past Sunday, it brought back memories of lives that have intertwined with mine: my dad, my mom, my grandparents, my in-Laws, Lori's uncle, etc. One of the touch points with all of them was baseball.

They are all around me this time of year. The memories of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur come back to me during services. The preparing, eating certain foods, and looking at the Kippot in my Tallis bag from scores of family simchas.

This is one of our love languages - the stuff that binds us together. Lori and I wish you all a Sweet 5786.

If your favorite baseball team is still playing, I wish them luck. If your team, like mine, is now playing golf, then "we'll wait 'til next year."



HIGH HOLIDAYS JF&CS FOOD DRIVE 2025

TESHUVAH, TEFILLAH, TZEDAKAH

Start the Jewish New Year with a mitzvah and help families in need.

Looking for volunteers to deliver food items back to JF&CS. Email [Ernie](mailto:Ernie@jfcsatl.org) at [Ernie](mailto:Ernie@jfcsatl.org) at [jfcsatl.org](mailto:Ernie@jfcsatl.org).

We are accepting the following:

- \$25 Publix or Kroger gift cards - any amount is appreciated.
- Gift cards empower families to shop for what they need most, with dignity and flexibility.*
- Soups | Snacks | Cereal | Oatmeal | Grits | Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, sardines, gefilte fish)
- Canned or Cupped Fruit | White Rice | *No Pork or Shellfish, No Glass in barrels*

Note: Kosher certification preferred, but not necessary.

Food can be taken to the JF&CS Food Pantry in Dunwoody or deposited in our barrels at Etz Chaim.

Etz Chaim Preschool

Etz Chaim Preschool
Web Page



Lauren Chernau
Preschool Director



As I sit at my desk, I listen to the children sing holiday songs. They've dipped apples in honey; they have listened to the shofar blow. We are building sukkot and shaking our lulavim and etrogim. We march with the Torah and sing about our pride in being Jewish. But how do we make these feelings stay after the holidays have passed?

It is important to recognize that being Jewish is a feeling, too. It is a deep-rooted feeling of pride in being part of such a great people. To bring that sense of spirituality to preschoolers is not an easy task. However, Jewish Preschool may just be the one place where being Jewish is easy. It is fun to sing and dance while we praise God. It is enjoyable to taste the various foods and perform the various traditions. And it is easy to promote a sense of belonging when we are all together.

So how do we keep that feeling alive in the classrooms all year? We ensure that Jewish items are included among the toys in every class, including candlesticks, kippot, challah covers, and mezuzot displayed on door frames at a child's level. We sing songs and prayers every day as part of our daily routines. If a child asks to sing a Rosh Hashanah song in February, then that is what we do.

Pictures of us celebrating holidays together remain on the walls of the classrooms. And, language about God's creatures and God's gifts are a constant practice of all our teachers and children. So, as I sit and listen to the sounds of the children singing, praying and playing, I am reminded that being Jewish lives here all year long.



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning

Mark your Calendars!

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, November 1, 8, 22, and 29

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.



Preschool Dates to Remember:

Wednesday - Thursday, October 1 & 2:

School Closed for Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 7: Sukkot Family Program

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 7 and 8:

School Closed for Sukkot

Friday, October 10: M&M Shabbat & Family Sukkot Dinner

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14 and 15:

School Closed for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 15: Simchat Torah Family Experience

Saturdays, October 18 and November 15: Kids Night Out

Wednesday - Friday, November 26 - 28

School Closed for Thanksgiving

ASP Classes for Puppies, Turtles & Cool Cats:

Yoga, Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 10, 17, and 24

Dance, Tuesdays, October 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 18, and 25

Art, Thursdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 13, and 20

**Sensory Story Time, Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31,
November 7, 14, and 21**

Preschool Photo Gallery



Religious School News

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming



'Tis the season...

We've celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the two holidays that encourage us to focus on introspection. Our atonement for our sins of the past year have been identified, exposed, and owned. We have asked forgiveness for the sins we committed knowingly and unknowingly. We have beaten our chest and asked to be sealed in the Book of Life. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur set up our hopes and expectations for the coming year. I have always felt a sense of longing during these two holidays, with a feeling of remorse for the past year and a sense of hope for the future one.

As we shift into Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and eventually Thanksgiving, my mindset shifts to a sense of new beginnings. I love the fall and what these holidays represent and have to offer. While others think of spring as a time for rebirth and growth, I consider fall the time to do so. The chagim have set us up to start anew, and I, for one, am ready. The self-reflection we've just experienced is also a rebirth and acknowledges ways we can improve and grow. And while my list of ways I'd like to change may seem like a New Year's resolution list, maybe in some ways it is. Being better organized, being more mindful, and allowing myself time to just "be" seem to be good things to remember, regardless of the time of year.

Sitting in our sukkah reminds me that I'm part of a community and encourages me to "bring in" those whom I'd like to spend time with or get to know. The joyousness of Simchat Torah that we share as a synagogue community is my reminder to celebrate both the big events and the daily occurrences. And the reminders of Thanksgiving are unwavering in their recognition of being appreciative of what we have, as well as grateful for what we can give.

The fall holidays fill my soul and help me reflect, reset, recharge, and rethink. How will you grow?



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.
November 15, December 6, January 17, March 7 & 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.



M&M SHABBAT & FAMILY SUKKOT DINNER
OCTOBER 10 | 6-8 pm

50th Congregation ETZ CHAIM

RSVP

Mark Your Calendars! M&M Shabbat

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

Cost: \$18 per person
\$36 per member family
\$45 per non-member family

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.

New this year... Club Parsha!

See page 9 for all of the details!



Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

Sunday, October 5, Pre-K Class is in session
Tuesday, October 7, No School (Sukkot)
Friday, October 10, M&M Shabbat with Dinner by RSVP
Sunday, October 12, Pre-K Class is in session
3rd Grade Family Workshop
Tuesday, October 14, No School (Shemini Atzeret)
Tuesday, November 4, No School (Election Day)
Sunday, November 9, Pre-K Class is in session
5th Grade Family Workshop
Sunday, November 23 - November 30, School Closed (Thanksgiving)

Religious School Web Page



Youth Department

Debbie Deutsch

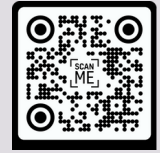
Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



We're just getting started, so don't miss out! Our fall activities have been planned and include games, scavenger hunts, baking, and field trips, to name a few. Don't miss the fun! Register your child today for this wonderful chance to be a part of our community.

The Youth Department is comprised of four groups: Chalutzim is for kindergarten through second graders, Chaverim is for third through fifth graders, Gesher 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.



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 September 30, 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.



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Chalutzim ~ K-2nd Grades

Sunday, October 26 - Bring Bubbe and/or Zadie & Make Shabbat Items
Sunday, November 9 - Make Self-care bags for Caregivers for JF&CS
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

RSVP for October event by October 22, and the November event by November 5.



Chaverim ~ 3rd-5th Grades

Sunday, October 12 - The Story of Us; collaboratively make a Torah
Sunday, November 2 - Make & Bake Treats for our local Firefighters
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

RSVP for October event by October 9, and the November event by October 29.



Gesher ~ 6th-8th Grades

Sunday, October 12 - Lunch & Games at the Flaks family Sukkah
Sunday, November 2 - Come Fight Like the Maccabees
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

RSVP for October event by October 9, and the November event by October 29.



Sababa USY

Wacky Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

October 22 and 29, and November 5, 12, and 19



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.



Gabriel Pila will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 25, 2025 - 3 Cheshvan 5786. He is the son of Jennifer and Joshua Pila. Gabriel's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Noach. He is an eighth-grader at Dickerson Middle School and has been in our Religious School for eight years, as well as attending our Preschool for three years. Gabriel's hobbies and interests include musical theater, cooking, reading, and golf.

Gabriel's D'var Torah Quote is "In Religious School, we learn the mitzvot of Tikkun Olam and tzedakah. These are some of the Jewish values I hold dearest and they are steps towards righting the world's wrongs." For his mitzvah project, Gabriel has held a toy/gift drive for Make-a-Wish Foundation.



Daniel Vova will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on the evening of November 15, 2025 - 24 Cheshvan 5786. He is the son of Pam and Joshua Vova. Daniel's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Toldot. He is an eighth-grader at Ridgeview Charter Middle School and has been in our Religious School for two years. Daniel's hobbies and interests include club swimming at Dynamo and video games.

For Daniel's mitzvah project, he's swimming with Swim Across America raising money for pediatric cancer research.



Avery Combs will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 22, 2025 - 2 Kislev 5786. He is the son of Alix and Justin Combs. Avery's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Toldot. He is a seventh grader at Dickerson Middle School and has been in our Religious School for eight years, as well as attending our Preschool for one year. Avery's hobbies and interests include playing baseball, building with Legos, playing video games, and watching football.

Avery's D'var Torah Quote is "In life, there will be tough choices, but I will not take the easy route because I know I need to do what is right and not be selfish." For his mitzvah project, Avery held a fundraising event of Domino's Donations for Dogs through a slice the price fundraiser where half the proceeds were donated to the Cobb County Animal Shelter.



Welcome to Club Parsha!

For Kids in 3rd – 5th Grade

Saturdays, from 10–11:30 a.m.

See you on November 1!

Get ready for an exciting Shabbat adventure at **Club Parsha**, where the weekly Torah portion comes to life! Each Saturday morning, join us for **games, stories, skits**, and lots of laughter as we explore the week's parsha in engaging and creative ways.

Whether you're acting out epic Torah tales, solving parsha puzzles, or going on a scavenger hunt through the text, **Club Parsha** is the perfect way to learn, laugh, and hang out with friends — all while discovering the magic of the Torah.

Come for the excitement, stay for the stories, and leave each week with a new parsha superpower! 🌟📖🎭

Chai Five Teen Learning

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



At Etz Chaim, our students in 8th – 12th grades have the opportunity to continue their Jewish learning experiences after Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Through our Chai Five Teen Learning Program, our teens engage in discussions that will continue to strengthen their connection to the synagogue and the rabbis. This is accomplished through a variety of intriguing topics to broaden their Jewish view of themselves, the community and world around them.

Our B'Yachad program for 8th and 9th grades offers a six-session program throughout the year, taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch and Rabbi Jonathon Adler. The content of the sessions will include the six big events in Jewish history and Jewish literature.

Our Chai Five program has a Confirmation track for students in the tenth grade. This program focuses on the questions the students have, which are guided by the book, *Tough Questions Jews Ask*, and will culminate with the students leading services on Shabbat morning.

Our students in the 11th and 12th grades join with the USYers during a few "Wacky Wednesdays" throughout the year to discuss leadership, anti-Semitism on college campuses, and maintaining a Jewish connection as they leave home and begin the next step in their journey.



CHAI FIVE



It's Not Too Late To Register Your Student For Chai Five!!

B'Yachad - 8th and 9th Grades

Wednesdays, October 22, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 25, and March 18

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the Bayit

Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch and Rabbi Jonathon Adler

Cost for 8th and 9th Grades is \$90. Non-USY member \$180.

Confirmation Class for 10th Grade

Sundays, October 5, November 2, December 7, February 8, March 1, and March 8

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., in the Rabbi's office

Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch

Cost for USY members, no charge. Cost for non-USY member is \$180.

Senior Seminar for 11th and 12th Grades

Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

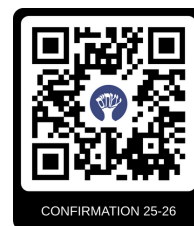
Dates to be determined.

Cost for USY members, no charge. Cost for non-USY member is \$180

Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch



B'Yachad & Senior Seminar



CONFIRMATION 25-26

10th Grade Registration

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.

High Holiday Information



Sukkot (Yom Tov)

SUKKAHFEST (SEE AD BELOW)

Sunday, October 5

11:45 a.m. Join us for a delightful afternoon of food for purchase, fun, and music - Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah

Monday, October 6, Erev Sukkot:

6:30 p.m. Mincha Service

Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel

Tuesday, October 7, Sukkot:

9:30 a.m. Sukkot Services

Radow Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. - Noon, Preschool Family Experience at the Preschool

Wednesday, October 8, Sukkot:

9:30 a.m. Sukkot Services

Radow Sanctuary

Thursday, October 9, Ribeyes with the Rabbis

6:00 p.m. (Reservations close October 2)

Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah

Sunday, October 12, Young Adults Dinner

6:30 p.m. Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah

There is a \$5.00 registration fee. [RSVP here.](#)

Kol Nidre

Wednesday, October 1:

6:30 p.m. Mincha Service** Radow Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service Radow Sanctuary

Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 2:

8:30 a.m. Shacharit Morning Service* Radow Sanctuary

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Babysitting with RSVP (Infant - Pre-K) Preschool Entrance

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Young Family Service (Infant - Pre-K) Grace Church

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Chavaya with RSVP (K- 5th Grades) Etz Chaim

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 6th - 7th Grades Service Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Teen Service (8th - 12th Grades) Grace Church

Yizkor Service, Approximate start time, 11:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Evening Service (Mincha) Radow Sanctuary

Neilah (Closing Service) 6:45 p.m. Radow Sanctuary

7:45 p.m. Evening Service (Ma'ariv) Radow Sanctuary

7:57 p.m. Shofar Sounds

Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor

Tuesday, October 14

9:30 a.m. Service

Erev Simchat Torah Dinner & Services

Tuesday, October 14

5:15 p.m. Preschool Torah Parade

5:45 p.m. Dinner by RSVP

6:30 p.m. Services

[Click here to RSVP](#) for our "Breakfast for Dinner Celebration"

Cost: 6 years and up \$15 per person/\$45 per member family up to five people.

Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 15

9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah Service, honoring our Chatan Torah

and Kallat Bereshit, Glenn and Arlene La Vine. Mazal Tov!

10:30 a.m. - Noon, Preschool Family Experience



This event is sponsored in loving memory of Ira Altfeder z"l

SukkahFest

Come get ready for Sukkot at our annual celebration!

Sunday, October 5

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Congregation Etz Chaim

Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah ~ Rain or Shine ~ Walk-ins always welcome!

- Kosher food available for purchase
- Inflatables
- Kona Ice Truck
- Face-painting
- Petting Zoo
- and other fantastic surprises!

Fun for all ages, entry is free!

RSVP: tinyurl.com/sukkahfest25

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Sisterhood Torah Fund



Announcing Our 2025-2026 Campaign Theme:

Oseh Shalom עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם *Maker of Peace*

We strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano, and The Abraham J. Heschel Seminary.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we help committed Jewish students become the rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.

When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe—and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people. Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund

Oseh Shalom Bimromav, “may the One who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us and all the people of Israel,” appears at the end of Kaddish and in other prayers, and is also a song. We help foster Jewish unity by our support of the five global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO TORAH FUND!

TORAH FUND GIVING LEVELS

Golden Supporter: \$8,100
Keter Kavod \$5,000
Scholarship Patron \$2,500
Patron \$1,200
Associate Patron \$600
Guardian \$300
Benefactor \$180

FOR OUR U.S. SUPPORTERS, go to inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund

Or send your check to the Torah Fund office.

FOR OUR CANADIAN SUPPORTERS, go to torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/canadian

Make a donation of any amount with the minimum purchase of one ecard.

Or send a check to The Jewish Theological Society, 100 Elder Street, North York, Ontario, M3H 5G7.

Please contact Sandy Bailey or call her at (770) 490-7874 or send in your check to Etz Chaim Sisterhood, 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068.

Pride Alliance

Congregation Etz Chaim's Pride Alliance was established to help foster an embracing community for all of our members and guests, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. CEC is committed to educating and creating awareness around LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, etc.) subjects, promoting allyship, and celebrating the intersection of Judaism and Queerness. These efforts include programs and collaborations, as well as resources and information. The CEC Pride Alliance is collaborating with prominent Jewish organizations supporting the LGBTQ+ community, including:



Save the Date:

Saturday, October 18, 9:30 a.m. - Pride Shabbat at Etz Chaim!

Join us for a meaningful Shabbat service of awareness and pride in our community. Sponsored by the Pride Alliance.

Would you like a Pride Alliance T-shirt?

We have two Gildan “softstyle” women’s fitted V-neck t-shirts available in the office. They are both women’s 2 XL. One is a sport gray, the other is azalea pink. If you are interested in purchasing one or both at a discounted cost of \$15 each, please contact Bernice in the synagogue office.

Our Etz Chaim Community



Have News You'd Like to Share?

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

Welcome to our Etz Chaim Family

- Sydney Cohen | Cell (770) 715-4977 | scohen4997@outlook.com
- Debra and Michael Kay | Debra Cell (912) 293-4433 | Michael Cell (912) 293-1262
debbi.l.kay@gmail.com | michael.kay331@yahoo.com

Updated Emails and Phone Numbers:

- Michael Levy | michael.levy2922@outlook.com

Mazal Tov Wishes

- Moran Gross on becoming a Bat Mitzvah on September 13, 2025
- Betsy and Scott St. Lifer on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Aliza, born July 8, 2025. Mazal Tov to grandparents, Nancy and Roger St. Lifer.
- Jayden Cohen, son of Amy Cohen and grandson of Judy and Stan Fineman, on his team's gold medal win at this year's Maccabi Games in Phoenix, AZ, as part of the Atlanta JCC's 15U Baseball team.
- Amy and Rickey Mittelberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Sadie, born to Alissa and Avi Cohen on September 14, 2025
- Kailey and Josh Oppenheim on the birth of Matan Isaac Oppenheim, born on September 18
- Kristen and Michael Sloan on the birth of their son, Isaac Eric, born on September 23

Shout Outs

- Thank you to our office volunteers: Wendy Feinberg, Ron Judenberg, Linda Weinroth
- Thank you to the "office recycling team" for their weekly collection of paper. To join the team, contact [Billy Balser](#).
- Thank you to Michael Karp for delivering our food donations to JF&CS each month.
- Thank you to the Sisterhood and Men's Club volunteers, Debbie Adelman, Marsha and Chuck Bernstein, Steve Caras, Wendy Feinberg, Lauren Gray, Marnie Nadolne, Dani Oren, Amy Samuels, and Phyllis Silverstein, who put out all of the Holiday information on the pews and chairs.
- Thank you and yasher koach to Rabba Amanda Flax and Josh Vexler for all of their efforts during the Yamim Noraim in making services run smoothly, in running the aliyot and honors.
- Thank you to Sarah Salamon and her team of volunteers for their support in the cooking and set-up of our M&M Shabbat programs.

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](#).

ETZ CHAIM
Young Adults

Celebrate Sukkot with us!
Dinner in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 12
6:30 p.m.

Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah at Etz Chaim

There is a \$5.00 registration fee.

RSVP: tinyurl.com/YASukkotDinner

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Happy Sukkot

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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](#)

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

MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS:
RIBEYES WITH THE RABBIS
50/50 RAFFLE AND
A "SPIRITUAL" AUCTION AFTER DINNER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT 6:00 P.M.



The grill masters of the Men's Club will be cooking up a feast. Reserve your steak/salmon now! This event will sell out quickly.

- The cost is \$54 per person
- Reservations close Thursday, October 2
- Online payment is your reservation
- Must be a Men's Club member in good standing or a guest of a member

Weather permitting, we will be in the Hammer Pavilion/Sukkah

Please consider a donation to The Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund.



RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/ribeyes2025



VETERANS SHABBAT AT ETZ CHAIM



★ ★ ★ A SALUTE TO OUR ★ ★ ★
VETERANS



Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Join our Men's Club for a special Veterans Day Shabbat to honor those who have served and continue to serve.

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Veterans who would like to participate, please contact Chuck Bernstein at csbws@aol.com.



Join the **Men's Club Master Grillers Team** for the **2025 Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival!**

Sunday, November 9
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Brook Run Park in Dunwoody

Want to be a part of our grilling team? Contact [Mathew Nathan](#) at (404)668-4179.

tinyurl.com/Grillmasters25

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](http://GiftShop.etzchaim.net).

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](http://GiftShop.etzchaim.net) for more information.



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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](https://forms.gle/thisform) to join our Community. Need assistance? Contact [Karen](mailto:Karen@etzchaim.net) 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.

Join us for our monthly book discussion at the home of Joanne Chaifetz. We will also be streaming via Zoom.

Sunday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Hotel Cuba by Aaron Hamburger
hosted by Iris Bachenheimer



Our November 16 book will be:

***Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten**
hosted by Linda Briks

For more information and to RSVP, contact [Myra Goldberg](mailto:Myra.Goldberg@myra.goldberg@yahoo.com) (myra.goldberg@yahoo.com).



Please Join Us for Mah Jongg in a casual atmosphere with friends, food, and fun!



***\$18**

Suggested donation per person. All proceeds will benefit "Georgia Alliance for Breast Cancer"

Open to the community. All experience levels welcome.
If you have it, bring it: Mah Jongg Card, Mahj set or card table.

Register by Friday, October 23, at <https://tinyurl.com/pinktober25>

Sunday, October 26

6:45 p.m. mingle

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. game begins

at Congregation Etz Chaim

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Torah Fund 2025-26

For details on ordering this year's pin and donation, see page 12.



Sisterhood Grove in Israel - JNF Trees

Looking for the perfect way to honor a milestone in someone's life? Planting a tree in Israel is a great way to remember or honor a loved one. [Click here to place your order](http://GiftShop.etzchaim.net). Trees are \$18 each.

Upcoming November Programs:

Shalom in the Shul with Rabbi Lewis

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 a.m.

This program will also be on our livestream through our website and Facebook page. [Click here](https://www.facebook.com/etzchaim) to RSVP.



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.

[Click here](https://www.facebook.com/etzchaim) to RSVP.



Chanukah Shuk for Religious School

Sunday, December 7, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Parents, remember to give your children who are in the school some cash to purchase Chanukah gifts for family and friends at the Sisterhood's annual Shuk.



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](#).



Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

**Thursdays, October 23, and 30, November 13, and 20
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.

Monthly Torah Study at Huntcliff with the Rabbi

Fall Dates: Tuesdays, October 21, November 4, and December 2, at 2:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend Torah Study hosted by Huntcliff Summit I - Independent Living, located on Roswell Road.



Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch

**Monthly Coffee and Breakfast after morning minyan, approximately 8:00 a.m.
Fall Dates: Mondays, October 6, November 3, December 1**

Join Rabbi Dorsch for a discussion on "The Talmud's Greatest Hits". All are welcome to attend.



Monthly Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dorsch

**Monthly Discussion and Pizza, Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Fall Dates: Tuesdays, No L&L in October, November 11, December 2**

Join Rabbi Dorsch for a pizza lunch and discussion session as he explores a range of topics. Sponsored by the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation. To get a monthly reminder and to RSVP, email Betsy@etzchaim.net.



Melton Course - A History of Hatred: The Ever-Present Threat of Antisemitism

**Sundays, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. This is a six-session satellite course with Rabbi Dan Dorsch
Dates: October 19 & 26, November 2 & 16, December 7 & 14 in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall at Etz Chaim**

**Cost: Etz Chaim members \$80, non-members \$170 | Open to the community.
Registration is through the MJCCA at tinyurl.com/MeltonEtzChaim**



Shabbat Morning Learners Minyan

Saturday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. with Rabbi Adler

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



Beginning Conversational Hebrew for Adults

**Tuesdays evenings at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Hammer-Tritt Social Hall
Beginning October 28 (sessions are not consecutive weeks)**

Congregant Batia Ben-Aroia will be teaching a 12-session class of beginning conversational Hebrew for adults. Prerequisite: Participants must know the Alef-Bet and be able to decode Hebrew text. Total cost commitment of \$180. RSVP at: tinyurl.com/Hebrew2025



Rabbi Gershom Sizomu of Uganda

Keep an eye out for more details on this event, scheduled for mid-November. TBD

Etz Chaim welcomes Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, a Ugandan rabbi serving the Abayudaya, a Baganda community in eastern Uganda. Rabbi Sizomu was ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinical Studies of the American Jewish University and is the Chief Rabbi of Uganda and a minister in the Ugandan Parliament.

Informational Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. with Rabbi Dorsch

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&W

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/

Community Program

Together As One:
October 7 
Community
Commemoration

October 5, 2025
Program at 5:00pm
Doors open 3:30pm





Together As One: October 7 Community Commemoration

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | Free Event, Registration is Required
Doors open at 3:30 p.m. | Program begins at 5:00 p.m.

Over 700 days after the vicious October 7 attacks, we continue to grieve, to honor the lives lost, and to demand the safe return of the 48 hostages. At the same time, we stand resilient, united in memory and in our shared commitment to a future of strength and hope. Join the entire Atlanta community—of all faiths and backgrounds—in commemoration of October 7.

Together, we remember. Together, we heal. Together, we stand as one.

Register here: jewishatlanta.org/events/october-7-commemoration/

Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

- We mourn the loss of Jay Schwartz, beloved husband of Elaine Schwartz, beloved father of Rachel Schwartz and Josh Schwartz
- We mourn the loss of Brenda Salter, beloved sister of Marsha Bernstein
- We mourn the loss of Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, beloved sister of Miriam Rosenbaum
- We mourn the loss of Stanley Donald Bernath, beloved father of Stacey Fogel

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.

October Yahrzeits

*1-Oct | Harry Deutch | 9 Tishrei
 1-Oct | Joe Wilensky | 9 Tishrei
 *1-Oct | Robert Harris | 9 Tishrei
 2-Oct | David Testa | 10 Tishrei
 *2-Oct | Howard Martin Bachrach | 10 Tishrei
 3-Oct | Barbara Ziff | 11 Tishrei
 3-Oct | Stanley Levine | 11 Tishrei
 4-Oct | Gerald Brandt | 12 Tishrei
 4-Oct | Joseph Bercuson | 12 Tishrei
 4-Oct | Manuel Bigel | 12 Tishrei
 4-Oct | Sadie Scopp | 12 Tishrei
 5-Oct | Albert Tenenbaum | 13 Tishrei
 *5-Oct | Eleanor "Ele" Eisenberg | 13 Tishrei
 5-Oct | Noel Bloomberg | 13 Tishrei
 6-Oct | Aaron Greif | 14 Tishrei
 *6-Oct | Eugene Levine | 14 Tishrei
 6-Oct | Harry Barman | 14 Tishrei
 6-Oct | Manuel Benjamin | 14 Tishrei
 *6-Oct | Norman Slater | 14 Tishrei
 7-Oct | Beverly Topiol | 15 Tishrei
 7-Oct | Carey Golsen | 15 Tishrei
 7-Oct | Edward Karp | 15 Tishrei
 *7-Oct | Nathan Rosenberg | 15 Tishrei
 8-Oct | Douglas Streetman | 16 Tishrei
 8-Oct | Elizabeth Bernstein | 16 Tishrei
 *8-Oct | Rosebelle Roth | 16 Tishrei
 8-Oct | Ruth Silver | 16 Tishrei
 9-Oct | Faye Shafferman | 17 Tishrei
 9-Oct | Gerald Lieberman | 17 Tishrei
 9-Oct | Paula Vanovitch | 17 Tishrei
 10-Oct | Jan Kahn Coleman | 18 Tishrei
 10-Oct | Lily Oling | 18 Tishrei
 10-Oct | Sidney Rosenblatt | 18 Tishrei

11-Oct | Henry Kornick | 19 Tishrei
 11-Oct | Howard Schneider | 19 Tishrei
 *11-Oct | Max Greif | 19 Tishrei
 12-Oct | Frances Abramson Frank | 20 Tishrei
 12-Oct | Harry Grossman | 20 Tishrei
 12-Oct | Stanley Berke | 20 Tishrei
 13-Oct | Mac Keller | 21 Tishrei
 13-Oct | Paul Berman | 21 Tishrei
 13-Oct | William Jacobsohn | 21 Tishrei
 *15-Oct | Liselotte "Lilo" Tritt | 23 Tishrei
 16-Oct | Hinda Duhan | 24 Tishrei
 *16-Oct | Rick Alpert | 24 Tishrei
 17-Oct | Gloria Berke | 25 Tishrei
 17-Oct | Murray Schneider | 25 Tishrei
 17-Oct | Sally Chaifetz | 25 Tishrei
 18-Oct | Bella Hertig | 26 Tishrei
 18-Oct | Evelyn Kirshstein | 26 Tishrei
 *18-Oct | Irving Simon | 26 Tishrei
 18-Oct | William Wise | 26 Tishrei
 19-Oct | Benjamin Glancz | 27 Tishrei
 19-Oct | Claudia Harrison | 27 Tishrei
 19-Oct | Judy Zager | 27 Tishrei
 *19-Oct | Julie Mizrahi Halpern | 27 Tishrei
 19-Oct | Maurice Golsen | 27 Tishrei
 19-Oct | Mimi Fagin | 27 Tishrei
 20-Oct | Leonard Ross | 28 Tishrei
 21-Oct | Ben Stone | 29 Tishrei
 21-Oct | Bertha Baron | 29 Tishrei
 *21-Oct | Fay Lisses Mark | 29 Tishrei
 *21-Oct | Solomon Goldstein | 29 Tishrei
 22-Oct | Judith Sandman | 30 Tishrei
 22-Oct | Muriel Becker | 30 Tishrei
 *22-Oct | Myra Fineman | 30 Tishrei

22-Oct | Rena Lewis | 30 Tishrei
 23-Oct | Arlette Miller | 1 Cheshvan
 23-Oct | Charles Grunfeld | 1 Cheshvan
 23-Oct | Cheryl Weinstein Matis | 1 Cheshvan
 23-Oct | James Stewart Meharg | 1 Cheshvan
 23-Oct | Sydney Hartnig | 1 Cheshvan
 *24-Oct | Lillian Intner | 2 Cheshvan
 24-Oct | Linda Idelson | 2 Cheshvan
 24-Oct | Michael Lieberbaum | 2 Cheshvan
 25-Oct | Leonard Lipson | 3 Cheshvan
 *25-Oct | Michael Nadolne | 3 Cheshvan
 26-Oct | Isidor Goodman | 4 Cheshvan
 26-Oct | Jay Richer | 4 Cheshvan
 27-Oct | Barbara Rubenstein | 5 Cheshvan
 27-Oct | Joyce Bernstein | 5 Cheshvan
 *27-Oct | Libby Kornbluth | 5 Cheshvan
 27-Oct | Miriam "Bootsie" Gutterman | 5 Cheshvan
 *28-Oct | Joseph Rand | 6 Cheshvan
 28-Oct | Michael Reiner | 6 Cheshvan
 28-Oct | Susan Hassey | 6 Cheshvan
 28-Oct | Thelma Donner | 6 Cheshvan
 29-Oct | Betty Cohen | 7 Cheshvan
 29-Oct | Irving Weiss | 7 Cheshvan
 *29-Oct | Larry Mark | 7 Cheshvan
 30-Oct | Caren Greenberg | 8 Cheshvan
 30-Oct | Edward Freed | 8 Cheshvan
 *30-Oct | Murray Seiden | 8 Cheshvan
 *31-Oct | Hannah Rae Levine | 9 Cheshvan

Condolences and Yahrzeits



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.

November Yahrzeits

1-Nov Alfred Lewin 10 Cheshvan	9-Nov Margaret Weintraub 18 Cheshvan	20-Nov "Geri" Brick Eppsteiner 30 Cheshvan
*1-Nov Coleman Caplen 10 Cheshvan	9-Nov Max Mayer 18 Cheshvan	20-Nov Harvey Malter 29 Cheshvan
1-Nov Ralph Lightstone 10 Cheshvan	10-Nov Craig Sanders 19 Cheshvan	20-Nov Nace Cadranell 29 Cheshvan
*1-Nov Sara T. Moskowitz 10 Cheshvan	*10-Nov Elaine Faye Hirsch 19 Cheshvan	21-Nov Lillian Shatzman 1 Kislev
2-Nov Donald Nathan Levy 11 Cheshvan	10-Nov Michael Levin 19 Cheshvan	21-Nov Manny Rothstein 1 Kislev
2-Nov Irving Sunshine 11 Cheshvan	*10-Nov William Feinberg 19 Cheshvan	22-Nov Rose Levine 2 Kislev
2-Nov Lillian Cipinko 11 Cheshvan	11-Nov Carolyn Ziem 20 Cheshvan	*22-Nov Zelda Goldstein 2 Kislev
2-Nov Tracey Sklar 11 Cheshvan	*11-Nov Henrietta Weinroth 20 Cheshvan	23-Nov Maxwell Goldenberg 3 Kislev
3-Nov Bertram R. Feerman 12 Cheshvan	11-Nov Henry Mendel 20 Cheshvan	*23-Nov Robert Hammer 3 Kislev
3-Nov Efim Gontmakher 12 Cheshvan	11-Nov Jeff Jassen 20 Cheshvan	*23-Nov Sara Goldstein Taitz 3 Kislev
*3-Nov Florence Rothchild 12 Cheshvan	*11-Nov Jerome Mittelberg 20 Cheshvan	24-Nov Murial Zemelman 4 Kislev
3-Nov Ida Wilensky 12 Cheshvan	11-Nov Philip Bloom 20 Cheshvan	*24-Nov Theodore Weinroth 4 Kislev
3-Nov Menhart Schonberger 12 Cheshvan	12-Nov Ben Katz 21 Cheshvan	*25-Nov Alex David 5 Kislev
3-Nov Michael Dix 12 Cheshvan	12-Nov Faye Lemer 21 Cheshvan	25-Nov Betty Greenberg 5 Kislev
*3-Nov Morris Berg 12 Cheshvan	*12-Nov Pauline Teitelman 21 Cheshvan	26-Nov Leo Bernstein 6 Kislev
3-Nov Sol Baron 12 Cheshvan	12-Nov Rona Weiss 21 Cheshvan	*26-Nov Leon Mandel 6 Kislev
4-Nov Anna Metzker 13 Cheshvan	13-Nov Alan Pollack 22 Cheshvan	26-Nov Rufus Shelkoff 6 Kislev
*4-Nov Dale Fisher 13 Cheshvan	13-Nov Benjamin Diamant 22 Cheshvan	26-Nov Zene Persky 6 Kislev
4-Nov Zelda Lincoln 13 Cheshvan	13-Nov Josephine Diamond 22 Cheshvan	27-Nov Albert Rosengarten 7 Kislev
5-Nov Barry Kamelgarn 14 Cheshvan	*13-Nov Leonard Cohen 22 Cheshvan	27-Nov Aline Shultz 7 Kislev
*5-Nov Charles Katz 14 Cheshvan	13-Nov Margery Cohen 22 Cheshvan	27-Nov Andrew Kroungold 7 Kislev
5-Nov David Rubin 14 Cheshvan	13-Nov Sylvia Goodman 22 Cheshvan	*27-Nov Anna Deutch 7 Kislev
*5-Nov Herbert Rothchild 14 Cheshvan	13-Nov Tillie Tenenbaum 22 Cheshvan	27-Nov Beatrice Bass 7 Kislev
5-Nov Judith Shuster 14 Cheshvan	14-Nov Baila Pransky 23 Cheshvan	27-Nov Dannie Newberry 7 Kislev
5-Nov Morris Alpert 14 Cheshvan	14-Nov Martin Cohen 23 Cheshvan	*27-Nov Sam Cheslin 7 Kislev
6-Nov Jacqueline "Jackie" Berman 15 Cheshvan	15-Nov Adeline Gelb 24 Cheshvan	*28-Nov John Schwebel 8 Kislev
6-Nov Jimmy Cohen 15 Cheshvan	*15-Nov David Lyons 24 Cheshvan	28-Nov Judith D. Gilbert 8 Kislev
6-Nov Phyllis Soodik 15 Cheshvan	15-Nov Edythe Stein Steiner 24 Cheshvan	28-Nov Max Slutsky 8 Kislev
6-Nov Warren Henry Lebish 15 Cheshvan	*15-Nov Oscar Stadtler 24 Cheshvan	28-Nov Rowena Fox 8 Kislev
*7-Nov Burton Jacobs 16 Cheshvan	16-Nov Joseph L. Reiter 25 Cheshvan	29-Nov Esther Gersten 9 Kislev
7-Nov Frank Horovitz 16 Cheshvan	17-Nov Andrew Rush 26 Cheshvan	*29-Nov Faye Ellen Slutsky 9 Kislev
*7-Nov Helen Feinberg 16 Cheshvan	17-Nov Joseph Salamon 26 Cheshvan	*29-Nov Frances Vexler 9 Kislev
*7-Nov Sylvia Schein 16 Cheshvan	*17-Nov Phyllis Fruchtman 26 Cheshvan	29-Nov Helen Ehrlich 9 Kislev
8-Nov Bertram Greene 17 Cheshvan	18-Nov Gladys Lieberman 27 Cheshvan	*29-Nov Irving Funk 9 Kislev
8-Nov Betty Rickles 17 Cheshvan	*18-Nov Helen Goldman 27 Cheshvan	29-Nov Lazaro Sapoznik 9 Kislev
8-Nov Evelyn Brindle 17 Cheshvan	*18-Nov Irene Altholtz 27 Cheshvan	29-Nov Nannette Walter 9 Kislev
8-Nov Frances Robbins 17 Cheshvan	18-Nov Ronald Richer 27 Cheshvan	29-Nov Neli Bejerano 9 Kislev
8-Nov Garry Siegel 17 Cheshvan	*18-Nov Rosalind Olshan Struletz 27 Cheshvan	30-Nov Edwin Berger 10 Kislev
*8-Nov Jennifer Sue Cohen 17 Cheshvan	18-Nov Roslyn Bellikoff 27 Cheshvan	*30-Nov Herbert Goldstein 10 Kislev
8-Nov Leonard Cohn 17 Cheshvan	*18-Nov Samuel Brodsky 27 Cheshvan	30-Nov Lori Sperling 10 Kislev
8-Nov Maurice Draluck 17 Cheshvan	18-Nov Stanley Simon 27 Cheshvan	*30-Nov Stasya Kolina 10 Kislev
9-Nov Barbara Orkin 18 Cheshvan	19-Nov Alan Danis 28 Cheshvan	30-Nov Stuart Samuels 10 Kislev
9-Nov Joan Kalish 18 Cheshvan	19-Nov Marc Walter 28 Cheshvan	
	20-Nov Donna G. Angster 29 Cheshvan	

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.

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](#).



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](#).

**Stitch 'n' Kibbitz
with Rabbi Adler**

Thursdays, 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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**The next Koffee & Kibbitz is on:
Tuesday, October 28**

10:30 a.m. Kibbitz

11:00 a.m. Baking and Art Project!

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

Save the date: Tuesday, November 6

"Georgia Tech 'Tools for Life' Center for Inclusive Design and Innovation.

[Click here](#) to RSVP.

הבדלה

HAVDALAH AND CAMP FIRE SING-ALONG

Saturday, November 8

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hammer Pavilion
(rain plan ~ Phillip's Library)

Join the Prime Timers For a camp-style Havdalah and sing-along.

- Firepit
- S'mores
- Light Snacks
- Hot Chocolate & Hot Apple Cider
- Sing-along to great tunes
- This event is FREE!

RSVP: <https://etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/PTcampfire25>

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RSVP



Prime Timers Game Day

Sunday, December 7 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim

Bring your favorite board games and have fun with your friends!

Latkes, Cookies, and beverages, etc., will be served.

There is a \$5.00 charge per person.

RSVP: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/PTgames25

Save the date:
Saturday, February 7, for our Annual Dance!



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.

Art for a Mitzvah is Back!

Paper Dying and Card Making... with goodies!

Wednesdays, October 22 and 29, November 5 and 12

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please register online for this fun crafting experience. Your \$36 cost will cover the cost of goods, and a donation will be made to Yad LaKashish, Lifeline for the Old, in Jerusalem, Israel with the remaining proceeds. If time permits, more than six cards can be made at an additional \$6 for each card. For more information and any questions you may have, contact [Lynne Johannesen](#) or [Miriam Rosenbaum](#).



Art for a Mitzvah ~ Get Creative with Us!

Join us for a fun four-session art project where you'll dye your own paper and take it home to dry. With your beautifully dyed papers, you'll design six 4"x6" cards with matching envelopes.

We'll provide:

- 🎨 Step-by-step instructions
- 🎨 Acrylic paints for dyeing
- 🎨 Decorative trinkets to make your cards unique
- 🎨 All materials included



by September 26

**Wednesdays, October 22 and 29
November 5 and 12
from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Cost is \$36 and space is limited.
Reserve your spot today!**

tinyurl.com/ArtMitzvahFall25

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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 Etz Chaim Recycling Team as a rotating volunteer for the weekly collection of paper, plastics, glass, and cardboard from throughout our building. To join the team, contact [Billy Balser](#) at Balser18@bellsouth.net. Thank you. Maxine and Billy



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](#) or [Ellen Perlow](#).



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.*



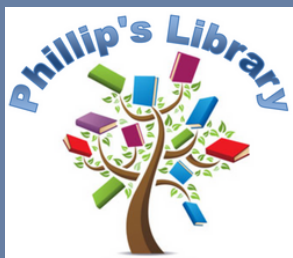
It's Time to Collect Gently Used Athletic Shoes:

Please support the Green Team by donating gently used sneakers, rubber-soled hiking boots and rubber cleats to those in need.

For more information about this project,
[click here](#) or contact [Allison Saffran](#).

There will be a collection bin in the synagogue.
Please, no regular shoes, nothing falling apart.

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.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Volunteers needed to help with the library on one Sunday a month.
- Come join us for an organizational meeting on Sunday morning, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the very back of the social hall to learn more.
- If you cannot make the meeting, contact Janice Levine at levines2000@comcast.net.

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Now that the fall holidays are here, why not check out a book from our library to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the holidays?

- We have books for both children and adults. Stop by and browse.
- Self-check-out directions can be found on the library circulation desk.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR TITLES FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

FOR ADULTS

My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew by Abigail Pogrebin and A.J. Jacobs. My Jewish Year travels through the calendar's signposts with candor, humor, and a trove of information, capturing the arc of Jewish observance through the eyes of a relatable, wandering—and wondering—Jew. Whatever your motivation, you'll be educated, entertained, and inspired by Pogrebin's unusual journey. (240 POG)

FOR CHILDREN

An Etrog from Across the Sea by Deborah Bodin Cohen. This year's Sydney Taylor Book Award winner is a sweet story that portrays a Jewish family in 1729 waiting for their father to return from across the sea with the perfect etrog for Sukkot. (J 243.1 OFA) For ages 4-10

ALSO TRY THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES FOR MORE ON THE FALL HOLIDAYS:

www.myjewishlearning.com - You will find lots of interesting information here about Jewish holidays, weekly Torah portion, etc.

<https://www.jewfaq.org/Sukkot> - Judaism 101 is an informative website. You can start with this great information on Sukkot.

FOR YOUNG FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

<https://pjlibrary.org/home> For ages 0-8. If you do not already have a PJ Library subscription, be sure you sign up to receive a free book each month for your children ages 0-8. There is also plenty of wonderful information on Jewish holidays on the PJ Library website.

ATTENTION: CHILDREN AGES 9-12

Did you know that you can also sign up for PJ Our Way for children ages 9 to 12 years? Each month, your child can choose a great new Jewish book that will be sent to you for free!

Tzedakah / Donations

Joan H. Rabin Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, beloved sister of
Miriam Rosenbaum
Dan Rabin and Family

Phillip Michael Silverman Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

Brenda Salter, sister of Marsha Bernstein
Ellen and Billy Balser

Rabbi Shalom J. Lewis Endowment

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rabbi Tom and Marilyn Liebschutz in honor
of their 65th wedding anniversary
Esther Shultz

Reba and Bob Bachrach Education Endowment

In honor of:

Ken Winkler for his outstanding service to
the Greater Atlanta Jewish Community
Reba and Bob Bachrach

In loving memory of:

Wynn Ebel, brother of Lynn Sustak
Lynn and Bob Sustak

In memory of:

Jay Schwartz
our mother, Rae May
Donald Bernath, beloved father of Stacy
(Harris) Fogel
Reba and Bob Bachrach

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Lou Rosengarten on the 85th anniversary of
his Bar Mitzvah
Reba and Bob Bachrach

Staff Appreciation Endowment

In memory of:

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, beloved sister of
Miriam (Robert) Rosebaum. May her
memory be a blessing always. With love,
Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for a beautiful, mooo-
ving ceremony for the marriage of our children,
Jaffe and Jeff Rosen. You helped to make it a
meaningful, joyful day for our family.
Sandy and Richard Smith

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch. We thank you for all your help
and support during Jay's illness and for supporting
a very meaningful Memorial Service for Jay. You
helped him so much as part of the Adult B'nai
Mitzvah class, and we really appreciate it! As his
parting words to you when you left the hospital,
it is a pleasure to know you. With our deepest
appreciation.

Elaine, Josh, and Rachel Schwartz

In loving memory of:

my father, Richard Becker. I wish you were here
to meet your adorable granddaughter, Emma.
Andy Becker

Marat Barshay. Thank you, Hashem, for the
blessing of having Marat for so many years as a
husband, father, and support system. You will
always be in our hearts and are missed every
day. With love,

Abraham Schwerd, an amazing friend and a
Godfather to Meylakh Barshay. To have you in
our lives brings so many happy memories of
love, care, and support. You have helped us to
understand and to live with love for the Torah
and your wisdom, which I still apply to my
everyday life. We love and miss you a lot.

Galina and Meylakh Barshay

my father, Harold Regitsky
Stacy and Jon Regitsky

my husband, Irwin Silberman
my mother-in-law, Ida Silberman
Sydelle Silberman

In memory of:

my mother, Evelyn Coltman
Barnet Coltman

Brenda Salter, sister of Marsha (Chuck) Bernstein
Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Joan Smith Goldberg, sister of Judy Lebow, and
aunt of Lisa Dubovy
Esther Shultz

our mother, Margie Becker
Faye B. Glancz

In memory of my mother, Mary Sandak
Larry Sandak

Judy Lebow's sister

Jay Schwartz
Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Lois Brussel
Donna and Martyn Bierman

Bernard Goodman

Lillian Goodman
Melissa and Jeff Goodman

Brenda Salter, beloved sister of Marsha (Chuck)
Bernstein

Sharon and Alan Lightstone

Jay Schwartz
Stacy and Jon Regitsky

Rebecca Bodenstein
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Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Sandy and Richard Smith on the marriage of
their daughter, Jaffe to Jeff Rosen
Linda and Stan Bernknopf

Rabbi Adler Discretionary Fund

In celebration of:

Evan Charles on his entry into "Gabbaihood."
Congratulations. It's fabulous that you have
stepped up to the plate to accept the honor.
Bob Frohlich

In memory of:

Sadie Simon
Norman Koplon

Rabbi Lewis Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Shalom Lewis. Thank you for a beautiful,
moooo-ving ceremony for the marriage of our
children, Jaffe and Jeff Rosen. You helped make
it a meaningful, joyful day for our family. You
have been with our family through all life cycles,
and we appreciate your friendship.
Sandy and Richard Smith

In loving memory of:

my wonderful mother, Florence Katz
Margie Sonshein

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Jaffe Ort on her marriage to Jeff Rosen
Linda and Stan Bernknopf

Backpack Buddies Fund

In appreciation of:

Rachel and Josh Schwartz. There are no words
to express your unbelievable "neshamah". You
are both so caring, strong and eloquent
speakers. Your dad would be so proud of how
you followed his instructions for the memorial
service and shiva. I couldn't have done any of
this without you. I love you both so much. Mom.

Kol B'Seder Havurah. Thanks to our amazing
Havurah for all your love and support during
Jay's illness and shiva. With our deepest thanks
and appreciation.

Elaine Schwartz

Marty Gilbert. Thank you for your support with
Jay's memorial service at Congregation Etz Chaim.
With our appreciation for all your help and
support in making it happen.

Aram Blankenship. Thank you for your support
with Jay's memorial service at Congregation Etz
Chaim. With our appreciation for all your help
and support in making it happen.

Elaine, Josh, and Rachel Schwartz

In honor of:

Josh Vexler, on your first Emmy Award - there
will be many more to come. We are always so
very proud of you! Much Love,
Jackie and Steve Pierce

Tzedakah / Donations

Backpack Buddies Fund

In loving memory of:

Dona Rosenblatt, Miriam Rosenbaum's sister.
May her memory be a blessing.

Brenda Salter, sister of Marsha Bernstein. So
sorry for your loss. May her memory be a
blessing.

Bernice Mellman

Jay Schwartz

My mother, Vivian Epstein

Ellen Feldser

our parents and grandparents, Pearl and Harry
Kolin. With much appreciation for teaching us
how to love!!! Much love,

Jackie, Steve Pierce, and the girls

Jay Schwartz. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you, Rachel, and Josh. He truly was one
of a kind and will be missed. Love,

Jackie and Steve Pierce

my mother, Ethel Funk, on her yahrzeit

Marsha Shrago

In memory of:

Eva Phillips. We miss you, Bubbe, every day.
Love,

Elaine, Josh, and Rachel Schwartz

my grandmother, Eva Smith

Ronnie Dinin

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, sister of Miriam
(Robert) Rosenbaum. May you know no more
sorrow.

Sally Greenstein

Bob Goldman Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of:

Brenda Salter

Barney Epstein

In memory of:

Marsha Bernstein's sister, Brenda Salter.
Please remember the good times that you
had with your sister.

Judy and Joel Schancupp

Building Enhancement Fund

In loving memory of:

Arlene William

Deborah and Lee Elfenbein

In memory of:

Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, and Great-
Great-Grandfather, Harry Crystal

**Susan, Craig, Paige Adair, Cami, Cason,
and Fin Maddox**

General Fund

In honor of:

Jay Schwartz

Courtney Rozen

General Fund

In loving memory of:

my late dad, Yaakov Rosenberg

Fay Szeftel

Jay Schwartz, with our deepest condolences
to Elaine, Josh, and Rachel

Linda and Kenny Pollock

Eva Frances Caras

Marcy and Steven Caras

Jay Schwartz

Rabbi Judith and Stan Beiner

In memory of:

Jay Schwartz. Sending healing prayers and
comforting hugs to Elaine, Rachel, and Josh.
I am so sorry for your loss. Jay was a joy to
know and he will be sorely missed.

Bobbi Shams

Willie Berman

Deborah and Irwin Berman

Jay Schwartz

Joanne and Aaron Schwartz

Jay Schwartz

Brenda Salter

Lisa and Sam Olens

Albert J. Schein, M.D., always in our hearts

Maxine and Jonathan Schein

my father, Abram Bernstein, on his yahrzeit

Peggy and Rick Bernstein

David Sackler, brother of Renee Berman

Ronald Scheinzeit

Joan Smith Goldberg, sister of Judy Lebow,
aunt of Lisa (Darin) Dubovy, and great-aunt
of Samantha Dubovy. So sorry for your loss.
Our hearts go out to you during this difficult
time. May you find comfort in your Etz Chaim
community to which you are so committed.

Roni and Ian Robbins

Earl Fairchild

Shirley and Steven Fairchild

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Lewis, wishing you a Refuah Shleimah.

Judy and Donald Kaye

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Sandy and Richard Smith on the wedding of Jaffe
and Jeff Rosen

Judy and Donald Kaye

Kitchen Fund

In loving memory of:

Dorothy P. Trotz

Ronni and David Beker

Lilmode - Adult Education Fund

In memory of:

Jay Schwartz - our deepest sympathies to Elaine,
Rachel, and Josh. May his memory forever be a
blessing.

Jane and Michael Weiss

In memory of:

Miriam Rosenbaum's sister, Dona. So sorry for
loss. Condolences to family.

Marcy Graiser

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Linda H. Weinroth Education Fund

In loving memory of:

my grandfather, Jacob George Friedman

Linda Bernknopf

In memory of:

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, beloved sister of Miriam
Rosenbaum and aunt. We are sorry for your loss. May
her memory be for a blessing, now and always. Love,

Arlene and Glenn La Vine

Jay Schwartz, a man to remember. Sincere condolences
to your family.

Beverly Barnhard

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, sister of Miriam Rosenbaum

Esther Shultz

Jay Schwartz

Julie and Mark Schlosberg

the grandmother of Evan (Shelly) Eisenstadt, and the
great-grandmother of Lacy and Amy

Jay Schwartz, husband of Elaine Schwartz and father
of Rachel and Josh Schwartz

Brenda Salter, sister of Marsha (Chuck) Bernstein

Roni and Ian Robbins

Morris Frank Sacred Text Fund

In memory of:

Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt, beloved sister of
Miriam (Robert) Rosenbaum

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Candy Frank and a Happy New Year.

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Elyse and David Shaw, on the marriage of
Bekah and Shane. So happy for you all!

Dana and Ari Greenberg

Sandy and Richard Smith on the marriage of
their daughter, Jaffe, to Jeff Rosen

Moran Gross on her Bat Mitzvah

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Phillip's Library Fund

In memory of:

Brenda Salter with sincere sympathy

Myra and Arvin Goldberg

Preschool Fund

In loving memory of:

Marilyn Sackler Gorlin

Renee Berman

In memory of:

my brother, David Sackler

Renee Berman

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Papa Lou Rosengarten, the inspiration for our
choosing to become Nana and Papa at our
shul's preschool. We love and admire you.

Sincerely,

Arlene and Glenn La Vine

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Robert Klein Memorial Chesed Fund

In loving memory of:

Tillie and Albert Tenenbaum
Toby and David Fagin

my wonderful father, Murray Rosenzweig,
on the occasion of his yahrzeit
Laurie and Mark Lavinsky

In memory of:

Joan Smith Goldberg. Sorry for your loss.
Faith and Howard Shatzman

Sisterhood Fund

In celebration of:

Erica Fox. Wishing you a very happy birthday!
Alisa and Jay Stone

In memory of:

Jay Schwartz. May his memory be a blessing.
Brenda Salter, sister to Marsha Bernstein. May
her memory be a blessing.
Jayne and Andy Becker

Social Action Fund

In loving memory of:

Jay Schwartz
Eplan-Denbo Family

In memory of:

Joan Smith Goldberg, sister to Judy Lebow and
aunt to Lisa Dubovy. Sheri and I were saddened
to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are
sweet.

Jay Schwartz, husband of Elaine Schwartz and
father of Rachel Schwartz and Josh Schwartz.
Sheri and I were saddened to hear of your loss.
We trust the memories are sweet.
Sheri and Bob Frohlich

Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund

In memory of:

Mark Schimmel
Lynn Schimmel



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

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Etz Chaim is providing safety in times of need.
With Etz Chaim's total gift of \$10,000, we will be
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Your bequest or other planned gift to Congregation Etz Chaim will help to keep our community strong for generations to come. Everyone has a unique family and financial situation. You can create a legacy gift to match your personal circumstances.

Options include:

- ◆ A simple bequest in a will or trust
- ◆ An outright gift using appreciated assets or cash
- ◆ A charitable remainder trust
- ◆ A charitable gift annuity



We have a number of accountants, attorneys, and insurance professionals who are available to help you, should you need assistance. For more information:

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