

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
RENEWALFEST:
CELEBRATING
THE POWER OF US
SUNDAY, MAY 15
AD JOURNAL HONORING
REBA AND BOB BACHRACH
CHERYL AND DAVID MILLER**



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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 12)

Shabbat Services:

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

Links are available at:

www.etzchaim.net/livestream

From Rabbi Daniel Dorsch

It's hard to believe that it was just over two years ago that Josh Pila invited me to play a round of golf with him at Indian Hills. That first time, Jonathan Lyons joined us to play. We spent most of that time talking about this new coronavirus, and how this might be the last time any of us saw one another in person for quite a while.



It then dawned on me that I could really enjoy golf. For a while, we were sheltering in place. Only once the science revealed that it was safer to be outdoors did I decide to create a Wednesday email group, since Wednesday was my day off (haha). Alan Silverman (who we call "Draino," due to his superb putting skills) came to the table pretty early and has since assumed the mantle of the group. Serving as the Weber School's golf coach, and lacking direction about a consistent and accessible place to play, Alan directed us to Fox Creek, a nice executive course in Smyrna that caters to both beginners and experts. At first, it was just a few of us: Evan Eisenstadt was in graduate school and had a flexible weekday schedule; Gregg Wishna likes to refer to this as "spiritual time with his rabbi."

Larry Lemer, then retired and looking for a way to reconnect with the community, has become one of our most consistent attendees. Marc Balizer, whose family are new members to Etz Chaim, had just only moved to the community from New York; he and I had our first interaction over a round of golf. Jonathan Lyons, who now has considerably more time to golf with his wife serving as a synagogue president (which one, I couldn't tell you) joins us regularly. We are grateful that Mathew Levine and Josh Pila, despite working full-time, were able to make an appearance. Ed and Nathan Gordon came on once as a father-son combination, as has Bob Silverman alongside Alan. Alex Peskin stole my mojo one week and my golf game went down the tubes. Charlie Harrison, Bob Brodsky, and Alan Schectman who usually play Indian Hills, have become regulars. Alan Berman has started playing recently: he's really upping our "Alan" quota. Our founding president, Stephen King, has been known to make a celebrity appearance. Andy Beker, Stan Sunshine and Stan Fineman also recently joined in. With generally two groupings when we go out, I only wish Jeff Unger z"l, who was so passionate about golf and inspired me to want to play, and Andy Rush z"l, who was able to join us only one time, could be here to join us.

Our golf group is by no means exclusive. Please join us! In fact, the reason I am writing about this golf group at all is because it is the same as our regular Wednesday Golf Roots Group at Congregation Etz Chaim you may have seen advertised each month in our bulletin. Roots is what is often in the church community referred to as "small group." These groups are clusters of folks who gather around common interests to connect. We have a number of Roots Groups at Etz Chaim that were started and managed by volunteers. Rob Foster runs our Artist Collective. Hank Needle is kickstarting our Woodworking group. Malka Riesenbergs began a group for people who come together to celebrate their birthday each month.

Check out our website for our full listings. And if golf is not your passion, consider beginning your own Roots Group. The formula is not particularly complicated: I had an interest. I found others with that interest. We found a time and place for us to do it together. It has greatly strengthened and deepened our relationships to one another and our shul community.

Still others are on the list but have not yet come out play. I hear April Miller has some pretty serious golf skills from playing with her mother z"l. We're also still waiting for Joe Ziskend and Rabbi Lewis to appear; they both keep promising us that they are working on their backswing.

I am excited for the month of March. It's golf season again. I am also just happy to share this growing passion of mine with our Etz Chaim family.

From Our Associate Rabbi

Purim, the Social Action Holiday

"And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor." Esther 9:20-22



I specifically want to focus on the last line of this text from our megillah.

"**Sending portions one to another**" – this is our custom of *mishloach manot* and is an integral part of the holiday whether you send it to your neighbor, your family member, or even your rabbi (☺), this is an essential aspect and *mitzvah* of the holiday. However, there are others in our community who might not have family or friends who are able to send them these sweet gifts. Therefore, it becomes incumbent on us to think of them during this festive time and to not forget those in our community.

I therefore hope that you will consider supporting our Etz Chaim Sisterhood by placing an order for *mishloach manot*. Consider taking the opportunity to celebrate the holiday and brighten someone's day with this lovely festive gift.

"**Gifts to the poor**" - It has seemed to me that this aspect of the holiday is the *mitzvah* that is often forgotten about. I get this - there are so many other things that are going on for the celebration that we focus on those happy personal moments of joy. However, our text explicitly tells us: do not only focus on yourself, think about others in the community, think about how they are suffering and do something to make a difference.

While we celebrate this year with our festive meals, let us not forget there are those who are hungry. Let us turn our mind to this and commit to making a change. It is as the great Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas once said, "the problem of a hungry world can be resolved only if the food of the owners and those who are provided for ceases to appear to them as inalienable property but is recognized as a gift they have received for which thanks must be given and to which others have a right. Scarcity is a social and moral problem and not exclusively an economic one."

Let us all harken to Levinas' call and address the moral problem of hunger in our community and let us realize that is a way in which we celebrate Purim and more importantly a way in which we enact our Judaism. Therefore, I would request **that each person who attends the Purim Carnival please bring a canned good** with them so that we can do our part to help with the hunger issue in our community.

Chag Purim Sameach.

Rabbi Micah Miller

Our Executive Director

NO MAUS!

I admit that March is one of my favorite months, especially since I have migrated South. Up North, March is a cold and muddy month, but here Spring has already taken hold and the days have started to get longer. March also contains my birthday and Purim, my favorite festival/holiday. Purim is often seen as a classic “good vs. evil” tale; Purim, at its core, is a celebration of religious freedom. We rejoice in the triumph of the Jews over Haman's attempt to destroy the Jewish people and we celebrate the bravery Queen Esther showed by speaking out publicly on behalf of the community.

In other words, “They tried to kill us. They failed. Let’s eat!”

What I have always found interesting is that God is not mentioned once in the Book of Esther. It is human beings who must fight for what freedoms they hold dear. Part of the celebration is the masks we wear, but behind the masks are the people who create the essence of how we live our lives and strive to create our need to be free.

Once again, we have found ourselves at freedom’s crossroads. One that I thought we had traveled through many years ago. It regards an aspect of freedom, but not necessarily a completely religious one, the latest movement to ban books and remove them from libraries across the United States. Many of the books include content by or about people based on race, color, sexual orientation and/or people with disabilities. Many are titles that have been on required reading lists for schools for decades:

To Kill a Mockingbird, The Bluest Eyes, A Brave New World, Of Mice and Men, Lolita, The Catcher in the Rye, Beloved, Nickel and Dimed, The Handmaid’s Tale, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, 1984, A Clockwork Orange, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, and The Diary of Anne Frank.

To me, at the essence of Judaism is the desire for knowledge. The ability and need to ask “Why?” Banning books, any book, flies in the face of that desire for knowledge. And it certainly doesn’t stop the desire to read those titles. I spent 15 years selling books, and banning books does not stop people from reading books; it just creates a desire to buy the book.

A School Board in Tennessee removed the book Maus from its 8th grade curriculum and now you can’t find a copy to purchase. How well did prohibition work? Or outlawing prostitution? Or gambling and marijuana... that’s right the government has legalized it so they can make money from it. Heck, we built Las Vegas and advertise “what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.”

Purim illustrates how we strive to be free and be able to live our lives as we see fit. We gain knowledge from each other and the experiences that others like us share. We also learn how other people live their lives and we gain new perspectives. Books are the vehicle of knowledge, and knowledge is power and ultimately freedom. Ultimately, we must have the courage to fight for our freedom.

To see the complete list of Top 100 Most Banned and Challenged Books: 2010-2019, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/challengedbooks2019> or <https://www.ala.org/>

Marty Gilbert



From our President

“Hi, my name is Jamie. I wear a brace on my back because my spine is crooked. There is nothing wrong with my neck.” This is the introduction I recited whenever I met someone new from the time I was 5-years-old until I was 16-years-old. I have scoliosis and started wearing a back brace when I was in Kindergarten. It had a leather girdle and metal bars going up the front and back of my torso and around my neck. My brace was very noticeable so when I met someone, I always wanted to answer their questions, share my story, and make people feel comfortable around me. I firmly believe that’s why I am a “talker” and a borderline stand-up comic. While my back brace created challenges for me, it also shaped my personality.

At Camp Dunmore in Salisbury, Vermont, where I spent two months every summer for 10 years before I went to college, I was affectionately known as the “chatterbox”. In my adulthood, I became a lawyer representing condominium and homeowner associations. As one of the owners of my law firm I have the flexibility to spend a large part of my time teaching (still using my “gift of gab”). I teach Board Members who operate the community associations my firm represents, and I also teach the professional property managers who help my clients.

Outside of my law firm, I devoted many years to teaching our Etz Chaim Religious School students. I started teaching our first-grade kids when my son, Avi, was in kindergarten. At the time, Etz Chaim really needed religious school teachers and I was a working mom who wanted to find ways to see my child as much as possible on the weekends. So, while Avi was at religious school, I was at religious school too. I got to know the songs he was learning, the routines he followed, and the prayers and holidays he was taught, because I was in the next classroom teaching similar topics to kids who were one year older. Since then, I have had the privilege to teach every Religious School age group except 4th grade. I have “retired” from our teaching roster at least three times and I continue to return, because these kids are our next Jewish leaders, and we are committed to them.

My son is 24 now and once again our Etz Chaim Preschool and Religious School have critical shortages of teachers and staff. Due to this severe teacher/staff shortage, Lauren Chernau is teaching in the Preschool one day a week (while also serving as the Assistant Director of the Preschool), Debbie Deutsch is teaching in the Religious School (while also serving as our Director of Education), and now Rabbi Dorsch and I are going back into the first-grade classroom on Sunday mornings this semester. My message: we need help.

We have fabulous instructors for each grade level from 18 months through 12th grade, but we want and need to hire and train more Preschool and Religious School teachers, so our administrators, Rabbis, and President can focus on our “other jobs” in support of Etz Chaim. If you are interested in contributing to our congregation in this way (or if you know someone else who might be), please reach out to us. We have the curriculum, we have the lesson plans. We just need the people-power to implement them. Help us energize and educate the next generation of Jewish adults!

Jamie Platt 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

It's Adar II, and Adar is a month traditional associated with joy. We have two months of Adar in this leap year and there is a lot to be happy about at Etz Chaim. Did you see the cover of last month's Voice or the postcard in the mail? Hopefully, Rabbi Dorsch as John Travolta from Saturday Night Fever put a smile on your face.

You do not want to miss Rabbi Dorsch's Purim Disco Birthday Celebration on Wednesday, March 16! There will be a DJ, adult and children costume contests, dairy hor d'oeuvres, Megillah Reading, Purim Pub Trivia and more! See more details on page 14.

The Purim Carnival is back! It's the biggest fundraiser for the Youth Department. Even if you do not have children or grandchildren attending, we encourage you to be a donor (starting at \$18) or to buy raffle tickets to support Etz Chaim's youth. **Purim Carnival Rodeo is on Sunday, March 13.** See more details on page 16.

Expand your knowledge with the Lilmode 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. See more on page 20.

One of the four mitzvot (commandments) of Purim is (*matanot la'evyonim*) - giving gifts to the poor, and this can be in money or food. The Hunger Walk directly supports hunger relief in Atlanta and will be on **Sunday, March 6. There is an option to participate in person or virtually. You can join our team or donate. It is an important event and Etz Chaim is proud to have a Bob Frohlich lead our team. See more on page 8.**

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) in partnership with Lilmode presents The Shmita Cycle and Jewish Call for Environmental Stewardship on Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. Learn about how the ancient observance of the shmita year has modern obligations. See more details on page 13.

We are keeping the fun of Adar going with **March Madness Blue Jean Shabbat on Friday, March 25. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Musical services at 7:15 p.m.** This is a tailgate theme, so feel free to wear a basketball jersey or other sports shirt with your jeans. See more on page 20.

Have you heard about the new Roots Group: Yoga & Meditation coordinated by Yana Lubell. They will meet twice a month on Saturday morning during services around 10:45 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. **Join us on Saturday, March 5, 10:45 a.m.** See more on this roots group and others on page 24.

Before we know it, it will be Passover. All are welcome to join **Making Miriam's Cup in partnership with Lilmode and Sisterhood on Sunday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m.** Artist Lynne Johannessen will teach us how to create a decorative Miriam's Cup, cup of living waters, that can be used at your seder. No art experience necessary. See more details on page 21.

Save the dates for:

- **Movies at the Etz on Sunday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m.** in partnership with Sisterhood as we watch the Israeli film The Wedding Plan. See page 26.
- **Lilmode class: Family Estrangements in our Community: Coping and Caring on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** with Rabbi Judith Beiner, Community Chaplain at Jewish Family & Career Services. See page 26.

I hope to see you at programs for a fun filled Adar II!

L'shalom,

Heather Blake







**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:

MARCH 12 & 26
APRIL 30
MAY 21

SHABBAT L'KULAM 9:30 A.M.

SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE:

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

Condolences to...

the family of our beloved member,
Phyllis Kent, on her passing

Scott Rittenberg on the passing of his
beloved mother, Barbara Rittenberg

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Ron Judenberg
Linda Weinroth

Thank You, Program Volunteers...

Audrey Fried-Sheets ▪ Bob Beer ▪ Arlene and
Larry Brown ▪ Cheryl Eppsteiner ▪ Bob Frohlich
Lynne Johannesen ▪ Tamara Jacobs ▪ Andrew
Kagan ▪ Lauren Levetan ▪ Betsy Levy ▪ David
Lieberman ▪ Alan and Sharon Lightstone
Yana Lubell ▪ Jamie Lyons ▪ Norman and
Simone Marinoff ▪ Roz Reiss ▪ Roni Robbins
Miriam Rosenbaum ▪ Marsha Shrago ▪ Bonnie
and Alan Silverman ▪ Todd and Lauren Surden
Beth Weiss

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

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nsflom@gmail.com
Ezra cell: 562-234-6609
ezraflom@gmail.com

We are pleased to welcome back to our Etz Chaim community...

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2630 Centennial Commons Bend, NW
Acworth, GA 30102
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rebok55@hotmail.com

New Email Address...

Marcy Graiser
marcygrai@hotmail.com

James Bauer
james.braverman83@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...

Order your Mishloach Manot today!

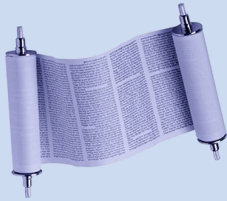
Fulfill the mitzvah and support our community
by ordering Mishloach Manot sponsored by your
Etz Chaim Sisterhood. What better way to
connect with one another than by sending these
packages!

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 is open NOW, and all orders must be placed by March 2

- Questions? Email etzmm1@gmail.com





Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, March 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, March 6, at 9:15 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 2: March 3 and 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.



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.

Questions about purchasing a cemetery plot?

Call Marty Gilbert
770-973-0137

A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR B'NOT MITZVAH!



Sydney Shefsky was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 22, 2022 - 20 Shevat 5782. She is the daughter of Dana and Sanford Shefsky. Sydney's Bat Mitzvah parasha was Yitro. She is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School.

Having just moved to Atlanta from Memphis in the summer of 2021, Sydney has been focused on making new friends and adjusting from her previously small Jewish day school to life at a large public school. She loves trips to the beach, making fun treats with her mom, shopping, making tiktoks and playing with her goldendoodle, Kaycie.



Shoshana Waller will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 26, 2022 - 23 Adar II 5782. She is the daughter of Sarala and Jonathan Waller. Shoshana's Bat Mitzvah parasha is Shemini. She is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School. Shoshana has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for two years. Her hobbies and interests include creative writing, reading and illustration art.

Shoshana's D'var Torah quote is "Good intentions: From the golden calf to the red heifer. What happens when we attempt to act without following God's instructions?" For her mitzvah project, Shoshana is volunteering with young children and teaching them art.

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.

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.

Men's Club Notes

We have filled all our leadership positions, which should help streamline our operation and allow for more programming. Speaking of programming, we are excited to let you know Men's Club and Sisterhood have a new date for **Trivia Night**. See page 27 for more details.

On **April 24** we are having our **Best Breakfast in Town and Lilmode** will be sharing a program that will be a real live experience of a Jewish POW in Germany during WWII. **Elyse Shaw and Sharon Lightstone** will be moderating this very touching story of **Sy Lichtenfeld**. More information can be found on page 28.

We had a very successful and engaging **World-Wide Wrap** with the **FJMC and our Sunday School Program** headed by **Debbie Deutsch**. The kids were in the Radow Sanctuary, and we had **two Men's Club Members** explaining what tefillin is and why we wear it.

Men's Club Shabbat is on March 19. We will be led by our own Barry Riesenber, and many readings and aliyot will be Men's Club Members with other honors being performed by our congregants. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

We have made our **Holocaust and Memorial Garden** something the whole shul should be proud of. If you take some time to familiarize yourself with what it has to offer, I believe you might find yourself sitting there and thankful this is here so close to you where you can touch history. I am attaching a letter from a congregant, which was unsolicited and meant to reach out to us all. Please read this beautiful message.

A Path Filled with Memories

It will be 77 years since the end of the Shoah. Over the course of those 77 years, we have held fast to the memories of the family and friends whom we lost: parents, spouses, siblings, children, family, and friends.

We preserve their legacy with each child born, with each new generation added to their family tree. Sharing their names and their stories, we ensure that the children born today know about and honor those lost.

Their names and stories are etched in our hearts, but how do we ensure that the next generation remembers them as well?

One by one, we lost millions of family members. Not just Holocaust victims but also our dear departed. Brick by brick, we can create a path to honor them so that their names and their stories continue to remind us of our past and inspire us toward our future.

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE NAMES OF LOVED ONES ON OUR BRICKS IN THE HOLOCAUST AND MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ETZ CHAIM

David Lieberman - President

Bryan Coleman - 1st Vice President

Mathew Nathan - 2nd Vice President

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!

mensclub@etzchaim.net



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



Men's Club Beef Brisket Sale Kosher for Passover

Orders begin March 3 and close on April 6

It's time to place your order for Men's Club's famous smoked or traditional beef brisket! Proceeds (after we purchase the meat) from this fundraiser will support The Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund in memory of Steve and his commitment to the Men's Club. The "Krodman Fund" will provide financial assistance to members attending the Men's Club Retreats and FJMC convention.

- Cost is \$26.00 per pound
- Kashrut under the supervision of Rabbi Dorsch
- Can be used for your Seder or weekday meals
- Presold - Order by April 6 to ensure availability

Order at: www.etzchaim.net/event/brisket2022

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:

Fern Meharg, 770-380-8830 fmeharg@gmail.com or Lauren Levetan, 404-422-8921 laurenlevetan@hotmail.com

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

The Sisterhood Scoop

This month ushers in both Purim and the promise of Spring. We are optimistic that healthier, better days lie ahead in the not-too-distant future. Read on for the engaging Sisterhood programs that we have planned for this month.

Purim is almost here, and Sisterhood offers easy ordering for **Mishloach Manot gift baskets**. Simply use your personalized code to complete your order online. All orders will be delivered locally this year! It couldn’t be more convenient! **But hurry! The deadline to place your order is March 2!** Fulfill one of the Mitzvot of Purim while supporting our community and staying connected. Chag Purim Sameach! **Please see the ad on page 7 for more information.**

Rosh Chodesh Adar II is on March 3-4. Please support the regular minyan at 7:00 a.m. to celebrate the new month. Then join us the following **Sunday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m.**, for **"Yom Rishon,"** a new Sunday minyan open to everyone in support of equal prayer rights for women in Israel. 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 8 for more information.

Save the date and spring into action for the virtual **2022 Southern Region Women’s League Spring Conference on Sunday, March 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** We will be joining the North Atlantic Region for our second combined Yearly Conference. Be on the lookout for more information to follow.

Our next meeting of the **Sisterhood Book Club** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.** Please join us for a stimulating discussion of **"The Lost Shtetl"** by **Max Gross.** **Janice Levine will host. Please see the ad on page 21 to RSVP.**

Save the date, April 10 at 7:00 p.m., for our rescheduled **Sisterhood & Men’s Club Trivia Night at North River Tavern.** More information to come! You won’t want to miss this fun event! See page 27.

Did you know that as an Etz Chaim Sisterhood member, you are automatically a member of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ)? Please take the time to explore the variety of programs and resources offered on their website. To learn more, go to www.wlcj.org/

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



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.

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!

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

RSVP AT: ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/3SCORESPRINGFLING
1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta GA 30068



Minyan Breakfast every Sunday

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Join us!

Mocha Mondays

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

7:45 a.m.

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

Save these dates:

March 14

April 11



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



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



The Shmita Cycle and Jewish Call for Environmental Stewardship

Lilmode in partnership with Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL)
Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore:

- the challenges of honoring the Sabbatical (Leviticus 25) and Jubilee years
- opportunities in embedding and creating some ancient practices into our religious life
- responsibilities to the earth and all its inhabitants

Our featured speakers:



Myrtle Lewin, member of
Ahavath Achim Synagogue



Joanna Kobylivker, GIPL
Community Organizer



RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/gipl

1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068



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



HOWDY PARTNER!
JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13

FOR CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT'S
PURIM CARNIVAL RODEO



Dear Fellow Congregants:

Grab your cowboy boots and hats and join the Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Department on Sunday, March 13, 2022, for a western experience! Our Purim Carnival Rodeo this year will grant you the opportunity to experience Purim in a fun way! There will be games, inflatables, prizes, our annual raffle, and even some surprises! However, we can't do this on our own! We are currently looking for donors to help bring back our first in person Purim Carnival in three years!! We strive to make this a fun event for all ages, and we need your support to continue to make this event the best ever each and every year.

We invite you to be a donor of our Purim Carnival Rodeo! The Purim Carnival, sponsored by Congregation Etz Chaim's Youth Department, is our biggest fundraiser each year, and is programmed, managed, and put on by our Kadima and Sababa USY leaders. Your support enables our Chalutzim, Atid, Kadima, and Sababa USY youth groups to continue to produce award-winning programs and provide for the needs of Congregation Etz Chaim's youth.

All contributions benefit the Youth Department, and a percentage of the Purim Carnival's profits are donated by our USYers to their international tzedakah fund. Donors will be recognized at the carnival on the "Wall of Donors" as well as in the Voice of Chaim. All donations are tax deductible. Please help us meet our goal!!! Go to www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2022 to sponsor our carnival and purchase tickets. See page 15.

Your donation helps provide:

- The Purim Carnival (games, prizes, decorations, and so much more!)
- Support for youth programming throughout the year
- Scholarships towards events and conventions for our youth
- Scholarships for trips to Israel, summer camps, and other summer programs for our youth
- Support for community-building activities

Thank you in advance for helping us make this carnival the best one ever!
L'shalom,

Julia Radin
Sababa USY Social Action/Tikun Olam

Roxanne Measroch
Chalutzim, Atid, Kadima Advisor

Mason Chernau
Sababa USY Chapter

Madelyn Chernau
USY Advisor



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

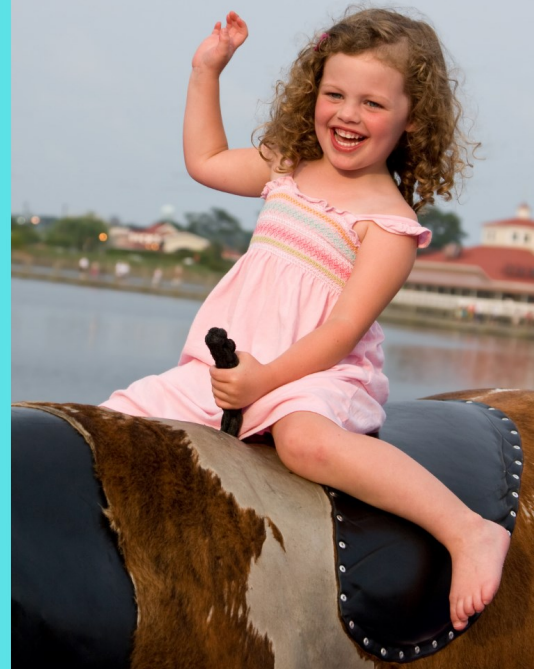
PURIM CARNIVAL RODEO
RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGES & SPONSORSHIPS

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



(Brook) Run into Spring

Sunday, March 20

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at Brook Run Park

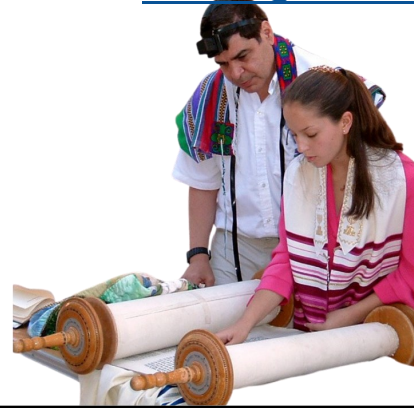
4770 North Peachtree Road, Dunwoody 30338

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



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.



Facilities Openings:

Maintenance Part-Time

Maintenance Full-Time (benefits included)

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.

www.etzchaim.net/form/joinourteam



Thank you to the Ehrlich Family

It is with profound gratitude that Congregation Etz Chaim accepts the gift of three paintings by esteemed Israeli artist Yaakov Agam from the family of Helen Ehrlich z"l. Etz Chaim was special to Helen as it is to Steve and their children Gillian and Jason. These paintings will hang on the side walls of the Vivian and Allan Levine Family Chapel for all to enjoy.

The following is a brief biography of *Yaacov Agam*, born May 11, 1928. He is currently 93 years of age.

Agam's work is usually abstract, kinetic art, with movement, viewer participation and frequent use of light and sound. His works are placed in many public places. He is also famous for a type of print known as an **Agamograph***, which uses barrier-grid animation to present radically different images, depending on the angle from which it is viewed. The lenticular technique was executed in large scale in the 30 ft (9.1 m) square "Complex Vision" (1969) which adorns the facade of the Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama.

One of Agam's more notable creations is the Hanukkah Menorah at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 59th Street in New York City. The 32-foot-high, gold colored, 4,000 pound steel structure is recognized by the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the World's Largest Hanukkah Menorah. It uses real oil lamps, which are lighted every year during Hanukkah with the aid of cherry-picking machines.

In May 2014, Agam's piece *Faith- Visual Pray* was presented to Pope Francis. The piece included significant symbols of both Jewish and Christian faiths.

Agam is the highest-selling Israeli artist. In a Sotheby's New York auction in November 2009, when his *4 Themes Contrepoint* was sold for \$326,500. A year later, his *Growth*, an outsize kinetic painting done in oil on a wood panel, which was shown at the 1980 retrospective at the Guggenheim Museum, estimated at \$150,000 to \$250,000, sold for the record-breaking sum of \$698,000.

In 2018, the 3,200-square-meter Yaacov Agam Museum of Art (YAMA) opened in the artist's hometown of Rishon LeZion, Israel. Agam told the *Jerusalem Post* that it is "the only museum in the world that is dedicated to art in motion."

*** Two of the pieces in our chapel are Agamographs**

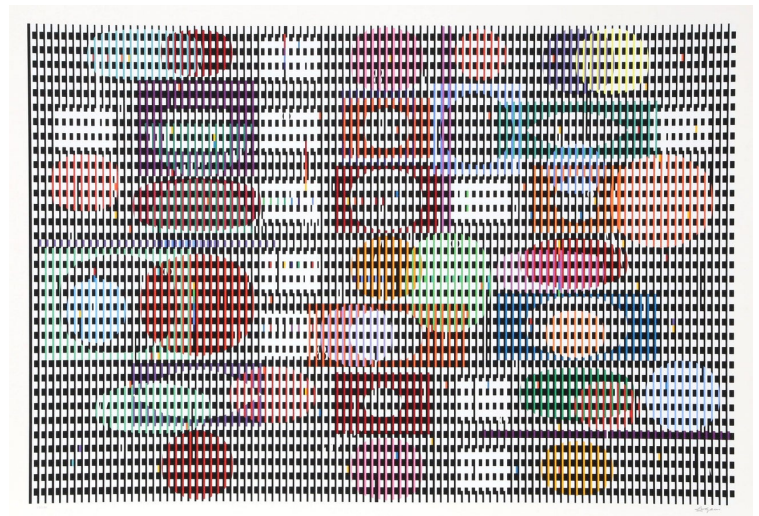
Photos of our artwork are below:



Untitled IV



Time from the
Mobility Within Series



Double Metamorphosis I

Renewal 2020 – *The Power of Us*

In December 2021, we completed the final phase of Renewal 2020 with the installation of the new partitions and white boards in the Education Wing. The renewal project, first conceived in 2017, took four plus years to complete. Although it began with the vision of installing stained glass windows in our sanctuary, the leadership quickly realized that there was so much more that was needed and that these windows would become the “icing on the cake”.

A caring and supportive couple provided seed money for us to do a feasibility study which included (i) work with an architect to create some conceptual drawings, (ii) donor surveys to better understand our ability to appropriately fund raise and, ultimately, (iii) mockups of renderings displaying result alternatives. Once we had a direction, we worked with our architect and potential general contractors to garner a best possible cost estimate. With this in hand we approached some potential Foundation Donors who agreed to significantly support what we had then named Renewal 2020. Once this funding was secured, we formally engaged Collins Cooper Carusi as our architects and simultaneously launched a synagogue-wide fundraising campaign.

When the structural and design plans were complete, we interviewed several general contractors and put the project out for bid, finally selecting Gay Construction as our partner in this effort. The scope of the project was extensive as we realized the many “needs” of our facility coupled with the numerous “wants” our membership expressed. Most were related directly to the design, remodel, and renovation of our space but several related to infrastructure needs that would be best addressed while we had the construction trades on site, thus making it most cost effective to incorporate them into the project. Some examples include the installation of a new updated fire alarm system throughout the facility, structural and cosmetic repairs to certain components of our building, HVAC ductwork to portions of our facility that had been overlooked in the past, replacement of windows badly in need of repair, and the installation of an underground grease trap outside our building required by the county. Of course, let us not forget how this whole thing started: stained glass windows in our sanctuary. After interviewing several artists, we selected Ascalon Studios in New Jersey to work with our team to design and fabricate the eight beautiful windows that now adorn the bimah in the Radow Sanctuary.

Phase 1 began June 3, 2019, in the kitchen and sanctuary and was completed the week prior to the High Holidays. During this time, we held services as well as our kiddush lunches in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. Following the holidays work began on Phase 2, the social hall renovation. This was very complex as it involved the removal, redesign, and replacement of the roof over a third of the space. This phase was completed in July of 2020 during which time kiddush lunch was enjoyed in the Gelernter Lobby, Phillip’s Library, and classrooms after being prepared in the newly remodeled Sunshine Kitchen. During July and August of 2020, we worked on our Education Wing installing new flooring, new ceilings, new cabinetry, new sinks and completely repainting the hall and all the classrooms. At the same time, we regraded and surfaced our parking lot.

Your leadership decided to wait to complete this last phase, the installation of partitions and white boards in the Education Wing, until our pledge payments allowed us to greatly reduce our construction obligations, which they now have. Currently 95+% of the pledges have been collected with the remaining monies scheduled for payment in the near future.

Our original tagline was Honoring our Past, Building our Future. Not only did we renovate, refurbish, and refresh, we literally “Raised the Roof” and transformed our Etz Chaim for ourselves and for future generations. ***The Power of Us.***

Many members of our community contributed their time and talents to make this vision a reality, far too many to mention individually. We thank them all from the bottom of our hearts for supporting and assisting our efforts. Also our synagogue staff who were at times displaced, inconvenienced, and interrupted gave their all to make this project possible. ***The Power of Us.***

Over 450 families contributed more than \$4.4 million to Renewal 2020. We thank each and every one for their commitment to Our Etz Chaim as we move forward going from strength to strength. ***The Power of Us.***

We are also sharing the [link](#) to the video sent previously that gives a close up and detailed view of most of the Renewal 2020 project. If you have not been back to Etz Chaim in a while, this is a great overview of the many changes that have been accomplished.

Speaking of being back in the building, we are very excited that we will finally have an opportunity to celebrate Renewal 2020 as we welcome everyone home to Etz Chaim for our annual Celebration on May 15, 2022. Our celebration will be **RenewalFest: Celebrating the Power of Us.** We will be celebrating our entire community – everyone who came together to make Renewal 2020 a reality. ***The Power of Us.***

Lots more details to follow so hold the date and look for ad journal information on pages 29 and 30.

Purim: The Rest of the Story with Miriam Rosenbaum 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 for mature audiences only. In fact, there are problematic sections in almost every chapter of the Megillat Esther, the scroll of Esther. Judaics 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.*

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/purimstory

1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068



**March Madness
Blue Jean Shabbat**

Musical Shabbat Service

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

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 shirts 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



Lilmode in partnership with Sisterhood Making A Miriam's Cup with artist Lynne Johannesen



Join us for this fun afternoon of art, learning and creativity!

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

- Decorate a Miriam's Cup - the cup of living waters
- No experience necessary
- Perfect for your next Seder
- Stained glass paint, enamel paints and markers provided
- Wear clothes that can get messy
- \$18 per person for supplies and refreshments
- *Limited seating - reserve your place soon!*

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/miriamscup2022



UPCOMING BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2022:

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>

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.

March 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.

* 1	March	Arlene Berman	28 Adar	10	March	Sidney Goodman	7 Adar II
* 1	March	Mehdy Nooromid	28 Adar	* 12	March	Anne R. Leonard	9 Adar II
1	March	Harry Kray	28 Adar I	* 13	March	Samuel Altman	10 Adar II
1	March	Irwin Rickles	28 Adar	* 13	March	Myrna Lyons	10 Adar II
1	March	Esther Ben-Aroia	28 Adar I	15	March	Jerome Mellman	12 Adar II
2	March	Leonard Goldberg	29 Adar	* 16	March	Herbert Ray	13 Adar II
2	March	Wayne Landon	29 Adar I	* 17	March	Charlot Low	14 Adar II
3	March	Leonard Klein	30 Adar I	18	March	Marvin Silver	15 Adar II
* 4	March	Sondra David	1 Adar II	18	March	Theodore Shapiro	15 Adar II
* 5	March	Harry May	2 Adar	18	March	Linda Rubenstein	15 Adar II
5	March	Arthur Levin	2 Adar II	19	March	Ross Shapiro	16 Adar II
* 5	March	Ida Cheslin	2 Adar II	* 21	March	Martin Bock	18 Adar II
5	March	Millie S. Cohen	2 Adar II	22	March	Gayle Boxer	19 Adar II
5	March	Bernice Weinstein	2 Adar II	22	March	Shirley Jassen	19 Adar II
6	March	Ralph Geldbart	3 Adar II	* 23	March	Diana R. Greif	20 Adar II
6	March	Sean Black	3 Adar II	23	March	Arlene Rosenfeld	20 Adar II
7	March	Raymond Smith	4 Adar II	24	March	Arnold Fram	21 Adar II
8	March	Jerome Angster	5 Adar II	24	March	Susan Simon	21 Adar II
8	March	Tobie Schneider	5 Adar II	27	March	Mania Lederman	24 Adar II
8	March	Benjamin/Alex Kaminsky	5 Adar II	28	March	Martin Rivchun	25 Adar II
8	March	Shulamit Wittenberg-Miller	5 Adar II	28	March	Haskel Edelblum	25 Adar II
* 9	March	Harriet R. Miller	6 Adar II	* 28	March	Elias "Eli" Krodman	25 Adar II
9	March	Zelda Zlotin	6 Adar II	* 30	March	Edward Perlow	27 Adar II
10	March	Miles Baron	7 Adar II	31	March	David Liban	28 Adar II
* 10	March	Manuel N. Fineman	7 Adar II	* 31	March	Judith S. Brown	28 Adar II
				31	March	Lydia Lewin	28 Adar II

Etz Chaim's Zionist Forum is back with Dr. Yizhar Hess

March 30, at 4:00 p.m.

[Dr. Yizhar Hess](#) is the former CEO of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel. A tenth generation Jerusalemite, he currently serves as the Vice Chair of the World Zionist Organization, which is responsible for overseeing the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and its Shlichut Program, which sends young Israeli emissaries to communities all over the world.




A regular contributor to the Israeli press on the subjects of religion and state, he is the co-editor of the book, *Questions About God*, published by Ma'ariv.

Yizhar is currently on a fact-finding mission to Atlanta to learn ways to further promote cooperation and engagement between Israel and the diaspora. He welcomes the opportunity to engage and learn with members of our kehillah.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/zionistforum

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 (28 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	2 (29 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Chai Five (8 th & 9 th GR) with Rabbi Miller 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p PS Faculty Meeting 7p USY Wacky 7p	3 (30 Adar I) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	4 (1 Adar II) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan 7a Tot Shabbat 5p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 6:19p	5 (2 Adar II) Pekudei Shabbat Services 9:30a Stay and Play 9:30a Yoga & Meditation 10:45a Spring Fling Dance 8p Shabbat Ends 7:27p
6 (3 Adar II) RS 6th Grade Family Workshop 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Yom Rishon 9:30a Israel Bonds Brunch 11a Hunger Walk/Run 12p Woodworkers Group 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p	7 (4 Adar II) PS Conferences Begin (School in Session) Morning Minyan 7a USY Board Meeting 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club Meeting 7p	8 (5 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p <i>Lilmode</i> : The Shmita Cycle and Jewish Call for Environmental Stewardship 7:30p	9 (6 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Chai Five (8 th & 9 th GR) with Rabbi Miller 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p RS Board Meeting 7p USY Wacky 7p	10 (7 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7p	11 (8 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 6:24p	12 (9 Adar II) Vayikra Shabbat Services 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:45a USY Purim Lock-in 7p Shabbat Ends 7:33p
13 (10 Adar II) Purim Carnival Set-up 9a Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School and Pre-K 9:15a RS 3rd Grade Family Workshop 9:30a Minyan Breakfast 10a Purim Carnival 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p	14 (11 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Mondays with Rabbi Dorsch 7:45a Confirmation Class with Rabbi Dorsch 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p	15 (12 Adar II) Tentative Special Election Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Executive Committee Meeting 7:15p	16 (13 Adar II) Taanit Esther Erev Purim Morning Minyan 7a Rabbi Dorsch's Purim Birthday Celebration and Megillah Reading 5p	17 (14 Adar II) Purim Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	18 (15 Adar II) Candle Lighting 6:24p	19 (16 Adar II) Tzav Men's Club Shabbat 9:30a Stay and Play 9:30a PS Kids Night Out 5p "Spring Forward" before going to sleep - set your clocks ahead one hour! Shabbat Ends 8:39pm
20 (17 Adar II) Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a RS 7th Grade Family Workshop 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Melton Ethics 10:30a Kadima Event 12:15p Young Adults - (Brook) Run into Spring 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees 7p	21 (18 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Confirmation Class with Rabbi Dorsch 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p	22 (19 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p <i>Lilmode</i> : Purim: The Rest of the Story with Miriam Rosenbaum 7p	23 (20 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Chai Five (8 th & 9 th GR) with Rabbi Miller 5:30pm Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 7p	24 (21 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	25 (22 Adar II) Candle Lighting 7:30p	26 (23 Adar II) Shmini Bat Mitzvah of Shoshana Waller 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:45a Shabbat Ends 8:44p
27 (24 Adar II) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Melton Ethics 10:30a RS 4th Grade Family Workshop 11a Chalutzim Event 12:15p <i>Lilmode</i> & Sisterhood: Making Miriam's Cup 2p Atid Event 2p Evening Minyan 6:30p	28 (25 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	29 (26 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	30 (27 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Etz Chaim Zionist Forum with Dr. Yizhar Hess 4p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 7p	31 (28 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Security Seminar with Neil Rabinovitz and from Federation 7p	Candle Lighting 7:35p	

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 HAMSAHelps@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 hneedle@gmail.com or text 678-520-8635. Look forward to hearing from interested parties. Our next meeting will be on **March 6, at 1:00 p.m.** Contact Hank for location.

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. **Future dates and times are as follows** (with time for yoga and schmoozing):

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

Movie Group Tamar England at tamar.england@gmail.com.

Hiking Group Dani Oren at Daniandamir@gmail.com.

Birthdays Club Laurie Lavinsky at laulav6@gmail.com or Malka Riesenbergl at malka217@gmail.com.

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



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Just 2% of the U.S. population, Jews account for 60% of religious-based hate crimes.

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MARCH 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Secure Community Network (SCN) is the official safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America.

Please join Neil Rabinovitz, Community Security Director at JFGA, for a Security Seminar at Etz Chaim.

RSVP: WW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/SECURITY





BE HAPPY - IT'S ADAR: PURIM WILL BE HERE SOON. ENJOY SOME BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAY!

For this kid-friendly holiday, here are a few of the entertaining children's books in our library. Look for them on display in Phillip's Library.

Barnyard Purim by Kelly Terwilliger. The animals decide to stage a Purim play, and Chicken assigns the parts. What adventures await?? For ages 5-8.

Esther's Story by Diane Wolkstein. Esther, a shy orphan Jewish girl, is chosen to become queen of Persia. Read this wonderful presentation of the story of Purim with beautiful illustrations, written for older children, ages 9-12.

The Queen who Saved Her People by Tilda Balsley. This brightly illustrated rhyming version of the Purim story is a wonderful read-aloud book for ages 5-8.

An Amazing Purim Book for Adults:

Megillat Esther by JT Waldman. Megillat Esther is commonly referred to as the Book of Esther, but there is nothing common about JT Waldman's interpretation of this Biblical story. In what may be the world's first religious, scholarly comic book, Waldman tells the epic tale of exile and redemption in graphic form. This vibrant, edgy retelling of a classic Biblical tale is sure to amaze and intrigue.

Here are some websites you can try as well:

For Adults:

[Purim Archives](#) | [My Jewish Learning](#) is always a good website to learn more about Judaism and the Jewish holidays.

For Children:

Shalom Sesame: Travel to Israel to Rehov Sumsum-there are short fun videos on Purim you can watch with your kids. [Shalom Sesame: Home](#)

PJ Library: Find some great activities and more information on Purim for families here at the PJ Library website. [PJ Library's Purim Hub](#) | [PJ Library](#)

For Children and Adults:

Jacob Richman has a lot of interesting things on his website-you can learn Hebrew, play Jewish games, find holiday websites, etc. <https://jr.co.il/>

You can now look for books in our library online at: <https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com>

Just follow the directions at the library circulation desk for self-checkout.



Shalom in the Shul

Monday, April 4

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





Movies @ The Etz
in partnership with Sisterhood
features

The Wedding Plan
Sunday, April 3, at 3:30 p.m.

RSVP at:
www.etzchaim.net/event/aprilmovie22

Movie Co-Chairs:
Luci Sunshine and Marcy Bass

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. The runtime is 110 minutes.

Family Estrangements in Our Community: Coping and Caring

with Rabbi Judith Beiner
Community Chaplain at JF&CS

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 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 Beiner 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

1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068





Join Etz Chaim's Sisterhood and Men's Club for a night of trivia and fun!

Sunday, April 10

Let's meet at 7:00 p.m.
Trivia begins at 7:30 p.m.

Be our guest for the first round of appetizers!

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/triviaapril10

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Etz Chaim's First Night Seder
Friday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Bring your family and friends for a meaningful community seder led by Rabbi Miller.

More details including cost and menu will be coming soon in our weekly EtzBlast.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/seder2022

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Tropics Catering will be offering Seder meals for curbside pick-up at the shul or home delivery. There will be several tasty options to choose from.



Watch for more details to come regarding menu, pricing, order links, and pick-up dates in our weekly EtzBlast.

In His Own Words: The Story of Sy Lichtenfeld WWII Jewish GI and German POW #312330

Lilmode in partnership with Etz Chaim's Men's Club

Sunday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker and Program 10:45 a.m.

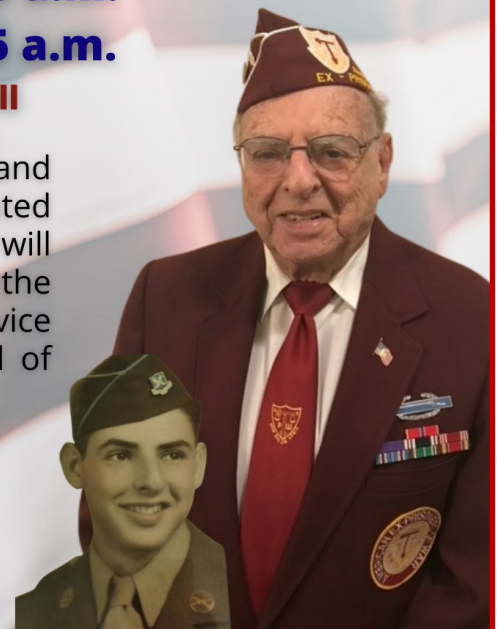
In the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Join Men's Club and *Lilmode* for the "Best Breakfast in Town" and hear Sy's captivating story of strength and will to live. Moderated by Sharon Lightstone and Elyse Shaw. Lichtenfeld, now 97, will join us virtually from Mobile, Alabama, as he recounts the experiences that led him to receive such distinguished service medals as The Purple Heart, The Bronze Star, POW Medal of Honor in addition to many other awards.

This program is free to all in person and via Zoom broadcast.

Cost for Breakfast: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/giheart



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Weekly Schmooze on Zoom!

Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

facilitated by Esther Shultz

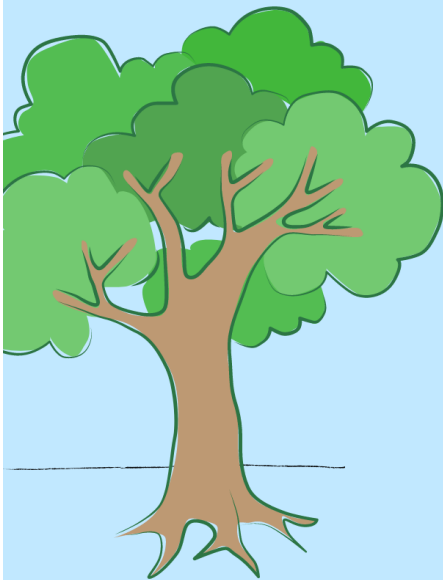
Because of COVID-19, we don't always have an opportunity to socialize and catch up. So, let's get together for an informal time to chat! Our only request is we ask everyone to *stay away from politics*. All are welcome.

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.

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



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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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April Voice
May Voice

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

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





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Invest in our Children's Future

The Radow and Sunshine families have given a generous donation to sustain and grow our Preschool. They have challenged us to raise more funds which will be matched by our gracious donors.

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- Pencil: \$18
- Marker: \$54
- Desk: \$90
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SAVE THE DATE FOR
SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE HAMMER-TRITT SOCIAL HALL

Join us for an evening of exciting programming and delicious desserts as we install our new Sisterhood Board.

Stay tuned for more information!



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GENERAL FUND

Marshall Hyatt

Scott and Karen Cipinko

William Still

In appreciation of:

Linda Pollock for your dedication and leadership as President

Billy Balsler for your dedication and leadership as CFO

Debbie and Irwin Berman

In celebration of:

Marc Seltman's 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Joanne and Michael Kooden

In honor of:

the 50th anniversary of Marc Seltman's Bar Mitzvah

Jeanne Faye Berman and Tom Rigdon

In loving memory of:

my father, Leon Epstein

Ellen Feldser

my mother, Sarah Jacobsohn, on her yahrzeit

Karen Feibel

Leonard Zellinger

Lisa and Sam Olens

In honor of:

the yahrzeit of our beloved father, grand-father, and great-grandfather, Arnold Freedman

Nancy, Wayne, Eric, Blair, Henry, Scott, and Jennifer Freedman

In memory of:

Richard Fagin

David Fagin

Lillian Cohen

Martin Cohen

Lorraine Struhl, mother of Bonnie Roth

Susan and Herschel Saparow

Congratulations to:

Marc Seltman on the 50th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah

Robin Warren

RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sherry Adams

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch

Judy and Stan Fineman

in beloved memory of:

Harry Shrago

Marsha Shrago

In honor of:

the recent birth of Emily Jasper's son

Josh Steinert

In loving memory of:

my mom, Sylvia Berman

my more than a brother-in-law, Ira Katz

Alan Berman

Lorraine Struhl

Carole and Robert Birnbaum

Tracey Robin Liben

Elaine and Jay Schwartz

In memory of:

Jeff Unger

Alisa Unger

William Galin, beloved father

Arlene Manning

Bruce Ripley

Bonnie Dix

Mary Goldstein

Elaine and Jay Schwartz

my loving father, Perry Schulberg

Grace Graiser

our dear sister-in-law, Helen Ehrlich

Harriet and Ken Ehrlich

Seymour Ziskend

Joe and Pam Ziskend

Monavar Nooromid

Shahrokh Nooromid

Bernard (Ben) Cohen. Mom and Barb - To the man we EXACTO the most. His presence is always with us. Love you both so much.

Steven and Shari Kasten

Mary Levine, beloved grandmother

Eli Silberman, beloved father

Sydelle and Irwin Silberman

In support of Congregation Etz Chaim:

Renee Berman

RABBI MILLER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Miller for his wonderful Mitzvah of bringing together the Fantasy football and raising \$250 for JNF

Benjy Nadolne

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In beloved memory of:

Ruth Needle

Henry Needle

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In loving memory of:

Pauline (Pia) Crystal, grandmother and great grandmother. We love you and miss you.

Susan, Craig, Paige and Cami Adair

CYNTHIA R. FREEMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of:

Alexander Freeman, beloved husband, father and grandparent

Joe and Lori Freeman

Cynthia Freeman, beloved wife, mother and friend

Joe Freeman

FIGUR FAMILY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

In memory of:

Gerard "Jerry" Fisher

Randall and Adrienne Figur

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GERTRUDE AND JOE WILENSKY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

Frank and Barbara Wilensky

KIDDUSH FUND DONATION

In celebration of:

the 50th anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah on
January 8, 2022

Marc Seltman

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In honor of:

the amazing women at Sisterhood Shabbat
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In memory of:

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In memory of:

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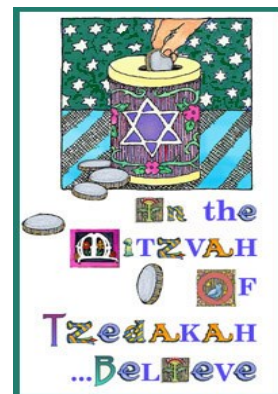
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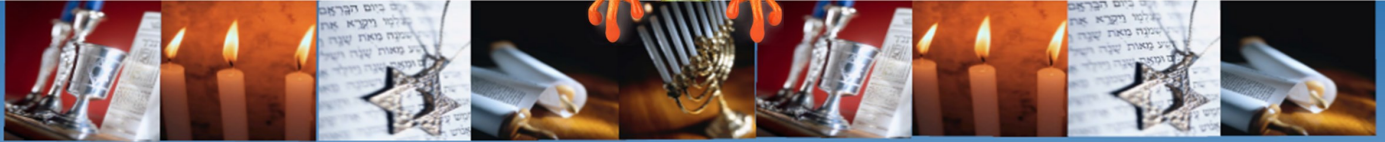
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