

Rabbi Dorsch's Purim Disco Birthday Celebration Wednesday, March 16

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall and Radow Sanctuary



ונהפוך הוא

Turn It
Upside Down!

All are welcome for this multigenerational Purim event.

→ **Children's activities provided.** ←

**5:00-6:30 p.m.- Adults & Children Costume Contest, DJ,
Dancing, Drinks & Dairy Hors D'oeuvres**

6:30-7:30 p.m. Megillah Reading

**7:30 p.m.- After Party with Dessert, Purim Pub Trivia, and
Sundaes with Adult Toppings.**

RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/Purim2022

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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.
(See details on page 7)

Shabbat Services:

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

Links are available at:
www.etzchaim.net/livestream

From Our Rabbi

During our long-awaited family reunification in Canada last month, my mother-in-law and I had a few meaningful conversations about the state of the world. Needless to say, having been married to her daughter for some time, I've never known her to shy away from expressing an opinion.



However, given that she's been a long-time member of a synagogue who has read her fair share of bulletins over the years, I conceded that she had a good thought: that I would be guaranteed to increase my readership this month if a) I wrote about what COVID is like in "exotic Canada," and b) how she, like so many of us, continues to struggle with how poorly humanity continues to respond to COVID-19.

In America, we often think of our neighbors to the north as faring better than we have with COVID. In reality, I can tell you that Manitoba has most of the same challenges we do in Georgia. Large numbers of rural pockets of Manitobans remain unvaccinated. My family members from across the Canadian political spectrum (mostly doctors) are furious at the politicization of public health. Manitoba has mandatory mask mandates and vaccine cards are required to enter restaurants. But these mandates are largely ignored in southern Manitoba, where the current government relies on the unvaccinated population for votes and restaurants are desperate for business.

Emotional challenges also cut Canadians deeply. Isolation has led relationships to sour. Dear friends no longer say hello in the supermarket for risk of contamination. We agreed that we've all conditioned ourselves over two years to prefer isolation to socialization. Even though houses of worship have high safety standards in Manitoba (like Etz Chaim), we prefer to let children play on a digital device and work out at home. My nephews' hockey league cannot find enough parent volunteers to coach (that's when you know it's gotten bad).

The values of *kehilla*, community, and *areyvut*, mutual responsibility, which were the fabric of our social contract with each other, are in shambles: We hope it's only temporary. One can imagine people were not rushing to be hockey coaches or attend synagogue during World War II or the Spanish Flu. However, there is also a real fear among those of us dedicated to community living that a painful egocentrism is taking root.

I don't need to tell you that egocentrism is opposed to everything that Judaism stands for. The *mishna* teaches that even if you yourself are taking meals from a soup kitchen, you still have to give *tzedakah*. No one gets a free pass when it comes to responsibility to the community.

Our visit was wonderful, but not the same. Americans and Canadians have lost so much. But my conversation with my mother-in-law reminded me that we cannot also let a virus take away our human decency, compassion, and dedication to our faith and one another. It's all that made our lives worth living in the first place.

Rabbi Dan Dorsch

From Our Associate Rabbi

A Little Bit Each Day

While I was growing up, my father always asked me if I wanted to study with him. I had the typical reaction that I think most children would have which was, "maybe another time" or "I want to play my Nintendo, Xbox, etc." This was the case all throughout my younger years. If I am being totally honest, I think he just sort of hit the pause button on asking me to take him up on these opportunities.



Then I entered Rabbinical School and this seemed like there might be a chance to try and connect in the way that he had desired so many years before. Yet this time it was not him coming to me to ask to study, but rather it was me needing to rely on the expertise he had gained from so many years in the rabbinate from so many countless hours of study.

So we had hoped to study daily, and more often than not, we did not reach those lofty aspirations. When we did get on a streak of continuous days studying, it was because of something that my father told me and I still hold by it to this very day. He would say to me, "For us to be able to study for 10 or even for 5 minutes is better than not studying at all."

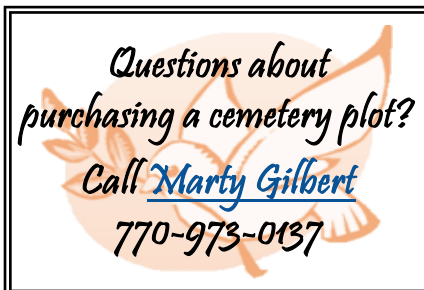
This is something that I have tried to incorporate into many different aspects of my life, and not just my Torah study (we actually currently have a set study time daily for 10 minutes). As another example, I have been making sure to take the time to call my family even if it is just for two minutes to check in quickly.

What this all has taught me is that while we all feel overwhelmed and stressed and sometimes like there are not enough hours in the day, you can make time. You can make time for a phone call, for a coffee date, and maybe even a little bit of Torah study with me and Rabbi Dorsch 😊. It is not as important what it is that you do a little bit each day, but it is about trying to do something to enrich your life. Make your life better. To make the world better. To allow you to connect with others or God a little bit each day.

What I am starting to realize these days is that while 10 minutes is not a lot by itself, over the collective time of our lives, those 10 minutes will add up to a lot. God willing, those memories and short experiences will be some of the more meaningful ones in your life. I know that mine are.

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Micah Miller



Our Executive Director

As of the printing of this article, Daylight Savings Time is over a month away. The thought of yet another 43 days of less daylight is certainly depressing on one level but hopefully this will give a lot of you the opportunity to drive by Etz Chaim and check out the new lighting fixtures that we have put up on the outside of the building.

This project was mostly made possible by a grant that Etz Chaim secured through a partnership with Federation and GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) <https://gipl.org/>

“Georgia Interfaith Power & Light engages communities of faith in stewardship of Creation as a direct expression of our faithfulness and as a religious response to global climate change, resource depletion, environmental injustice, pollution, and other disruptions in Creation.”

Ten years ago, GIPL did an energy audit on our building and granted us money to insulate the attic in both the Education Wing and King Administrative Wing of the building. This helped decrease our energy consumption dramatically over the past ten years.

Recently, GIPL performed another audit, and areas were found to be a number of inefficient older HVAC units and our older inefficient outside building lighting. Due to some technicalities, we were not able to secure a matching grant to replace two of our older HVAC units, but we were able to secure money to update the lighting. Besides the energy savings that we will certainly see, the new LED lighting fixtures will need less maintenance. The lights will also burn wider and brighter which will help enhance the security of the building.

I want to thank Aram for his help in this project. His previous experience with GIPL, his knowledge of the building’s history, his general knowledge of construction, and his previous relationship with the Energy Auditor in particular helped create a smooth grant process.

As we move into 2022 and beyond, we will continue to pursue new ways to improve the energy efficiency of our building. One of the stipulations of the grant agreement is that GIPL representatives will come to Congregation Etz Chaim to mediate an educational program geared towards creation care and environmental justice. That program will be happening soon, so please keep an eye out for the date and time.

Congregation Etz Chaim has made great progress in reducing our carbon footprint. We look forward to continuing our move towards the future and continuing to “create meaningful Jewish experiences” in an environmentally sound way.

Marty Gilbert



From our President

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם
שְׁהַחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה

*Baruch ata Adonai elohenu melekh ha'olam
shehecheyanu vekiymanu vehigi'anu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you G-d, ruler of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and allowed us to arrive at this time.



When I was little and my mother took me shopping for new clothes, instead of taking off all the tags and wearing my new clothes the next day, I would tell my mom I was “saving them”. She would giggle and ask me what I was saving them for. I never had a decisive answer, but I kept my new clothes folded, with their tags on, in their store shopping bags until they were “ready to wear”. A few days, a week, or sometimes a month later I would strut into the kitchen wearing my new clothes and my mother would snicker, knowing that I had finally decided the time was right. Let’s put aside the fact that I probably should discuss this with a therapist and get back to the Shehecheyanu.

Usually, we say the Shehecheyanu in times of thanks or commemoration. Generally, it’s when we are experiencing something which occurs infrequently. Some people say it when we land in Israel, give birth, purchase a new home or new car, or start a new job. Some say it when we perform a mitzvah, begin a new Jewish holiday, or embark on a journey.

Unlike me as a child with new clothes, we don’t need to save the *Shehecheyanu* for something incredibly momentous. We can say the *it* whenever we are grateful for reaching a particular point in our lives we want to celebrate. At a leadership workshop a number of years ago, we were asked to think about our first thoughts when we wake up in the morning. My workshop partner said her first thought every morning was being grateful she is alive. Instinctively I thought to myself, she could say the *Shehecheyanu* every morning.

Personally, I love saying the *Shehecheyanu* at random times which are not always so momentous, and at times that feel important to me, but might not look so significant to someone else. I feel uplifted when I recite it. When I say the *Shehecheyanu*, I feel privileged I am in a place in my life that I have the opportunity to recite this blessing. I have said the this prayer after a really good class I have taken or taught, when my kids come home from college and we are all together at the dinner table, and when I see extended family and loving friends. When something nourishes my soul, I recite the *Shehecheyanu*.

What is special, or important, or worthy of being commemorated with the Shehecheyanu is different for everyone. So, each of us can say the this blessing whenever we are thankful for reaching a particular point in our lives which has significance to us (even if that moment does not feel extraordinary to anyone else). I hope you’ll join me in examining and determining for yourself what triggers you to recite this beautiful blessing.

At this time, I recite the *Shehecheyanu* to celebrate the fact that I am humbled and grateful to embark on this journey as your next President of Congregation Etz Chaim with an excellent professional staff, an energized Executive Committee, an engaged Board of Trustees, and many, many other lay leaders and volunteers who dedicate their time to our very special community.

You should also know that I got a new outfit a few weeks before our installation and I “saved it” to wear for the first time on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם שְׁהַחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה

Jamie Lyons

From Our Director of Education

It's Adar; be happy!

February 1st is Rosh Chodesh Adar, the first of the month of Adar. This year, since it's a Jewish leap year (and the reason that the High Holidays and Chanukah were so early), we will have two months of Adar – Adar I and Adar II. With the start of the month, the Talmud tells us we are to “increase our rejoicing”, which is often interpreted as increasing our happiness.

Increasing our happiness can be a tough call most years, but it's a particularly difficult task these days, to say the least. Our physical health is a target of COVID, our emotional health has also taken a hit due to isolation, mask wearing, and the various decisions we must make about sending our children to school, going to work, and visiting with friends and relatives. Add to that the fact that we are not all on the same page regarding vaccinations and booster shots and it seems challenging to muster up some happiness for two months this year, just because we are told to do so. No one seems to be truly happy these days and I am struck with how we can move forward. Is it even possible to increase our happiness? Not sure. But if we look at the phrase “increase our rejoicing” maybe that is something we can tap into. Life is hard. Every. Day. We often muddle through, checking things off our to-do list and doing the things we always do. Maybe Adar can be the month we notice. Maybe we notice the color of the sky at dusk. Or we notice the little things our spouse and significant others do for us. Maybe we'll notice how it feels to hear words of kindness. Maybe notice how our kindness makes others feel. And in noticing, we can rejoice in these things that bring us happiness. We often feel alone these days, but noticing the wonder of what God has created and what we can create for others will certainly be something to rejoice.

Preschool 2022-2023

It's that time again! Registration for our next school year has begun and I invite you to come tour our beautiful Education Wing and see our school in action. We'll be happy to tell you about our philosophy, faculty, extended day options, and after school programs. Give me a call at 770.977.3384 or reach me at debbie@etzchaim.net.

Camp Ruach!

Our summer program, Camp Ruach! is ramping up for loads of fun. With sports, water play, special Friday programs, arts and crafts activities, you'll want to sign up today! Contact me for more information!

Debbie Deutsch



From Our Director of Engagement

We hope that this is off to a great new 2022 year. Etz Chaim continues to strive to have excellent adult education and programming offerings. See pages 15 and 16 for the *Lilmode* February—May flyer which has more details about the upcoming Lilmode events highlighted below.

Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) is back bigger than ever! We are excited for SIR, Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) to be here Friday, February 11, and Saturday, February 12. For more information and topic descriptions, go to page 11 *SIR is made possible through the generous support of the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation. Thank you to our SIR Chairs Todd and Lauren Surden.*

Join us for the class “Purim Katan? Never Heard of It” with Miriam Rosenbaum on Tuesday, February 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Purim Katan – “Little Purim” – is celebrated about a month before actual Purim when there is a Leap Year in the Jewish calendar, but many people know nothing about it. Attend this class to learn more about this unusual holiday. See page 17.

You won't want to miss *People of the Book Talk and Signing* with author Roni Robbins and Audrey-Fried-Sheets as moderator on Sunday, February 27, at 3:00 p.m. This will feature congregant and author Roni Robbins who wrote *Hands of Gold: One Man's Quest to Find the Silver Lining in Misfortune*. The historical fiction is loosely based on cassette tapes left by her grandfather detailing his adventures across several countries and his near-death experiences. To learn more, visit www.ronirobbins.com. See page 17.

Expand your knowledge with the class “Purim: The Rest of the Story” with Miriam Rosenbaum on Tuesday, March 22, 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Everyone knows what's in the first part of the Purim megillah – Queen Esther and Mordechai save the Jews of Persia – but not many of us have ever read past that part. The rest of the story is troubling and definitely for mature audiences only. Are you intrigued? Come learn more.

There is so much going on at Etz Chaim! Check out a glimpse of other Etz Chaim happenings.

As part of our acceptance and celebration of our LGBTQIA+ members, families, and guests, it is important for us to understand the unique needs, issues, and challenges that the community faces. Etz Chaim's **Pride Alliance** is proud to host **SOJOURN's program, GSD (Gender and Sexual Diversity) 101. All are welcome. This program is available in-person or on Zoom.** See page 8 for more information.

Save these dates: Hunger Walk is on Sunday, March 6. For more information and to join Etz Chaim's team, please contact our Team Captain, Bob Frohlich, at chisakid@bellsouth.net

“March Madness” Blue Jean Shabbat is on Friday, March 25. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Musical services at 7:15 p.m. This is a March Madness tailgate theme, so wear a basketball jersey or other sports shirt with your jeans.

Get excited for the Purim Megillah Reading and Celebration on Wednesday, March 16. We will “turn the beat around” with **Rabbi Dorsch's Purim Disco Birthday Celebration!** Costume contest and so much more!

We are continuing to create new small interest-based Roots Groups and excited to announce a **new group: Yoga & Meditation coordinated by Yana Lubell. This will meet twice a month on Saturday morning during services at 11:00 a.m. and Sundays from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Etz Chaim.** Please reach out to Yana Lubell at yanalubell@gmail.com for more information and/or to be added to this email list. **Our first date is Saturday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m.** (This includes yoga and schmoozing). See more details on page 27.

I hope you will check out these exceptional programs and opportunities.

L'shalom,
Heather Blake



Additional 2021-2022 Preschool Faculty



Joey Ross—Cool Cats Alef



Ju Ritter—Monkeys



Gearing up for meaningful
learning in 2022!!!!





Tot Shabbat 2022



Friday Tot Shabbat:

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat - with
crafts, songs, dances, and fun!

Join us on these dates:

March 4

April 8

May 13



**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

TEAM SHABBAT



**JOIN ONE OF OUR TEAM
SHABBAT LEAGUES!**

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

LITTLE LEAGUE

PARENTS & CHILDREN
PRE-K AND UNDER

MINOR LEAGUES

GRADES K-2

MAJOR LEAGUES

GRADES 3-5

*ALL STARS

10:15 A.M.
GRADES 6 & 7

FORMERLY JR. CONGREGATION, WE NOW INTRODUCE SEPARATE TEAMS
FOR MORE MEANINGFUL, AGE-APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES.

SAVE THESE DATES:

FEBRUARY 19

MARCH 12 & 26

APRIL 30

MAY 21

SHABBAT L'KULAM 9:30 A.M.

SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE:

FEBRUARY 5

APRIL 9

MAY 14

(ALL LEAGUES EXCEPT LITTLE LEAGUE)

STAY AND PLAY IS AVAILABLE - PRE-K & UNDER

COME CHECK US OUT, 'CAUSE IT'S A HOME RUN!

Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Patrice and Andrew Diamond on the engagement of their son, Tyler to Hannah McKerrow

Roni Robbins on the February 4 release of her first novel, *Hands of Gold*. The book is loosely based on her grandfather's immigrant adventures and near-death experiences.

Condolences to...

Bonnie Roth on the loss of her beloved mother, Lorraine Struhl

Alisa Unger on the loss of her mother-in-law, Sonja Marchesano, beloved mother of Jeff Unger z"l

Barney Epstein on the loss of his beloved wife, Ellen Epstein

Angie Trimbach on the loss of her beloved grandmother, Eleanor Sims

Philip Goldstein on the loss of his beloved mother, Mary Goldstein and to David Goldstein and Joseph Goldstein on the loss of their beloved grandmother

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Wendy Feinberg
Ron Judenberg
Linda Weinroth

Thank You, Program Volunteers...

Bart Agrow ▪ John Chaifetz ▪ Andrea and Jerry Cohen ▪ Cheryl Eppsteiner ▪ Stan Fineman
Audrey Fried-Sheets ▪ Janice and Henry Levine ▪ Alan Lightstone ▪ Yana Lubell ▪ Jamie Lyons
Hank Needle ▪ Roni and Ian Robbins ▪ Miriam Rosenbaum ▪ Carol and Brian Sacks ▪ Esther Shultz ▪ Bonnie Silverman ▪ Gail Vanovitch

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

Dana and Sanford Shefsky
1811 Danforth Drive
Marietta, GA 30062

Dana cell: 901-218-9546
danashefsky@yahoo.com
Sanford cell: 901-870-3607
sshefsky@rocketmail.com



Members on the Move...

Safa and Shahrokh Nooromid
6450 Bridgewood Valley Rd
Atlanta, GA 30028

Martin Cohen
3755 Peachtree Rd., NE, Apt. 212
Atlanta, GA 30319

Pam and Richard Tinter
4904 Hampton Lake Dr.
Marietta, GA 30068

New Email Address...

Jim Intner
jintner@gmail.com

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



Purim is coming...

It's time to order Mishloach Manot!

Fulfill the mitzvah and support our community by ordering Mishloach Manot sponsored by your Etz Chaim Sisterhood. What better way to connect with one another than by sending these packages!

Mishloach Manot will again be DELIVERED (locally) and ordering is easy:

- All members will be sent a unique code to use on HappyPurim.com
- Select your recipients, enter your payment info, and you're done!
- Ordering opens February 1, and all orders must be placed by March 2

- Questions? Email etzmm1@gmail.com



GSD 101: BEING A WELCOMING COMMUNITY
THE ETZ CHAIM PRIDE ALLIANCE
IS PROUD TO HOST SOJOURN'S PROGRAM,
GSD (GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY) 101



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022
3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

We will discuss topics such as:

- What is the current terminology around gender identity and sexual orientation?
- Why are pronouns important?
- How can I be a better ally?



This program is for anyone who wants to expand their sense of welcoming, or if this is new to you, provide a place where it is safe to ask and have your questions answered. The program is appropriate for teens and adults ages 13 and up.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/gsd101 - Program will be in person and via Zoom.

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Etz Chaim's Pride Alliance

The term *allyship*, while not new, took on important new dimensions in 2021. So much so that Dictionary.com chose allyship as their Word of the Year for 2021. They define it as follows:

allyship (noun): the status or role of a person who advocates and actively works for the inclusion of a marginalized or politicized group in all areas of society, not as a member of that group but in solidarity with its struggle and point of view and under its leadership.

In 2021, Congregation Etz Chaim established the Pride Alliance to help foster an embracing community for all of our members and guests, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Etz Chaim is committed to educating and creating awareness around LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, etc.) subjects, promoting allyship, and celebrating the intersection of Judaism and Queerness.

As part of this commitment, we are thrilled to host an exciting and informative program conducted by SOJOURN entitled **GSD 101: Being a Welcoming Community**. During this informative and interactive two-hour program, you will learn the latest terminology around GSD (Gender and Sexual Diversity), the importance of using proper pronouns when addressing or speaking of members of the LGBTQ+ community, and ways you can be a better ally, as well as ask other questions you may have. The program is open to and appropriate for teens and adults ages 13 and up and will be held both in person at Etz Chaim and via Zoom on Sunday, February 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please register for this special and important program at: www.etzchaim.net/event/gsd101



Shabbat L'Kulam שבת לכלולם



Traditional Service with Alternative Options Saturday, February 5 Services at 9:30 a.m. - Radow Sanctuary



Coffee with the Clergy
prior to services, **9:10 a.m.**



Torah Study, 9:30 a.m. with
Rabbi Miller in Phillip's Library



Yoga in Phillip's Library,
11:00 a.m. Bring mat and
comfortable clothes.



Etz Chaim welcomes Consul
General of Israel, Anat Sultan-Dadon
in conversation with Rabbi Dorsch
during services.

TEAM SHABBAT



Stay and Play
for infants thru pre-K
9:30 a.m.

All-Stars
6-7 Grades
10:15 a.m.

Minor Leagues
K-2 Grades
10:45 a.m.

Major Leagues
3-5 Grades
10:45 a.m.

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SUPER BOWL OF TRIVIA

**Saturday, February 5
7:30 p.m.**

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall



Join 3 Score More or Less for a fun evening of trivia.

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Test your knowledge of entertainment, history,
sports and so much more!

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/3scoretrivia2022

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Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and via Zoom: www.tinyurl.com/Torahstudy5782

Yom Rishon

A new Sunday minyan open to everyone in support of equal prayer rights for women in Israel

Sunday, February 6, at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us every month on the Sunday after Rosh Chodesh as our synagogue minyan prays in solidarity with Women of the Wall, which has been struggling for 33 years to assemble, pray aloud and read Torah at the Western Wall on Rosh Chodesh. Services are about 30 minutes (both men and women are welcome to lead parts of the service) and are followed by a brief breakfast and a report on what happened at the Western Wall on Rosh Chodesh.



Rosh Chodesh Adar 1: February 1, 2*
Yom Rishon: February 6

Rosh Chodesh Adar 2: March 3 & 4
Yom Rishon: March 6

To be added to our email list, please contact:
Cheryl Eppsteiner at eppst4@aol.com.

*When Rosh Chodesh is a two-day holiday, the Women of the Wall holds services at the Western Wall on the second day. Our synagogue minyan observes both days.



Shalom in the Skul

Monday, February 7

from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Emeritus Shalom Lewis
for discussion and laughter!

Hear snippets from his soon-to-be-published
book, *Guide for the Perplexed*.

Hybrid Program: in-person and available via Zoom

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul

Save the date: April 25



Scholar-in-Residence Weekend



FEBRUARY 11 - 12, 2022

featuring

Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz

Chancellor

The Jewish Theological Seminary

Friday Night, February 11

Shabbat Services at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner and program to follow at 7:15 p.m.

COVID and the Era of Jewish Experimentation

As many American Jews settled in suburbia in the mid-20th century, their presence ushered in an era of Jewish adaptation and experimentation that changed the face of American Jewish life. Come find out from JTS's Chancellor and American Jewish historian about how COVID is accelerating a new era of experimentation that is already having an impact on the future of American Judaism.

Shabbat Morning Services, February 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Drash/Sermon during services

Bottom-Up Judaism: Building Empowering Judaism, Then and Now

When Jews came to the US, many left the East Coast and spread out across the country into cities like Atlanta. Hear about the institutions they built, and about how Jewish leaders today are also building bottom-up for the next generation.

Shabbat Morning after Kiddush lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Q&A with Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Where have we been and where are we going? Do you have questions for Chancellor Schwartz about the weekend's topics, the Jewish Theological Seminary, or Conservative Judaism? Come prepared with your own questions or submit them in advance to rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net.

Shabbat Dinner Friday, February 11: Cost \$25 per person, entrée options are Chicken, Salmon or Vegetarian

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The Scholar-in-Residence Program is made possible through the generous support of the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation, which brings internationally renowned scholars to the Etz Chaim community.

Men's Club Notes

We are pleased to submit our slate of Officers and Trustees for 2022.

Officers

David Lieberman	President
Roger Bryan Coleman	1 st VP
Mathew Nathan	2 nd VP
Richard Millman	Treasurer
Bart Agrow	VP-Programming
Jerry Cohen	VP-Activities
John Chaifetz	VP-Membership
Steve Caras	Engagement
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Chuck Bernstein	Recording Secretary
Jeff Frankel	Parliamentarian

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Steve Dix	Joseph Goldstein
Bob Gordon	Hank Needle
Henry Levine	Stefan Pollack
Barry Riesenber	Al Sapoznik
David Selby	Richard Smith
Barry Teitelman	

Please welcome *Roger Bryan Coleman and Mathew Nathan* to our leadership team as we look to increase participation and offer programs that reach more members.

Looking ahead, in February we will sponsor the **World-Wide Wrap**, on Sunday, **February 13**, as we instruct and share with our youth the mitzvah of Tefillin.

We regret to announce that the Anshei Darom Regional Retreat has been cancelled.

Men's Club Shabbat will be **March 19**. Look for updates on events in the weekly EtzBlast as times and dates may change.

David Lieberman

President, Men's Club

Come out and enjoy Your 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
- 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.

 The advertisement is a composite image. On the left, there is a stack of chocolate-glazed pastries with white sprinkles. On the right, there is a white ceramic cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The background is a soft-focus wooden surface.

Mocha Mondays

7:45 a.m.

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

Save these dates:

February 14
March 14
April 11

Minyan Makers

Etz Chaim's Sisterhood takes responsibility for making a minyan on Sunday morning. If you are available to help make minyan on a Sunday at 9:15 a.m., sign up at:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/cecthursminyan>. If you would like to get more information, please contact our co-chairs by email at Helen Rosental: helenmariadecali@gmail.com or Linda Ames: lbenames@aol.com.

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 the Sandy Bailey at 770-490-7874 or the Gift Shop.

For more information about Sisterhood, please contact:

Fern Meharg, 770-380-8830
fmeharg@gmail.com

Lauren Levetan, 404-422-8921
laurenlevetan@hotmail.com

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook or 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

Our year is off to a great start! Last month, we successfully hosted our annual *Sisterhood Shabbat Service*. It was wonderful to come together for a meaningful morning of spirituality and friendship. We hope that you will mark your calendars for even more engaging upcoming events.

Purim is coming! Fulfill the mitzvah and support our community by ordering **Mishloach Manot gifts sponsored by your Etz Chaim Sisterhood**. What better way to connect with one another than by sending these packages! Simply use your personalized code to complete your order online. All orders will be delivered locally this year! It couldn't be more convenient! Ordering opens on February 1 and continues through March 2. **Please see the ad on page 7 for more information.**

Our popular Lunch and Learn series, **Shalom in the Shul**, continues **Monday, February 7, at 10:00 a.m.** Join **Rabbi Lewis** as he continues his conversation about his upcoming book. **Please see the ad on page 10 for the remaining meeting dates and to register.**

Rosh Chodesh Adar I is on Wednesday, February 2. Please support the regular minyan at 7:00 a.m. to celebrate the new month. Then join us the following **Sunday, February 6, at 9:30 a.m.**, for "**Yom Rishon**", the new incarnation of the monthly service in solidarity with Women of the Wall. Stay afterward for breakfast, schmoozing, and a report on the Rosh Chodesh happenings at the Kotel (Western Wall). To find out more, contact **Cheryl Eppsteiner** at eppst4@aol.com for updated information regarding these services and special events. See page 10.

Another stimulating meeting of **Sisterhood Book Club** is set for **Sunday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. Join in as we discuss **City of 1000 Gates** by **Rebecca Sacks**, hosted by Myra Goldberg. **Please see the ad on page 18 to RSVP.**

Thank you to all of those who registered to join us on January 8 for **Trivia Night** at North River Tavern in Sandy Springs. We regret that we needed to postpone our event due to the spike in the latest variant of COVID. Stay tuned for a rescheduled joint Sisterhood and Men's Club event.

Did you know that Etz Chaim's Gift Shop has its own website?! It's easy to view available items Just go to etzchaim.net/judaicagifts and then choose "**Judaica & Gifts**" on the right side of the page. More items continue to be added as time goes on. If you have questions or for more information, email **Reba Bachrach** at legs32@comcast.net.

We encourage you to get involved with Sisterhood! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhood-sponsored Sunday morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and make new friends. Have questions? Please contact Fern Meharg at 770-380-8830, fmeharg@gmail.com, or Lauren Levetan at 404-422-8921, laurenlevetan@hotmail.com.

Until next time....

Fern and Lauren
Co-Presidents, Sisterhood



TODAY

Oh no, I think I forgot to join Etz Chaim's Sisterhood!

Click on this ad to join or go to:
www.etzchaim.net/form/SisterhoodDues2021

Etz Chaim Sisterhood

Not sure if you are a member? Email Bonnie at: bfsilverman@comcast.net



BAM...CRACK...DOT
It's time to order the
2022 MAH JONGG CARD

Let Etz Chaim's Sisterhood send your order in!
www.etzchaim.net/form/2022mahjcard
Order by February 1, 2022

Same price as the National Mah Jongg League - Order from Sisterhood and we receive a \$2.50 rebate per card to support Etz Chaim Programs!

Prices: \$9.00 standard size card / \$10.00 large print card

Purchase through our website or fill out the form below. If you are an established NMJL member, when you receive your 2022 order booklet, include your UNPEELED address label. Make check payable to "Etz Chaim Sisterhood". Drop off form to the synagogue or mail to Lisa Flagel, 827 Hillwood Drive, Marietta, GA 30068.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ _____ New Member / _____ Change of Address	Email: _____ Phone: _____ # of Cards _____ x \$9 standard = _____ total # of Cards _____ x \$10 large = _____ total
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Etz Chaim is Hiring!

Openings in our Preschool:
 Preschool Teacher - Hours are: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Extended Care - Hours range from:
 7:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 (applicants must be 17 years old and up)

Openings in our Religious School:
 Religious School Teacher Days/Hours are:
 Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and
 Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Facilities Openings:
 Maintenance Part-Time
 Maintenance Full-Time (benefits included)

www.etzchaim.net/form/joinourteam



Lilmode

Adult Education Programs

February to May 2022

Join us for these exceptional *Lilmode* programs:

Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for Torah study on Thursdays virtually and/or in-person at Etz Chaim. Please check our website to confirm class dates.

Zoom link: www.tinyurl.com/Torahstudy5782 Meeting ID: 841 6467 5908, Passcode: 1948

Mocha Mondays with Rabbi Dorsch

Mondays, February 14, March 14 and April 11 at 7:45 a.m. (after minyan)

Monthly coffee and breakfast with the rabbi accompanied by the Talmud's Greatest Hits. Mocha Monday is held in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall.

Sisterhood's Shalom in the Shul with Rabbi Shalom Lewis

Mondays, February 7, April 25, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

We will be discussing Rabbi Lewis' soon-to-be-published book, *Guide for the Perplexed*, a collection of vignettes. It will be available at the time of discussion.

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul

Scholar-in-Residence with Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Friday and Saturday, February 11-12

The SIR program is made possible by the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation.

• Covid and the Era of Jewish Experimentation (Friday evening after dinner)

As many American Jews settled in suburbia in the mid-20th century, their presence ushered in an era of Jewish adaptation and experimentation that changed the face of American Jewish life. Come find out from JTS' Chancellor, an American Jewish historian, how Covid is accelerating a new era of experimentation that is already having an impact on the future of American Judaism.

• Bottom-Up Judaism: Building Empowering Judaism, Then and Now (Saturday morning during services)

When Jews came to the U.S., many left the East Coast and spread out across the country into cities like Atlanta. Hear about the institutions they built and how Jewish leaders today are also building bottom-up for the next generation.

• Q&A with Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary (Saturday afternoon after Kiddush lunch)

Where have we been and where are we going? Do you have questions for Chancellor Schwartz about the weekend's topics, the Jewish Theological Seminary or Conservative Judaism? Come prepared with questions or submit them in advance to rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net. Scholar-in-Residence Chairs: Todd and Lauren Surden

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/sir2022

Purim Katan? Never Heard of It with Miriam Rosenbaum

Tuesday, February 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Purim Katan – "Little Purim" – is celebrated about a month before actual Purim when there is a Leap Year in the Jewish calendar, but many people know nothing about it. Join us *on* Purim Katan as Judaics scholar and Etz Chaim member Miriam Rosenbaum guides us through this unusual holiday and some of its quirks, including the two different types of Purim Katan and the special megillot (scrolls) for the "other kind" of Purim Katan. Miriam will also discuss the *post*-Purim holiday known as Shushan Purim. *Also accessible by Zoom.*

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/purimkatan

All Lilmode programs are open to the community.

See more details and how to RSVP for these programs at www.etzchaim.net/lilmode.

People of the Book Talk and Signing with author Roni Robbins

Sunday, February 27, at 3:00 p.m.

Award-winning journalist Roni Robbins, Etz Chaim's main usher and member of the board, is releasing *Hands of Gold*, her first novel, on February 4. The historical fiction is loosely based on cassette tapes left by her grandfather detailing his adventures across several countries and his near-death experiences. He accidentally kills a man but saves countless others. Audrey Fried-Sheets will moderate Roni's book talk about this Jewish family saga which touches on the Holocaust. The book was an Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award quarterfinalist. To learn more, visit www.ronirobbins.com. You can preorder the book on Barnes & Noble or Amazon: *Hands of Gold: One Man's Quest to Find the Silver Lining in Misfortune* (New Jewish Fiction). It will also be available for sale at this event. *Also accessible by Zoom.*

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/pob2022

Purim: The Rest of the Story with Miriam Rosenbaum

Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Everyone knows what's in the first part of the Purim megillah – Queen Esther and Mordechai save the Jews of Persia – but not many of us have ever read past that part. The rest of the story is troubling and for mature audiences only. In fact, there are problematic sections in almost every chapter of the *Megillat Esther*, the scroll of Esther. Judaic scholar and Etz Chaim member Miriam Rosenbaum will help us work through these uncomfortable passages and the questions that arise from them as we explore what really happens in the text. *Also accessible by Zoom.*

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/purimstory

Making Miriam's Cup (in partnership with Sisterhood) with Lynne Johannesen

Sunday, March 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

No experience is necessary to enjoy this fun afternoon of art, learning and creativity. Participants will create a decorative Miriam's Cup—the cup of living waters—perfect for Sisterhood's Women's Seder or your own family seder. Lynne will guide you in decorating a wine glass using stained glass style paint, enamel paint and paint markers. Bring your enthusiasm to this relaxed environment and wear clothes that can get messy . . . just in case! Fee: \$18 per person covers supplies and refreshments.

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/miriamscup2022

Movies @ the Etz in Partnership with Sisterhood: "The Wedding Plan"

Sunday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m.

After Michal's fiancé calls off their wedding a month before the ceremony, the 30-something Orthodox woman decides to keep her wedding date and trusts that God will provide her with a suitable groom. As the day of her wedding grows closer and Mr. Right still has not appeared, the jilted bride puts everything on the line to find happiness. Noa Koler won the Best Actress award for her portrayal of Michal at the Haifa International Film Festival 2016, and the movie was a crowd pleaser when it was shown at the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival's AJFF Selects program. In Hebrew with English subtitles. Runtime is 110 minutes.

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/aprilmovie22

Family Estrangements in Our Community: Coping and Caring with Rabbi Judith Beiner

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Family estrangements are as old as our biblical ancestors, whose stories seldom ended with "happily ever after." Many people today experience deeply complicated family situations that give rise to emotions including anger, sadness and resentment. Rabbi Judith Beiner, community chaplain at Jewish Family & Career Services, will share research, resources and anecdotes illustrating the incidence of family estrangement in our world today. She will also engage us in a conversation on how we can cope with our own family estrangements as well as care for those in our community who are experiencing these challenging situations. *Also accessible by Zoom.*

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/coping&caring

Israel: An Uncomplicated Guide to a Complicated Nation with Marnie Nadolne

Tuesdays, April 26 and May 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 26: Establish, Expel, Yearn. . . Repeat: The History of a Homeland. **May 3:** Rumors, Rubbish and Realities: Zionism and Modern Israel. These two classes will be taught by congregant Marnie Nadolne, Psy.D. As the Israel Programs Admissions Director in Atlanta for the Jewish National Fund, Marnie will help us to better understand the story of Israel and, because of this deeper knowledge, help us respond to anti-Zionist challenges. *Also accessible by Zoom.*

Register: www.etzchaim.net/event/homeland

SAVE THE DATE for Tikkun Leil Shavuot on the evening of Saturday, June 4!

All Lilmode programs are open to the community.

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1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30068 ▪ 770-973-0137



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with Miriam Rosenbaum

Tuesday, February 15
(Purim Katan)

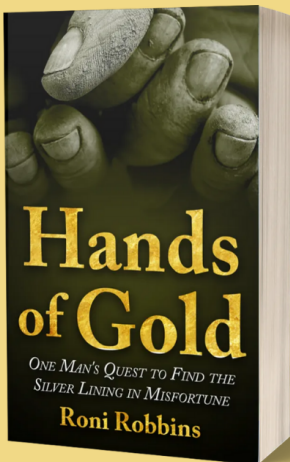
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www.etzchaim.net/event/pob2022



UPCOMING BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2022:

February 27 - City of 1000 Gates by Rebecca Sacks | Host: Myra Goldberg - myra.goldberg@yahoo.com

March 27 - The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross | Host: Janice Levine - levines2000@comcast.net

April 24 - The Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel | Host: Sheri Rosenblum - sheri.rosenblum@gmail.com

May 22 - Hands of Gold by Roni Robbins (congregant) | Host: TBD

This is an intimate story of a long, fruitful, and bitter-sweet life based on Roni Robbins' grandfather's taped anecdotes and is mesmerizing. There is a universal feel to this book, as new immigrants arrive in this country with nothing and have to start over and over. The accent may be different, but the struggles and pangs of leaving loved ones are very real. Roni will be joining the conversation with the Book Club in person or on Zoom.

June 12 - Florence Adler Swims Forever by Rachel Beanland | Host: Linda Ames - ibenames@aol.com

All sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Livestream: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89091421968>

ETZ CHAIM
Young Adults
COOKING
for a cause

Tuesday, February 8
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
at Etz Chaim

Help us make a meal for the residents at Rebecca's Tent Women's Shelter of Shearith Israel. You will also get a "to go" meal for yourself.

Masks required.

www.etzchaim.net/event/yacooking

ETZ CHAIM
Young Adults

(Brook) Run into Spring
Sunday, March 20
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at Brook Run Park
4770 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody 30338

Welcome in Spring with an early evening full of fun, games, and good company. Pizza dinner and snacks will be provided.

www.etzchaim.net/event/yaspring



Spring Fling Dance

Featuring the Gray Matters Band

Saturday, March 5
8:00 p.m.
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

- Rock the night away to great tunes and enjoy noshing ●
on delicious hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages!

3 Score MORE or LESS

The cost is \$23.00 per person
All are welcome!

RSVP AT: [ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/3SCORESPRINGFLING](https://etzchaim.net/event/3scorespringfling)

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta GA 30068



Israel Bonds Brunch March 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Honoring Marnie and Brian Nadolne

**Congregation Etz Chaim
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall**



For questions, contact the Israel Bonds
office at 404-817-3500
or atlanta@israelbonds.com





**Multi-Generational Israel Trip
Congregation Etz Chaim**

Led by Rabbi Daniel Dorsch
June 20-29, 2022

Optional Eilat – Petra extension June 29 – July 3, 2022

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/rddorsch22



MARCH 6, 2022

For more information and to join or sponsor Etz Chaim's Team, go to www.tinyurl.com/hungerwalk2022 or contact our Team Captain, Bob Frohlich at chisakid@bellsouth.net.

MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

All Services (Minyanim and Shabbat) are held both in-person and via livestream.

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: <https://www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream>

MINYANIM ARE HELD IN THE ALLAN AND VIVIAN LEVINE FAMILY CHAPEL

SHABBAT SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE LINDY AND NORMAN RADOW SANCTUARY



YEEHAW!
WHO'S READY TO RO-DE-O?
JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13
FOR CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM'S
PURIM CARNIVAL RODEO

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Come early for a quieter, less crowded experience

12:15 - 2:30 p.m. Carnival opens to all!

Festivities include a children's costume contest with prizes, carnival games, inflatable mechanical bull, balloon artist, lunch for purchase, popcorn and more!

Advanced admission bracelets are \$15.00 per child if purchased by Thursday, March 10. \$20.00 per child at the door.

www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2022

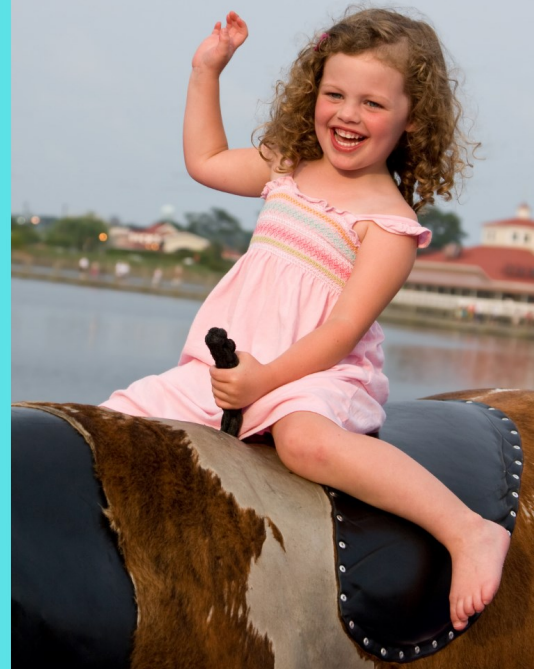
PURIM CARNIVAL RODEO
RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGES & SPONSORSHIPS

Ticket Packages:

- 1 Ticket for \$10
- 5 Tickets for \$20
- 10 Tickets for \$30
- 15 Tickets for \$40
- 20 Tickets for \$50

Carnival Donor Sponsorships:

- Diamond \$400+
- Platinum \$300 - \$399
- Gold \$200 - \$299
- Silver \$100 - \$199
- Bronze \$54 - \$99
- Double Chai \$36 - \$53
- Chai \$18 - \$35



www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2022

Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

Etz Chaim's Chesed Committee will offer to provide meals of consolation to members. This meal is traditionally a dairy meal eaten by mourners upon their return home from the funeral. It includes whole hard-boiled eggs, symbolizing the continuity of life. This service provided by the Chesed Committee allows the family and friends who normally provide the meal to attend the funeral themselves and give the emotional support to the bereaved. Members attending out of town funerals, who sit shiva or hold a memorial service in Atlanta, will be offered a fruit tray.

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

Please contact:
Lisa Fligel—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?



The rabbi has asked that you notify the synagogue office in the event of a family member's hospital stay or serious illness.

February 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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2	February	Martin Sternbach	1	Adar	* 15	February	Marvin Rosenberg	14	Adar
* 3	February	Mitchell Safran	2	Adar I	15	February	John Pransky	14	Adar I
3	February	Carol Shapiro	2	Adar	15	February	Ruth Needle	14	Adar
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3	February	Richard Rosenbaum	2	Adar	* 16	February	Lester Ebel	15	Adar
3	February	Rose Etscovitz	2	Adar I	16	February	Julius Miller	15	Adar
3	February	Samuel Shafferman	2	Adar	17	February	Bella G. Grauer	16	Adar I
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7	February	Sarah Coplon	6	Adar	20	February	Anita S. Beer	19	Adar
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8	February	Herbert Berke	7	Adar	21	February	Milton Sarlin	20	Adar
9	February	Emanuel Walter	8	Adar	22	February	David Bodenstein	21	Adar
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13	February	Pearl Cohn	12	Adar I	28	February	Linda Deutsch	27	Adar
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* 15	February	Max Fernbach	14	Adar	28	February	Sylvia Schwartz	27	Adar

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (30 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Adar I Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	2 (1 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar I Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 7p PS Faculty Meeting 7p	3 (2 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	4 (3 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	5 (4 Adar I) Terumah Shabbat L'Kulam 9:30a Stay & Play 9:30a All-Stars 10:15a Team Shabbat 10:45a 3 Score More Super Bowl of Trivia 7:30p
6 (5 Adar I) Religious School 9:15a Yom Rishon 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Melton Ethics 11:00a Kadima Event 12:15p GSD 101 w/ SOJOURN 3p Evening Minyan 6:30p	7 (6 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7:00a Shalom in the Shul 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p USY Board Meeting 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club Meeting 7p Senior Seminar with Rabbi Dorsch 7p	8 (7 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Executive Committee Meeting 7:15p Young Adults – Cooking for a Cause 7:30p	9 (8 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Chai Five w/Rabbi Miller 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 7p RS Board Mtg. 7p	10 (9 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7p	11 (10 Adar I) Scholar-in-Residence w/ Shuly Rubin Schwartz Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p SIR Dinner & Program 7:15p	12 (11 Adar I) Tetzaveh Scholar-in-Residence w/ Shuly Rubin Schwartz Shabbat Services 9:30a Little League 10:45a SIR Program after Kiddush Lunch 12:45p
13 (12 Adar I) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School & Pre-K 9:15a RS 3rd GR Family Workshop 9:30a World-Wide Wrap 10a Minyan Breakfast 10a Chalutzim Event 12:15p Atid Event 2p Evening Minyan 6:30p	14 (13 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Mondays with Rabbi Dorsch 7:45a Evening Minyan 6:30p	15 (14 Adar I) Purim katan Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Lilmode: Purim Katan? Never Heard of It with Miriam Rosenbaum 7p	16 (15 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 7p	17 (16 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg. 7p	18 (17 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat. 6:30p	19 (18 Adar I) Ki Tisa All-Stars 10:15a Team Shabbat 10:45a PS Kids Night Out 5p
20 (19 Adar I) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	21 (20 Adar I) Presidents' Day Preschool Closed PS Transitions Class Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	22 (21 Adar I) Preschool Closed PS Transitions Class Closed No Religious School Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Evening Minyan 6:30p	23 (22 Adar I) PS Mini Camp Preschool Closed PS Transitions Class Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	24 (23 Adar I) PS Mini Camp Preschool Closed PS Transitions Class Closed Torah Study 10a Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	25 (24 Adar I) PS Mini Camp Preschool Closed PS Transitions Class Closed Morning Minyan 7a	26 (25 Adar I) Vayakhel Shabbat Services 9:30a Stay and Play 9:30a
27 (26 Adar I) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Melton Ethics 10:30a Yoga & Meditation 1:30p Lilmode: People of the Book w/Roni Robbins 3p Evening Minyan 6:30p	28 (27 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Confirmation Class with Rabbi Dorsch 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p					



NEW
Minyan 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.

POST PANDEMIC: TORAH READERS WANTED!

We are excited to restart our Torah reading program. Please contact Bob Frohlich or Rabbi Dorsch to be added to our list to receive Torah reading opportunities. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Dorsch at rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net or Bob Frohlich at chisakid@bellsouth.net.



For details on upcoming Youth Group events, you can follow us using the following links:

- https://etzchaim.net/youth_programs
- <https://www.facebook.com/etzchaimyouth/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtzChalutzim/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtzAtid/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtzChaimKadima/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EtzChaimUSY/>
- https://www.instagram.com/sababa_usy/



Registration forms are online for membership in one of our many Youth Groups for the Youth Department

www.etzchaim.net/form/YouthGroupMembership2021-22

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.



Weekly Schmooze on Zoom!

Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

facilitated by Esther Shultz

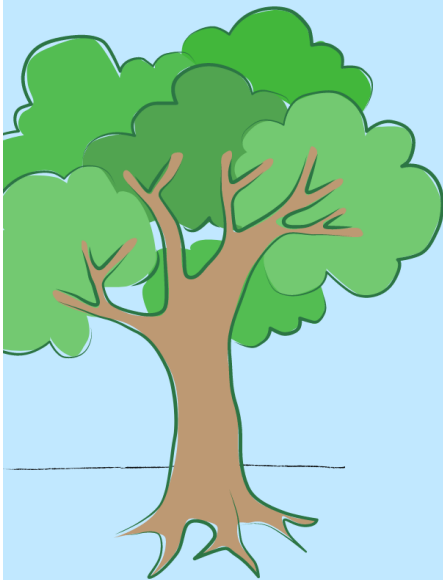
Because of COVID-19, we don't always have an opportunity to socialize and catch up. So, let's get together for an informal time to chat! Our only request is we ask everyone to *stay away from politics*. All are welcome.

Invite your Etz Chaim friends or meet new people.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84426202608>

If people are interested in a Zoom session during evening hours and not on a workday, contact Heather Blake at Heather@etzchaim.net and we can make it happen.

IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER TO PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL!



Honor loved ones or mark a special occasion by purchasing a tree in our Sisterhood Grove.

JNF tree ordering is now simpler than ever and is completely online at:

www.etzchaim.net/form/jnftrees

Order, pay online, and select from a variety of beautiful certificates which will be personalized and sent directly to your honoree(s).

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



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Stop by Phillip's Library and browse our great selection of books for adults, teenagers, and children! Look up our books online anytime in our online catalog found on the Etz Chaim website: <https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com>

Just follow the directions on the circulation desk for self-check-out. There is a slot on the circulation desk for book returns.

Looking for some interesting new recipes or the history of Jewish southern cooking? Why not check out one of the books in the library at Etz Chaim. The cookbooks are mostly in the 641.5 nonfiction section.

Here are a few of our great books related to Jewish cooking:

Hip Kosher: 175 Easy-to-Prepare Recipes for Today's Kosher Cooks by Ronnie Fein. This cookbook has simple, quick, easy-to-prepare contemporary dishes featuring fresh ingredients that all will enjoy, whether you cook kosher or not. (641.5 FEI)

Matzoh Ball Gumbo: Culinary Tales of the Jewish South by, Marcie Cohen Ferris. This is more of a history book than a cookbook. Full of insightful stories about different Southern towns, with over 30 recipes included as well, this is an interesting read. Read this book to find out how there can be such a thing as Southern Jewish cooking when the laws of kashrut, governing what foods Jews may or may not eat, forbid such staples of southern kitchens as pork, shrimp, oysters, and crab. (641.5 FER)

Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking by, Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook. Last but not least, our newest cookbook. This is a gorgeous book full of amazing recipes with fascinating stories accompanying them. The hummus recipe has received many rave reviews. (641.5 SOL)

Want a cookbook to cook fun recipes for the Jewish holidays with your children? Look in the children's section under J 641.5.

THINKING ABOUT KEEPING A KOSHER HOME?

Kosher for the Clueless but Curious: A Fun, Fact-Filled and Spiritual Guide to All Things Kosher by Shimon Apisdorf. This fun book is very informative but never dry. If you want to understand about keeping kosher, try this easy-to-read book. (246.6 API)

DOES 0% INTEREST SOUND interesting?

DO YOU NEED EXTRA FUNDING FOR COLLEGE OR GRAD SCHOOL THIS YEAR? (OR someone you know!)

APPLY

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JELF offers **0% INTEREST**, last dollar loans for Jewish students pursuing a full-time education. JELF serves students from FL, GA, NC, SC and VA (excluding metro D.C.), but students can attend any U.S. accredited university.

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March Madness Blue Jean Shabbat

Musical Shabbat Service

Friday, March 25
at 6:15 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

6:15 P.M. SHABBAT DINNER / 7:15 P.M. MUSICAL SERVICE

**JOIN US FOR a TAILGATE THEMED
BLUE JEAN SHABBAT**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BASKETBALL TEAM JERSEY
OR OTHER SPORTS-RELATED SHIRT AND JEANS.**

**ENJOY HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS COOKED
BY OUR MEN'S CLUB GRILL MASTERS.**

COST: \$8 PER ADULT/\$4 PER CHILD 12 AND UNDER

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/marchmadness



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 interest-based 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 Heather Blake, Director of Engagement, by email at heather@etzchaim.net or 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 fosterrob@comcast.net.

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 HAMSAShelps@jfcsatl.org.

*Beit T’Shuvah is a Jewish residential addiction treatment center in Los Angeles. Learn more at www.beittshuvah.org.

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 savtaesther5@gmail.com. See you on Zoom at: www.tinyurl.com/EtzSchmooze 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 hlneedle@gmail.com or text 678-520-8635. Look forward to hearing from interested parties.

NEW: Yoga and Meditation

Practice yoga and meditation with Yana Lubell for our bi-monthly Roots group while cultivating community and helping to restore balance to our body, mind and spirit bringing joy to our lives. All levels and ages are welcome! Each month there will be one Saturday session and one on Sunday. For more information and to be added to the email list, contact Yana at yanalubell@gmail.com. We will try to provide babysitting on-site. **Our first meeting is February 5, at 11:00 a.m. during Shabbat L’Kulam. Future dates and times are as follows** (with time for yoga and schmoozing):

Sunday, February 27, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, approximately 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 20, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 9, approximately 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 24, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, approx. 10:45 a.m. (Tentative)

Sunday, May 22, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, 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.

Roots Movie Group

Tamar England at tamar.england@gmail.com.

Roots Hiking Group

Dani Oren at Daniandamir@gmail.com.

Birthday Club

Laurie Lavinsky at laulav6@gmail.com or Malka Riesenber at malka217@gmail.com.

Walking/Running Group

Amir Oren at aoren1@yahoo.com.



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2022 Ad Journal and Directory**

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Friday, April 1, 2022**

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Advertisement Personal Greeting

(CHECK ONE)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Facing	\$3,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back	\$3,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Facing	\$3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Spine & Full Page	\$2,500

FULL PAGE:

<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond	\$2,000
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$1,000
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- Text attached
- Graphic Design Required (\$25 Fee)
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Graphic Design Assistance:	Graphic Design of your business ad is available at an additional cost of \$25. Please send all supporting files such as your text, fonts, images and/or clipart as separate attachments. Please submit text and layout in a Word or Publisher document and email to bernice@etzchaim.net . If a font(s) is not supplied, one will be substituted. Email digital file(s) to: bernice@etzchaim.net , or upload at www.etzchaim.net/form/celebration2022 or mail a CD to 2022 Journal & Directory, Congregation Etz Chaim c/o Bernice Isaac, 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30068.

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Journal Contact: Marty Gilbert, 770.973.0137 or mgilbert@etzchaim.net

Torah Fund News

B'Yachad, together, we carried on and successfully completed the 2020-2021 Torah Fund Campaign. Our pins were delayed in manufacturing, production, and distribution, but we received them... better late than never. Going forward

we support the students at our five global Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher learning. Our donations to Torah Fund enable the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education to provide programs, services, and scholarships to the students who are our future leaders. We proudly continued the B'Yachad campaign, which turned out to be a significantly meaningful theme as we continue through these different times.

Since our pin distribution was delayed, we have decided to postpone going forward with a brand new pin until next year. We want to allow everyone to wear the B'Yachad pin for one full year, which also saves the Torah Fund the substantial cost of producing a new pin. Many pins are still available, so let me know if you are interested in still purchasing this pin.

The pin symbolizes the journey we have been on together, even while socially distanced from each other. Let's continue on this journey to help fortify the Jewish people in multiple ways and ensure a bright future.

Sandy Bailey

jbsandy10@gmail.com or call, 770-490-7874



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SHABBAT SASSON

THE MONTHLY MUSICAL
FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

COME BE A PART OF OUR ENERGETIC
FRIDAY NIGHT MUSICAL SERVICE.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS
AND SINGERS OF ALL AGES.

WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS
MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE?

CONTACT FERN MEHARG AT FMEHARG@GMAIL.COM
OR CHERYL EPPSTEINER AT EPPST4@AOL.COM


**Kindness
Matters.**

Gemilut Chasadim...

Join us in the Act of Loving Kindness

Come be a part of our newly expanded CHESED COMMITTEE!

There are a few ways you can choose to get involved and help us all feel more connected: *Bikkur Cholim* (visiting/helping those who are ill), providing support during a funeral, or welcoming a new baby with a meal for a family.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful committee or want more information, please reach out to Lisa Flagel at lisaflagel@gmail.com or call her at 678-591-7950.

Drawing from the Well



**Fridays at 12 pm (EST)
via Zoom**

**SOJOURN**

Purchase your groceries at Kroger and give back to Etz Chaim at the same time!

Giving back to the synagogue is as easy as buying groceries!

Shop at Kroger, use your Kroger Plus Card and Etz Chaim gets a quarterly check!

It's time to ENROLL your Kroger Plus Card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program!



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To participate, follow the directions below and enter **Etz Chaim's NPO #KY946**

Use your Kroger Plus Card & help us grow!

Supporting our local schools and nonprofit organizations has never been easier — just shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Here's how to enroll:

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com
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3. Sign in to your online account, or create an account
4. Find and select our organization, and click "Save"

You'll start earning rewards for our organization right away on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card! Learn more at KrogerCommunityRewards.com, and thank you for your support.



Need help enrolling?
Contact the Synagogue office.

Etz Chaim Approved Caterers List

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Carol Carola

770.842.4648 or 770.509.9505

Marietta, GA

clcbagel0418@gmail.com



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Cary Eisen

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Marietta, GA

chefcarycuisine@mindspring.com

www.chefcaryscuisine.com

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Lawrenceville, GA

tropicscatering@yahoo.com

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NPO# KY946

Questions? Contact Bernice in the synagogue
office at 770-973-0137

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karenneedle1@gmail.com

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, peanut 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 bob@bobbeer.com



Let's Connect!

Etz Chaim and its many Affinity Groups have Facebook pages where we share news about upcoming events, photos and much more. We also have a private Facebook group for members to share good news, ask for referrals and discuss a variety of topics. Visit www.etzchaim.net/socialmedia for more information!



New in the Amazon app

Sign up to generate donations while you shop, at no extra cost

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Congregation Etz Chaim Inc" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
- 3. Select "Congregation Etz Chaim Inc" as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*



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GIVING LEVELS:

- Pencil: \$18
- Marker: \$54
- Desk: \$90
- Whiteboard: \$180
- Tablet: \$360
- Laptop: \$540+

<https://www.etzchaim.net/form/psfuture>



Etz Chaim Preschool
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March Voice
April Voice
May Voice

Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

Deadline: Tuesday, February 1
Deadline: Tuesday, March 1
Deadline: Friday, April 1

**Submissions should be sent to:
Bernice at bernice@etzchaim.net**



Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

Contributions processed from December 1, 2021 — January 5, 2022

RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sherry Adams

in gratitude for your kindness and assistance with my brother's Shiva

Jana and Brad Ross

In appreciation of:

Miriam Rosenbaum, Bar Mitzvah tutor extraordinaire. Thank you for working so patiently with our family - don't retire yet!

Allison and Tanah Barchichat

Rabbi Dan Dorsch. Thank you, Rabbi Dorsch, for the most meaningful and beautiful Aufruf service for Hilary and Matt. You spoke to them with such heart and including all of us in the service was such a treat. What a wonderful way to start their Jewish union!

Esther and Charlie Harrison

Rabbi Dorsch for a beautiful unveiling for our dad, Edwin Berger

Iris and Jerry Silver

Rabbi Dorsch for your time and kindness during this difficult time

Nancy Shuster

In beloved memory of:

my mother, Muriel Greenblatt, and in appreciation of Rabbi Dorsch for his kind words

Arline and Ron Scheinzeit

Lionel Schlosberg

Mark and Julie Schlosberg

Marilyn Kirschner, our Mom and Mom-Mom. We miss you every day. You're in our hearts forever!

Michele, Sid, Kenzie and Marc Gelernter

Nancy Shuster's mother, Elayne Lite

Pam and Ricky Tinter

Melvin Gelernter

Sid Gelernter

In blessed memory of:

Helen Ehrlich, a wonderful lady who was taken from us too suddenly

Eileen and Ken Schlenker

In honor of:

Ezra Barchichat becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Tanah and Allison Barchichat

Gavi's Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Todd and Lauren Surden

In loving memory of:

Rhoda Halperin, a wonderful woman who always had a smile for you. With fond loving memories we always loved you.

Eileen and Ken Schlenker

Charlie Jassen, beloved daddy, Grampa and Great-grampa. Missing you like crazy, every day!

Karen and Hank Needle and Family

In memory of:

my mother Lillian C. Morris on her yahrzeit

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Carol and Brian Sacks

Robert Rothstein, dear son of

Sandy Rothstein

Carol and Brian Sacks

our dear friend, Helen Ehrlich

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my mother, Mae Slone Reich,

on her yahrzeit

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Iris and Jerry Silver

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In honor of:

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In memory of:

Lorraine Struhl, beloved mother of

Bonnie Roth

Helen Bell

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In honor of:

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Sally Greenstein

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In memory of:

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Lynn and Bob Sustak

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Stan and Judy Fineman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Keep the love going!!

Lynn and Bob Sustak

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Rick and Peggy Bernstein

In appreciation of:

our Rabbis, administrative team, executive, professional and support staffs, everyone at Etz Chaim who've helped our shul community pull through another year with such consistency, access and care. With deepest thanks, Marcy

Marcy Graiser

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Lisa and Sam Olens

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Helen Ehrlich

Elise T. Jaffe

In celebration of:

Sheri and Bob Frohlich's granddaughter, Alma Bachar

Judy and Stan Fineman's 50th wedding anniversary

Lisa and Sam Olens

In honor of:

Allan Levine for sounding the Shofar for the Anderson family

Amy Anderson

Phyllis Frankel

Nicole and Steve Frankel

Ava and Irwin Weitz becoming grandparents again

Sydelle and Irwin Silberman

Simone and Norman Marinoff's granddaughter, Rayna, becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Sydelle and Irwin Silberman

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Helen Ehrlich

Marci and Jeff Katz

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Thelma Lehman on her yahrzeit

Bernard Lehman on his yahrzeit

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Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth

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Helen Ehrlich

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Elayne Lite, mother of Nancy Shuster

Julie and Daniel Kleinman

Helen Ehrlich. To Steve Ehrlich and family, we send our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Karen and Ron Feibel

Mary Goldstein

Ellen Epstein

Lisa and Sam Olens

Sydney Barber

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In support of Congregation Etz Chaim:

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

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Karen and Ron Feibel

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our father, Sam Scopp

our mother, Gertrude Wilensky

Barbara and Frank Wilensky

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In loving memory of:

Elayne Lite, mother of Nancy Shuster

Ellen and Billy Balsler

In memory of:

Joan Rabin on her yahrzeit

Dan Rabin and Family

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In memory of:

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David and Cheryl Eppsteiner

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Sally Greenstein

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my husband, Sidney Freedman, and my daughter, Linda Idelson

Anita Freedman

In memory of:

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Beverly Barnhard

Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth

Roberta and Robert Aronson

my parents, Rose and Charles Wexler

Rochelle Spandorfer

Malcolm Lewis, beloved father of Jodi Danis. May his memory be a blessing.

Sandy Rosenberg and Daniel Pransky

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Linda Weinroth on her 75th birthday. We love you!

Lynn and Bob Sustak

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

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In honor of:

my new grandson, Max Avery, son of Hannah and David. All my love, Cici

In loving memory of:

Morry Frank

Betty Cohn

Leonard Cohn

Candy Frank

my father, Herman Davis

my daughter, Roberta Dikeman

Frederick Davis

Morris Frank

Jason Frank

In memory of:

Mary Goldstein. Condolences for your loss.

Steve Budow. Condolences for your loss.

Sherry and Mark Hersh

Ellen Epstein, wife of Barney Epstein. May her memory be for a blessing.

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Candy Frank on the birth of her grandson, Max Avery Frank

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In loving memory of:

Sidney Silverman - Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Thinking of you.

Bonnie and Alan Silverman

Sonja Marchesano, mother-in-law of Alisa Unger and grandmother of Brandi and Jason Unger

Martine and Murray Bookman

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Jayden "Phillip" Ahlzadeh on your Bar Mitzvah

Barbara Feerman and Susan Feerman

PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

In loving memory of:

Helen Ehrlich

Susan and Fred Valins

In memory of:

Elayne Lite

Sheri and Mark Schwartz

PRESCHOOL FUND

In loving memory of:

your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Lorraine Struhl. We are so sorry for your loss. May her memory be for a blessing now and always.

Arlene and Glenn LaVine

In memory of:

Jerry Rosenblum

Carol Rosenblum

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In blessed memory of:

Ellen Epstein

Sue and Alan Rothstein

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Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth

Nancy and Frank Shuster and Family

In memory of:

Pauline Teitelman, our mother

Bennett Teitelman, our father

our Aunt Joyce Lewis

Ellen Epstein

Joyce and Barry Teitelman

Elayne Lite, mother of Nancy Shuster. Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved mother.

Laurie and Mark Lavinsky

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In loving memory of:

my parents Harry Lutzky and Ruth Lutzky. I miss you both so much and know that you are smiling down at your grandchildren and great grandchildren. You both created an amazing, strong, Jewish legacy. Your memories are a blessing to all of us.

Paula L. Coplon

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Sherry Adams

In memory of:

Rae Weiss, inspiring, wonderful, beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who will always live in my heart

Barbara and Jerry Mayer

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In memory of:

Helen Ehrlich, a kind and caring lady

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In beloved memory of:

Steve Krodman. Missed each and every day.

Dee

In loving memory of:

Jack Agrow

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Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth. Bonnie and Sam, please accept our sympathies for your loss.

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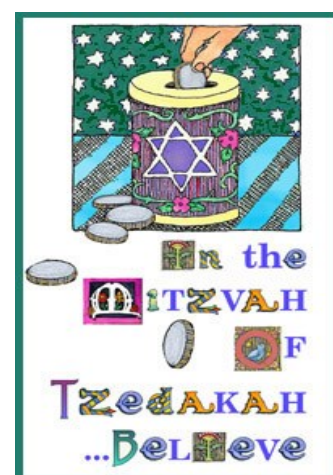
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