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Shabbat IN THE PARK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.

East Cobb Park will be the place to be for our signature event! We gather together as a community to celebrate Shabbat in the beauty of nature, share meaningful moments, and enjoy the joy of connection with friends old and new. All are welcome!

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and beverages (water provided) for this multi-generational community gathering. We will schmooze, enjoy dinner, and have a beautiful Shabbat Service. Bring your family, friends, and prospective members too.

Our Youth Department Kickoff will be happening simultaneously with fun and games! **Scan the QR code** for our Youth Department membership form.

MEMBER COST

$18 per person in advance
$45 per family in advance

Day of **$20** per person
Day of **$50** per family

RSVP: tinyurl.com/sitp26

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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

Because both of our families live out of town, it took us ten years to take our first real family vacation that wasn't built around relatives. After years of saving, we finally made it happen this July with a trip to Costa Rica.

There were plenty of surprises along the way. We saw sloths (meh), monkeys (cool), and absolutely stunning scenery.

But the biggest surprise had nothing to do with the rainforest.

After English and Spanish, the language we heard most often was Hebrew.

In retrospect, perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised. I intentionally looked only to travel to countries that have maintained good relationships with both Israel and the United States. Unfortunately, these days, that eliminated quite a few options. Costa Rica, however, has continued to strengthen its relationship with Israel, making it feel like a place where Jewish travelers would be welcome.

Even so, none of us wore our Jewish identity openly. I traded my kippah for a baseball cap.

And yet there is a phenomenon that Canadian Jews have affectionately dubbed "bageling." Whenever we suspected another family might be Israeli, one of us would suddenly say, just a little louder than necessary, "Zev..." and wait. You drop a subtle Jewish clue into a conversation, hoping someone else will recognize it.

Sometimes nothing happened. Other times, we would hear a whispered sentence in Hebrew. That was all it took.

Within moments, we were sharing recommendations, swapping stories, talking about our children, October 7, their childrens' military service, schools, travel, and life. One afternoon after ziplining, several of us squeezed shoulder-to-shoulder into the back row of a van, exhausted, sweaty, and smelling like we'd spent the day in a rainforest. It didn't matter. We already felt like old friends.

We met plenty of Americans during the trip as well, including one who had grown up a few miles from our home in Marietta.

But I noticed something. Running into other Americans didn't produce the same results. Sure, we could complain together about exchange rates or compare itineraries. But conversations with Israelis were almost something else entirely. Within seconds, we were talking about common concerns: family, the uncertainty of the future, hope, resilience, and home.

Perhaps, this is one of the quiet gifts of this difficult moment in history. In this messed-up world, Jews have become more eager to find one another, and more grateful when we do.

My kids have caught the travel bug. They are already asking where we're going next. We've told them. After all these years away, our next international family adventure won't just be another vacation. It will be to Israel.

Because somewhere between the rainforests, the volcanoes, and the "Pura Vida" of Costa Rica, I realized that's what I have been missing.

I am missing our people.

It's time to come home.



Jonathon Adler
Assistant Rabbi

We have many great traditions here at Etz Chaim, and one of my favorites is Shabbat in the Park. I love that we get together, kibbitz, eat, welcome Shabbat, and just have a good time. Plus, it's a great opportunity to meet (or re-meet) so many of your dogs!

On a deeper level, I love Shabbat in the Park because it's a perfect illustration of how much we value our identity as a sacred community, a kehilah kedoshah. Although the burgers are always delicious, the most important part of the evening is simply the fact that we're all together for a few hours. Friends greet friends, our children play together, and it's such a welcoming and warm way to transition into autumn.

Because of its timing, I've started thinking of Shabbat in the Park as an unofficial kickoff to the High Holidays. We've been preparing for quite some time here in the offices, and the month of Elul, which begins on August 12 this year, is a time for reflection and contemplation as we begin our annual journey of teshuvah. But for me, as I approach the Days of Awe for the fourth time with Etz Chaim, that Friday night in August brings the season to life in a different way.

Teshuvah means repentance, but also return. And the fact that we return to the park for this evening of festivity every year before we embark on our sacred journey through the Chagim shows our commitment to each other and to our heritage. It's the honor of my life to share the journey with you.

I can't wait to see you on August 28th at East Cobb Park for our evening of community and celebration.



In this episode, Rabbi Dorsch is discussing Humanizing History with Dr. Andrea Miskewicz. Andrea is the Director of KSU's Museum of History and Holocaust Education. Click the image or **click here** to view.



Lisa Olens
President

As August begins and summer starts to wind down, many of us are still reflecting on the milestone we marked in July: the 250th birthday of the United States. It was a moment to give thanks for the freedom, liberty, and security we are blessed to experience here. Our July 4th celebration reminds us not only to cherish freedom, but also to recognize how precious security is. For families in Israel, that sense of security can feel fragile. Even the most ordinary moments may be interrupted by the sound of a siren and the urgent need to reach shelter.

In Israel, a peaceful moment can be interrupted without warning. Imagine driving with your children, hearing a siren, and having only seconds to pull over, gather them safely, and reach the nearest roadside bomb shelter. For many, this is not extraordinary; it is part of life.

Through Etz Chaim's commitment to raise $10,000, we have an opportunity to do something tangible and compassionate: sponsor the beautification of a bomb shelter in Israel and transform a stark concrete space into one filled with warmth, color, and hope. We began this effort last year and have already made meaningful progress. Now we are 70% of the way toward fully funding the project, and with your help, we can finish this mitzvah.

While we cannot eliminate the danger, we can help reduce the trauma, especially for children. A brightly painted shelter, filled with cheerful images and calming colors, can ease anxiety, offer comfort, and make those difficult minutes feel a little more bearable. Even something as simple as art can restore a sense of humanity and normalcy in the hardest circumstances.

This initiative is being carried out through the Jewish National Fund, and donations are tax-deductible. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to creating a space that offers not just physical protection, but also emotional support and dignity to those who must rely on it.

As a kehillah, this is one way we live the Jewish value of kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh — all of Israel is responsible for one another. Through this effort, we stand with families in Israel in a tangible way and remind them that, even from here in Marietta, Georgia, they are not alone.

Until the day comes when bomb shelters are no longer needed, let us do what we can, together. Let's bring this campaign to its goal and proudly say that Congregation Etz Chaim helped show that our solidarity with Israel is more than words.

If you are able, I invite you to join me in making a gift today. Every contribution helps Etz Chaim reach our goal and transform a shelter into a place of color, comfort, and dignity. To those who have already contributed, todah rabah.

To contribute, please use the link below:
my.jnf.org/synagoguepaintshelters/congregationetzchaim

Lisa



Marty Gilbert
Executive Director

August has arrived, and while summer vacations in Georgia are winding down, life at Etz Chaim is beginning to pick up again.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer. With the High Holidays just a month away, now is the time to look ahead at what is happening at Etz Chaim in August.

August at a Glance

The month begins at a slower pace, but by August 3, the first day of Cobb County Schools, our calendar starts picking up speed. August will include planning sessions, meetings, and including:

Special Events in August:
- A couple of B'nai Mitzvah celebrations
- An Aufruf
- A book talk and signing
- USY Regional Board Weekend
- Sisterhood Installation
- The start of Religious School on August 23
- Shabbat in the Park on August 28

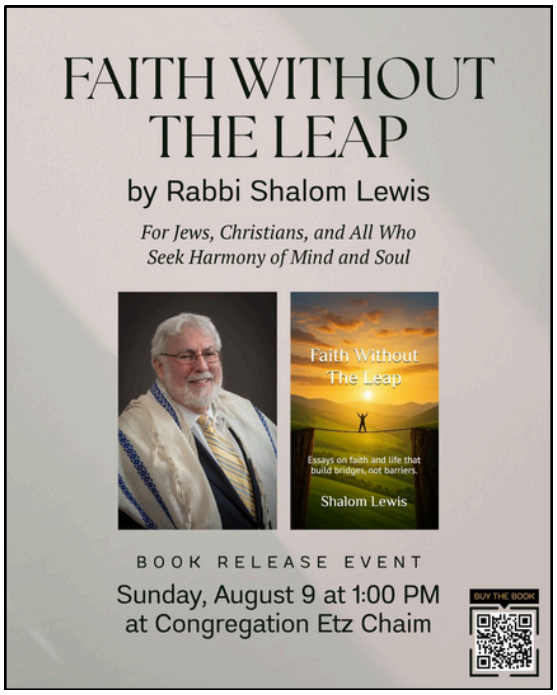
Updates Around the Building:
You may notice several updates around Etz Chaim this month:

- A new coffee station in the main lobby
- New tile flooring in the Eden-King Administration Wing
- A new accessible water fountain and bottle-filling station
- A new Auracast Bluetooth hearing assistance device in the Radow Sanctuary, more information to come

The Blue Point Security System has also been installed and is now fully operational.

Stop By and Say Hello

All of this—and more—is worth checking out. Even though summer will still be winding down, the Georgia heat will be sticking around, so stop by, enjoy the air conditioning, and let me buy you a cup of coffee.



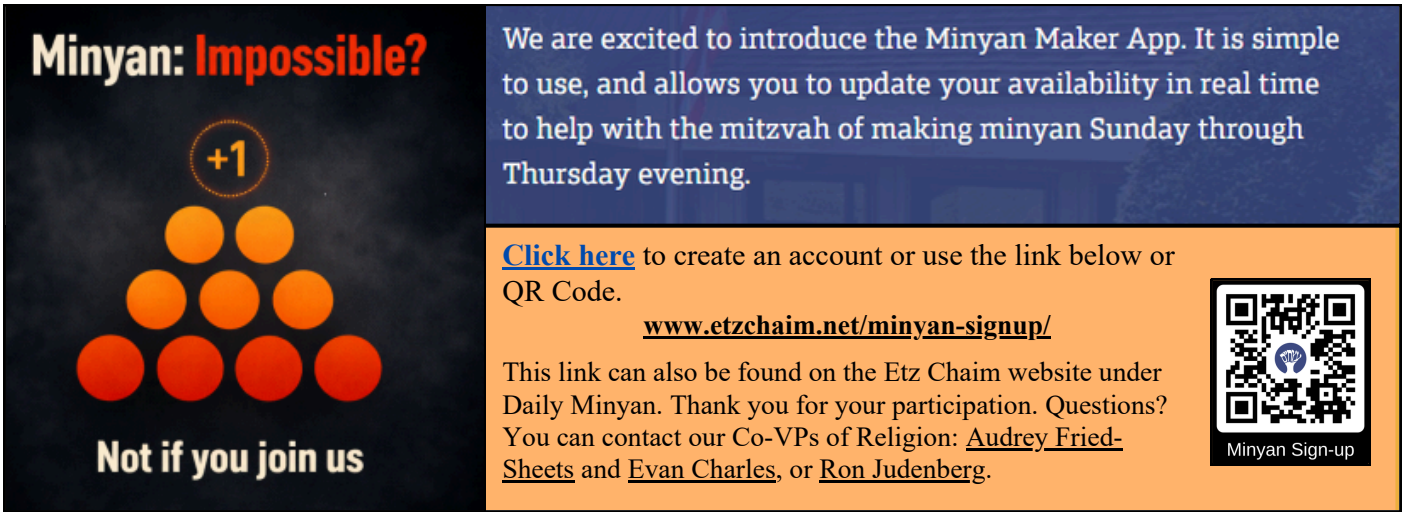
Save the Date - Book Signing with Rabbi Shalom Lewis

Sunday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m.

To order Rabbi Lewis' book, ***Faith Without The Leap***, it is now available on Amazon at: https://tinyurl.com/RabbiLewisBook.

Amazon Link

RSVP HERE



We are excited to introduce the Minyan Maker App. It is simple to use, and allows you to update your availability in real time to help with the mitzvah of making minyan Sunday through Thursday evening.

Click here to create an account or use the link below or QR Code.

www.etzchaim.net/minyan-signup/

This link can also be found on the Etz Chaim website under Daily Minyan. Thank you for your participation. Questions? You can contact our Co-VPs of Religion: Audrey Fried-Sheets and Evan Charles, or Ron Judenberg.

Minyan Sign-up



The Figur Family Outdoor Classroom

is open after kiddush lunch.

Parental Supervision Is Required.

Etz Chaim Preschool

Etz Chaim Preschool Web Page

Lauren Chernau
Preschool Director







They say, "time flies by when you are having fun!" And just like that, summer is over. Camp Ruach! 2026 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. We had a wonderful staff this year of teen Jr. counselors and other returning lead counselors. But now it is time to switch gears. It is time to change our focus and begin to think about the school year ahead of us!

Our school continues to grow in many ways. Many of our classes are full already! Our teachers are busy planning and getting excited for the year!



Babysitting on Shabbat

Mark your Calendars!
Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Babysitting is available on Shabbat during the summer months. Please check our website calendar or in the weekly EtzBlast for updates.

Mazal Tov to our Etz Chaim Preschool for being selected as a Readers' Choice Preschool.

Preschool Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, August 4, New Parent Orientation
Sunday, August 9, Family Meet & Greet
Monday, August 10, First Day of Preschool
Tuesday, August 25, Ladybugs & Butterflies Parent Preview
Wednesday, August 26, Cool Cats, Puppies, Turtles & Monkeys Parent Preview
Friday, August 28, Shabbat in the Park - Fun for ALL ages!



Camp Photo Gallery

Camp days, sunshine rays, as we made some summer memories!





















Youth Department

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



Youth Department

The Youth Department is having a lot of fun with great activities. Haven't registered your child? We are now accepting membership forms for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Use the QR code to register.

SCAN ME

etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/form/26.27 YouthGroupMembershipApp

If you would like your child to attend these and other upcoming events, they must be a member of our Youth Department.

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

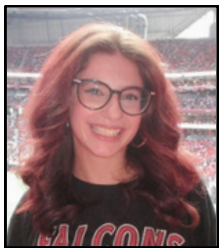
If you register before October 1, 2026, you will receive a free Youth Department t-shirt. If you register after October 1, there will be an additional fee of $15 for a t-shirt (if you want one).

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

The school year is already here, and so is the Youth Department and its activities!

Youth Department Kickoff Event at Shabbat in the Park on Friday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m.!

We are really excited about this year and all that it will bring!



We want to welcome ***Maddy Gertz*** to our team as the USY Advisor. Here's a little about Maddy in her own words: "My name is Maddy Gertz, and I'm excited to be joining Etz Chaim in the fall as the new USY advisor and third-grade Hebrew and Judaics teacher. I'm 22 years old and currently a Public Relations major at Kennesaw State University. I grew up in the Atlanta area and attended The Epstein School, where I developed a strong connection to the Jewish community from a young age. I've always loved working with kids, and I'm so excited to get to know the students and families at Etz Chaim. I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year!"



We, too, are looking forward to a wonderful school year, as USY will expand its activities and shift to two Wacky Wednesdays plus two weekend activities each month. We are also looking forward to doing more with the other USY chapters in Atlanta.

Our fabulous board of Ethan Greenberg, Ari Oren, Isabelle Finn, Noah Needle, and Aliza Goldstein is charged up and ready to work with Maddy on creating the best year for our USYers!

And for the younger crowd, Tiana Plendl, along with her team of Lily Nothdurft and Levi Weinstein, will lead an array of activities over the course of the year. Chalutzim (kindergarten-2nd grades), Chaverim (3rd-5th grades), and Gesher (6th-8th grades) will each have a monthly program, ranging from cooking and bubble-making to games and holiday celebrations, and from field trips and social action visits.

We are so ready for this year, and we hope your children are too! Don't forget to sign up for your child(ren) to become a member of the Youth Department and then register for the fall activities.

USY and Wacky Wednesdays:

New this year! Wackys are moving to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Save these dates on your calendar:

August 12
(leadership training - executive board should be there and minyan)
August 19
September 2, 16, and 30
(the 30th will be a city-wide event after minyan)
October 7 and 21
November 4 and 18
December 2 and 16
January 6 and 20
February 3 and 24
March 3, 17, and 31
April 14
May 5 (Baccalaureate)
May 12 (USY Elections)
May 19 (Last Wacky of the school year)

Religious School News

Religious School Web Page

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming



Here we go!

It's that time again – things are gearing up in the Education Wing in general and the Religious School in particular. Interviews have been conducted, references have been checked, materials have been ordered, planning days have been planned, and the Religious School board has had its first meeting. Whew! So much goes on before the first day that it (almost) feels like the year is in full swing. We are excited to welcome back the majority of our faculty on both Sundays and Tuesdays, but also welcome *Maddy Gertz* to the third-grade team on Sunday (check out the Youth Department page for more information on Maddy). *Mark Isbitts* will join Maddy as our newest members of the Tuesday Hebrew team as well. We have added an amazing group of eighth graders to the faculty, and we are excited for what they will bring to the table after their experiences as Religious School students.

Looking ahead, we have many new experiences for our students this year. We've refreshed our family workshops and added a meaningful and relevant art activity that will add to your family's collection at home or be used by our students for their synagogue experiences. We are bringing in *Judy Robkin* in October to talk with our fourth through seventh graders about her father's experience on the Kindertransport during the Holocaust. Judy refers to it as a story of resilience, which ties perfectly into the overall theme for the year of heroes. The *Bible Players* will also visit in January to perform for the school and lead a professional development workshop. Last year, our first year of small-group Hebrew instruction gave us insight into how to meet the needs of each learner and offered great insight into how to improve the learning environment. We are looking forward to making changes to our delivery options, materials used, and keeping you apprised of your child's progress.

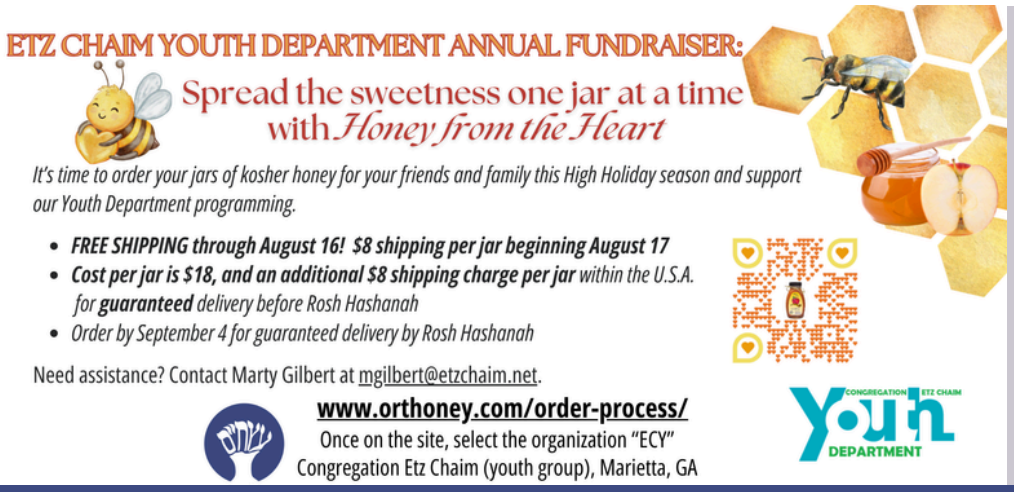
It's going to be a full and interesting year. We can't wait to share it with you!



Religious School Dates to Remember:

Sunday, August 23:
First Day of Religious School
Pre-K is in Session
Pre-K Family Workshop
7th Grade Family Celebration

Friday, August 28
Shabbat in the Park



B'nai Mitzvah Mazal Tov!

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

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.

B'nai Mitzvah



Jacob Guggenheim will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 15, 2026 - 2 Elul 5786. He is the son of Leslie and William Guggenheim. Jacob's Bar Mitzvah parasha is Shoftim. He is an 8th grader at Dodgen Middle School. Jacob has been a student in our Religious School for six years. His hobbies and interests include swimming, swimming, and more swimming.

Jacob's D'Var Torah quote is "Israel needs judges to ensure that everyone, both rich and poor, felt seen and heard, and were treated equally. For his mitzvah project, Jacob participated in and helped to organize his neighborhood Swim-a-Thon, which raises money for the Atlanta 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk in October which he will also participate in.



Margot Abigail Flaks will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 22, 2026 - 9 Elul 5786. She is the daughter of Rabba Amanda and Joseph Flaks. Margot's Bat Mitzvah parasha is Ki Teitzei. She is a 7th grader at Dickerson Middle School. Margot has been a student in our Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for four years. Her hobbies and interests include playing the flute, reading, and time with friends and pets.

Margot's D'var Torah quote is "My parasha talks about feeding the poor and sick people in our community. Even in our East Cobb community, people are hungry. I believe everyone deserves to have enough food so they can be healthy." For her mitzvah project, Margot is raising money and cooking for Rebecca's Tent.

Chai Five Teen Learning

CHAI FIVE

B'YACHAD

Our B'Yachad program for 8th and 9th Graders, will bring teens together with Rabbi Adler six times over the coming year. Together, we'll explore some unusual aspects of Judaism, from folklore to practice. We'll visit museums, do creative projects, read a graphic novel or two, and so much more. Of course, we'll have lunch and enjoy plenty of social time, too. We're looking forward to an exciting year!

Lunch will be included. All sessions will begin at 12:30 p.m. Dates are listed below.

REGISTER: CHAI FIVE

Chai Five Calendar for 2026-2027

B'Yachad - 8th & 9th Grades
Sundays from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Taught by Rabbi Jonathon Adler

August 23 | November 1 | December 13
January 31 | February 28 | April 25

Confirmation Class for 10th Grade
Sundays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch

October 11 | November 15 | December 6
January 10 | February 7
February 28 - March 1 Confirmation Trip TBA
March 14 | April 11 | May 1 Confirmation Class Service

Senior Seminar for 11th & 12th Grades
Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch

Dates and Times TBA

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

As things are a bit slower on the programming side this summer, here are a few updates from the Men's Club:

- We have a new Vice President of Men's Club. We are excited to have ***Josh Oppenheim*** in this role.
- **Volunteers Needed:** for Shabbat in the Park. A SignUpGenius will be sent out to all Men's Club members. All congregants are welcome, so please let us know if you would like to be added to the list.
- **Zaban Paradies Center:** We will be preparing a meal for the center on September 16. We will also be collecting donations of clothes, toiletries, and general household items.
- **Save the Date:** Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah on September 28.

Do you have an idea for a Men's Club event? Please send us an email, and let's discuss. We are actively seeking ideas for more social opportunities for our members. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mathew Nathan (mattynathan@gmail.com).

Mathew Nathan
President



Sisterhood Scoop

Etz Chaim Sisterhood

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 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, the Gift Shop or Click here to place your order. Trees are $18 each.

Want to know more about Sisterhood?
Please contact Dani Oren at (770) 630-2254 or Phyllis Silverstein at (404) 643-8678.

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

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

As summer winds down, we look forward to gathering on **Sunday, August 16,** to celebrate the beginning of another meaningful year of Sisterhood at our I**nstallation and Kickoff Event.** Together, we'll embrace this year's theme, ***"Rooted in Friendship."***

This special gathering is an opportunity to install our new leadership, express our heartfelt gratitude to those who have served on the Board, and welcome both new and returning members. Like the deep roots of Etz Chaim—our Tree of Life, friendship provides strength, nourishment, and connection. It grounds us, helps us grow, and reminds us that we are stronger together.

As we begin this new chapter, we look forward to building meaningful relationships, creating lasting memories, and serving our congregation and community side by side. Whether you've been part of Sisterhood for years, or are joining us for the first time, we hope you'll discover a place where friendships flourish, everyone belongs, and every woman can make a difference.

We can't wait to celebrate with you on August 16 as we plant the seeds for another rewarding year together. Throughout the year, we'll offer programs, social gatherings, learning opportunities, and volunteer experiences; there truly is something for everyone.

We hope you'll find your connection to Etz Chaim Sisterhood and become part of a community that is deeply rooted in friendship, kindness, and purpose.

P.S. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this year's High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book! Share warm wishes, honor the memory of loved ones, and support our congregation at the same time. If you need assistance creating or placing your greeting or tribute, Sisterhood is happy to help every step of the way. Please contact us at hhetzchaim@gmail.com.

B'Shalom,

Dani Oren and Phyllis Silverstein
Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Rooted in Friendship
Sisterhood Installation and Kickoff Event
Sunday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Click here to RSVP.

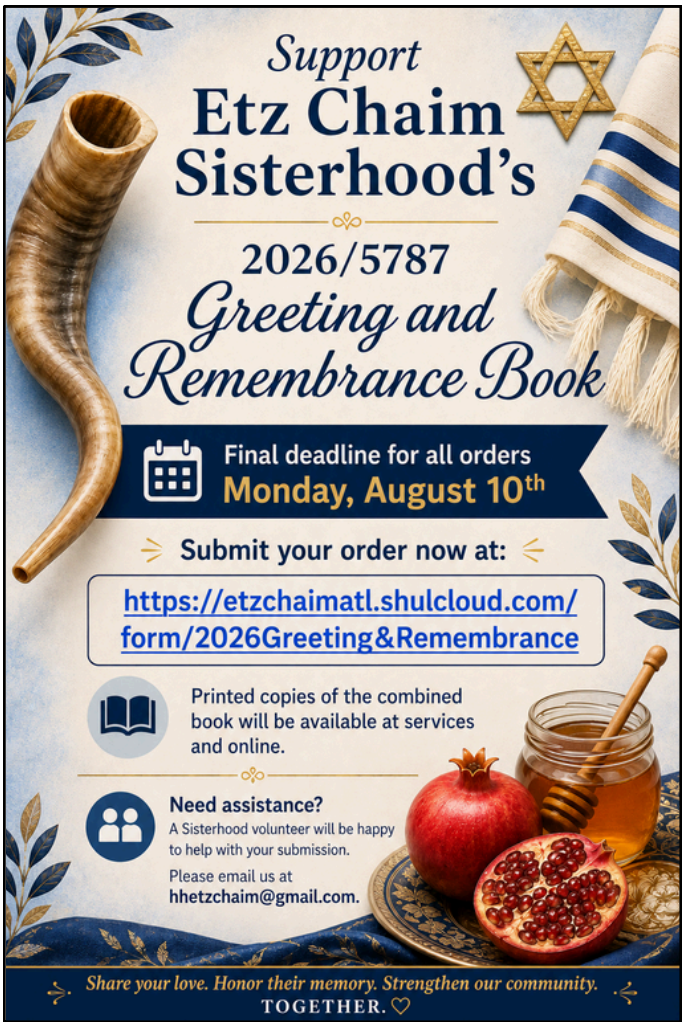
TORAH FUND
WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Announcing Our 2026-2027 Campaign Theme:
Shema Koleinu
שמע קולנו
Hear Our Voice



Torah Fund - Support Women's League Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the Conservative Institutes of Higher Jewish Learning. This year's pin, *Shema Koleinu, Hear our voice,* marks 40 years since the first female cantor was invested. This year's Torah Fund pin with its joyful women and musical symbolism expresses the right of every woman's voice to be heard as we celebrate this anniversary.

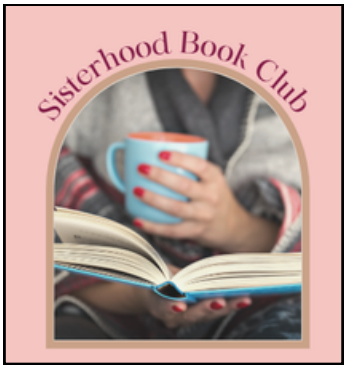
For information on donations and giving levels, contact Sandy Bailey at (770) 490-7874 or by email at jbsandy10@gmail.com.





Mazal Tov to our Incoming Sisterhood Board

Co-Presidents: Dani Oren and Phyllis Silverstein
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Vice President of Ways and Means: Jessica Sutton
Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Marnie Nadolne
Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Jenifer Lieberbaum
Parliamentarian: Tamar England



Sisterhood Book Club

Save these fall book club dates:

August 23
September 6
October 18 - Neda Gayle will moderate ***Leaving Eastern Parkway*** by Mathew Daub, who will join us via Zoom. Hosted by Joanne Chaifetz.
November 15
December 13

For more information about the book club and the books being read OR to be placed on the email list, contact Myra Goldberg (myra.goldberg@yahoo.com)

Fun Timers 50+

Introducing ***The Fun Timers 50+,*** an affinity group of congregants in the prime of their lives who are 50+, building new friendships and enjoying social and cultural events by coming together for bi-monthly programs.

Past events have included: Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Vodka and Latkes, Brunch, Trivia Night, and Dance parties with live music or a DJ.

Want more information about this affinity group? Contact one of the co-chairs: Carole Masters or Patsy Schneider.

Fun Timers for 50+, previously known as
Prime Timers, previously known as
3 Score More or Less, previously known as
3 Score and More, previously known as
Empty Nesters.

Fun Timers 50+

Schedule for 2026 - 2027

Sunday, September 27, Noon, Welcome Wine & Cheese after Sukkot Services
Saturday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Havdallah & S'mores
Saturday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. Vodka & Latkes Country Western Dance (with lessons)
Saturday, February 6, 7:30 p.m., Musical Bingo
May Shabbat Dinner to be announced

Lilmode: Adult Education

From Our *Lilmode* Chair, Steve Birch

With vacations coming to an end and our thoughts returning to the school calendar, we also focus on the upcoming High Holidays. Traditionally, the Hebrew month of Elul, which begins on August 13th/14th, is a month of spiritual introspection that helps prepare us for the holidays. The term for this practice is Cheshbon HaNefesh, which can be translated as an "accounting of the soul". As you may still be traveling, you should be able to find plenty of online resources to assist you with this practice should you choose to engage. Meanwhile, Lilmode planning is in full swing with lots of new programs coming. We look forward to starting *Project Zug* in collaboration with the *Hadar Institute*. *Project Zug* is part of a calendar full of exciting new learning opportunities as we enter 5787. We look forward to learning with you. If you have an idea for some new learning or a request for Lilmode, please feel free to contact Steve Birch.

Coming to you this fall:



Huntcliff Summit Monthly Torah Study with Rabbi Dorsch
Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES:
September 8 | October 13 | November 10 | December 8 | January 5 | February 9 | March 9 | April 6 | May 11



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dorsch
Tuesdays at Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Learn is coming back in October! Save these dates:
October 6 | November 12 | December 1 | January 5 | February 2 |March 15 | April 6



Hadar's OTP Beit Midrash with Rabbi Ayal Robkin
Mondays at Noon - 1:00 p.m.

We welcome Rabbi Ayal Robkin and Hadar for this "Outside The Perimeter" Torah Study.
More information will be in the September/October Voice of Chaim, which will include registration information.

October 26 | November 23 | December 14 | January 11 | February 8 | March 15 | April 12

Love, Loss, and Wisdom
Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Taught by Rabbi Dan Dorsch

December 6 | December 13 | January 24 | January 31 | February 28 | March 7

Discover, during this six-week course, the Jewish responses and rituals that take us through mourning and arrive at a place of healing. When death inevitably enters our lives, Jewish wisdom and ritual can help us cope with heartbreak and loss and the anguish of why suffering exists. We will also seek to understand the big questions of what Judaism says about life after death and its understanding of messianic times. With a wider lens, we gain context with which to better understand our moments of anguish as individuals and as a community. Find a class here.

Lesson 1: Why Me, Why Anyone? Making Sense of Suffering
Lesson 2: A Virtuous Visit: Making Time for the Sick
Lesson 3: Rest in Peace: Jewish Customs in Death and Burial
Lesson 4: Good Grief: How Mourning Helps Heal
Lesson 5: The Soul's Steps: What happens next?
Lesson 6: Are We There Yet? Jewish Views on the Messianic Era



Co-Working Space at Etz Chaim
Fridays, August 7 | September 4 | October 2 | December 18 | January 8 | February 5 | April 16

Rabbi Dorsch has created a monthly co-working space for congregants. Space is limited. For additional information and to reserve your space, please get in touch with Rabbi Dorsch.

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.

Condolences & Yahrzeits



Condolences to...

- Lori Struletz and Betsy Popkin on the passing of their beloved mother, Sharon "Cookie" Draluck
- Yaron Brill on the passing of his beloved mother, Judith Brill
- Stan Sunshine on the passing of his beloved mother, Ann Kaplan
- Ari Greenberg on the passing of his beloved mother, Roslyn Greenberg
- Warren Berne on the passing of his beloved mother, Helen Berne

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Hamakom yenachem etchem betoch sha'ar avelay tziyon v'yerushalayim.

May God comfort you together with all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

August Yahrzeits

Aug 1 | Abe Schultz | 18 Av
Aug 1 | Joseph Rosenberg | 18 Av
Aug 1 | Sally Sencer | 18 Av
*Aug 1 | Simon Denenberg | 18 Av
Aug 1 | Seymour Sklar | 18 Av
Aug 1 | Mitchell Bierman | 18 Av
*Aug 1 | Mary Safran | 18 Av
Aug 2 | Elaine Pollock | 19 Av
Aug 2 | Jane Shilling | 19 Av
Aug 2 | Dora Weinstock | 19 Av
Aug 3 | Morris Potler | 20 Av
Aug 3 | Harold Sperling | 20 Av
Aug 3 | Allen Cohen | 20 Av
Aug 3 | Jerome Mendel | 20 Av
Aug 3 | Saul Swartzman | 20 Av
*Aug 4 | Rosalind Schwartz | 21 Av
Aug 4 | Harold Cohen | 21 Av
*Aug 4 | Herman Sobel | 21 Av
Aug 4 | Morris Katz | 21 Av
Aug 5 | Margie Becker | 22 Av
Aug 5 | Sadie Simon | 22 Av
Aug 5 | Lois Roth Berch | 22 Av
Aug 6 | Theodore Kaplan | 23 Av
*Aug 6 | Molly Taveroff-Eisenberg | 23 Av
Aug 6 | Sam Goodman | 23 Av
Aug 6 | Ethel Cohen | 23 Av
Aug 6 | Mac Blatt | 23 Av
Aug 6 | Samuel Lebow | 23 Av
Aug 7 | Norman Lebedin | 24 Av
*Aug 7 | Janice Hiller | 24 Av
Aug 7 | Max Rabin | 24 Av
*Aug 8 | Adolph Kronberger | 25 Av
Aug 9 | Robert Felson | 26 Av
*Aug 9 | Jacob Friedman | 26 Av
Aug 10 | Frank Vitale | 27 Av
*Aug 10 | Sam Schoychid | 27 Av
Aug 10 | Phillip Bass | 27 Av
*Aug 11 | Charles Hirsch | 28 Av
Aug 11 | Lena Frank | 28 Av
Aug 11 | Rose Hariison | 28 Av
*Aug 12 | Israel Brill |
Aug 12 | Howard Silverstein | 29 Av
*Aug 12 | Ruth Bodzy | 29 Av
Aug 12 | Ruth Kroll | 29 Av
Aug 13 | Joan Smith Goldberg | 30 Av
Aug 13 | Adel Filsoof | 30 Av
Aug 13 | Lillian Spiselman | 30 Av
*Aug 13 | Blanche Schneider | 30 Av
Aug 13 | William Kurtz | 30 Av
Aug 13 | Abraham Etscovitz | 30 Av
*Aug 14 | Martin Sussman | 1 Elul
Aug 14 | Lila Kaplan | 1 Elul
Aug 15 | Mark Schimmel | 2 Elul
Aug 15 | Florence Schneider | 2 Elul
Aug 15 | Margaret Harrison | 2 Elul
Aug 15 | Eleanor Mendel | 2 Elul
*Aug 15 | Judge Raymond Levith | 2 Elul
*Aug 15 | Rafael Fruchter | 2 Elul
*Aug 16 | Rochelle Perlow | 3 Elul
Aug 16 | Louis Chesin | 3 Elul
*Aug 17 | Debby Dix | 4 Elul
Aug 18 | Charles Moog | 5 Elul
Aug 18 | Arnold Drake | 5 Elul
Aug 18 | Lionel Bloomberg | 5 Elul
*Aug 18 | Harry King | 5 Elul
Aug 19 | Diana Goldstein | 6 Elul
Aug 19 | Leon Weinberger | 6 Elul
*Aug 19 | Marshall H. Jaffe | 6 Elul
Aug 20 | Moris Salk | 7 Elul
*Aug 20 | Blossom Ellerin | 7 Elul
*Aug 20 | Joan Enken Barth | 7 Elul
Aug 21 | Laura Agin | 8 Elul
Aug 21 | Eva Frances Caras | 8 Elul
Aug 21 | Earl Fairchild | 8 Elul
Aug 21 | Myrna Drake | 8 Elul
Aug 21 | William Raider | 8 Elul
*Aug 21 | Nathan Hersh | 8 Elul
Aug 22 | Brenda Salter | 9 Elul
*Aug 22 | Jay Schwartz | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Deborah Brandt Singerman | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Norma Solomon Karesh | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Barbara Weinberg | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Lois Brussel | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Kenneth Kaplan | 9 Elul
*Aug 22 | Ethel Funk | 9 Elul
*Aug 22 | Isaac Struletz | 9 Elul
Aug 22 | Philip Spiselman | 9 Elul
Aug 23 | Vivian Epstein | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Lillian Goodman | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Barry Dvorchik | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Dona Stadtler Rosenblatt | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Al Kopen | 10 Elul
*Aug 23 | Carole Seiden | 10 Elul
*Aug 23 | Eva Phillips | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Henry Halperin | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Abram Bernstein | 10 Elul
Aug 23 | Willie Berman | 10 Elul
Aug 24 | Sol Yonks | 11 Elul
Aug 24 | Solomon Krieger | 11 Elul
Aug 24 | Bernard Goodman | 11 Elul
Aug 25 | Barry David Bierman | 12 Elul
Aug 25 | Bruce Olens | 12 Elul
Aug 25 | Kenneth Goodman | 12 Elul
Aug 25 | Gladys Slutsky | 12 Elul
*Aug 25 | Jolantha Kronberger | 12 Elul
*Aug 25 | Rose Hirsch | 12 Elul
*Aug 25 | Tillie Goodman | 12 Elul
*Aug 26 | Eva Smith | 13 Elul
Aug 26 | Bernard Levin | 13 Elul
Aug 26 | Oscar Reiner | 13 Elul
*Aug 26 | Emanuel Chartash | 13 Elul
*Aug 26 | Nancy Arnold | 13 Elul
Aug 27 | Dorothy Trotz | 14 Elul
Aug 27 | Harriet Levin | 14 Elul
*Aug 27 | Erwin Kantor | 14 Elul
*Aug 27 | Belle Goldman | 14 Elul
Aug 27 | Louis Siegel | 14 Elul
Aug 27 | Yaakov Rosenberg | 14 Elul
*Aug 27 | Pearl Levy | 14 Elul
Aug 28 | Irwin Silberman | 15 Elul
Aug 28 | Michael Patinkin | 15 Elul
*Aug 29 | Rae May |
Aug 29 | Sandy Shectman Carita | 16 Elul
*Aug 29 | Phillip Rosner | 16 Elul
*Aug 29 | Marvin Shams | 16 Elul
Aug 29 | Sheila Cohen | 16 Elul
*Aug 29 | Gustav Tritt | 16 Elul
*Aug 29 | Helen Fisher | 16 Elul
*Aug 29 | Dorothy Bader | 16 Elul
Aug 29 | Abe Oresky | 16 Elul
Aug 30 | Lea Turner | 17 Elul
Aug 30 | Diane Silverman | 17 Elul
Aug 31 | Michael Smith | 18 Elul
Aug 31 | Janet Rita Katz | 18 Elul
Aug 31 | Lena Rudy | 18 Elul
Aug 31 | Lester Savitt | 18 Elul
*Aug 31 | E. Susan Barnoff | 18 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...

- Machaela Galiano on her engagement to Witt Napier
- Pam and Paul Galiano on the engagement of their daughter, Machaela
- Alisa Unger on the birth of her grandson, Jeremy Ryan Unger, to Rebecca and Jason Unger, born on June 2
- Roni and Ian Robbins on the engagement of their daughter, Lena, to Sam Janis
- Nancy and Norman Miller on the birth of their grandson, Mason Irwin Wohlers, to Rachel and Alex Wohlers, born on June 13, and on the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor Ruth "Ellie Ru", to Erin and Aaron Miller, born on March 28
- Elyse and David Shaw on the birth of their grandson, Bodhi Jacob Quinonez, to Rebekah Shaw and Shane Quinonez, born on June 28

We Welcome These New Families to Our Etz Chaim Community:

Mary Katherine Kennedy and Noam Kleinman
MK: (678) 772-5032 | kennedy.marykatherine@gmail.com
Noam: (786) 473-1981 | noam.kleinman93@gmail.com

Meagan Ashner and Connor Hyman
Meagan: (334) 233-3747 | meaganashner@gmail.com
Connor: (845) 594-4867 | connoreliashyman@gmail.com

Janet Lewis and Robert Fieldsteel, Jr.
Janet (678) 404-8620 | janlewis73@gmail.com | Rob: (478) 365-9175 | robfi@pacbell.net

Welcome Back to Our Etz Chaim Community:

Sarala and Jonathan Waller
Sarala: (562) 234-9568 | saralarosewaller@gmail.com | Jonathan: (310) 613-3866 | jonathanmwaller@gmail.com

Updated Email Addresses...

- Dana Greenberg - danagreenberg48@gmail.com
- Jo Ellen Smith - joellen2468@gmail.com

Shout Outs…

- Thank you to Hank Needle and Jack Weinstein for building the new food collection bins for JF&CS in the Feibel Family Library Hallway.
- Thank you to our office volunteers: Linda Diamond | Ron Judenberg | Linda Weinroth | Wendy Feinberg | Lauren Gray | Reba Bachrach
- Thank you to Michael Karp for delivering our food donations to JF&CS each month.
- Thank you to the "recycling team" for their weekly collection of recyclables in our building.

Holiday Information



Selichot / High Holy Days

Awaken the Soul: A Selichot Song Circle with *Hadar Atlanta*
Sunday, September 6, from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Congregation Or Hadash | 7460 Trowbridge Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Prepare your heart and lift your voice for the High Holidays through the transformative power of communal music.

Join Or Hadash and Atlanta RSI (Rising Song Institute) communities for a joyful Selichot Song Circle, led by Dr. Amy Robertson, Drew Cohen, and Rabbi Lauren Henderson. *Doors open at 7:00 PM.* Click here to register.

This event is free of charge and open to the community.

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 contact Steven Horovitz if you would like to receive an honor during Shabbat Services.

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.

Library Catalog

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.

BOOK DONATIONS: Please DO NOT leave book donations on the library check-out desk or in the synagogue office. If you have gently used Jewish books from the last ten years you would like to donate, don't hesitate to get in touch with Janice Levine (levines2000@comcast.net).

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY? Please email Janice Levine with book purchase suggestions.

- **CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES**
  for some summer activities for children and adults:
- **FOR CHILDREN**
  Go to PJ Library at pjlibrary.org/home
- **FOR ADULTS**
  The Jewish Guide on the internet has great weblinks for teenagers and adults alike www.jewishinternetguide.com
- **FOR EVERYONE**
  Jacob Richman's Home Page has activities for children and adults. Learn Hebrew, play games, etc., at this website jr.co.il/

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 conversation, are homebound, in the hospital, home with your children, or 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.



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.





Tuesday, August 25

10:30 a.m. Kibbitz and Snacks
11:00 a.m. Bingo

All are welcome to attend.
Open to the community.
Click here to RSVP.

For questions, contact Ashley Maloy, or Bernice Mellman

RSVP Link: etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/k&kaug25

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
- 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 or Cindee Sapoznik, co-chairs.



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.



Save the Date: October 21

"Not My Kids… Safety, Awareness, and Navigating the Teen Years"

Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness
Focusing on our children

More information to come in the September/October issue of Voice of Chaim.



Tzedakah / Donations

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Congregation Etz Chaim Endowment

In memory of:

Judith Brill - mother of Yaron and Robin Brill
Jeff and Cathy Schwartz

Cynthia R. Freeman Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

my father, Marty Steiner. I miss him every day.
Lisa and Alan Freeman

Fineman Family Program Endowment

In honor of:

the Confirmation of Jayden Cohen
Judy and Stan Fineman

In loving memory of:

Susan Altfeder, Leo Altfeder, Molly Altfeder, and Ester Kessner
Judy and Stan Fineman

Ann Kaplan, mother of Stan Sunshine
Myrna and David Garron

Joan H. Rabin Memorial Endowment

In memory of:

Judith Brill
Ellen and Billy Balser

Reba and Bob Bachrach Education Endowment

In loving memory of:

your dear mom, Sybil Bernath. May all the memories you hold bring you comfort during this difficult time. Love,

Stacy, dear son-in-law of Janis and Peter Greenfield. We are heartbroken over your loss and are sending lots of love and hugs to help you through this difficult time. May his memory always be for a blessing. Love,
David and Elyse Shaw

In memory of:

Stacy O'Kelley. Our condolences to Janis and Peter Greenfield on the loss of their son-in-law, Stacy.

my wonderful mother-in-law, Edythe Simon, on her yahrzeit
Jane Simon

Judith Brill

Ann Kaplan, mother of Stan Sunshine

Roslyn Greenberg, mother of Ari Greenberg
Reba and Bob Bachrach

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Janet and Steve Cadranel on the marriage of their daughter, Lauren. Love,

Dana and Ari Greenberg on the marriage of their daughter, Ilyse. Such exciting times and a wonderful simcha to celebrate! Love,
David and Elyse Shaw

Terri and Scott Rittenberg on becoming grandparents to Jacqueline (Jackie)
Reba and Bob Bachrach

The Cheryl and David Miller Innovation Endowment

In honor of:

The Miller Family. Sheri and I are sorry that we did not notice that you had started an endowment earlier. We are happy to contribute to it in recognition of all that you have done for the shul.
Sheri and Bob Frohlich

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

Sherry Adams

In honor of:

Rabbi Dorsch. Cheers to 10 years at Etz Chaim! May many more be in your future.
Joshua and Lauren Edelstein

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you so much for your visit after my mother's funeral. She was a "tough cookie," and now she is resting next to my father in peace!
Lori Struletz

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch for performing the marriage of our daughter, Ilyse, to Scott Gillet
Dana and Ari Greenberg

Rabbi Dorsch for the shiva in March
Keith Kirshner

In celebration of:

Rabbi and Amy Dorsch, Zev, and Haley. What a beautiful, heartfelt celebration of love, family, and friendship honoring "y'all"!!
Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Rabbi Dorsch. Congrats on your 10th anniversary!
Julie Kleinman

Rabbi Dan and Amy Dorsch's 10 years of service and leadership at Etz Chaim
Larry and Janet Jassen, Seattle, WA

In celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Jon and Maxine Schein
Rod and Roberta Bogash

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch's 10 years at Etz Chaim. We missed celebrating with you but were at our granddaughter's graduation from preschool. Thanks for all that you do!
Shari and Steven Kasten

Jon and Maxine Schein's 60th Anniversary
Simone and Norman Marinoff

In honor of:

Rabbi Dan and Amy Dorsch. Mazel tov on your 10th anniversary. Thank you for enriching the lives of your congregants.
Berna and Noah Levine

Rabbi Dorsch's recent celebration of serving our congregation
Jane Simon

Rabbi Dorsch's 10th anniversary. Mazal Tov to you and your family on this occasion. Thank you for your leadership, guidance, and commitment to Etz Chaim.
Karen and Ron Feibel

Rabbi Dorsch for performing the Caras-Goldstein wedding
Marcy and Steven Caras

Rabbi Dorsch's 10 years at Etz Chaim
Rabbi Steven Lebow

In loving memory of:

Marion and Leon Kroungold
Amy L Mittelberg

my grandfather Jack Befeler
Gail Vanovitch

the most loving, caring mother and grandmother, Mania Gontmakher. Your wisdom protects me from making a lot of mistakes. We were very blessed to have you. You are always in our hearts. We love you more and more. We miss you.

Chaya Visenberg, loved grandma and great-grandma. The love that you so generously shared with us helps us feel secure and brings so much joy and protection into our lives. You were our angel, and we miss you so deeply. With love.
Galina, Ella and Meylakh Barshay

our mother, Sylvia Schulberg. We miss you every day.
Grace and Ken Graiser

your dear mother, Roslyn Greenberg. Sending our deepest condolences. May your mother's light continue to live on through your family.
Jodi and Ken Danis

Arthur Hoffman
Rita Hoffman
Larry Sandak

My grandmother, Sylvia Sarah Friedman
Linda Bernknopf

Harry Diamond - dad and grandpa.
Michael, Linda, Sarah and Benjamin Diamond

my father, Berton Karol
Richard Karol

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

Sharon Draluck. We are so sorry for your loss! We know your mom's memory will be a blessing.
Sheri and Mark Schwartz

Abraham "Moe" Richman
Simone and Norman Marinoff

In memory of:

Rose Adelman
Amy and Rickey Mittelberg

my mother, Glenda Ballea
Bonnie Dix

Ana Gelbs Sapoznik
Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Roslyn Greenberg, mother of Ari Greenberg
David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

Mikey Patinkin on his birthday. You are so very missed by us, especially Josh.
Ellen, John, Rebecca and Josh Jarrett

Sidney Schulman
Judy Greenberg

Sharon Draluck
Ann Kaplan
Roslyn Greenberg
Helen Berne
Lisa and Sam Olens

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In loving memory of my brother, Irwin Yonks, on his yahrzeit
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Arthur Turner, a man who taught to live one's life in moderation, but always to the fullest, with respect for spiritual renewal, community, and personal growth, every day
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the yahrzeit of Morris Elkan
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Lori Struletz and Betsy Popkin's mother
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Wishing Mazal Tov to:

my grandson, Rabbi Dan, on his 10th anniversary at Etz Chaim. I am proud of you. Love, Baba Clara
Barbara Goldenberg

Maxine and John Schein, on the wonderful occasion of their anniversary. May you celebrate many more in good health.
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In appreciation of:

Rabbi Adler, for your lovely, warm, and appropriate remarks during our aliyah for our 60th wedding anniversary
Jonathan and Maxine Schein

In honor of:

Norman and Nancy Miller's new grandson Mason
Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Rabbi Lewis Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of:

My aunt, Selma Friedman Cohen
Linda A. Bernknopf

In memory of:

Eddie Hassey, dear brother of Joyce Teitelman. May the love and memories of your brother always bring your heart comfort. Sending you love and hugs. Love,
David and Elyse Shaw

Charlotte Berg
Eileen Cohen

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Safa and Shahrokh Nooromid

Backpack Buddies

In celebration of:

the birth of Nancy and Norm Miller's granddaughter and grandson. Mazel tov!
Elaine Schwartz

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the marriage of Ben and Nicole Davison. Mazel tov!
Linda S. Diamond

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Etz Chaim Religious School

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Bruce and Bernice Mellman

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Karen and Hank Needle

Marc Ebel, brother of Lynn Sustak. Always in my thoughts.
Lynn and Bob Sustak

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my father, Harold F. Needle, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit
Hank Needle

my mother, Mary Parolise
Janice and Richard Etscovitz

our mom, Betty Lipson

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In memory of:

Judith Brill, beloved mother of Yaron Brill
Adrienne and Randall Figur

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Sherry Adams

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Dr. Pip Spandorfer for all of his help and support with our daughter in the hospital
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Harris Fogel on his election as Executive Vice President of Etz Chaim
Elaine Weinberger

In honor of:

Debbie Adelman's 75th birthday.
Miriam Rosenbaum

In loving memory of:

Sonia Rosenberg
Fay Szeftel

Jane Cohen
Jeremy Cohen

my father
Phillip Greenspon

In memory of:

your mother, Sybil Bernath
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Rhea Negrin

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In honor of:

Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik on their momentous occasion
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Maxine and Jon Schein on their 60th anniversary!
Esther Low

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Wendy and Ron Feinberg

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Gary Taratoot on the second anniversary of your passing. We think about you and miss you every day. Love, Debbie and Seth
Debbie Taratoot

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your newest grandson, Bodhi Jacob! May he bring your family much joy and love!
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Lori, Jerry, and Betsy

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our beloved father and grandfather, Harold Greenberg, on his yahrzeit
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Mazal Tov to Maxine and Jonathan Schein on their 60th wedding anniversary!
Esther Shultz

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Nancy and Frank Shuster

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In celebration of:

Debbie Adelman's 75th Birthday.
Bonnie and Stephen Dix

Debbie Adelman's 75th Birthday!
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In honor of:

Debbie Adelman's 75th birthday!
JoAnn and Gary Feinberg

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Ann Kaplan, beloved mother of Stan (Luci) Sunshine
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Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Lisa Olens on your newly deserved role of President! You will certainly do an amazing job, and we are all so lucky to have you as President!
Elyse and David Shaw

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Karen Needle. You're the BEST Seattle personal tour guide/representative we could've asked for! We enjoyed everywhere you sent us and understand why you are so proud of your beautiful city. Thank you.
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Maxine and Jonathan Schein

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Maxine and Jonathan Schein on their 60th wedding anniversary!
Wendy and Ron Feinberg

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our father, Marcos Beker, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit
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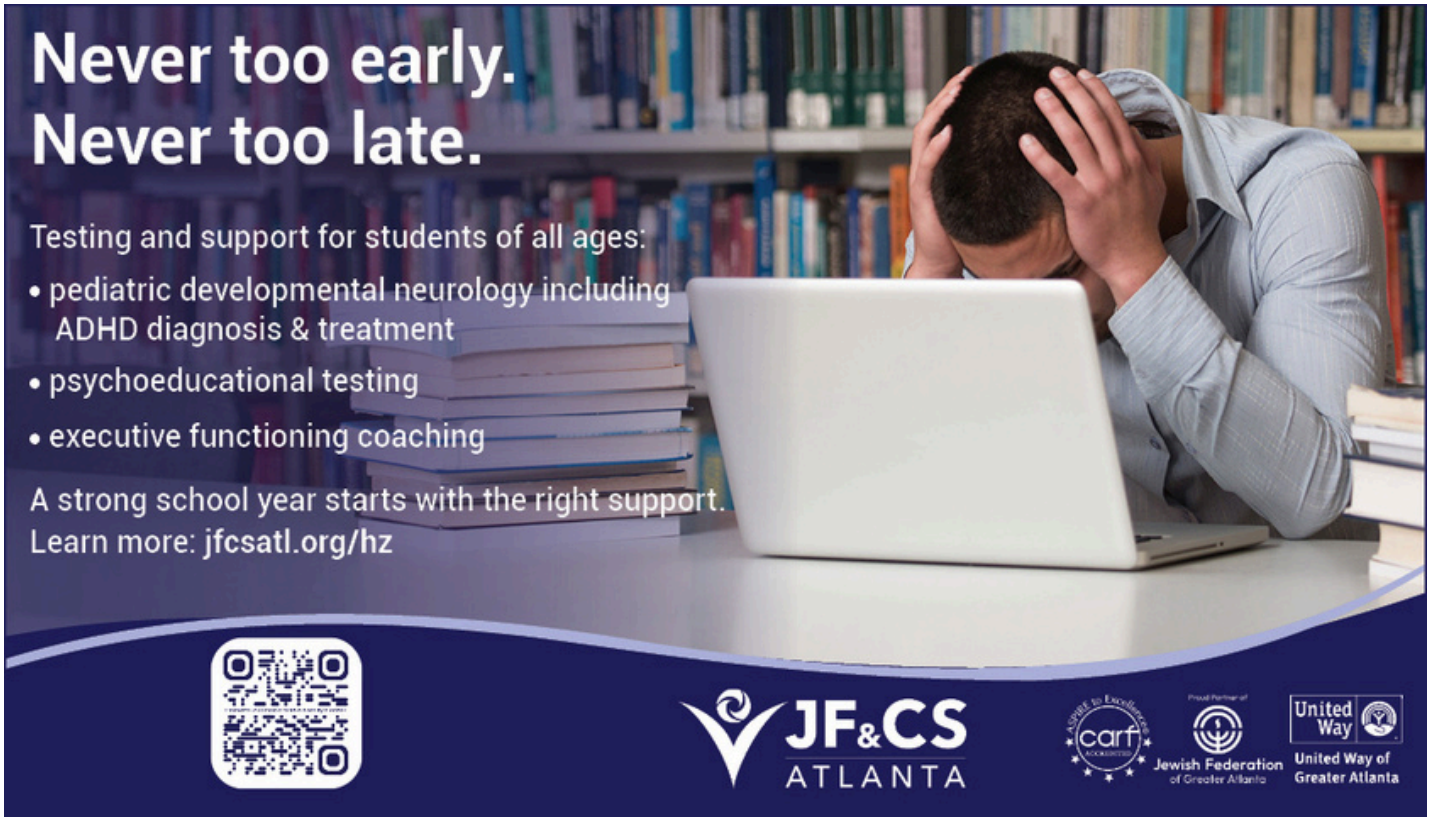
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