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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)

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From Our Rabbi

During COVID, my cousin Morgan and her husband Josh were forced to postpone their dream California wedding. Only they didn't want to wait two years to begin their lives together. A year and a half ago they held a small ceremony in the backyard; the rest of us streamed in for the moment.



Last month, Morgan and Josh finally held their dream California wedding in San Diego. Some things were according to the original plan, while others had dramatically changed. Under the chuppah, they read their original vows they had written in early 2020 (this was hilarious). In addition to the traditional mother-son/father-daughter dance, there was a second mother-son dance for Morgan and her son Rafi, who was born during the pandemic. I've officiated a number of weddings in my day, but I cannot say I have attended a wedding where the bride schlepped around her one-year-old for most of the reception.

As Jews, we spend an awful lot of time yearning for a better future. I was reminded of this when I heard Morgan's choice for her mother-son dance, the Beatles' classic: "When I'm 64." Think about all of our Jewish texts that speak about "The World to Come," as if our world now pales in significance. Our rabbis teach in the Talmud of Berachot (17a) that the world to come "is not like this world [...] there is no eating, no drinking, no procreation, no business negotiations, no jealousy, no hatred, and no competition. Rather, the righteous sit with their crowns upon their heads, enjoying the splendor of the Divine Presence."

It is always good to yearn for a better future. But in lieu of all that has happened lately, I am reminded that we cannot do so at the expense of living in "the right now". I wonder if those rabbis of old who spent their time probing and pontificating on "the world to come " were so busy thinking about the next world that they forgot to live in the one they had. Perhaps, between persecutions and pogroms, life for them was so miserable that they felt there was no better choice.

Recently, a wise man in our community and I were talking about retirement. I encounter retirees nearly every day. Most seem pretty content. I half joked with this wise man that although I love what I do, I couldn't wait to retire. He took me by the arm, turned to me, and in all seriousness said, "Rabbi, *don't* rush your life."

Friends, there's never going to be a perfect time to get married. There's never going to be a perfect time to have your children. For that matter, there's never going to be a good time to get on an airplane to visit your grandchildren. We can, if we so choose, spend our lives huddling at home until we are 64 (some of us admittedly, have passed that already) waiting for a perfect world. Or we can think of ways once again to live in the here and now.

The pandemic has already taken so much away from us. Our new normal is different. But we must not hide away our hopes, dreams, and aspirations and place them in a basket waiting for a "world to come". With all its many imperfections, we must learn to live our lives with the world we have now instead.

Rabbi Dan Dorsch

From Our Associate Rabbi

Great Year for our Youth

When I arrived here at Etz Chaim just under a year ago, I was excited about many different aspects of my responsibilities. However, there was one which really hit close to home as being very important and that is because of the impact it had on me as a young



American Jew. That part of "my portfolio" was being able to work with our Youth Department and to be able to take on a role as a sort of youth rabbi. This has allowed me to work with and meet so many families within our Etz Chaim *kehila*.

It was a pleasure being able to do this in a multitude of ways whether it was enjoying Shabbat dinner with those who attend our Tot Shabbat on Friday evening or those who came during our Saturday morning service. I have been able to hear our youth learn songs, blessings, and different parts of our illustrious ancient tradition while donning Etz Chaim "Team Shabbat" jerseys. An extra highlight was being able to play basketball with them as well as they learn different aspects of communication, teamwork, and really being a good sport or a *mensch.*

It has also meant I have been able to spend many hours with our 7th graders in Religious School while we discuss the topics of Southern Jewry, the Holocaust, and Israel. I must commend them for their hard work all year as those topics are not easy for an adult to grasp and *Kol HaKavod* to them for being able to do it on a Sunday mornings and after a long day of learning in their other schools on Tuesdays.

Then of course there are our Youth Groups! This part of the larger collective of all the Youth Department has to offer means so much to me and my family. I myself am a previously rather involved USYer and former chapter president, and my sister prior to her current position served as the Regional Director for New Frontier and for Pinwheel USY. This year was not an easy one for our USYers as they still had to deal with the rising and falling cases of COVID which had a great impact on their experience. However, they always met the changes with a smile and a positive attitude and the love they have for USY as a whole and for each other was clearly evident every Wednesday of the year with the smiles, laughter, and amazing aura which filled the library (while we commandeered the Bayit) and then back in the Bayit itself.

This month will officially mark the end of our youth group calendar with our Youth Department Banquet that will occur on May 22. At this event we will be able to highlight the amazing programming, to witness the friendships that were formed over this year, and to thank all our young leaders and their committed advisors who guided them this year. I want to formally take this opportunity to invite all families of children in our youth groups to join us as we install our new USY Board on that day and say thank you to our outgoing Board and our seniors who go off onto their next adventures.

We all are familiar with the phrase, "The children are the future". This is so true and I must say from all the different ways in which I have connected with our youngest members, I can tell you that the future is going to be left in good hands.

Kol Tuv— Rabbi Micah Miller

From our Executive Director

"SOMEWHERE INSIDE ALL OF US IS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD." — Roald Dahl

On May 15, we will gather to celebrate RenewalFest: The Power of Us!

We have a lot to celebrate.

We completed a major renovation despite a pandemic. We continued to engage despite a pandemic.

We made our services, programs, and events accessible despite a pandemic.

There are a lot of people to thank, but Reba and Bob Bachrach and David and Cheryl Miller deserve a special level of thanks, which is why we are celebrating them with our 2022 Ad Journal.

These four people embody what it means to be committed to and champions of Congregation Etz Chaim. There was barely a day that one if not all of them were in the building during the renovations. There were countless meetings, phone calls, Zoom calls, etc. Their attention to detail was overwhelming and their dedication to making the project a success was as well.

And that brings the conversation to celebrating Etz Chaim and the Power of Us!

To quote Dickens, the past two years have been "the best of times and the worst of times."

We have been isolated from each other physically, emotionally, and spiritually. This has affected us all in different ways; but we have persevered and gotten to this moment when we can celebrate together again. To stick with Rabbi Dorsch's Purim Birthday Disco Bash theme, Sister Sledge sang it best with "We are Family" (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyGY2NfYpeE</u>). It is time for us to celebrate all that we have achieved and shared together, be it in-person, Zoom or Livestream during the past two years.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 15 as we party down and celebrate the Power of Us!

Marty Gilbert



From our President

The Weiss Family (Hannah, her younger brother, Ari, and their parents, Mitch and Leslie, both doctors), all of blessed memory, were tragically killed in a Costa Rican plane crash on New Year's Eve 2017. From what I have learned about them before and since that night, all four were tremendous contributors to the world around



them. Each of them was and remains beloved by and in their respective communities.

My son, Avi, met Hannah Weiss at Camp Ramah Darom when they were rising 5th graders. They grew up together every summer creating a lifetime bond. The bond deepened when both of them got involved in USY. After many years as leaders in USY, Avi and Hannah served on the same USY Regional Board in 2015-2016, a year of memory-making like no other. Hannah was all about USY, but not just for herself. Her dream was to leave a lasting mark on the lives of others and on this world. Her mission was making this planet a better place and she lived by that mission... making mason jar water bottles, eliminating plastic, running the organic farming activity at Ramah Darom (as my daughter's counselor), creating composting programs at college, and more. Hannah taught everyone around her the importance of her mission, including her USY peers.

Hannah's younger brother, Ari, also attended Ramah Darom and was an active USYer. He was a close friend of my daughter's and one of my son's campers. Ari, a songwriter and musician, was wise beyond his years. He wrote the following on a bunk bed in his cabin during his last summer at Ramah:

Make memories. More importantly make connections. Take every moment and be active and present in all things you do here. Be nice to everyone, for we are all part of one beautiful community. Talk to someone new every day. Have a positive attitude, even if you hate the activity. Make memories, but make memories that count.

By the end, all you'll have are memories.

USY is all about making memories and making connections. USY is about learning how to be a leader... by running ice breakers, events, fundraisers, and banquets. USY is about leading services, applying for leadership roles, and giving election speeches in front of different size groups. USY is about finding your people, even if you don't feel like you'll fit in at first. USY is (finally again) about spending SO MANY WEEKENDS together at conventions in different synagogues and hotels all over the southeast, praying, laughing, planning, learning, singing, cheering, jumping (like frogs), dancing, crying, swaying, implementing, and loving. There is nothing like it.

At Wacky Wednesday on March 30th I got to watch (and video) one of our high school juniors explain how our USY region is organized, what leadership positions exist, and what to expect from a USY convention. To my delight, I also got to hear him teach the younger USYers our Sababa chapter cheer, our Ein Gedi sub-regional cheer, our HaNegev regional song and others. He was passing down USY traditions to the newer USYers who had never attended a convention during COVID. That same night, I showed those videos to my 24 year old son, who smiled widely and laughed. Remembering how pivotal USY was in his life as a teenager, he talked about how much he missed Hannah.

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From Our Director of Education

There's no "I" in team...

As I write this in April, I'm sitting in Asheville with Mira and baby Julius, watching an episode of Pete the Cat. It's an "old" one, a story of their Thanksgiving dinner when

everything goes awry. The oven doesn't work, the company doesn't arrive, unexpected people are found, and everyone chips in as best they can to provide food for the holiday. Of course, the message is one of gratitude with a nod to the realization that when we all pitch in, things tend to work out for all of us. As they say, teamwork makes the dream work.

So with a nod to Pete the Cat, I'd like to take the time to say thank you to all the team members who work together, voluntarily, to make the Preschool and Religious School be the best they can be. Our board members give of their time to guide me in decision-making regarding curriculum, finances, communication, and meeting the needs of all our students. Without them, I'd be a ship adrift on the ocean. Special thanks to our Preschool Board members: Chair Dena Saginor, Shelly Eisenstadt, Eric Lubell, Stephanie Moyal, Alex Peskin, Alissa Selby, and Gillat Sternberg and our Religious School Board members: Chair Jenn Pila, Rachel Boudoin, Alix Combs, Eric Fox, Dave Kart, Marisa Gewertz, and Sarala Waller.

In a Jewish school, whatever the age of the children, we all know that food is extremely important and a core component of our children's success. To that end, sending a huge thank you to Bubbe Nancy Miller, who joins the Turtles class every Thursday to help with challah baking. And if you've ever had a child in our Religious School, you know the importance of Sunday and especially Tuesday snacks. Thanks to our pizza team: Allison and Jonathan Agin, Bryan and Lisa Coleman, Marisa Gewertz, Inna Gold, Bethany Levee and Jessica Sutton, who work tirelessly feeding our students and to Sarala Waller, shopper extraordinaire and coordinator of our snack helpers.

Our community is enriched by those who "know kids" and devote their time to be with them. Our Preschool is fortunate to have a cadre of retirees to be with us each week. Much love and gratitude go to Bubbe Berna Levine, Na Na and Papa Arlene and Glenn La Vine, and Grandma and Grandpa Pam and Joe Ziskend. Your presence in our preschool creates a special bond with all our students and they are better for it. Our Religious School students have benefited tremendously from the wisdom of Jennifer Greenberg, Ron Judenberg, Miriam Rosenbaum, Lauren Surden, and Todd Surden, without whom our programs wouldn't be as interesting and full.

Thanks to this fabulous team of unsung heroes!

Debbie Deutsch



From Our Director of Engagement

We have a lot in store at Etz Chaim in May. Thank you so much to Movies @ the Etz Chairs Luci Sunshine and Marcy Bass, who have been chairs for the past four years. Thank you for bringing excellent movies and speakers to Etz Chaim. Thank you to *Lilmode* chairs Bonnie Silverman and Cheryl Eppsteiner who



came in mid-year and created meaningful programs for Spring. If you have *Lilmode* class suggestions, please reach out to them. You may not realize, but there is a section of the Voice which lists program volunteers in addition to office volunteers on page 7. Please check this out and thank these people when you see them. Our programming could not happen without their help. We are always looking for volunteers.

"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream." The **Ice Cream Truck** will be in the Education Wing parking lot for you to purchase yummy treats on **Sunday, May 1, from 12:00 -1:30 p.m.** This is a multi-generational event open to the entire community as everyone can enjoy ice cream. See page 8.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Israeli Independence Day begins the evening of Wednesday, May 4. Please take some time to honor and celebrate Israel. One way to learn more about Israel is this class: Israel: An Uncomplicated Guide to a Complicated Nation with Marnie Nadolne, Psy.D, congregant and Israel Programs Admissions Director in Atlanta for the Jewish National Fund. This takes place Tuesdays, May 10 and May 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m. In-person and Zoom option available. See more details on page 14.

Beatles Blue Jean Shabbat is back on Friday, May 6! Come in your blue jeans and groovy clothes are welcome. Our prayers will be to the tunes of your favorite Beatles songs. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Service at 7:15 p.m. See more details on page 9.

Etz Chaim hopes to see everyone at RenewalFest on Sunday, May 15! This is going to be an amazing day to celebrate "The Power of Us" and our renovated building. See more details on the cover and on page 13.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot, an evening of learning, will be on Saturday, June 4, at 8:00 p.m. It is traditional on the night of Shavuot to study all night. We do not study all night here but will study until about 10:30 p.m. We will be exploring Chevruta (partner study) which is an interactive way to study texts. See more details on page 15.

Lastly, you do not want to miss Chag Hamayim: Shavuot Water Festival on Sunday, June 5, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (please note the time has changed). This is made possible by the Making Jewish Places initiative of Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. There will be water slides, water balloons, putt-putt golf, bubbles, outside games and more! This is a great opportunity to kick off the Summer with a splash while honoring our Jewish tradition. See more details on page 15.

L'shalom,

Heather Blake

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See you next school year!



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!

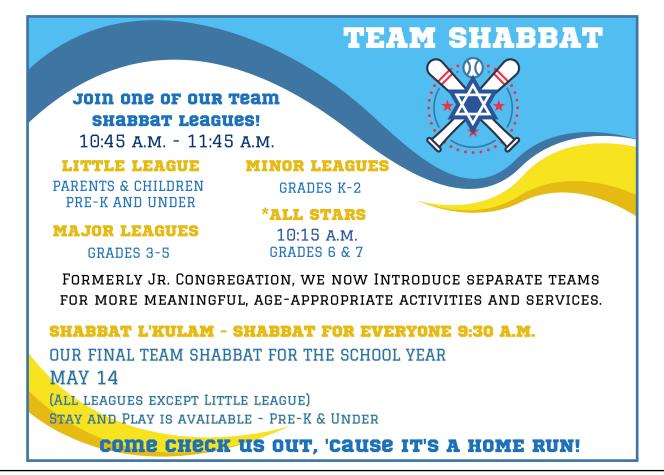
Join us on May 13

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

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STAY & PLAY SHABBAT MORNING BABYSITTING 9:30 - 11:45 A.M.

WHILE YOU ATTEND SHABBAT SERVICES, I CAN GO TO STAY AND PLAY WITH MY FRIENDS: UPCOMING DATES: MAY 7 AND 14



Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Lindsey and Jess Johannesen on the birth of Lily Blake, born on March 25, and to grandparents, Lynne and Jerry Johannesen

Emma Okrent, daughter of Glynis and Elliot Okrent for being named as Etz Chaim's 2022 Hadassah Chesed Student Award recipient

Condolences to... The family of our beloved member, Fred Davis, on his passing

Jo Katz-Worley on the loss of her beloved grandson, Anthony Worley

Jack Weinstein on the loss of his beloved mother, Claire Schneider

Miri Sternberg on the loss of her beloved father, Menachem Rubinstein

Paula Coplon on the loss of her beloved brother-in-law, Marvin Coplon and the uncle of Cheryl Howell

Thank You to our Office Volunteers... Reba Bachrach Ron Judenberg Linda Weinroth Thank You, Program Volunteers... Bart Agrow • Eti Azizy • Sandy Bailey Marcy Bass • Steve and Evan Caras John and Joanne Chaifetz • Jerry and Andrea Cohen • Ronnie Dinin • Tamar England • Cheryl Eppsteiner • Stan Fineman • Lori Gilbert • Jay and Mimi Givarz • Shari Judenberg • Maddy Huppert • Henry Levine • Alan Lightstone • Yana Lubell • Clifford Martin • Bernice and Bruce Mellman • Mathew Nathan • Hank and Karen Needle • Roni and Ian Robbins Miriam Rosenbaum • Carol and Brian Sacks Marsha Shrago • Bonnie Silverman • Anne Still • Luci Sunshine • Gail Vanovitch

Welcome! We are pleased to introduce these new members... Anne Still 8110 Legends View Court Cumming, GA 30028 Cell – 678-630-3835 Anneelise1997@gmail.com



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New Email Address... Mindy Intner mf.intner@gmail.com

Members on the Move... Sally Kaplan 8592 Roswell Rd., Apt. 251 Atlanta, GA 30350

Stephanie and Tim Matheny 17 Roving Road Cartersville, GA 30121

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

President's Message (continued from page 3)

After their family's death HaNegev USY created the **Weiss Family Tikkun Olam Award** to honor the memories of Hannah and Ari. Every year since then at the HaNegev regional convention someone from Hannah's USY Regional Board (2015-2016) presents the award. This year, Zach Givarz and my son Avi announced the 2022 recipient of this special award, **Zack Goldstein of Congregation Etz Chaim,** the very same high school student I witnessed sharing the spirit of USY at Wacky Wednesday a few weeks earlier.

Parents, please encourage your children to lean into our youth programs. They start as early as kindergarten and extend through the end of high school. Our kids find their people and know the feeling of acceptance, no matter their school, their grade, their academic ability, or their athletic level. There is a place for every one of our kids in our youth department; even if their best friend isn't always there with them . . . they will find other best friends who are there. They will learn and grow in ways that cannot be replicated in any other program. Parents, as you encourage your kids to get involved, I want to encourage you to do the same . . . serve on our Youth Commission and support your kids and Etz Chaim. *By the end, all you'll have are memories*.



Pictured left to right: Zach Givarz, Zack Goldstein and Avi Lyons Mazal Tov to Zack!

Jamie Platt Lyons



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Ice cream purchases are paid directly to the Ice Cream truck.

RSVP: WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/ICECREAM

BEATLES BLUE JEAN SHABBAT FRIDAY, MAY 6

6:15 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

7:15 p.m. Musical Service w/prayers and tunes of Beatles songs

Service led by Rabbi Dorsch, Heather Blake and other musicians

Catered by Harmony Vegetarian Chinese Restaurant Cost: \$10 per adult / \$5 per child

If you are able to volunteer: please contact Heather Blake at <u>heather@etzchaim.net</u> RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/beatlesbjshabbat





Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Etz Chaim 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068

Kiddush lunch to follow in honor of Rabbi Miller

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/rabbimiller

Men's Club Notes

The Brisket Sale was a big success. While it is identified as a fundraiser, we always hope just to break even. If it wasn't for our experienced team preparing the meat, manning the grills for hours, knowing when they are done and cutting and packaging to meet your requests, we wouldn't be

able to do it. I want to thank Alan Lightstone and his team who willing gave their time to make this all happen!

Men's Club Best Breakfast in Town / Lilmode Program was a great experience in teamwork with the program leadership of Elyse Shaw and Sharon Lightstone. It's always fun teaming up with others and making something special happen for the members of Etz Chaim.

Sisterhood and Men's Club Trivia night was a great Sisterhood and Men's club joint program. I hope we have many more to come in the near future.

The Yom HaShoah program brought St Ann's and Etz Chaim together for a meaningful experience. It was special to be a part of it.

The Braves Baseball Game is not on the agenda in ink, but we are working toward doing just that. Keep your eyes open for the VOC and the EtzBlast for current information as we move into summer.

As a reminder, the Men's Club has available order forms for Holocaust and Memorial Garden Bricks which is a very special way to honor a loved one. The cost is \$100. To honor someone for a birthday Bar/Bat Mitzvah or any special occasion, you can order a Certificate. The certificate is a photograph of the Holocaust Memorial Garden with your custom message. The certificate is suitable for framing and is available for \$18. Ordering is online at etzchaim.net.

Keep on checking the VOC and the weekly updates to register for the event.

David Lieberman - President **Bryan Coleman** - 1st Vice President **Mathew Nathan** - 2nd Vice President

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club! <u>mensclub@etzchaim.net</u>



- 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



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





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

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

The shop will be open by appointment only.

Please contact the synagogue office to schedule your visit.

The Sisterhood Scoop

Once again, the end of the school year is almost upon us! **Mazel Tov** to all our **Seniors** graduating this month! You have had a unique high school/college experience the last few years, but we know great things are in store for you all and we look forward to seeing you at Shul when you return home for a visit.



A very special thank you to our departing Board Members who have just completed their terms. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into making our Sisterhood successful, especially throughout the past year! We know that you will continue to be an integral part of our member community.

A big welcome to our new Board members! We look forward to a great year together.

Your Sisterhood Executive Board 2022-2023 year:

Lauren Levetan and Neda Gayle, Co-Presidents Fern Meharg, Parliamentarian and Immediate Past President Elizabeth Low, Helaine Mark and Lauren Gray, VPs Ways & Means Linda Diamond and Dana Shefsky, VPs Programming Faye Cohen and Debbie Isbitts, VPs Membership Pam Ziskend, VP Torah Fund Reba Bachrach, Treasurer and Gift Shop Liaison Beth Levin, Financial Secretary Amanda Kantor, Corresponding and Recording Secretary Lauren Gray, Gift Shop Liaison Dana Sobel, Z'havah Liaison

Committee Chairs 2022-2023

Myra Goldberg - Book Club Chairperson Dana Greenberg - Gift Shop Bookkeeper Sandy Bailey - Torah Fund Campaign Chairperson and Festival Meal Coordinator Amy Cohen - Social Media Coordinator

Rosh Chodesh Iyar is on Monday, May 2. Please support the regular minyan at 7:00 a.m. to celebrate the new month.

The next meeting of **Sisterhood Book Club** is scheduled for **Sunday**, **May 22**, **at 10:00 a.m. in-person or via Zoom.** Join in as our very own **Roni Robbins** joins us for a thoughtful conversation about her newly published book, *Hands of Gold*. The meeting will be hosted by **Stacy Lewin. Please see the ad on page 16 for more information and to RSVP.**

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at **Renewal Fest on Sunday, May 15.** Sisterhood has a fun, engaging activity that we're excited to have you join us for.

Wishing everyone a healthy and relaxing start to your summer! Your Sisterhood Board will continue to be busy behind the scenes planning wonderful programs and events for the coming year.

Don't forget - we've switched our sponsored day to support the daily minyan to Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. Especially over the summer every person who attends is vital and appreciated. Your attendance can make a difference!

We encourage you to get involved with Sisterhood! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhoodsponsored Sunday Morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and make new friends. Won't you step up? Please contact Lauren Levetan at 404-422-8921, <u>laurenlevetan@hotmail.com</u>, or Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, <u>nedagayle@att.net</u> with any questions or to inquire further.

Until next time...

Lauren and Neda Co-Presidents, Sisterhood

A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR B'NAI MITZVAH!



Adam David Sandak will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 21, 2022 – 20 Iyar 5782. He is the son of Sarah and Matthew Sandak. Adam's Bar Mitzvah parasha is Behar. He is a 7th grader at Simpson Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for three years. Adam's hobbies and interests include basketball, video games, football and food!

Adam's D'var Torah quote is "A yearlong Shabbat comes every seven years. On the seventh year, the land was to rest. It was a time for the Jewish people to rest, reconnect with God and read the Torah." For his mitzvah project, Adam is helping deliver food to the elderly for MUST Ministries.

Kaylin Low will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Monday, May 30 – 29 Iyar 5782. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Adam Low. Kaylin's Bat Mitzvah parasha is Bamidbar. She is a 7th grader at Saint Francis School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for three years. Kaylin's hobbies and interests include swimming, art, the environment, and more swimming.

For Kaylin's mitzvah project, she will be focused on the environment.



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



Traditional Service with Alternative Options Saturday, May 14 Services at 9:30 a.m. - Radow Sanctuary

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah The Voice of Chaim features

The Voice of Chaim features information on upcoming B'nai Mitzvah.

If your child has a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the coming months, we would like to feature your child's:

- Biographical information
- School information
- Photo
- D'Var Torah Quote
- Mitzvah project

To have your child's simcha included in the Voice, please email the Bio form which is included in the B'nai Mitzvah Handbook from the Religious School along with a high resolution photo to Bernice in the Synagogue office at: bernice@etzchaim.net

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



Shabbat Honors are Back!

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

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

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

Prepare to be Mystified! Join us for an evening celebrating the magic of Etz Chaim Honoring Reba and Bob Bachrach Cheryl and David Miller Sunday, May 15, 2022 6:30 p.m. Hammer-Tritt Social Hall Plentiful Hors d'oeuvres, Cocktails and Entertainment The Power of Us has made this a Reality. The cost is \$50 per person.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 5.

www.etzchaim.net/event/magicalevening

No jackets, no jeans, wear something in between



Upcoming Programs *Lilmode* - Adult Education May - June 2022



Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, May 5 and 19 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Tuesdays, May 10 and May 17 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

May 10: Establish, Expel, Yearn. . . Repeat: The History of a Homeland

May 17: 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 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

MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

All Shabbat Services in-person and via livestream. Minyanim will be held in-person only. 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

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



Tikkun Leil Shavuot, An Evening of Learning Saturday, June 4, at 8:00 p.m.

Explore chevruta style (partner study) learning as we talk about relationships in the Torah and Talmud.

8:00-8:30 p.m.- Wine, Cheese, and Dessert 8:30-9:30 p.m.- Learning Session 1 9:30-9:50 p.m.- Ma'ariv and Havdalah 9:50-10:30 p.m.- Learning Session 2

RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/tikkunleilshavuot2022

You can come with a chevruta study partner or you can be matched with one.

Questions? Please contact Rabbi Miller at rabbimiller@etzchaim.net



Questions about purchasing a cemetery plot? Call <u>Marty Gilbert</u> 770-973-0137

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/



UPCOMING BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2022:

May 22 - Hands of Gold by Roni Robbins (congregant) | Host: Stacy Lewin, stacylwn@gmail.com

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. <u>Roni will be joining the conversation with the Book Club in person or on Zoom</u>.

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



Facilities Openings: Tu 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



We would like to congratulate our successors Esther and Charlie Harrison and Debbie and Irwin Berman as the new leaders of Three Score More or Less. We are confident they will do a wonderful job! They are picking up the reigns from Arlene and Larry Brown and Simone and Norman Marinoff. We are most grateful to them and thank you for your years of leadership.

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 <u>rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net</u> or Bob Frohlich at

chisakid@bellsouth.net.





SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL ACTION

Be a part of our Social Action Committee!

If you are interested in Tikkun Olam and doing great things for the community at large, please contact:

> Bob Beer bob@bobbeer.com 678-576-9394



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 <u>lisaflagel@gmail.com</u> or call her at 678-591-7950.



gives a percentage of your purchase cost back to us each quarter. www.krogercommunityrewards.com

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

May Yahrzeits

Memorialize a loved one with a **Brick** in our Holocaust Memorial Garden or a **Plaque** on our Yahrzeit Wall. For information, please contact the synagogue office. *Denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

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Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

Etz Chaim's Chesed Committee will offer to provide meals consolation to member This meal is traditionally dairy meal eaten by mourr upon their return home f the funeral. It includes whether the second se hard-boiled eggs, symboli the continuity of life. service provided by Chesed Committee allows family and friends who norm provide the meal to atte the funeral themselves give the emotional supp to the bereaved. Memb attending out of town fune who sit shiva or hold memorial service in Atlar will be offered a fruit trav

Contributions made to Chesed Fund will help fund these services.

Please contact:

Lisa Flagel-678-591-7950

Your cooperation please

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

Family Member In the Hospital?

The rabbi has

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Roots—Etz Chaim's Small Group Initiative:

Have you heard about *Roots*, Etz Chaim's new interest-based small groups initiative? Below are current *Roots* groups. Do you have an 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 <u>fosterrob@comcast.net</u>.

Wednesday Golf Roots Group

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

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 selfreflect 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 <u>www.beittshuvah.org</u>.

Schmooze on Zoom

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

Woodworkers of Etz Chaim

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

Yoga and Meditation

Practice yoga and meditation with Yana Lubell for our bimonthly 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 <u>yanalubell@gmail.com</u>. We will try to provide babysitting on-site. **Future dates and times are as follows** (with time for yoga and schmoozing):

Saturday, May 7, approx. 10:45 a.m. (Tentative) Sunday, May 22, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Movie Group - We're back!

The Etz Chaim Roots Movie Group is back! This group meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Merchants Walk to see a family friendly movie (PG/PG-13). If you are interested in receiving communications regarding future movie outings, please complete this form: <u>https://forms.gle/QW6zFuqr2HgCNruf8</u> or contact Tamar England at <u>tamar.england@gmail.com</u>.

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

Hiking Group Dani Oren at Daniandamir@gmail.com.

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

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





JEWISH

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Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

facilitated by Esther Shultz

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

Invite your Etz Chaim friends or meet new people.

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

If people are interested in a Zoom session during evening hours and not on a workday, contact Heather Blake at <u>Heather@etzchaim.net</u> 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.





OUTSTANDING ISRAEL AND HOLOCAUST BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Day, was celebrated at the end of April, and Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, is the first week of May. Why not check out some of the great Israel and Holocaust books we have in Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim for children and adults?

The section for Holocaust books in nonfiction is the 940's and for Israel is the 950s. There are also many fiction books as well. You can browse our online catalog for titles at <u>https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com/</u>

Here are just a few sample titles that will be out on display in May:

On the Run in Nazi Berlin: A Memoir by Bert Lewyn with Bev Saltzman Lewyn. This memoir of a Holocaust survivor who settled in Atlanta, GA, reads like a thriller, full of suspense, horror, humor, and the unquenchable determination to survive. (940.43 LEW)

Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth by Noa Tishby. Noa Tishby writes with wit and authority. This is a fascinating–and very moving–book. (950 TIS)

And for Children (on display on the children's bookshelves right inside the library door)

The Spy Who Played Baseball by Carrie Jones. This must-read biography will appeal to children who not only love baseball but are also interested in spies and intrigue during World War 2! Moe Berg's amazing life story is told in this captivating picture book for children ages 5-9. (J Biog BER).

For Grades 4-7:

The Ship to Nowhere: On Board the Exodus by Rona Arato. Arato presents the true account of 11year-old Rachel Landesman and her family, who survived the Holocaust only to be stranded onboard the ship Exodus along with 4,500 other Jewish refugees trying to get to Israel/Palestine. This is a riveting tale complete with photos and important documents.

Just follow the self-checkout directions on the library desk when you check out books and leave us the check-out card from the back of the book in the yellow box.

For some online links:

For news from Israel check out the Jerusalem Post www.jpost.com/israel-news Have your kids journey to Israel with the characters from Rehov Sumsum (Sesame Street) www.shalomsesame.org



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1. Open the Amazon app on your phone

- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
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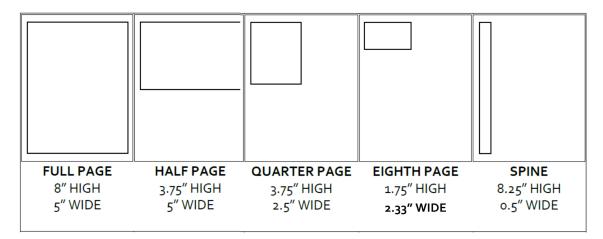
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Deadline: Monday, May 2

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Tzedakah • צרקה

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GENERAL FUND

In beloved memory of:

Gloria Schancupp Christy Searle

In blessed memory of:

Barbara Rittenberg. Our thoughts are with your family. May your mother's memory be for a blessing.

Ilene and David Levin

Gloria Schancupp. Jennifer Colby

In memory of:

Irving Goldman Art and Liz Cohen

our father, Marvin Silver Jerry and Iris Silver

Barbara Flagel John Flagel

Gloria Schancupp

Ricardo Grunfeld Lisa and Sam Olens

Fred Davis Penney and Jeremy Cohen

Theodore Shapiro Susan Shapiro McCarthy

Herb Ray William and Ellen Balser

Wishing Happy Birthday to:

Marty Gilbert - Belated birthday wishes but my wish for your good health and happiness is not limited to one day a year. **Cecile Bock**

RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch for your kind and comforting words about my mother at the funeral and for the evening prayers at my home. **Debbie Ames**

Debble Ames

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for your presentation to Georgia Power. Lisa Olens

Beth and Mike Weiss for their incredible work co-chairing the Israel Bonds event.

Dani and Amir Oren for an incredible job co-chairing the Israel Bonds event. Marnie and Brian Nadolne David Lieberman for his love and support and wise advice! Love you! Suzanne Suzanne Rivchun

In beloved memory of:

our parents, Sam and Bella Kandel Mindy and Louis Kandel

In celebration of:

my amazing son, Meylakh Barshay, for starting medical school at Brown University. Wishing you good health, joy, success, happiness and Shalom. Mazel Tov. Galina Barshay

In honor of:

my receiving an aliyah Elliot Karp

our dear friends, Betty and Sy Commanday, with special honors to Sy on his 90th birthday. Mazal Tov.

Grace and Kenneth Graiser

Rabbi Dorsch Jonathan and Sarala Waller

Rabbi Dorsch Rick and Karen Eberson

In loving memory of:

Barbara Rittenberg, mother of Scott Rittenberg

Marat Barshay Michael and Linda Weinroth

my father, Irwin Rickles **Stephanie Gang**

In memory of:

my sister, Robin Anders. My memories of you will never fade. Andy Becker

Steve Wexler Barbara and Frank Wilensky

Fred Davis Brian, Marnie, Becca, Benjy and Mollie Nadolne

Esther Smith Deborah Nelson

Barbara Rittenberg. We are so sorry for your loss. Hopefully, the wonderful memories you and the family have of her will keep you smiling during this sad time. Jayne and Andy Becker beloved Father, Barney Cohen Meredith Cohen

my Dad, Martin Rivchun, on his yahrzeit. You are missed.

Suzanne Rivchun and David Lieberman

RABBI MILLER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Linda Weinroth for being a wonderful person

Brian and Marnie Nadolne

RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Lewis for your kind and comforting words about my mother at the funeral and for the evening prayers at my home. It was obvious that you knew her well and captured her true essence in your words. On behalf of my entire family, thank you. On behalf of my mom, thank you for all the wonderful memories she had because of you. **Debbie Ames**

In blessed memory of:

Gloria Schancupp. We are sorry for your loss. May her memory always be for a blessing.

Ken and Jodi Danis

In memory of:

Gloria Schancupp, mother of Joel and Judy Schancupp Jennifer and Herschel Beker

John Cosgrove Robert and Sandra Brindle

RABBI LEWIS ENDOWMENT

In memory of:

Sharla Barber. May her memory be for a blessing.

Michael Barber

BOB GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In blessed memory of:

Menachem Rubenstein Miriam Rosenbaum

In memory of:

Gloria Schancupp Jon Zarett

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Fred Davis. May his memory be for a blessing. May wonderful memories help ease your loss.

Maxine and Jonathan Schein

BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND

In memory of:

Donnie Price Marsha Shrago

CYNTHIA R. FREEMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of:

Gloria Schancupp, beloved mother of Joel (Judy) Schancupp and grandmother of Sarah (Keith) Kirshner, Jessica (Hal) Rochkind and Jill (Craig) Wasilewsky Joe and Lori Freeman

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In memory of:

Ricardo "Rico" Grunfeld, beloved brother of Peter (Janis) Greenfield Adrienne and Randy Figur

JOAN H. RABIN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of:

Gloria Schancupp, mother of Joel Schancupp. May her memory be a blessing. **Dan Rabin and Family**

Sherwin Swartz. May his memory be a blessing.

Dan Rabin and Family

LINDA H. WEINROTH EDUCATION FUND

In loving memory of:

Cynthia Feldberg, Mother and Nana, on her yahrzeit

Elaine and Bob Feldberg, Mike and Lacey, Zack Feldberg, Sarah and Mark Planer

my father, William Rosenfeld, on his yahrzeit Julia Goodman

In memory of:

Leo A. Levine on his yahrzeit Dr. Allan Levine

Joseph Feldberg, beloved Father and Papa

Milton Zlotin, beloved Father and Grandfather

Elaine and Bob Feldberg, Mike and Lacey, Zack Feldberg, Sarah and Mark Planer

my mother, Arline Rosenfeld, on her yahrzeit In memory of: Julia Goodman

our dear friend, Helen Ehrlich Marylan and John Karp

MEN'S CLUB

In appreciation of:

Men's Club activities, especially Men's Club Shabbat, with special thanks to David Lieberman and Barry Riesenberg **David Garron**

MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

In memory of:

Sherwin Swartz Marsha Shrago

Mary Goldstein, mother of Philip Goldstein **Michael and Linda Weinroth**

Barbara Rittenberg. Condolences to Scott Rittenberg and family on the passing of your mom.

Gloria Schancupp, mother of Joel Schancupp. Condolences to your family.

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Bernice and Bruce Mellman on the birth of vour grandson. Parker Wendy and Ron Feinberg

PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN **MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

In beloved memory of:

Gloria Schancupp Sheri and Mark Schwartz

In memory of:

Ricardo Grunfeld, brother of Peter Greenfield Marsha F. Shrago

PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

In blessed memory of:

Gloria Schancupp, beloved mother and grandmother

Caryn and Eric Bern and Family

Sherwin Norman Swartz, beloved father of Barry (Judith) Swartz **Stacey and Mitchell Kopelman**

In loving memory of:

Sylvia Weinberg **Michael and Linda Weinroth**

loving husband and father, Ronald Bachenheimer

Dena and Iris Bachenheimer

Phyllis Kent. Heartfelt sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and my dear friend. She will be missed.

Esther Bigel

Adele Cohen Lawrence Cohen

beloved husband and father, Wayne Landon Shari Landon

Sidney Gordon Sunny Monitz

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Cecile Bock and family on your granddaughter, Talia, becoming a Bat Mitzvah. May you have much "nachas". **Esther Bigel**

PRESCHOOL FUND

In memory of:

Fred Davis. To the family of Fred Davis, please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Fred. He was a "fixture" in our shul and a very interesting conversationalist with his jokes and his "takes" on current events. We remember him fondly, and he will be missed.

Glenn and Arlene La Vine

my mother, Rose D. Etscovitz **Richard Etscovitz**

ROBERT KLEIN MEMORIAL CHESED FUND

In blessed memory of:

Barbara Rittenberg, mother of Scott Rittenberg. May your loving memories bring you peace through this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Lynne, Jerry, Jess, and Lindsey Johannesen

In honor of:

the speedy recovery of Gordon Green **Michael and Linda Weinroth**

In loving memory of:

Rico Grunfeld, brother of Peter Greenfield **Michael and Linda Weinroth**

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In memory of:

Ricardo Grunfeld, brother of Peter Greenfield. In blessed memory of: May Ricardo's memory always be for a blessing. Our sympathy and with love, **Cindee and Al Sapoznik**

Gloria Schancupp

Ricardo Grunfeld, brother of Peter Greenfield

Donnie Price

Fred Davis Joyce and Barry Teitelman

Wishing a Refuah Shleimah to:

Joanie King **Michael and Linda Weinroth**

Wishing Happy Birthday to:

Esther Low Sara Ghitis

SISTERHOOD FUND

In honor of:

Lisa and John Flagel Jamie and Jonny Lyons Barbara and Jerry Mayer Cheryl and David Miller Terri and Scott Rittenberg Melissa and Don Sklar Ellen and Pip Spandorfer Beth and Mike Weiss With much appreciation for all you do to brighten our world and enhance our incredible Etz Chaim community! **Tammy and Jeffrey Cohen**

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

Gloria Schancupp, beloved mother of Joel Schancupp. We are sorry to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are sweet. **Bob and Sheri Frohlich**

In memory of:

Sherwin Norman Swartz, beloved father of Barry Swartz. We were sorry to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are sweet.

Ricardo "Rico" Grunfeld, beloved brother of Peter Greenfield. We were sorry to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are sweet.

Marty Bock. We remember him well.

my parents, Steve and Sue Frohlich. Still missing you both! **Bob and Sheri Frohlich**

STEVEN KRODMAN MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In loving memory of:

Ellen Epstein Michael and Linda Weinroth

In memory of:

Dr. Leonard Klein Lynn Schimmel

YOUTH FUND

In loving memory of:

my mom, Shirley Jassen. You will always be in my heart. **Karen Needle**

In memory of:

Ricardo "Rico" Grunfeld, beloved brother of Peter Greenfield

Stephanie and Jeffrey Knauer

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Cecile Bock. in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Talia Bock Sally Greenstein

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

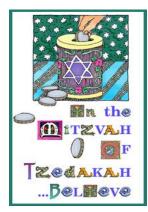
In loving memory of:

Jerome Mellman, father and grandfather, on his yahrzeit

Bruce and Bernice Mellman

Sending congratulations to:

Reba and Bob Bachrach for being honored at RenewalFest. We appreciate your dedication to Etz Chaim. **Bernice and Bruce Mellman**



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.

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