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YES SAVE THE WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/SIR2023 SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND JANUARY 27 AND 28, 2023 FEATURING PROFESSOR JEREMY DAUBER



Jeremy Dauber is the Atran Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture at Columbia University. He also serves as Director of Columbia University's Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies. Jeremy received his undergraduate degree summa cum laude from Harvard and his doctorate from the University of Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar.

Jeremy's books include Jewish Comedy. A Serious History, American Comics: A History, In the Demon's Bedroom. Yiddish Literature and the Early Modern; Antonio's Devils. Writers of the Jewish Enlightenment and the Birth of Modern Hebrew and Yiddish Literature; and The Worlds of Sholem Aleichem. Jeremy frequently lectures on topics related to Jewish literature, history, humor, and popular culture.

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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.

**Shabbat Services:** Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. (in-person & Livestream)

www.etzchaim.net/facebooklivestream

#### Rabbi Dan Dorsch

A colleague of mine once explained change in a synagogue as learning to "inflict pain at a tolerable pace." The first time I heard that definition, I couldn't help but laugh (you probably are too). Now, however, I realize how prescient and wise he was in sharing that sentiment.



Synagogues and institutions in general are conditioned to be "change adverse." We are, after all, one of the last repositories of reverence for tradition left in American society. As the world moves a mile a second, all of us seek out comfort and familiarity in our spiritual home. Whether it is familiar ritual, food, or company, a congregant once likened our beloved Etz Chaim to the Jewish version of "Cheers" (a show that, for the record, I have only seen in syndication). In our unique community largely consisting of transplants, we all chose once upon a time to make our home in a strange place and to create comfort in the familiar. At times, we wear our Etz Chaim like a warm tallit that we place over our heads during *duchening* on the holidays and never want to take it off.

Yet even beloved institutions cannot shut themselves off to the changing ways of the world. Nowhere does this lesson come into perspective better than as we approach Chanukah. Every Chanukah, we tell ourselves a myth about the bravery of the Maccabees as Jewish purists who rejected change entirely. We then regale our children with tales about how the Greek culture of the period threatened the very existence of Judaism.

Only here now, according to most historians, is the real picture of Chanukah: The rabbis of the time period, and the Maccabees themselves, were in fact, immersed in Greek culture and even spoke the language, as did most of the Jews living in the Land of Israel. It's just that like Jews throughout every period of our history, the Jews of the Maccabean period had to make decisions about what kinds of changes were tolerable and which ones were not.

Most of Greek culture was a de facto way of life. But in the Book of the Maccabees in the apocrypha, we read about some rather painful changes that would not stand. Jews were choosing to "uncircumcise themselves" so that they could participate in the nude in the Greek *gymnasia*. And the Greeks, in an act expressing their religious and cultural dominance, placed a statue of Zeus in the Jerusalem Temple. These were painful changes that the Maccabees could not endure, and so they chose to revolt. Something tells me that we would draw the line here too.

As a rabbi, I recognize that the nearly six-hundred families in our synagogue all negotiate tensions surrounding change differently, especially when it comes to our decisions about our families and our community. Some want more change. Others want a little less. Yet rather than seeing weakness in this tension, Chanukah urges us to celebrate this authentic struggle that is nothing new to our history. We all know the joke about how many Jews it takes to screw in a lightbulb (punchline has to do with as many as there are different opinions about how to change it).

As conservative Jews who seek to balance tradition and change, Chanukah challenges us to define what each of us views as our "tolerable pace". No doubt, as a community, we will continue to explore what this tolerable pace looks like for all of us together.

#### Marty Gilbert Executive Director

"Change is inevitable."

That is what I have been told and that is what I have always found to be true.



"Adapt or die" is another catchy

phrase that comes to mind along these lines, originally credited to Charles Darwin, but also said by Brad Pitt (playing Billy Beane) in the film "Moneyball".

We have lived and learned this lesson on a global, local, and personal level for generations.

Our biggest challenge is not that we don't or can't change; it's that we usually do it kicking and screaming. We must at some point recognize the fact that things will happen that we have to adapt to regardless of whether we like it or not. So rather than spend the energy being negative about the change, seize the moment and embrace it.

When I arrived at Etz Chaim, I told Ellen Feldser, our bookkeeper, that she had to give me 5 years' notice before she retired.

Unfortunately, she did not stick to my plan and only gave me 5 months' notice.

On December 30, 2022 (the 31<sup>st</sup> is a Saturday), Ellen will turn off her computer for the last time and retire from her bookkeeping position of 26 years. Technically, she is not going anywhere. She was a member before she started working here and she will continue in that role. She just won't have to deal with me on a regular basis.

I have worked with many people during my career, but I have never worked with anyone who was more devoted to her work and her employer than Ellen. Her attention to detail and meticulous nature is beyond compare. Someone else will fill her role, but nobody will be able to replace her.

Hopefully you will all join us on Sunday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m. as we honor Ellen with a celebratory brunch in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. There is no charge, but we do ask for everyone to RSVP:

Ellen's Retirement Brunch - Event - Congregation Etz Chaim

Ellen, we all wish you many happy years of retirement and only good things.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

Marty



#### Jamie Platt Lyons President

Follow-Up to my 2022/5783 Kol Nidre Speech

At this point all of you have heard me mention that I am a "Say It Out Loud" kind of gal. During my speech I showed you the plaque that my co-worker gave me a few years ago as a gift. (If you have not seen/heard my speech,

it's available on the Congregation Etz Chaim Facebook page -October 4 - Mincha Service/Kol Nidre (I start at 1:22:37.)

One thing I wanted to "say out loud" in my Kol Nidre speech, but did not have time to address with clarity, is the Congregation Etz Chaim Social Contract. It was printed on Page 5 of Etz Chaim Sisterhood Greeting and Remembrance Book and shown below.

The Social Contract was created by our VP of Communications, Audrey Fried-Sheets, and was adopted by our Board of Trustees as a road map for our interactions while Creating Meaningful Jewish Experiences at Congregation Etz Chaim. There are six "points" like those on a <u>Magen David</u>. Each point addresses a value held by our community that we want to highlight in all our interactions. We've included examples or suggestions of each of these points to express more clearly how these values are important to us.

<u>Kedusha/Holiness</u> – embrace everyone without regard to background, age, ability, race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, or socio-economic status. In this regard, you might have noticed that we recently replaced our "Safe Zone" stickers on our synagogue doors. We always had this sticker on the front door of the building, but it was old and faded. In preparation for our Pride Shabbat on October 22, we refreshed these stickers on the front door, the education wing door, and the Eden/King administrative wing door. I am so proud that our congregation serves as a "Safe Zone", especially in light of the recent shooting in Colorado.

<u>Yosher/Honesty</u> – Promote open and honest communication that allows us to address our differences constructively. Not everyone has the same political and social beliefs. We have a diverse and

growing congregation. It is exceedingly important that we can communicate respectfully with each other to learn about each other's choices so we can work together towards understanding. The goal is not to persuade everyone to be the same. The goal is to support and learn about our differences.

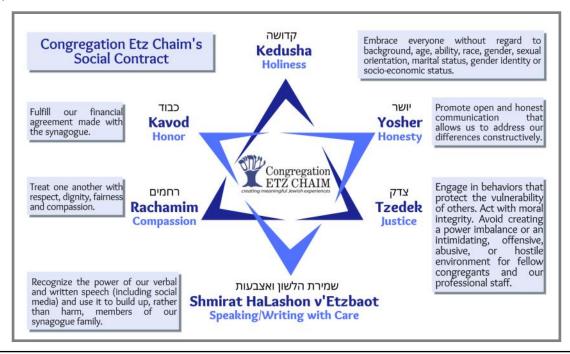
<u>Tzedek/Justice</u> – Engage in behaviors that protect the vulnerability of others. Act with moral integrity. Avoid creating a power imbalance or an intimidating, offensive, abusive, or hostile environment for fellow congregants and professional staff. It should not need to be "said out loud" that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and kindness.

Shmirat HaLashon v'Etzbaot/Speaking and Writing with Care – Recognize the power of our verbal and written speech (including social media) and use it to build up, rather than harm, members of our Synagogue Family. With so many sources and methods of communication, we need to be mindful of what we say, where we say it, and how it could be perceived. Don't spread gossip or rumors. Make sure you have correct information when you share. It you aren't sure, use my motto . . . when in doubt, check it out!

<u>Rachamim/Compassion</u> – Treat one another with respect, dignity, fairness, and compassion. You never know what's going on in someone's life. When you act with compassion in every interaction, you know you are always doing the right thing.

<u>Kavod/Honor</u> – Fulfill our financial agreement made with the synagogue. During my Kol Nidre speech I explained that WE NEED YOU, our congregants. We need you physically (in the building, participating in Etz Chaim, and sharing our world) and we need you financially. Each of us plays a role in the financial health of our congregation. We need everyone to meet their financial commitments, so we can retain our viability. It takes all of us together.

As we move into the calendar year of 2023 and my second year as President of this outstanding congregation, I just want to say out loud how grateful I am for everyone's support, involvement, dedication, and love for this community. Congregation Etz Chaim is a vibrant and diverse group and we are so fortunate to be connected to each other.



# Department of Education

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### PRESCHOOL

Friday, **12/2** Tot Shabbat (5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.) Saturday, 12/3 & 12/10 **Team Shabbat** (10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.) Saturday, 12/10 Kids Night Out (5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.) Wednesday 12/14 School Wide Family **Chanukah Festivities** (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) Sunday 12/18 First Chanukah Candle (PM) Monday 12/19 through Tuesday, 1/3 School Closed (Winter Break)

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Sunday, 12/4 **3rd Grade Family** Workshop Saturday, 12/3 & 12/10 Team Shabbat Sunday, 12/11 Sunday Pre-K Sunday, **12/11** Sisterhood Chanukah Shuk Sunday, 12/18 Community Chanukah party 2:00 p.m. Sun., 12/18-Tue. 1/3 School Closed (Winter Break)





#### **Debbie Deutsch Director of Education**

#### Making the world a better place, one mensch at a time

As part of the B'nai Mitzvah experience, our students are required to do a mitzvah project to help them understand their role as adults in the Jewish world. We've known all along that doing mitzvot should not be a one-time event because the more we perform mitzvot, the more inclined we are to

continue to do so in the future. To that end, one piece of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum this year is service learning. The students have discussed a variety of ways they can be helpful to others, planned out the activities they have done or intend to do, and then are responsible for the implementation of those activities. Thus far, Kitah Zayin, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders, have made weighted neck rolls for the MDE school, including cutting out the fabric, sewing it together, and stuffing it. The class presented these neck rolls to Mindy Elkan a few weeks ago. And they haven't stopped there. Because we are so fortunate to have our entire school able to participate in the Backpack Buddies program organized by Lauren Surden and Angie Nothdurft, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders have done their share of packing the bags. Every class in our Religious School will have a chance to pack the bags and thus far, Kitah Bet, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Kitah Vav, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, have had the privilege of doing so. In addition, Kitah Vav, 6<sup>th</sup> traveled to JF&CS to help sort out the kosher food donated during the High Holiday season. The class sorted 15 barrels of food, which was equivalent to 3000 pounds of food!!

Yasher Koach to all our students for their mitzvah efforts! Check out the pictures on the opposite page to see us at work.



#### Lauren Chernau **Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool**

As we move out of our Jewish Holiday season and into a more secular holiday time, we often hear our preschoolers say things like, "I'm not Christmas, I'm Chanukah". We, as preschool educators, try to not only make our children feel the specialness of being Jewish, but also we find a way to show the children perhaps a deeper, more spiritual connection to the holiday of Chanukah. We explain to them the beauty of light. That each one of us has a

special light that shines within us that makes us unique and important. We look at the Shamash, the Helper Candle, and we too try to emulate the job of the special candle. How can we be a helper in the classroom, in our own homes and in our school. We practice being helpers by cleaning our space when we are done playing. We encourage the children to help by using kind words with their peers and the other people they encounter. We practice letting our own light shine as we go about our day making good choices and showing pride in our accomplishments. We stand proud like the Maccabees and remember that even if we feel small, bravery is about feeling scared but doing it anyway. Although Chanukah has evolved into a gift giving holiday, at Etz Chaim Preschool we always remember that although it is nice to receive gifts, it also feels nice when our lights shine brightly, and we choose to be a helper within our environment.

Happy Chanukah and may your light shine brightly this season!



# 2022-2023 Religious School Madrichim



Joe Gewertz K'tantanim—Pre-K





**Bethany Rydell** Kitah Alef-1st Grade



K'tantanim—Pre-K



Sydney Shefsky Kitah Bet Haifa—2nd Grade

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Adam Sandak Kitah Gan—Kindergarten / Kitah Bet Eilat-2nd Grade



Eli Slomovitz Kitah Bet Haifa—2nd Grade



Shoshana Waller Kitah Alef—1st Grade

Evan Okrent

Kitah Vav—6th Grade



Kayla Kleinman Kitah Alef-1st Grade/ Kitah Gimel—3rd Grade



Milo Medof Tech

# Photo Not Available

Nate Aronstein Kitah Bet Eilat-2nd Grade Co-Teacher











#### Leah Green Director of Engagement and Youth Programming

I would like to dedicate this article to all the people I've worked with, whether that be my awesome team at the synagogue or the amazing volunteers and people willing to help at the events. It has truly been inspiring to see the community come together. I'm in a unique position, behind the scenes, where I get to see the teamwork and leadership skills of the people around me. Whether it was Shabbat in the Park or SukkahFest, Men's Club always

shows up to cook their amazing food and the community always comes together to create a one-of-a-kind event! I am learning more in this job than any experience I've had in all my 23 years (almost 24!!). And it's all through the support of the Etz community that I get to be in this position. I may help coordinate the events, but nothing would be possible without you, the fabulous people of the congregation. The pure joy I see when I show up to help set up helps me realize that I'm here for the right reasons, that we need the togetherness and celebration. And I am so happy to be here to set it up and watch it flourish.

Let me tell you about our events coming up this month. Don't miss the *Lilmode* class on December 5, at 7:00 p.m. It will be a super interesting session about the back and after story of Chanukah. Our very own Miriam Rosenbaum will be explaining the darkness and light of this holiday. On **Friday, December 9, mark your calendars for Blue Jean Shabbat**! The theme is *Stairway to Heaven* 1970s. Men's Club will be grilling out for dinner. Make sure you go all out because I know I'm going to. There is a **Young Adults Chanukah Party on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.** Make sure you come prepared with a wine glass. Just kidding, we have plenty. *Lilmode* **has another awesome and informative class on December 12 at 7:00 p.m.** with congregant Noah Levine who will speak about small town Jewish congregations and the struggles they face with their dwindling population. On **December 17 at 7:30 p.m.** The **Prime Timers are hosting a Vodka and Latkes Dance!** Dance the night away with great music, great food, and great drinks! Then on **Sunday, December 18, there will be a Winter Wonderland Community Chanukah Party starting at 2:00 p.m.** Make sure to bring your sleds! All RSVP links can be found on the home page under "Featured Events" or on the website calendar when you click the event. I hope to see everyone at our events coming up - we can't wait!

### **Youth Department**

Hi, my youth groupies! I am so excited for this year. These kids are absolutely fabulous and so interesting to be around and listen to. They can play piano super well too! We've had an awesome time

at Youth Group this past month. We've been doing all things pumpkin - painting, carving, making pumpkin seeds, going crazy on the obstacle course, and so much more. We even had a Gesher costume party where a frat boy won the best costume prize. Can't forget about the murder mystery party and they solved the case of the Etz Manor. The best thing about Youth Group is these kids have fun no matter what we do. They want to be together as much as possible and my job is to create a sense of community and make sure everyone has fun together. Don't forget about our Chalutzim (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) event on December 4, our Chaverim (3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade) event on December 11, our Gesher (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) event on January 29. We **will not** be having Wacky on December 21 or December 28.

I want to talk about the USY trips coming up in Atlanta. If anyone is interested in going to one, please contact me at <u>leah@etzchaim.net</u>. On January 12-15, USY will be hosting a Civil Rights Tour starting in Atlanta and will also be visiting Selma and Montgomery, AL. All information about this trip can be found at <u>Civil Rights Journey | United Synagogue Youth (usy.org)</u>. Then on April 28-30, there will be a convention at Ramah Darom! So prepare to have a blast at that! If you are curious about other USY trips going on this year, check out this page: <u>International & Regional Events | United Synagogue Youth (usy.org)</u>.







# Our Etz Chaim Community

#### Mazal Tov to...

Jenifer and Bill Lieberbaum on the engagement of their son, Mark, to Isabelle Bersano

Michelle Grey on the engagement of her son, Daniel, to Rachel Cohen

Lauren and Robert Gray on the birth of granddaughter, Emerson Shae, born October 4, to Hilary and Ryan Booco

Grace and Ken Graiser on the birth of great granddaughter, Salem Lynne, born on October 11 to Prashaw and Jerry Ramos and on her baby naming

Sarah Rabin and Hooman Nourparvar on the birth of their son, Noah, on September 23, and to Dan Rabin, on the birth of his grandson

Ellen and Billy Balser on the marriage of their daughter, Mel, to Tommy Smith

Rabbi Dan Dorsch for being selected as one of Atlanta Jewish Times "40 under 40" for his dedication to Etz Chaim and the Atlanta community-at-large for his leadership and community involvement.

Heather Blake for being selected as one of Atlanta Jewish Times "40 under 40" for her leadership, dedication, and involvement in the Jewish community.

#### Condolences to...

Josh Azriel on the passing of his beloved mother, Marilyn Azriel

Steve Komisar on the passing of his beloved mother, Joanie Komisar

Glynis Okrent on the passing of her beloved brother, Noel Bloomberg

Cindy Lewis on the passing of her beloved mother, Eleanor "Ele" Eisenberg

Toby Fagin on the passing of her beloved father, Albert Tenenbaum

Lauren Wishna on the passing of beloved father, Philip Bloom

Daniel Pransky on the passing of his beloved mother, Baila Pransky

Stefan Pollack on the passing of his beloved brother, Alan Pollack

*Thank You to our Office Volunteers...* Wendy Feinberg • Ron Judenberg Linda Weinroth

# Welcome! We are pleased to introduce these new members...

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*New Emails...* Sugar Eisenberg herm.eis565@gmail.com

Have news you'd like to share with our community? Please contact Bernice in the shul office at bernice@etzchaim.net.

After 26+ years of hard work and dedication, it's time for Ellen Feldser, Bookkeeper Extraordinaire, to unplug her adding machine. Please join us in celebrating her retirement. BRUNCH IO:30 A.M. DECEMBER 4 HAMMER-TRITT S.H. RSVP: WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/CONGRATSELLEN



# Join us for:







# Save these Friday night dates:

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat with crafts, songs, dances, and fun! December 2 January 27 February 3 March 3 April 14 May 12



Check out our Preschool Facebook page for more information. Questions? Contact Debbie Deutsch 770-977-3384 or debbie@etzchaim.net

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30068 / www.etzchaim.net/preschool



# A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THIS STUDENT CELEBRATING HER BAT MITZVAH!



Grace Coleman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on December 17, 2022 – 23 Kislev 5783. She is the daughter of Lisa and Bryan Coleman. Grace's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Vayeshev. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Dickerson Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for five years. Grace's hobbies and interests include soccer, drums and going to camp.

For her mitzvah project, Grace is supporting Camp Sunshine, a camp for children with cancer.



Shabbat Morning Babysitting 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Babysitting is available on Shabbat when there is no "Team Shabbat". Please check our website at www.etzchaim.net/calendar or in the weekly EtzBlast for more information.

Upcoming Dates: December 17, 24 and 31



**Minuan Breakfast** every Sunday 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Hammer-Tritt Social Hall Join us!

#### Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

The Voice of Chaim 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 at: bernice@etzchaim.net

All materials must be received no later than the 1st of the month prior to the simcha. We will gladly accept material earlier.



#### Shabbat Honors are Back!

Be on the lookout in your inbox for an email from the Shabbat Honors Committee. We'd like to honor all our wonderful volunteers at Etz Chaim with an Aliyah as a thank you for a job well done.

Have a milestone birthday, anniversary, or another significant life event? Being called to the Torah is a great way to celebrate and share your good news with our Etz Chaim community. Are you observing a yahrzeit? An Aliyah is a meaningful way to honor the memory of your loved one.

Please let us know about your events or your friends' events by emailing us at shabbathonorsetzchaim@gmail.com.

## **Men's Club Notes**

Congratulation to Etz Chaim Men's Club of Marietta, GA, on completing the requirements to receive the FJMC Quality Club Award. I want to thank Barry Riesenberg for working with me to make this happen.



As we look back on 2022, we have had a great year supporting other groups within the Synagogue preparing and serving food for their events, enjoying the brotherhood at our own events, and sharing in events with the synagogue for the congregation. I want to thank all those in the Men's Club that participated in the events and all those that have chosen to be members.

In December we will be supporting Blue Jean Shabbat on December 9, with the preparation and serving of dinner. I want to thank Alan Lightstone for his leadership in organizing the cooking and prep work crews and the guys who are always there to make it happen. Coming in January, join us for the Best Breakfast in Town featuring the AJFF Preview. See page 22 for more information.

We are planning to provide a meal for our local law enforcement and fire departments. The date has yet to be determined.

*David Lieberman* President **Bryan Coleman** 1st Vice President



*Mathew Nathan* 2nd Vice President

Mazal Tov to Etz Chaim's Men's Club who won "Best Team Name" at the Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival.

> Way to go, Moshe Ribeinu!

**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
- Usher for High Holidays
- Support 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 THE LIST - CONTACT US AT: mensclub@etzchaim.net

# "Stairway to Heaven" 70s Themed BJ Shabbat



- 6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Service
- Cost: \$10 per Adult

\$5 per Child (12 and under) \$30 per family of 4 or more

Thank you to Men's Club for cooking! Our menu: chicken, veggie burgers, salad, fries, green beans and brownies

www.etzchaim.net/event/bjs2022 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068



#### **Minyan Makers**

The Sisterhood sponsorship for Etz Chaim's daily minyan has moved from Thursday nights to Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Come join us for the morning service and then stay afterward to nosh and kibbitz.

#### **Interest Groups**

We're also looking to start interest groups for activities to follow our nosh such as mah jongg, knitting, and a walking group. Feel free to let us know if you have any other ideas and to participate.

#### **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.

#### JNF Trees for Israel

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood grove. For more information, contact Sandy Bailey at 770-490-7874 or the Gift Shop.

For more information about Sisterhood, please contact: Lauren Levetan, 404-422-8921 laurenlevetan@hotmail.com or Neda Gail, 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net.

Check us out on Facebook or our on our website at www.etzchaim.net/sisterhood

#### ATTENTION ETZ CHAIM MEMBERS:

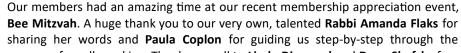
If you are planning to be away for an extended amount of time, please inform the office.

#### Judaica and Gifts Shop Hours

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **The Sisterhood Scoop**

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with quality time with friends, family, and loved ones.





process of candle making. Thanks as well to Linda Diamond and Dana Shefsky for planning this Beerific event!

Our always popular lunch and learn series, **Shalom in the Shul**, is off to a great start. **Please join Rabbi Lewis** as he leads us in a stimulating discussion using excerpts from his upcoming book. The next session is on **Monday**, **December 12**, **at 10:00 a.m.** Please see the ad on page 15 for the complete calendar of dates and to register.

Another engaging meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Join us as we discuss *The Last Rose of Shanghai* by Weina Dai Randel. Patrice Levy will moderate. Please see the ad on page 15 to RSVP.

On **December 11**, we will host our annual **Chanukah Shuk**, where our Religious School students will have the opportunity to buy presents for their families. To help make this event successful, we need your support. Please contact Liz Cohen if you are able to volunteer at <u>lizcohen@kw.com</u>.

**Calling all knitters (and those who crochet too)!** Sisterhood annually provides warm knitted items to MUST Ministries to supply those in need around the December holidays. We are currently looking for knitters to help fulfill this important Mitzvah. **Knitted items are due by December 19<sup>th</sup>.** Completed items may be brought to the office during business hours and placed in the available bin.

We encourage you to get involved! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhood-sponsored Sunday morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and meet people. Have questions? Please contact Lauren Levetan at 404-422-8921, <u>laurenlevetan@hotmail.com</u>, or Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, <u>nedagayle@att.net</u>.

We wish everyone a very festive Chanukah and a happy and healthy New Year! We can't wait for what 2023 has in store for us with our Etz Chaim community.

Until next time... Lauren and Neda Co-Presidents, Sisterhood





# CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Announcing

# Our 2022-2023 Chazak v'Ematz Campaign

Be Strong and Courageous

e summon strength and fortitude in these changing times to continue to make an important impact at our global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education: Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Jewish community. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders and others.

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 knowledge, learning and providing the future generation with relevant skills to enrich the Jewish people.

#### Let us know if we can reserve one for you!

All purpose greeting cards are also available.

Sandy Bailey, 770-490-7874 or jbsandy10@gmail.com Pam Ziskend, 770-377-2599 or pamziskend@yahoo.com This pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land, when the leadership transitions from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites and Joshua are instructed to "be strong and courageous" (Deuteronomy 31:6, 7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18). The 5783 Torah Fund pin represents 80 years of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund.



#### MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

All Shabbat Services in-person and via livestream. Minyanim will be held in-person only. December 25 and 26, Morning Minyan will be at 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday Mornings 7:00 a.m. ☆ Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m. Sunday through Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 p.m. ☆ Shabbat Morning Services 9:30 a.m. Click link to livestream: <u>https://www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream</u> MINYANIM ARE HELD IN THE ALLAN AND VIVIAN LEVINE FAMILY CHAPEL

SHABBAT SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE LINDY AND NORMAN RADOW SANCTUARY

Please note, in order to say Mourner's Kaddish, we need to have 10 participants.



# SUNDAY, DEC. 11TH

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SHOP FOR GIFTS DURING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HOURS

All items just **\$1.** Students will need to bring cash.

Sponsored BY: Sisterhood

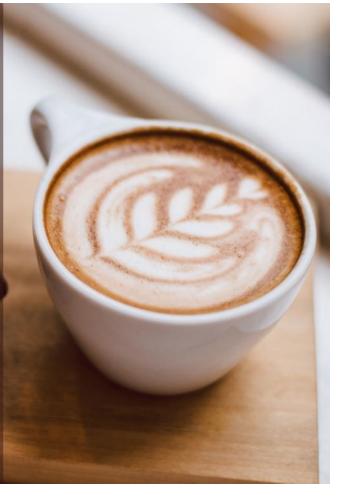
# Mocha Mondays

# 8:30 a.m.

Monthly Coffee and Breakfast with the Rabbi accompanied by the Talmud's Greatest Hits

# Save these dates:

December 12 January 23 February 13 March 13 April 17





# Upcoming Programs *Lilmode* - Adult Education December



Torah Study with the Rabbi Thursdays, December 1, 8 and 15 at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and via Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/TorahStudy5783">https://tinyurl.com/TorahStudy5783</a>

# This Month with Lilmode: Darkness and Light

# Light to Darkness, Maccabees to Hasmoneans: The After-Story of Chanukah with Miriam Rosenbaum

# Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.

The Maccabees "turned on" the lights of the Temple, but their Hasmonean descendants switched them off again. Join us as congregant and scholar Miriam Rosenbaum explains how that happened.



RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/light2darkness 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. | Marietta, GA 30068

# The Glorious Legacies of Sunsetting Congregations with Noah Levine

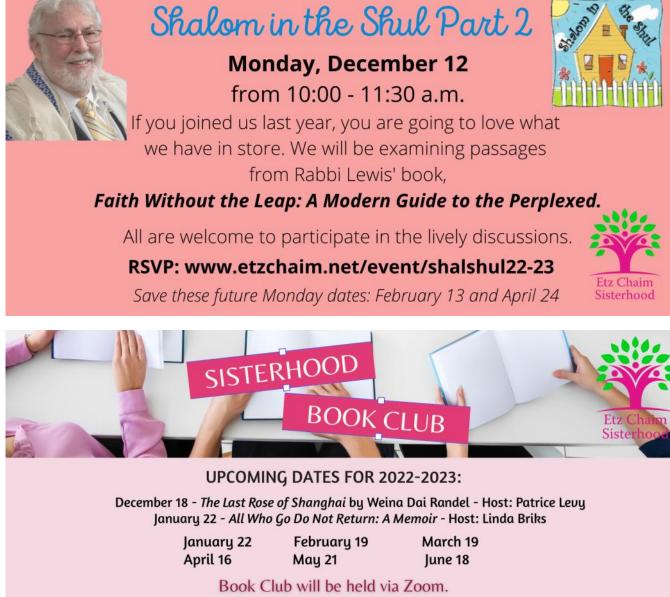
# Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.



In small towns throughout the United States, where Jewish populations have dwindled significantly, congregant Noah Levine is helping synagogues face the reality of their situations. Noah will take us with him to places like Albany, Bainbridge and Fitzgerald in Georgia and to communities in other states as he discusses how those congregations react and the legacies of their ultimate decisions.

> RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/legacies 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. | Marietta, GA 30068

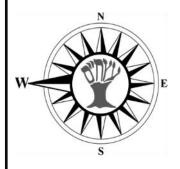




All sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89091421967

### Introducing Etz Chaim "West"



There are more Yidden in Woodstock than you would imagine! When we met our new banker at the Truist branch near us, she was Jewish! When we thought about moving to Woodstock, I went through the synagogue directory looking for any addresses in Woodstock, Acworth, or Kennesaw, and actually, there were quite a few!

Etz Chaim West is the name given to a fledgling chavurah from Etz Chaim, made up of people who live in the areas mentioned above. We have met for an initial get together. It was a Friday night Oneg Shabbat with about 18 people. The discussion that night led us to set up a Tashlich service at Old Rope Mill Park on the banks of Little River. We were a small group of 8, but we cast our bread on the water together and watched it float away.

Future events might include, a movie night, trivia event, game night and/or a Hannukah party. Please contact Miriam Rosenbaum (<u>zubed@comcast.net</u>) for information, or to be put on the "West's" email list.



As you face your Chanukiah (menorah), place the candles in their holders from right to left. As you light them, you light them from left to right, starting with the newest candle.

The candles should be kindled after nightfall. The menorah should be placed near the window for all to see, safely away from curtains and shades.

On the sixth night of Chanukah, **Friday, December 23**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **before nightfall and before the Shabbat candles.** On the seventh night of Chanukah, **Saturday, December 24**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **after Havdalah**.

## Chanukah Blessings

Recite after the Shamash, the Helper candle, is lit but before the other candles are lit.

#### בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה, יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בַּמצוֹתִיו וצְוּנוּ לַהַדְלִיק נַר שׁל חַנַכָּה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam asher kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav vitzi-va-nu l'had-lik nayr shel Chanukah.



Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

#### בָּרוּך אַתָּה, יַי אֱלהֵינוּ, מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נָסִים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam sheh' Asa ni'sim la'avotaynu ba'ya'min ha'haym ba'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this time of year.

### Recite First Night Only

בָּרוֹך אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלהֵינוּ, מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֵינוּ וְקִיְמַנוּ וְהָגִּיעַנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam shehe-chey-a-nu, v'kiy-manu v'hi-gi-anu lazman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this season.



#### Looking for a good book to read?

Check out the great books available for both adults, teenagers, and children from Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim. You can look up books anytime online in our online catalog at: https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com

Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim relies completely on donations for the money to purchase new books. Why not consider donating to the Library Fund in honor or in memory of someone.

#### FUN CHANUKAH BOOKS

We have great Chanukah books for children of all ages from preschoolers to teens. Stop by and check it out. Many are out on display atop the shelves and on the book rack near the library check-out desk. Picture books can also be found on the shelves at J 244.1.

**TO CHECK OUT A BOOK** just follow the directions on the circulation desk for self-check-out. There is also a slot at the desk for book returns.

#### Recommended Recent Chanukah Books from our Library for Kids:

**The Eight Knights of Hanukkah by Leslie Kimmelman.** On the last night of Chanukah, Lady Sadie summons her children, the Eight Knights of Hanukkah, to stop the dastardly dragon that is interrupting party preparations, using kindness and bravery. This humorous adventure is for Grades K-3 and was a Sydney Taylor Notable Picture Book.

**Red and Green and Blue and White** by Lee Wind. The true meaning of the holiday season shines through in this book based on an incident of anti-Semitism in Billings, Montana. This was also a Sydney Taylor Notable Picture Book in 2021 from the Association of Jewish Libraries. The community support and friendship in this book gives an inspiring message to kids in Grades 1-5.

**A Dreidel in Time: A New Spin on an Old Tale** by Marcia Berneger. A brother and sister receive a strange Chanukah gift and family heirloom-a magic dreidel that takes them back in time to learn about the true meaning of Chanukah This exciting time travel book is for kids in Grades 3-5.

#### **ONLINE FUN FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Jacob Richman has a lot of interesting things at his website-you can learn Hebrew, find links to Jewish humor, play Jewish games, find links to other Jewish websites, read the latest news from Israel, etc. <u>https://jr.co.il/</u>

#### Here's just a sample:

Chanukah Humor <u>https://jr.co.il/humor/chanukah.htm</u> Jewish Games <u>https://my-jewish-games.com</u> Learn Some Hebrew <u>https://jr.co.il/links/index</u>



Drop in between 2 & 4PM At Congregation Etz Chaim 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy NE, Marietta, GA 30068

> Chanukah treats, crafts, friends, fun... and SNOW! Please register on the Etz Chaim website at www.etzchaim.net/event/chanukah2022

Followed by the Menorah Lighting at East Cobb Park at 5:00 p.m.

Offered free to the greater community by:

Congregation Etz Chaim 🗱 Temple Beth Tikvah 🗱 Temple Kehillat Chaim 🕸 Temple Kol Emeth

# **New Chavurot Forming!!**

A chavurah is a wonderful opportunity to build treasured friendships in a small setting with other people in the Etz Chaim community.

Your chavurah will gather regularly throughout the year to enrich your lives by socializing, learning, and celebrating Jewish life together. Chavurah members plan activities of their own choosing.

If you are interested, please complete the form at:

# www.etzchaim.net/form/chavurot

We look forward to speaking with you and getting to know you!

Ellen Davison 770-656-9602 and Felicia Berne 678-910-1656 or chavurah@etzchaim.net

Did you know that 1 in 6 children in Georgia is food insecure?

Did you know that children who rely on free breakfast and lunch at school are often food insecure on weekends?

You can make a difference with Backpack Buddies at Etz Chaim to help fill the week-

end gap. Our congregation sponsors 45 children at Eastvalley Elementary School this means we are responsible for providing 45 bags of food each week this school year. It takes a village to keep this program running and there are so many ways you can help. We are looking for volunteers to donate food, fill bags, deliver bags to school and more.

To learn how you can help and sign up to volunteer, please visit our page on the website at: www.<u>etzchaim.net/social-action</u>

To order on Amazon or see examples of the types of food we accept, click here: <u>https://amzn.to/3xbMqjl</u>







# 2023 ALEF Fund

Your participation helps send children to our Pre-K & Transitional Kindergarten program

As some of you may be aware, the ALEF Fund is the Student Scholarship Organization that coordinates the funding of our scholarship funds for the Cool Cats and Transitional Kindergarten class. We are currently seeking participants to fund our scholarship program and we are hoping that each of you will participate in any way that makes sense for your family. This is <u>NOT</u> a contribution but a dollar for dollar Georgia state tax credit.

#### Here is why you should consider participating:

- 1. The state of Georgia gives you a **dollar for dollar state tax credit** for all funds contributed.
- 2. All monies fund our scholarship offerings and we would like to continue to be able to offer the large scholarships we've offered the past 5 years. (Currently, most of our Cool Cats & Transitions students are receiving scholarships covering about 80% of their total full-time tuition.)
- 3. Each year we depend on our participants to support our scholarships.

#### Here is how to participate:

- 1. Go to https://www.aleffund.org and choose either "New Contributor" or "Returning User".
- 2. Create an account or sign in to your existing account.
- 3. Indicate the amount of your participation and **designate that monies go to Congregation** Etz Chaim Preschool.

You will not have to fund this until after the first of the year, once you have received confirmation that you have been approved by the state.

Due to increased awareness, we expect state funds to run out quickly on January 1. For additional information or questions, please contact Marty Gilbert at 770-973-0137, mgilbert@etzchaim.net or Debbie Deutsch at 770-977-3384, debbie@etzchaim.net.

Forms should be submitted to the ALEF Fund office by Monday, December 12

**December Yahrzeits** 

Memorialize a loved one with a **Brick** in our Holocaust Memorial Garden or a **Plaque** on our Yahrzeit Wall. For information, please contact the synagogue office.

\*Denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

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#### Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

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Contributions made to the Chesed Fund will help to fund these services.

Please contact:

Lisa Flagel—678-591-7950

#### Your cooperation please!

The disabled parking spots are reserved for the *exclusive use* of those with permits. These spaces are *not* to be used by *anyone* else at *anytime*. There is *no* parking under the Education Wing overhang. It is a fire code violation.

#### Family Member In the Hospital?

serious illness.

The rabbi has asked that you notify the synagogue off in the event of a fan member's hospital stay

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Minyan Breakfast 10a	Shalom in the Shul 10a	Exec. Committee Mtg.	Evening Minyan 6:30p	Board of Trustees Mtg. 7p		Vodka & Latkes Dance
Melton Class 10:30a	Evening Minyan 6:30p	7:15p	USY Wacky 6:30p	5		7:30p
Chaverim Event 12:15p	Lilmode: The Glorious		PS Board Mtg. 8p			2
Evening Minyan 6:30p	Legacies 7p					
Young Adults Chanukah						
Party 7p					Candle Lighting 5:12p	Shabbat Ends 6:21p
18 (24 Kislev)	<b>19</b> (25 Kislev)	20 (26 Kislev)	21 (27 Kislev)	22 (28 Kislev)	23 (29 Kislev)	24 (30 Kislev) Miketz
Erev Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah
No Religious School	Preschool Closed	No Religious School	Preschool Closed	Preschool Closed	Preschool Closed	Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Morning Minyan 9:15a		Preschool Closed	Morning Minyan 7a	Morning Minyan 7a	Morning Minyan 7a	Shabbat Services 9:30a
Sisterhood Book Club 10a	Evening Minyan 6:30p	Morning Minyan 7a	Evening Minyan 6:30p	Evening Minyan 6:30p	Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	Babysitting 9:30a
Minyan Breakfast 10a		Evening Minyan 6:30p				
Community Chanukan						
Celebration 2-4p Evening Minvan 6-30n					Candle Lighting 5-16n	Shahhat Ends 6-34n
25 (1 Tevet)	26 (2 Tevet)	27 (3 Tevet)	28 (4 Tevet)	29 (5 Tevet)	30 (6 Tevet)	31 (7 Tevet) Vavigash
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### Art for a Mitzvah

In June my husband and I participated in Etz Chaim's trip to Israel. One of the places we toured in Jerusalem was Yad LaKashish, which means "Lifeline for the Old". It was founded in 1962 when Israel was only 14 years old. Myriam Mendilow opened a small bookbinding workshop where eight local elderly men were trained in the craft. Today Yad LaKashish is a thriving place with ten workshops and serves nearly 300 elderly immigrants and artisans. They produce an array of items that are sold in their gift shop and online. The proceeds are invested back into the operation to help with support of the immigrants who work there and call Israel their home. We were able to see almost every workshop and found happy, engaged, busy people who were creating lovely and appealing works of art and craft.

I was completely in awe and was so taken with appreciation for the people, their capabilities, independence, and commitment to making beautiful handmade items. I was also so inspired that I thought we could do a similar type of program at Etz Chaim. Once home, I continued to think about this for a long time, talked it through with some people, and came up with an idea. With complete support and encouragement from Rabbi Dorsch we now have a similar program of our own that's ready to roll out at Etz Chaim called "Art for a Mitzvah".

Members of our community are invited to sign up to make a beautiful art piece that will be displayed and sold within the congregation. Half of the proceeds will be used as a donation and the other half will be invested back into this program. Any and all who would like to share a craft or art creation are also invited to lead a project.

The goal is to develop a self-sustaining program wherein all involved perform this mitzvah and at the same time feel happy, engaged, creative, self-satisfied, and involved with a sense of purpose and belonging. This is open to all Etz Chaim members.

Yad LaKashish was inspired by one of the pillars of tzedakah...helping others help themselves. Please join me in the start of this program as we make our first act of mitzvot and tzedakah be a donation to Yad LaKashish.

Todah Rabah, Lynne Goldman Johannesen



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Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

## facilitated by Esther Shultz

Because of COVID-19, we don't always have an opportunity to socialize and catch up. So, let's get together for an informal time to chat! Our only request is we ask everyone to *stay away from politics*. All are welcome.

Invite your Etz Chaim friends or meet new people.

#### Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84426202608

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### www.etzchaim.net/form/jnftrees

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If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Bailey at jbsandy10@gmail.com or 770-490-7874.



#### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BRICK GARDEN AT ETZ CHAIM

Even if you've seen the beautiful Memorial Garden – it's to the left of the main entrance – you may not be aware of its storied history. Begun as a Holocaust Memorial, the Synagogue was fortunate to receive amazing historic relics from the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., including **railroad tracks** from the **Treblinka concentration camp** and **paving stones** from the **Warsaw Ghetto**.

After falling into some disrepair, Men's Club undertook the garden's restoration. In addition to redesign, painting and landscaping, the project included building a display case for an 18<sup>th</sup> century **Czechoslovakian Torah Scroll**, previously destined for display in a Nazi museum 'dedicated to the extinct Jewish community'.

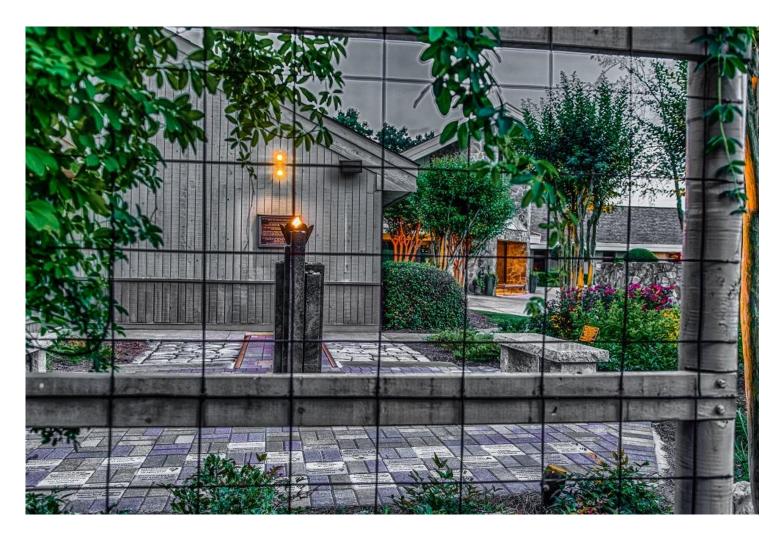
The Garden is enhanced with engraved Memorial Bricks dedicated to a loved one... **not restricted to Victims of the Holocaust**. As part of our Congregation's meaningful relationship with the Catholic Church of St. Ann, the Memorial Garden was rededicated in a joint Holocaust Remembrance Day Service in 2012.

Boosted by a vibrant Bricks-and-Books program, purchases of Memorial Bricks enabled us to send seven youth from our two faith communities to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., just last year; we would like to sponsor more Etz Chaim/St. Ann Youth Missions funded by the additional brick purchases.

We are also interested in furthering Holocaust education to Cobb County student groups by offering docent-led tours of our Garden and artifacts.

We encourage members to purchase a beautiful brick as a commemoration for a loved one. The cost is \$100, and the order form can be downloaded from the synagogue website at <u>www.etzchaim.net/mens-club</u> and clicking the link "printable brick order form" under the heading, **Holocaust Garden Memorial Brick Program**.

**Note:** A section of Memorial Garden bricks has been dedicated to the memory of those slain in terrorist attacks; sadly, we continue to add names as the scourge of anti-Semitism rages. If you would like to make a general contribution, please send your donation to the Synagogue marked "Memorial Garden".



### Tzedakah Project for JF&CS' Kosher Food Pantry

Etz Chaim continues to collect food for the JF&CS Kosher Food Pantry. Right now, they are low on the following items:

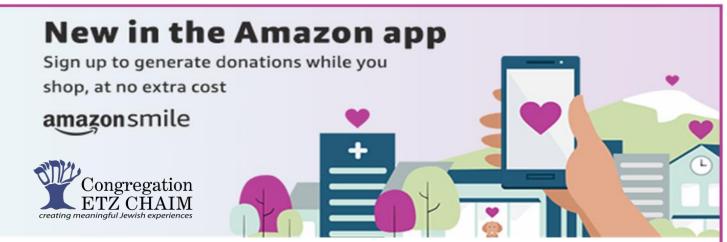
Canned tuna and salmon, shelf stable milk, cereal, pasta sauce, <u>peanut</u> butter, jelly, Publix brand macaroni and cheese, kosher soup and soup packets.

Please make sure ALL items are marked with a kosher symbol.

For more information, contact Bob Beer at <a href="https://www.bobbeer.com">bob@bobbeer.com</a>







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## **Roots—Etz Chaim's Small Group Initiative:**



Have you heard about *Roots*, Etz Chaim's new interest-based small groups initiative? Below are current *Roots* groups. Do you have an interestbased group in mind for Etz Chaim? Let's make it happen! Once we have a volunteer leader and five committed members, a group can be formed. You decide when and where. Have questions or want to form a new *Roots* group?

Please contact Leah the synagogue office at 770-973-0137.

#### Artists Collective

Are you an artist? An art roots group is forming at Etz Chaim! This is an opportunity for all artists to meet, explore Jewish art connections, discuss art topics, support each other in our projects, and contribute to our community. All mediums welcome. Whether it is a hobby or profession, please come to share your art interests and skills as we create this exciting new group! Meetings are usually held on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. For more information and to be part of this group, please contact Rob Foster at <u>fosterrob@comcast.net</u>.

#### Wednesday Golf Roots Group

Do you have a flexible weekday work schedule? Retired? Looking for some camaraderie? Our Roots golf group typically meets on Wednesdays throughout the calendar year. Our outings are at the Fox Creek Golf Course in Smyrna in the afternoon typically between 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. To join our list, email Alan Silverman at ajsilverman@comcast.net.

#### T'shuvah Group organized by JF&CS and HAMSA

In Hebrew, T'Shuvah means to repent or return. Led by Rabbi Mark Borowitz, founder at Beit T'Shuvah, the Atlanta T'Shuvah group believes everyone has a right to redeem themselves, and through doing this work, to create new pathways and choices to live well. Whether you are living with addiction or in recovery, toxicity in relationships, facing challenges to your sense of self, experiencing life changes, or simply want to self reflect and create more meaning in your life – all are welcome. To learn more about T'Shuvah group, please contact HAMSA at **833-HAMSA-HELPS** or <u>HAMSAHelps@jfcsatl.org</u>.

\**Beit T'Shuvah* is a Jewish residential addiction treatment center in Los Angeles. Learn more at <u>www.beittshuvah.org</u>.

#### Schmooze on Zoom

Join us for an informal schmooze/chat on Zoom every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Our only request is to avoid the topic of politics. All are welcome. Facilitated by Esther Shultz. To be added to the email reminder list, please contact Esther at: <u>savtaesther5@gmail.com</u>. See you on Zoom at: <u>www.tinyurl.com/EtzSchmooze</u> Meeting ID: 844 2620 2608

#### Woodworkers of Etz Chaim

If you enjoy woodworking of all types and are interested in participating in this interest group, please contact Hank Needle at <u>hlneedle@gmail.com</u> or text 678-520-8635. Look forward to hearing from interested parties. Contact Hank for location.

#### Movie Group

The Etz Chaim Roots Movie Group is back! This group meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Merchants Walk to see a family friendly movie (PG/PG-13). If you are interested in receiving communications regarding future movie outings, please contact Leah Green at <a href="mailto:leah@etzchaim.net">leah@etzchaim.net</a>.

The following Roots Groups listed below are on hiatus. We look forward to continuing these groups once the CDC gives the "all clear" to congregate safely with one another. Volunteer leader information is below if you would like to reach out for additional information.

Hiking Group Dani Oren at Daniandamir@gmail.com.

*Birthday Club* Laurie Lavinsky at <u>laulav6@gmail.com</u> or Malka Riesenberg at <u>malka217@gmail.com</u>.

Walking/Running Group Amir Oren at aoren1@yahoo.com.

*Canasta Group* Are you interested in starting a canasta game? Contact <u>Leah Green</u> if you are interested.



# Etz Chaim is Hiring!

#### **Openings in our Religious School:**

Religious School Teacher Days/Hours are:

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



#### **Facilities Openings:**

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### Tzedakah • צרקה

#### Contributions processed from September 3 through October 31, 2022

#### CYNTHIA R. FREEMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

#### In loving memory of:

my mother, Edythe Steiner. I miss her every day. Alan and Lisa Freeman

Leonard J. Ross Jana and Brad Ross and Family

#### In memory of:

my mother, Cynthia Freeman, during these High Holidays Sarah Freeman

#### GERTRUDE AND JOE WILENSKY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

#### In loving memory of:

our father, Joe Wilensky

our mother, Sadie Scopp Frank and Barbara Wilensky

#### JOAN H. RABIN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In celebration of:

Tabor's 4th Birthday Stephanie Moyal

#### In memory of:

Helen Rabin, beloved mother and grandmother Dan Rabin, Sarah Rabin Nourparvar, Michelle Manne, and Stephanie Moyal.

#### Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Jon and Jodi Kurtis on the marriage of their son Evan to Anne Carto. **Daniel Rabin** 

#### PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

#### In honor of:

Hillary Duncan and Matthew Albert. May you both have a wonderful, happy and safe life together for many, many years. Be happy and be safe. **Robert Silverman** 

#### In memory of:

Kenneth Kaufman. Dear Paul, I was so sorry to read about your dad. He was one of the nicest and kindest persons that my wife and I knew. I know you will miss him. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

**Robert Silverman** 

Myra Fineman on her yahrzeit Stanley and Judy Fineman

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

the Sustaks on Evie's Bat Mitzvah Stanley and Judy Fineman

#### **RABBI LEWIS ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### In memory of:

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis Pam and Ricky Tinter

#### In honor of:

The Greenberg and Shilling families on the Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Greenberg. He did an outstanding job! Linda and Stan Bernknopf

#### SISTERHOOD ENDOWMENT

#### In loving memory of:

Eleanor Eisenberg Ellen and Billy Balser

#### STAFF APPRECIATION ENDOWMENT

#### In memory of:

Eugene M. Levine, z"I on the occasion of his 6th Yahrzeit Noah and Berna Levine

#### **GENERAL FUND**

#### **Bruce and Bernice Mellman**

#### **Sherry Adams**

Refuah Shlemah to Sandy Smith **Donald and Judith Kaye** 

#### In celebration of:

Douglas, Moran, Elah and Carmel Gross' new addition to the congregation! Daniel and Lois Gross

#### In honor of:

Barry A. Teitelman Jarrod Burgess

Barry Teitelman's 80th birthday Noah and Berna Levine

#### In loving memory of:

my dear husband Manuel Bigel on his yahrzeit

#### Esther Bigel

our father and grandfather, Manuel Bigel Penney, Jeremy and Michelle Cohen

Anna and Edward Metzker, Shelley's parents Stephen and Shelley Buxbaum

#### In memory of:

Bernard Friedrich Charlotte Friedrich

Donald Nathan Levy Bruce and Fran Friedrich

Charlene Jacobi Bunny Mitchell

Cindy Lewis' mother, Eleanor Eisenberg Cheryl and David Eppsteiner

Mimi Fagin David and Toby Fagin

my mother, Vivian Epstein Ellen Feldser

my father Jacob Rosenberg Fay Szeftel

Thelma Donner Jeffrey and Melissa Goodman

Albert Jacob Schein M.D. You are still missed after 29 years.

Sylvia Schein. You are still missed after all these years.

Jonathan and Maxine Schein

Eleanor Eisenberg Lisa and Sam Olens

Eleanor Eisenberg Nancy and Wayne Freedman

Elizabeth Bernstein Rick and Peggy Bernstein

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis. May the memories of your mother bring you much comfort in this time of sorrow. **Ron and Karen Feibel** 

Edward Buxbaum and Reba Buxbaum Stephen and Shelley Buxbaum

Gerson A. Levy Steven and Marcy Caras

#### **RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for your compassion and care through my father's illness and ultimate death. The Shloshim service you held at our house was so beautiful and meant more than you will ever know. Thank you for being so caring and always being there to talk. **Erica Fox** 

Rabbi Dorsch, for your powerful Rosh Hashanah sermon. Thank you for being a voice in support of mental health awareness. Jennifer Greenberg

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#### RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for being there for us at the shiva minyan of my loving mom, Lillian Goodman.

#### Jeffrey and Melissa Goodman

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for continuing to guide, model, and lead our diverse congregation.

#### Marsha Shrago

Rabbi Dorsch. You have been there for me and my family with wonderful words and coffee!! I truly appreciate your continued support and guidance.

#### Maxine Shilling

#### In honor of:

and in gratitude for your inspiring and meaningful sermons during the High Holidays

Kenneth and Grace Graiser

Ellen and Pip Spandorfer, this year's Kallat Beresheit and Chatan Torah

#### Sally Greenstein

#### In loving memory of:

of my father Richard Becker. May he rest in peace.

#### Andrew and Jayne Becker

my uncle, Joel M. Friedman, on his yahrzeit Linda Bernknopf

#### our uncle, Phil Cohen, on his yahrzeit Linda and Stan Bernknopf

Amazing friend and Meylakh's God father Abraham Schwerd who brought us out of Russian Mitzrayim and with your loving heart and care made a lifetime difference for us. You are missed a lot. With love,

Efim Gontmakher, an amazing loving father and grandfather. Thinking of having you as a father brings so much joy and happiness. You are deeply missed, and you will be so proud of your grandson Meylakh. **Galina, Meylakh and Ella Barshay** 

Bertha and Sol Baron

Beverly Topiol, sister of Sydelle

Ida Silberman, Irwin's mother Irwin and Sydelle Silberman

my father-in-law, Irving Simon

my father, Henry Mendel Jane Simon

Zelda Lincoln, "Mamma Z"

Josephine Diamond, "Grandma Jo" Linda, Michael, Sarah, and Ben Diamond Phillip Kaplan, Mildred Suway and Arthur

Suway Wayne and Barbara Suway

In memory of:

my dad on his 4th yahrzeit anniversary Brian and Marnie Nadolne

Morris Berg Douglas and Eileen Cohen

our parents' yahrzeits, David Testa and Sally Chaifetz.

John and Joanne Chaifetz

beloved father Charles Katz Margie Sonshein

Betty Greenfeld, grandmother of Amy Dorsch

Michael and Linda Weinroth

Evelyn Brindle on her yahrzeit Robert and Sandra Brindle

#### Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Johnny Walton. We love you guys. We pray for a quick recovery. Love, Jeffrey and Melissa Goodman

#### **RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### In appreciation of:

Rabbi Lewis. You have been there for our family, seems like forever, this most difficult of years. I cannot thank you enough for all your support and guidance. **Maxine Shilling** 

#### In loving memory of:

your mother, Eleanor Eisenberg. Our heartfelt condolence to your family. Alan and Lisa Freeman

Dorothy Renyi Dennis and Deborah Renyi

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis Roni and Ian Robbins

#### In memory of:

Linda Idelson. May you rest in peace. Love, Anita Freedman

Eleanor "Ele" Eisenberg Doug and Sheryl Smith

Eleanor Eisenberg Frank and Barbara Wilensky

our mother, Ruth Silver

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis Jerry and Iris Silver

Eleanor Eisenberg Margie Sonshein Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis Michele and Sid Gelernter

Eleanor Eisenberg, beloved mother of Cindy Lewis and grandmother to Ashley Klein and Hadley Klein

#### Joseph and Lori Freeman

Sadie Simon Norman Koplon

Eleanor Eisenberg Randy and Debbi Chartash

Mrs. Vivian Rafferty Robert and Sandra Brindle

Eleanor Eisenberg. May her memory be for a blessing.

**Rochelle Spandorfer** 

Eleanor Eisenberg - condolences to Cindy Lewis on the loss of your mother. Sharon Kavanagh

Eleanor Eisenberg Simone and Norman Marinoff

#### **BACKPACK BUDDIES FUND**

#### Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik

Ari and Dana Greenberg

Eric and Yana Lubell

**Gregory Charlop and Shaun White** 

**Marcy Graiser** 

Sherry Seidman

In loving memory of:

Eva Phillips, beloved mother and Bubbe. We miss you.

#### Elaine, Jay, Josh and Rachel Schwartz

our parents and grandparents, Pearl and Harry Kolin, who taught us the importance of making a difference.

Jackie and Steve Pierce and Family

Eleanor Eisenberg Linda, Michael, Sarah and Ben Diamond

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis

Albert Tenenbaum, Toby Fagin's father Sharon and Alan Lightstone

#### In memory of:

Albert Tenenbaum, beloved father of Toby Fagin. May your father's memory always be a blessing and give your heart peace. Lynne Goldman Johannesen

Lois Berch, mother of Sheldon Berch

Maxine Schein's cousin

Barry Teitelman's 80th birthday. Marsha Shrago

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#### **BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND**

#### In loving memory of:

Aunt Sophie Smith, much loved Susan, Craig, Paige, and Cami Adair

#### In memory of:

Jay and Barbara Rittenberg, parents of Scott Rittenberg Michael and Linda Weinroth

#### **COLLEGE CONNECTION FUND**

#### In loving memory of:

Michael Levin. You are missed every day. The Levin and Nathan Families

my mother, Lily Oling William and Jenifer Lieberbaum

#### FIGUR FAMILY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

#### In appreciation of:

Evan Eisenstadt, thank you for helping us kick off a sweet and delicious New Year. **The Deutsch Family** 

#### In memory of:

Albert Tenenbaum

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis Randall and Adrienne Figur

#### **KITCHEN FUND**

#### In memory of:

Albert Tenenbaum Ellen and Billy Balser

Abram Bernstein Rick and Peggy Bernstein

my mother, Silvia Gordon

my grandmother, Rose Rosenthal Robert Gordon

#### LINDA H. WEINROTH EDUCATION FUND

#### In appreciation of:

Linda Weinroth for her continued patience, knowledge, and support as we prepare for Ethan's Bar Mitzvah

#### Jennifer and Ethan Greenberg

Marty Gilbert. Thank you for your advice, help and valued friendship. Kenneth and Grace Graiser

Linda Weinroth for supporting Evie in her Bat Mitzvah preparation. Thank you so much. Love, Randi, Brian, and Evie Randi and Brian Downey

#### In loving memory of:

Hannah Rae Levine, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on her yahrzeit **Allan and Vivian Levine** 

Phillip Kaplan, my loving husband, on his Yahrzeit

the yahrzeit of my father, Norman Mirsky Sally Kaplan

our grandfather Rafael Fruchter. Love, Stephen and Joan

our grandmother Bella Hans. Love Stephen and Joan.

our father and grandfather Harry King. Love, Stephen, Joan, Traci and Lisa

our mother and grandmother Anne Eden. Love, Stephen, Joan, Traci and Lisa Stephen and Joan King

Irene Altholtz, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on her yahrzeit

Our mother and grandmother, Rose Bernknopf, on her yahrzeit Linda and Stan Bernknopf

my grandmother, Minnie Altholtz, on her yahrzeit

Linda Bernknopf In memory of:

Barry Dvorchik Traci and Jeff Flome

#### Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Lynn and Bob Sustak on their granddaughter Evie Downey's Bat Mitzvah. With love, **Neil and Bonnie Negrin** 

#### MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

#### In celebration of:

Ron Feinberg. Happy Birthday. Candy Frank

#### In honor of:

Ron Feinberg's 70th birthday. May you enjoy this and every birthday to come in good health.

#### **Richard and Sandy Smith**

#### In loving memory of:

my beloved husband, Morry

- my mother, Betty Cohn
- my father, Leonard Cohn

my mother-in-law, Lena Frank Candy Frank Barry Dvorchik, beloved father of Beth Levin and grandfather of Jacob and Hailey Levin. With love.

**Rael and Dominique Levin and Family** 

#### In memory of:

Barry Dvorchik, beloved father of Beth Levin. With love,

#### Linda and Mitch Adler

Eleanor Eisenberg, mother of Cindy Lewis

Marilyn Azriel, mother of Josh Azriel Ron and Wendy Feinberg

#### Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Sandy Smith. Thinking of you and praying for a speedy recovery. **Candy Frank** 

Sandy Smith.

Ron and Wendy Feinberg

### PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

#### In memory of:

Lila Intner Jim and Mindy Intner

Barry Dvorchik, father of Beth Levin Michael and Linda Weinroth

my father, Sidney Rosenblatt Robert Gordon

our father, Ben Smith, on his yahrzeit

our grandmother, Fannie Berman on her yahrzeit

Sandy and Richard Smith

#### PRESCHOOL FUND

#### Jonathan and Ilana Lind

#### In appreciation of:

Debbie Deutsch and the fabulous teachers and staff at our wonderful Etz Chaim Preschool. Thank you so much for having loved and continuing to love our precious granddaughters, Ellie and Amelia, and all of our other fantastic little friends who call us Nana and Papa. They have learned so much from all y'all. With love, **Glenn and Arlene La Vine** 

#### In celebration of:

Barry Teitelman. Wishing you a belated happy 80th birthday! So sorry we had to miss your celebration at the shul. Love, **Glenn and Arlene La Vine** 

Barry Teitelman's big birthday! Happy Birthday, Barry! May you live to 120! **The Dorsch Family** 

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#### PRESCHOOL FUND

#### In honor of:

Lou Rosengarten's birthday Judith Rosenberg

#### In loving memory of:

Saundi's father, Joe Reiter Adam and Saundra Shapiro

Betty Greenfeld Adele Greenspon

my dear brother Max Naiman on his yahrzeit

#### Esther Bigel

Hy and Annette Krugman, Elaine, Joe and Gary La Vine. You live in our thoughts and our hearts every day, as we love and miss you very much, dear parents, grandparents, brother, and uncle. Love, Arlene, Glenn, Shana, Josh, David and Diantha. **Glenn and Arlene La Vine and Family** 

Rosie Jassen, my sweet stepmom. We miss you and think of you often. Love, Karen and Hank Needle and Family

our father, William Jacobsohn, on his yahrzeit

Ron and Karen Feibel and Family

#### Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Berna Levine. We hope and pray that you have an easy time healing, so that you'll be even more gorgeous in no time!

Iris Bachenheimer. We hope and pray you have an easy time healing, that you continue to feel better every day, and that your lovely face will only wear a smile. With love, **Glenn and Arlene La Vine** 

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My beloved sister, Judy Friedman Esther Shultz

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Eleanor Eisenberg, beloved mother of Cindy Lewis and grandmother of Hadley Klein and Ashley Klein.

#### Mark and Laurie Lavinsky

Albert Tenenbaum. Our heartfelt condolences to Toby Fagin and family on the passing of your beloved father **Mark and Laurie Lavinsky** 

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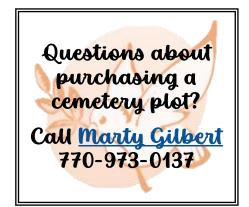
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Barry Teitelman's 80th birthday. Mazel Tov and may you have many more happy and healthy years to come!

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In loving memory of my Father Gerald Lieberman David Lieberman



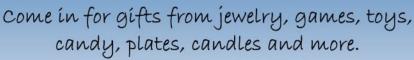


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