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U' Metukah
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*Wishing
you a
Happy
and Sweet
New Year*



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Daily Minyan Times:

Sunday Mornings:
9:15 a.m.

Monday - Friday Mornings:
7:00 a.m.

Sunday - Thursday Evenings:
6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

(in-person & Livestream)

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Rabbi Dan Dorsch

First came an announcement letting customers know that the store's security cameras were "live and activated". I then watched as the store manager approached two young women shopping in my aisle. "Ladies, do you need anything?" she asked.



It should not have taken a genius in that moment to figure out what was happening. As the two young women lined up with a full backpack to pay at the drugstore, the manager was more direct. She whispered a little more loudly than necessary: "I want to let you know that we have you on camera putting items into your backpack. If you go through the mechanism, the alarm will go off."

Not looking particularly surprised, the young ladies looked at one another. I then watched uncomfortably as they paid with two five-dollar bills for some candy. They attempted to walk out of the store. The alarms blared.

Why is it that when we are on the wrong path, or in the middle of making a mistake, we are unable to pull ourselves out of it? Why, when we are given multiple opportunities to do *teshuvah*, and to turn back, do we continue heading in the wrong direction?

Sometimes, it is because we fail to see the signs that we are headed in the wrong direction. As I watched several red flags transpire at the store, I couldn't help but think of the story of Balaam ben Beor. In the Book of Numbers, Balaam is hired by King Balak of Moab to curse the Israelites. He journeys out. Three times the donkey he is riding skirts from the pathway into a field. Only rather than wondering what is wrong with his otherwise reliable animal, he strikes him until he turns back to the path. The Torah tells us that the donkey was able to see the angel with its sword ready to strike Balaam, had he continued forward on his wicked path. Balaam, in his myopia, is unable to see that warning sign. Neither could our shoplifters.

Yet it may also be because in life's series of successes and failures, it is only when we hit rock bottom—experiencing harmful consequences of our actions – that we turn back. This is a very common tendency among family members of people who suffer substance abuse problems. Not wanting to see a loved one suffer, they provide them with a place to stay, money, and other resources to keep afloat. Unfortunately, while no doubt helpful, this safety net enables them to keep abusing because they fail to face any consequences. Once abusers are "cut off" and hit rock-bottom, they face the consequences. They have a stronger chance of pulling themselves back up. All of us, and I suspect our shoplifters, share that experience when we are enabled or choose to enable others.

Over the past several months, I haven't been able to stop thinking about our shoplifters. In that moment, far away at Shoppers Drug Mart in Winnipeg, I am not sure I would've been a good rabbi for them.

But in this new year, I do want to be that rabbi for all of you who may be struggling. Echoing the words of the store manager, I want to ask: "What do you need?" Let this bulletin column be that angel with the sword, or that "being caught on camera moment", for you to take a pause and wonder why you still feel like you are going in the wrong direction.

This New Year season, there are many things we ought to remember. But foremost, let us remember the gift of *teshuvah*: that you are never "in too deep" to turn around, to make that change in your life, or to return those items to the shelf and begin again.

Rabbi Micah Miller

Marathon Season

In the Winter of 2011, I did something I never in a million years thought I would do: I ran a half marathon. Now I know that there are some running enthusiasts in our community, and I am sure you have run multiple half marathons, have even run a full marathon, and must absolutely love it! I made sure I am not one of those people - I would even say that I hate running. Ok, maybe I only dislike it, but if you give me a workout option to do, running would be one of my last picks. However, I decided to sign up because it was to raise money for a good cause (the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation), and if I am being honest, it meant a trip to Vegas to run down the strip at night.



As this was my first long distance run of my life, I knew I needed to prepare greatly, especially since I am missing an ACL in my left knee, which also has a surgically prepared meniscus. So I read all the articles and joined some apps which helped beginning runners build up to running longer distances. If I was going to do this, I was going to be committed. So I start to build up slowly by walking and then running. Jogging, then running. Then I set some distance goals for myself, and I even remember the first time I ever ran a 5k distance. I felt like I was on my way.

However, as I continued to run, I began to let my distaste for the activity start to creep into my training. I recall that once I had run about 8 or 9 miles, I said to myself, "I got this. I do not have to keep going through this *verkakete* training program." So while I still ran, I never made it to running a full half marathon until my actual race. Oy, was that a mistake - by mile 9, I was starting to wane and it did not help that this was the most boring part of the course we were running. Then my leg started to cramp, and I began to think that I was nuts for not having prepared more for this large task.

Why do I bring this up to you all in this article? We as Jews across the world, and definitely rabbis, are about to enter our marathon season. We are about to celebrate all of the holidays of Tishrei, starting with Rosh Hashanah and then ending with Sukkot. These holidays really are like a marathon, not only because it consists of a lot of coming to shul (☺), but because they are meant to really be a time of introspection, a time to think of our actions as they relate to each other and to the world. They are meant for us to actively engage and think back to the experiences of our ancestors from the wandering and establishing small booths to dwell in to recreating the walking around the Temple while grasping onto the lulav and etrog. These holidays are a true spiritual marathon.

However, just like training for a real marathon, we cannot just jump into the holidays and expect that we will obtain the high spiritual and emotional connection unless we do our religious training regimen. Luckily for us, our tradition had the foresight to realize that we as individuals need this type of program to better prepare for the High Holiday season. That is where the month of Elul comes to help us, which started just a few days ago at the end of August.

The customs that we are supposed to do to prepare for the forthcoming holidays are to recite *selichot*, or penitential prayers, which are prayers that are supposed to ask Hashem to show us favor in His eyes and to forgive us for those things we have done that have not been aligned with His will and mitzvot.

Rabbi Micah Miller *Continued from page 2*

The rationale behind this is that our tradition says that Moses went up to Sinai to receive the second set of tablets at the beginning of Elul and then returned with them 40 days later, which would be Yom Kippur. By saying these prayers, we are beginning to do the work of introspection with the culmination being the holidays.

We also begin to hear the blowing of the shofar. I am sure many of us have heard that the shofar blast is meant to be like an alarm clock waking us up to be ready for the holidays. But also I think to really understand the true majestic nature of the sound of the shofar, we need to begin to hear it sooner than just the holidays. If we hear it on the holidays alone, it can almost be jarring or alarming. However, if we hear it several times before, we can come to appreciate the timber and tone of each blast, which in my opinion reverberates down to our inner core and soul.

It is through these practices and the recitation of Psalm 27 that allow us to really cross the finish line of the Holiday marathon confidently - way more confidently and easier than I did when I completed my Las Vegas marathon many years ago.

So I hope you will take this spiritual training and suggestions to heart so that you can experience the holidays in a more meaningful and uplifting way. Join me on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. as I lead a discussion on *Struggling with the Concept of God*. See page 14 for more information.

Chag Sameach.

Marty Gilbert Executive Director



My overall interest in the Olympics ended 50 years ago, partly because of a poorly officiated gold medal basketball game and a lay up by Alexander Belov that should have never happened, but mostly because of the hypocrisy of IOC and its (at that time) antisemitic leader, Avery Brundage.

In 1936 Brundage fought zealously against a boycott of the Summer Olympic games even in the face of the Nazi regime and escalated persecution of Jews. Then he manipulated the removal of sprinters Marty Glickman and Sam Stoller from the 4 X 100-meter relay team because they were Jewish.

Then in 1972 he exclaimed “the games must go on” after the murder of 11 Israeli athletes and one West German police officer.

Fifty years later our struggle with antisemitism and overall hate continues. Be it issues on the national level fed by ignorant influencers or local graffiti and misguided school logos, the struggle continues.

Fifty years later, let us remember the fallen from September 5, 1972: Moshe Weinberg ▪ Yossef Romano ▪ Ze’ev Friedman David Berger ▪ Yakov Springer ▪ Eliezer Halfin ▪ Yosserf Gutfreund Kehat Shorr ▪ Mark Salvin ▪ Andre Spitzer ▪ Amitzur Shapira

Jamie Platt Lyons President



Funerals seem to be all around me lately. Every few weeks I am either attending a funeral, paying a shiva call, bringing food to someone in mourning, helping provide a shiva meal for a friend across the country, or contributing to a “GoFundMe” page for the family of a deceased loved one. People say that it’s the “season of my life”. I am “at that age”. We are “in this stage”.

I planned to write a completely different piece for this month’s Voice of Chaim. However, this week, Michael Shinnars, a colleague and friend for decades, was shot and killed while at work in a midtown condominium building. I am attending his funeral this weekend. Sometimes I believe the trite statements about my “season”, “age”, and “stage”. Other times I am angered by them. Michael Shinnars was 60 years young with an infectiously wide smile, a witty sense of humor, a curious mind, and a kind heart. I am fortunate. I got to see Michael in a recent class I taught. I got to banter with him, give him a hug, and tell him how much I appreciated him. It should not have been my last memory of Michael.

I feel sad, angry, and (sometimes) helpless. I also feel connected, motivated, and empowered. In attending all these funerals, going to evening shivas, providing a meal, and contributing money, I am reminded to make sure I stay **connected** to the important people in my life. I am **motivated** to make plans to see those who don’t live nearby. I am **empowered** to make sure my loved ones know how I feel about them. I am so fortunate to have so many significant relationships in my life. . . my family, my close friends from childhood, college, and my Etz Chaim family-by-choice, my work colleagues who have grown up with me, and so many more. I am so blessed to be surrounded by people who nourish my soul and fill me up with love and support.

Instead of choosing sadness, anger, or helplessness, I choose to stay connected, motivated, and empowered. I choose to make sure the people in my life know what an important role they play in my mental health and my well-being. I don’t assume these people know their impact. I make sure to SAY IT OUT LOUD to tell them verbally, in texts, and in hand-written notes how much their presence in my world keeps me afloat. We all need “our people”, and I am grounded every single day by mine.

As we prepare for the High Holidays, as we apologize for all the times we’ve missed the mark over the last year, as we pray to be inscribed in the Book of Life for the next year, take time to make sure those you love know it and feel it. Don’t assume they know it. Don’t assume they feel it. SAY IT OUT LOUD. Make sure you make your message heard. Nourish their soul and fill them up with your love and support.

I will be attending another funeral this weekend for a friend and colleague who impacted my world in a positive way. I am grateful that the last time I saw him, I made sure he knew it.

May you and your family have a meaningful, healthy, happy, and sweet new year and may all of us be inscribed in the book of life for 5783.

Department of Education

PRESCHOOL

Monday, **9/5**
School Closed (Labor Day)

Saturday, **9/10**
Shabbat L’Kulam with
Team Shabbat

Saturday, **9/17**
Team Shabbat

Thursday, **9/22**
Cool Cats Tashlich Walk
at East Cobb Park

Friday, **9/23**
Tot Shabbat
(5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.)

Monday and Tuesday,
9/26 & 9/27
School Closed
(Rosh Hashanah)

Mon. **9/28**—Wed. **9/30**
School Closed
(Yom Kippur/Cobb Break)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday, **9/4**
School Closed (Labor Day)

Saturday, **9/10**
Shabbat L’Kulam with
Team Shabbat

Sunday, **9/11**
Sunday Pre-K

Monday, **9/12**
Chai Five

Saturday, **9/17**
Team Shabbat

Sunday, **9/18**
First Grade Family
Workshop

Monday, **9/19**
Chai Five

Sunday, **9/25**
School Closed
(Cobb Break)

Tuesday, **9/27**
School Closed
(Rosh Hashanah)



Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

When I was growing up, the law in Conservative Judaism was that girls were not to be called to the Torah or allowed to read from it for their Bat Mitzvah. Or at all. It just wasn’t the thing. Our celebrations were on Friday night with no reading from the Torah and I was given a very thin book of Haftarat (that I still have) from which to choose the reading that spoke to me. I’m not sure what guided my choice—was it the length of the reading or the content? Can’t even begin to tell you. But what I do know is that I have since learned two things— most importantly, now that United Synagogue is egalitarian and all girls can be called to the Torah *and* read from it, we know that they are so very capable to have the experience at the Torah and excel at it. Secondly, after spending many a Rosh Hashanah in the sanctuary, I’ve learned (well heard) that my Bat Mitzvah haftarah is part of the haftarah on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. I didn’t notice this for the longest time because my Bat Mitzvah was in March so I never really paid attention to what was being read on the High Holidays. It was an epiphany I didn’t expect. So why do I share these stories? As we enter into this new school year with the High Holidays at the end of the month, it’s a perfect confluence of acknowledging our strong and competent 7th graders (both girls and boys) who we will celebrate this year and the time of returning to our better selves. It’s going to be a great year.



Lauren Chernau
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

One day I was finishing up my grocery shopping and on the next aisle I heard a sweet little voice belting out Shabbat Shalom, hey! It wasn’t Friday, but it didn’t matter. This little child was joyfully singing what is certainly the anthem of Jewish preschool. As I turned the corner, sure enough, it was one of our preschoolers. She wasn’t one of our Jewish students. However, as she sang happily in the shopping cart, her mother recited the “hey” part of the song. I said hello and introduced myself, and the mother and I began to chat. She told me that she loved that her daughter sang the Jewish songs, that they were just so joyful.

And that made me think. What is Jewish about our school? Why do we work so hard to bring the traditions and customs, language and prayer to our children? Because Judaism, in its purest sense, is joyful. When we tell the stories from the Torah and from the holidays, the children listen and play out the adventures of good guys and bad guys. They hear the stories of strong men and women who are proud of who they are. They happily run through our building locating the various symbols of our faith and they squeal with delight as they recite the Shabbat blessings over the candles, juice and challah. Joy. Judaism instills joy in our small children. So how do we ensure that our classrooms are Jewish? Short of making sure that there is a mezuzah on our door and various symbols out on holidays, how do we know that our classrooms are providing Jewish experiences for our children?

We learn by using our senses. Our teachers make sure that Jewish learning is being provided and is conducive to all types of learners. Sight, Sound, Taste, Smell and Touch. Through thoughtful preparation, our staff created environments that provide meaningful Jewish experiences daily. On any given day you will hear us singing Jewish songs and prayers. You will see us including Jewish symbols in our play. We cook foods that are a part of our traditions and we read books that include Jewish characters. Etz Chaim Preschool is a happy place. Our children thrive in this environment. We have proudly created a place that is joyfully Jewish.

2022-2023 Preschool Faculty



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(Pre-K)



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Cool Cats Class
(Pre-K)



Ju Ritter
Cool Cats Class
(Pre-K)



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Cool Cats Class
(Pre-K)



Hannah Logan
Puppies Class
(3 Year Olds)



Nikki Riviere
Turtles Class
(3 Year Olds)



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(3 Year Olds)



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(2 Year Olds)



Roxanne Mearoch
Ladybugs Class
(2 Year Olds)



Stefani Faer
Monkeys Class
(14 months +)



Lori Feibel
Monkeys Class
(14 months +)



Julie Isaacson
Monkeys Class
(14 months +)

Leah Green

Director of Engagement and Youth Programming



Hi, Etz Chaim! I'm so happy to be writing to you. I just want to thank all the volunteers that helped us at Shabbat in the Park! That was my first event, and it was made to be so special because of the hard work of the volunteers and staff included. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. If I haven't met you yet, please come by to say hi! My office is located in the hallway near the library.

This month is Elul, which is associated with preparation. Specifically, preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As a kid, you were along for the ride, which always included amazing food and meshugeneh family. As an adult, it's a little different. It can be stressful and hard work organizing and planning for the High Holidays. But even deeper than that, we prepare to deep dive into our own psyche.

Introspection is the process in which you self-observe the opinions you may have and decide what to do with them as a means of guidance in decision making. The examination of one's mental processes is extremely important for building and sustaining relationships. How you respond to your loved ones says a lot about your inner biases, like your pet peeves and red flags. These biases help protect our mental health - it's a survival tactic. But sometimes they get in the way of building our relationships. My suggestion would be simply observing your own behavior and taking note of how you respond to others. Is it my first gut reaction that I'm acting on or do I think about how I'm feeling before I speak? By studying your process of thoughts into action, you can start to understand yourself more. Plus, as you take your thoughts inward, you come in close contact with your consciousness, helping you weigh your options before responding. This process of conscious-driven decision making can be built through introspection.

I don't have to tell you that this can be hard and even a little scary to think about. What if I find something I don't like about myself? But remember, analyzing our missteps give us the opportunity to learn about ourselves and grow. Golda Meir said it best: "Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." Achievements include the obvious ones, like career success, but achievements like "oh, wow instead of yelling and fighting, I was able to act in a way that got what I wanted without conflict" also exist! So, my wish for you this Elul is that you can start to create your happiest self, whatever that may look like. That's the biggest achievement of all.

I am so excited to be announcing that Rosh Hashanah starts on the evening of September 25, so get those introspective juices flowing! Also don't forget about our awesome teen services for the High Holidays! We have exciting, new ideas for it, so come check it out.

Check out what's happening in our Youth Department!! Meet our Youth Advisors:



USY Advisor:

Meet Madelyn Chernau. She is 22 years old and is studying psychology at KSU. This is her second year as USY advisor but fourth year on the advisor team. She loved USY in high school and can't wait to give these kids the same experience she had!



Chaverim and Gesher Advisor:

Meet Roxanne Measroch, who is returning for her second year as our Chaverim and Gesher advisor. She is 30 years old and is the two-year-old teacher at our

Preschool. She is super excited for a great new year!



Chalutzim Advisor:

Alex Levin is our new Chalutzim Advisor. He is 18 and a Freshman at KSU studying Education. Alex was very

involved in USY as a high schooler. He loves USY and is so excited to get to work with Chalutzim and the rest of Etz Chaim this year.

Important dates in September:

Wednesday, September 7 – USY Wacky (9th—12th Grades)

Sunday, September 11 – Chaverim Event (3rd—5th Grades)

Wednesday, September 14 – USY Wacky (9th—12th Grades)

Sunday, September 18 – Gesher Event (6th—8th Grades)

September 21 – USY Wacky Wednesday (9th—12th Grades)



If you would like to sign up for youth group, which I highly recommend if you're interested in making friends and having fun, follow this link [Membership Form](#) or fill out the registration form found on pages 31 through 34 and bring it to Etz Chaim.

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

Chalutzim - Kindergarten — 2nd grades [Chalutzim Events](#)
Chaverim (aka Jr. Kadima) - 3rd — 5th grades [Chaverim Events](#)

Gesher (aka Kadima) - 6th — 8th grades [Gesher Events](#)
Sababa USY - 9th — 12th grades [USY Events](#)

Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Debbie and Kevin Robbins on the engagement of their daughter Stephanie to Jay Wadhvani

Tammy and Jeffrey Cohen on the engagement of their daughter Courtney to Jake Lustrin

Mindy and Jim Intner on the birth of their grandson, Ty Marshall, born on August 7 to Sara and Lenny Bluestein

Joshua Greenspon, son of Phillip Greenspon and grandson of Adele Greenspon, was one of the 95 athletes representing Team Atlanta in the 2022 Maccabi Games, held this year in San Diego. Joshua was the 16U Baseball team captain. The team missed playing for the gold medal by one run after losing a grueling 3-1/2 -hour game to Team Toronto. After an hour break, Team Atlanta came back to beat Team San Diego for the Bronze in the bottom of the seventh inning. In addition to stellar defense through-out the week as the catcher and pitching three scoreless innings to close out the bronze medal game, Joshua had two home runs, including a Grand Slam! Mazel Tov to Joshua on bringing home the bronze medal.



Melissa Wikoff on receiving the Next Generation Award from the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to one young man and one young woman who are exceptional leaders that are essential to their profession, active in the community, and have demonstrated leadership ability.

Condolences to...

Erica Fox on the loss of her beloved father, Alan Mark Jacobs

Sheldon Berch on the loss of his beloved mother, Lois Roth Berch

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

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

Our sincerest thanks and grateful appreciation for the overwhelming support our Etz Chaim Family showed in backing this year's Ad Journal. You have made it one of the most successful in our history.

Reba & Bob Bachrach
Cheryl & David Miller





Join us for:



5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat -
with crafts, songs, dances, and fun!

Save these Friday night dates:

September 23	February 3
October 7	March 3
November 4	April 14
December 2	May 12
January 27	



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

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TEAM SHABBAT 2022-23 season

**SHABBAT PROGRAMMING
FOR ALL CHILDREN!**



LITTLE LEAGUE
PARENTS & CHILDREN
PRE-K AND UNDER

MINOR LEAGUES
GRADES K-2

MAJOR LEAGUES
GRADES 3-5

***ALL STARS**
GRADES 6 & 7

Time:

10:30 - 11:45 A.M.

SAVE THESE DATES:

SEPTEMBER 10 & 17
OCTOBER 1 & 15
NOVEMBER 5 & 12
DECEMBER 3 & 10
JANUARY 7 & 21

FEBRUARY 11 & 18
MARCH 11 & 18
APRIL 15 & 22
MAY 6

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



Minyan Breakfast every Sunday

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

Join us!

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

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

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

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

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

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

back to School

Looking for a program for your young 5 year old?

REGISTER FOR OUR TRANSITIONS CLASS TODAY!

<https://www.etzchaim.net/form/psreg2022-23>



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



For me, Labor Day signifies the end of summer and time to get back to business. For the **Men's Club**, it is time to begin with our calendar of events.

With a very successful "Shabbat in the Park" where Men's Club manned the grills, we look forward to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur where we commemorate the creation of the world and the beginning of the Days of Awe that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday also known as the Day of Atonement.

There are no programs scheduled for September. I would like to make a special request: while there are no programs, **Men's Club** has been the reason there has been Morning Minyan at our synagogue for many years. This gives our community a place to say Kaddish for parents and loved ones who have passed. It also serves other purposes for prayer at our synagogue. Hopefully this year we all see more of our congregation at evening minyan.

Please join the Etz Chaim Men's Club Bar-B-Q team at Brook Run Park in Dunwoody on October 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, click here: [Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival](#).

Mark your calendar for **Ribeyes with the Rabbis**, a.k.a. Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah at 7:00 p.m., **October 10**.

David Lieberman
President

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 **RIBEYES** **WITH THE** **RABBIS** (aka Steak & Scotch in the Sukkah)

Monday, October 10 **at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for this great annual steak (or salmon) dinner and bourbon and scotch tasting held in Etz Chaim's Sukkah.

Price per person is \$56. RSVP required before October 3. All reservations and payments must be made online. When making a reservation, please consider making a donation to The Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund.

Must be an Etz Chaim Men's Club member in good standing or guest of member.

Please respond early - this event will sell out.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/steaksukkah2022



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

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

The Sisterhood Scoop

We have had so much fun kicking off our year and seeing everyone at Shabbat in the Park and our August kickoff event. It's hard to believe but the High Holidays will be here before we know it! We hope that you will join us in sending New Year's greetings to family and friends as well as recording memories of your loved ones in Sisterhood's annual **High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book**. We thank all who participated in this, our largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds directly benefit our Etz Chaim community. A huge thank you to Elizabeth Low, Helaine Mark and Lauren Gray, our Ways and Means VPs, for the creation of this year's book! It will be available at High Holiday services and to view online.

A big shout out to Faye Cohen and Debbie Isbits, our Membership VPs, for planning this year's very successful **Kickoff event**. Our **Mindfulness Taster** with Lisa Wellstead was a wonderful event for all. It was great to be back in person to start the year off with a bang!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m.** for our next **Sisterhood Book Club**. Dale Millman will moderate a thoughtful conversation on ***Last Summer at The Golden Hotel***. Please see the ad below for more information and to RSVP.

Beginning on **Monday, October 24**, we resume one of our favorite lunch and learn series, **Shalom in the Shul, in-person at Etz Chaim** from **10:00-11:30 a.m.** Enjoy engaging and lively conversation with **Rabbi Emeritus Lewis** as he shares vignettes from his soon-to-be-published book, ***Guide for the Perplexed***. Please see the ad on page 16 for a complete calendar of dates and to register.

Calling all knitters (and those who crochet too)! Each year, Sisterhood provides knitted items to MUST Ministries to supply those in need around the December holidays. We are currently looking for knitters to help fulfill this Mitzvah.

It's not too late to join Sisterhood or renew your membership in our wonderful organization. The camaraderie is lifelong, and the programming is so enriching! If you have questions about your membership or are interested in joining, feel free to contact Faye Cohen or Debbie Isbits from our Membership Committee.

We encourage you to get involved! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhood-sponsored minyan by clicking here: [Sunday Morning Minyan](#). The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and meet people. Have questions? Please contact Lauren Levetan at 404-422-8921, laurenlevetan@hotmail.com or Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, mailto:nedagayle@att.net.

שנה טובה ומתוקה

Wishing you good health and a sweet year ahead!

L'Shana Tova and until next time...

Lauren and Neda

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.



UPCOMING DATES FOR 2022-2023:

September 18 - *Last Summer at the Golden Hotel* by Elyssa Friedland - Host: Dale Millman
October 16 - *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk - Host: Neda Gayle
November 13 - *The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land: Stories* by Omer Friedlander
Host: Iris Bachenheimer

December 18
April 16

January 23
May 21

February 19
June 18

March 19

Book Club will be held via Zoom.
All sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

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



College Connection

Do you have a college student in the family?

Etz Chaim **College Connection** lets our undergraduate students know that we are thinking about them. College Connection celebrates Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, and Purim by sending Jewish holiday “care packages” to our college students. All we need are some details from you, and we’ll do the rest!

To avoid the expense of mailing packages to potentially outdated addresses, **we purge the list every year and start fresh**. So, even **if your student was on the list last year and their address hasn’t changed, please send us their information again**. Also, please let us know if your student graduates during the school year.

Please email the following information to etzchaimcollegeconnection@gmail.com:

- Student’s name
- Student’s college email address
- Student’s college mailing address
- Student’s food allergies
- Year in school/graduation date
- Parents’ name(s)
- Parents’ email address(es)



Alternatively, complete this form and return it to the Etz Chaim office:

Student’s Name: _____ Email address: _____

College Address Line 1: _____

College Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Any food allergies: _____ Graduation date: _____

Parent(s) Names/Email(s): _____

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition!

College kids love to receive packages, especially around the holidays. Voluntary contributions are always welcome and help ensure that we can keep this program up and running. Please send to: College Connection, Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation amount enclosed: \$18 \$36 \$54 \$72 Other _____

Questions? Please contact:

Shari Judenberg and Ellen Spandorfer at etzchaimcollegeconnection@gmail.com



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED to help with Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim. If you are interested, contact Janice Levine at levines2000@comcast.net. There will be an organizational meeting for this school year on **Sunday morning, September 11, at 9:30 a.m.** in Social Hall 3 (the meeting room at the very back of the Social Hall).

The Fall Holidays will be here before you know it. There are some books out on display in the library that you can borrow to help you get into a spiritual mindset for the holidays. Look on the bookshelves and the display rack near the checkout desk. Shana Tova to everyone!

BOOKS FOR ADULTS - Here are just a few of our inspiring titles:

Ceremony and Celebration: Introduction to the Holidays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Read this amazing book by Rabbi Sacks and you will discover something to help make the holidays more meaningful. (240 SAC)

Rosh Hashanah Readings: Inspiration, Information, Contemplation. This is a powerful collection of writings that will add depth and holiness to your experience of the New Year. Discover new ways to connect to the Rosh Hashanah prayers. (242.1 ROS)

BOOKS FOR THE KIDS - There are lots of great books to choose from, including the following:

What a Way to Start a New Year by Jacqueline Jules (for ages 3-8). This cheerfully illustrated book is about a family starting off the new year in a new city. (J 242.1 JUL)

New Year at the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story by April H. Wayland (for ages 5-8). A great picture book about a family doing Tashlich, a ceremony where people apologize for the mistakes they made during the year. Winner of a best Jewish picture book the year it came out. (J 242 WAY)

Follow the directions on the check-out desk to self-checkout books anytime.

Try also the following websites for more on the upcoming holidays:

www.myjewishlearning.com You will find lots of interesting information here about the Jewish holidays, weekly Torah portion, etc.

WEBSITES FOR THE KIDS

www.shalomsesame.org Check out the Shalom Sesame website for some fun videos for the holidays and more!

<https://pjlibrary.org/home> For ages 0-8. If you do not already have a PJ Library subscription, be sure to sign up to receive a free book each month for your children ages 0-8. There is also lots of wonderful information on the Jewish holidays on the PJ Library website.

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

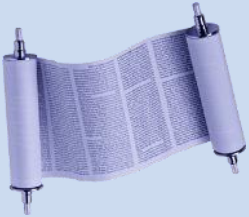
Please note, in order to say Mourner's Kaddish, we need to have 10 participants.



Upcoming Programs

Lilmode - Adult Education

September and October 2022



Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, September 1, 8 and 15 at 10:00 a.m.

In-person and via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/TorahStudy5783>



Preparing for the High Holidays

STRUGGLING WITH THE CONCEPT OF GOD

with Rabbi Micah Miller

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 p.m.



As we begin preparing for the High Holidays, when our most fervent prayers are directed to God, many of us struggle to define and refine our belief in the Almighty as our life experience grows. We look backward and we look forward: Who was the God of our ancestors? Has our tradition's concept of God evolved through time? What is my personal belief in God? Is it possible to be both agnostic and an authentic Jew?

Through text study and group discussion, Rabbi Miller's class will explore these questions and many more as we delve into Jewish theology and grapple with our own personal views of the Divine. All thoughts and views are welcomed and encouraged to be shared.

Register at www.etzchaim.net/event/lilmodeconcept

Preparing for the High Holidays

Getting Comfortable at Etz Chaim: Our Customs and Quirks

with Rabbi Dan Dorsch

Monday, September 12

7:00 p.m.



There's nothing lovelier than our synagogue during the High Holidays, but those new(ish) to Etz Chaim, new(ish) to Judaism or seeking a deeper connection to our congregation may feel uncomfortable because they're unsure what to do. Why are some people wearing sneakers and white coats? Why are those people on the bema imitating Dr. Spock?

These and many more questions that apply to the High Holidays and the rest of the year will be explained by Rabbi Dorsch in an open and freewheeling discussion of Etz Chaim's customs, as well as those things we do a little differently than other synagogues.

Register at www.etzchaim.net/event/lilmodecustoms

Mocha Mondays

8:30 a.m.

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

Save these dates:

September 12
October 31
November 14
December 12
January 23
February 13
March 13
April 17



Coming to Lilmode Next Month: Judaism Outside East Cobb



CHALLAHS AROUND THE WORLD
Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m.
with Lara Rush



Shabbat breads don't start and end with the traditional egg challah we know. Lara Rush - private chef to the rich and famous, pastry chef and congregant - will bake a peaches-and-cream challah and a Yemenite kubaneh (both pareve) for us to taste. Then Lara will demonstrate the beginning steps in making Moroccan bread; everyone will get to take home the recipe and spice bag for this bread.

At the end of the evening, one copy of *Rising, The Book of Challah* by Rochie Pinson (the source of these recipes) will be raffled off to a lucky participant!

Register soon - space is limited!

www.etzchaim.net/event/lilmodechallah



1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068

Shalom in the Shul Part 2

Monday, October 24
from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.



If you joined us last year, you are going to love what we have in store. We will be examining passages from Rabbi Lewis' book,

Faith Without the Leap: A Modern Guide to the Perplexed.

All are welcome to participate in the lively discussions.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul22-23



Save these future Monday dates: December 12, February 13 and April 24

**Planned Parenthood House Party
for the Etz Chaim community
Sunday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.**



at the home of Marion Risinger
536 Smithstone Trace, Marietta 30067

The purpose of the event is to discuss the Jewish view of abortion and actions we can take to protect our right to abortion care. Rabbi Dorsch and a representative from Planned Parenthood Southeast will be speaking.

Light refreshments will be served.

Hosted by Stacy Efrat, Marion Risinger, Amy Cohen, and Judy Fineman

RSVP to Stacy Efrat, stacy.efrat@gmail.com



**Sunday, September 11
Heritage Amphitheater, Sandy Springs
(Lawn seating is FREE)**

Atlanta-based BJ Wilbanks will introduce you to "Back Porch Soul", fusing the musical roots of Americana, Motown, and Delta Blues into an intoxicating blend of Southern Rock.

Gates Open: 5:00 p.m. Concert Starts: 7:00 p.m.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/yaconcert



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.




Kindness Matters.

Gemilut Chasadim...

Join us in the Act of Loving Kindness

Come be a part of our newly expanded CHESED COMMITTEE!

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

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

Etz Chaim's Green Team

Summer may be over, but the sun is still shining bright. What happens when you add the yellow of the sun to our Etz Chaim blue?

You get green!

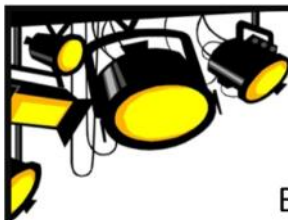
Join the Green Team as we practice *Tikkun Olam* together by focusing on reducing our carbon footprint. If you would like to be a part of this new initiative, email Allison Saffran at: allisonsaffran@gmail.com



Please make sure your account is in good standing.

Tickets will be mailed soon.

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

Do you shop at Kroger?

Do you have a Kroger Plus Card?

Kroger Community Rewards Program gives a percentage of your purchase cost back to us each quarter.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

NPO# KY946

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

Don't Miss Out! New Chavurot Forming Soon!

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

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

If you are interested, please complete the information below. We look forward to speaking with you and getting to know you!

Full Name(s): _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Are you a ___ Couple ___ Single ___ Interfaith Couple

Your Age(s) _____

Do you have children? ___ Age(s) _____

Do you keep kosher? ___ Are you Shomer Shabbat? _____

Return this form to Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068
Attn: Chavurot

Ellen Davison 770-656-9602 and Felicia Berne 678-910-1656



Questions about
purchasing a
cemetery plot?
Call **Marty Gilbert**
770-973-0137

Etz Chaim is partnering
with Backpack Buddies to
help children and their with
food insecurity.

For more information on
how you can help, please

contact Lauren Surden at lsherman15@yahoo.com or call 404-435-7074 or Angie Nothdurft at anothdurft@gmail.com or call 240-476-5758.



Backpack Buddies
of Metro Atlanta | Because hunger doesn't
take the weekend off

September 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.*

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.

1-Sep	Arnold Drake	5	Elul	16-Sep	Allen Mador	20	Elul
*1-Sep	Harry King	5	Elul	*16-Sep	Evelyn Coltman	20	Elul
1-Sep	Lionel Bloomberg	5	Elul	16-Sep	Howard Feuer	20	Elul
1-Sep	Rebecca Levy	5	Elul	*17-Sep	Anne Eden	21	Elul
2-Sep	Diana Goldstein	6	Elul	*17-Sep	Reuben Greenspon	21	Elul
2-Sep	Leon Weinberger	6	Elul	18-Sep	Bernie Nastir	22	Elul
*2-Sep	Marshall H. Jaffe	6	Elul	18-Sep	Harold Regitsky	22	Elul
*3-Sep	Blossom Ellerin	7	Elul	18-Sep	Harold Winkler	22	Elul
*3-Sep	Joan E. Barth	7	Elul	*18-Sep	Irving Holtz	22	Elul
3-Sep	Moris Salk	7	Elul	*18-Sep	Leonard Simon	22	Elul
4-Sep	Earl Fairchild	8	Elul	18-Sep	Lillian November	22	Elul
4-Sep	Eva F. Caras	8	Elul	19-Sep	Ben Pollack	23	Elul
4-Sep	Laura Agin	8	Elul	*19-Sep	Eli Lewis	23	Elul
4-Sep	Myrna Drake	8	Elul	*19-Sep	Florence Katz	23	Elul
*4-Sep	Nathan Hersh	8	Elul	19-Sep	Frances Marcus	23	Elul
4-Sep	William Raider	8	Elul	*19-Sep	Harry Altholtz	23	Elul
5-Sep	Barbara Weinberg	9	Elul	19-Sep	Howard Brussel	23	Elul
*5-Sep	Ethel Funk	9	Elul	19-Sep	Iris Dix	23	Elul
5-Sep	Frida Wallenstein	9	Elul	*19-Sep	Kenneth D. Kopelman	23	Elul
*5-Sep	Isaac Struletz	9	Elul	19-Sep	Mary Sandak	23	Elul
5-Sep	Kenneth Kaplan	9	Elul	*19-Sep	Wynn Ebel	23	Elul
5-Sep	Lois Brussel	9	Elul	20-Sep	Evelyn Padawer	24	Elul
5-Sep	Norma S. Karesh	9	Elul	20-Sep	Harold Rainbow	24	Elul
5-Sep	Philip Spiselman	9	Elul	20-Sep	Herbert Dubovy	24	Elul
6-Sep	Abram Bernstein	10	Elul	20-Sep	Irving Rosenblum	24	Elul
6-Sep	Al Kopen	10	Elul	20-Sep	Magda Frank	24	Elul
*6-Sep	Carole Seiden	10	Elul	20-Sep	Richard Epstein	24	Elul
*6-Sep	Eva Phillips	10	Elul	*20-Sep	Sam Schlenker	24	Elul
6-Sep	Vivian Epstein	10	Elul	21-Sep	Arlene William	25	Elul
6-Sep	Willie Berman	10	Elul	21-Sep	Beatrice Lubeck	25	Elul
7-Sep	Bernard Goodman	11	Elul	21-Sep	Frank Planer	25	Elul
7-Sep	Gittie Gollish	11	Elul	21-Sep	Ida Silberman	25	Elul
7-Sep	Sol Yonks	11	Elul	*21-Sep	Joel Lebow	25	Elul
7-Sep	Solomon Krieger	11	Elul	*21-Sep	Murray Rosenzweig	25	Elul
8-Sep	Bruce Olens	12	Elul	*21-Sep	Pearl Brodsky	25	Elul
8-Sep	Carolyn Pollack	12	Elul	22-Sep	Betty Shechtman	26	Elul
8-Sep	Gladys Slutsky	12	Elul	22-Sep	Judith Cohen	26	Elul
*8-Sep	Jolantha Kronberger	12	Elul	*22-Sep	Julius Mintz	26	Elul
8-Sep	Kenneth Goodman	12	Elul	22-Sep	Sherry Harms	26	Elul
8-Sep	Milton Kramer	12	Elul	23-Sep	Bill Gardner	27	Elul
*8-Sep	Rose Hirsch	12	Elul	23-Sep	Harold Gutterman	27	Elul
*8-Sep	Tillie Goodman	12	Elul	23-Sep	Marat Barshay	27	Elul
9-Sep	Bernard Levin	13	Elul	23-Sep	Marilyn Gorlin	27	Elul
*9-Sep	Emanuel Chartash	13	Elul	24-Sep	Anita Wohlman	28	Elul
*9-Sep	Eva Smith	13	Elul	24-Sep	Arlene Karp	28	Elul
9-Sep	Nancy Arnold	13	Elul	24-Sep	Laura Levin	28	Elul
9-Sep	Oscar Reiner	13	Elul	24-Sep	Paul Barman	28	Elul
*10-Sep	Belle Goldman	14	Elul	*25-Sep	Ethel Silverberg	29	Elul
*10-Sep	Erwin Kantor	14	Elul	25-Sep	Hariette Zinsenheim	29	Elul
10-Sep	Louis Siegel	14	Elul	*25-Sep	Steven Mitchell	29	Elul
10-Sep	Martin Trueheart	14	Elul	26-Sep	Helen Rabin	1	Tishrei
*10-Sep	Pearl Levy	14	Elul	26-Sep	Reba Buxbaum	1	Tishrei
10-Sep	Yaakov Rosenberg	14	Elul	*26-Sep	Sylvia Bercuson	1	Tishrei
12-Sep	Abe Oresky	16	Elul	27-Sep	Abraham C. Mintz	2	Tishrei
*12-Sep	Dorothy Bader	16	Elul	*27-Sep	Arleen E. Shams	2	Tishrei
*12-Sep	Gustav Tritt	16	Elul	27-Sep	Eliazer Sommer	2	Tishrei
*12-Sep	Helen Fisher	16	Elul	27-Sep	Jack Lambert	2	Tishrei
12-Sep	Sheila Cohen	16	Elul	27-Sep	Richard Becker	2	Tishrei
13-Sep	Diane Silverman	17	Elul	28-Sep	Adam Greenberg	3	Tishrei
13-Sep	Lea Turner	17	Elul	28-Sep	Harold Foster	3	Tishrei
14-Sep	Janet Rita Katz	18	Elul	28-Sep	Ida Neff	3	Tishrei
14-Sep	Lena Rudy	18	Elul	*28-Sep	Isadore Frankel	3	Tishrei
14-Sep	Michael Smith	18	Elul	28-Sep	Patrick Ryan	3	Tishrei
15-Sep	Estelle Slomovitz	19	Elul	*29-Sep	Kenneth Silberstein	4	Tishrei
15-Sep	Mickey Low	19	Elul	*29-Sep	Robin Cipinko	4	Tishrei
15-Sep	Rebecca Bodenstein	19	Elul	29-Sep	Sidney Garron	4	Tishrei
15-Sep	Shira Levin	19	Elul	*29-Sep	Solomon Safran	4	Tishrei
*15-Sep	Stanley Tinter	19	Elul	29-Sep	Sylvia Gordon	4	Tishrei
*15-Sep	Stephen Krosner	19	Elul	30-Sep	Gerson Levy	5	Tishrei
				30-Sep	Judy Friedman	5	Tishrei
				30-Sep	Magda Kamelgarn	5	Tishrei

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 (8 Elul) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	5 (9 Elul) Labor Day Synagogue Office Closed Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p	6 (10 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club Mtg. 7p	7 (11 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p PS Faculty Mtg. 7p <i>Lilmode</i> : Struggling w/ the Concept of God w/ Rabbi Miller 7p	8 (12 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p S'hood Board Mtg. 7p	9 (13 Elul) Candle Lighting 7:44p	10 (14 Elul) Ki Teitzei Shabbat L'Kulam 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:45a
11 (15 Elul) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School and Pre-K in session 9:15a Library Mtg. 9:30a Minyan Breakfast 10a Chaverim Event 12:15p Young Adults Free Concert 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p	12 (16 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch 8:30a Chai Five 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p <i>Lilmode</i> : Getting Com- fortable at Etz Chaim: Our Customs & Quirks w/Rabbi Dorsch 7p	13 (17 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Executive Committee Mtg. 7:15p	14 (18 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p	15 (19 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	16 (20 Elul) Candle Lighting 7:35p	17 (21 Elul) Ki Tavo Shabbat Services 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:45a Selichot 8:30p
18 (22 Elul) Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a 1st Gr. Families 9:30a Minyan Breakfast 10a S'hood Book Club 10a Geshet Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustee 7p	19 (23 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	20 (24 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Schmooze on Zoom 3p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	21 (25 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p	22 (26 Elul) Preschool Cool Cats Tashlich Walk Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	23 (27 Elul) Candle Lighting 7:25p	24 (28 Elul) Nitzavim Shabbat Services 9:30a Shabbat Ends 8:22p
25 (29 Elul) Erev Rosh Hashanah No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Minyan Breakfast 10a Service Times Pg. 23 Candle Lighting 7:13p	26 (1 Tishrei) Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Tashlich Preschool Closed Synagogue Offices Close Service Times Pg. 23 Young Adults Happy Hour @ Bayit 12p Candle Lighting 8:11p	27 (2 Tishrei) Rosh Hashanah Day 2 No RS or PS Synagogue Offices Close Service Times Pg. 23 Rosh Hashanah Ends 8:18p	28 (3 Tishrei) Fast of Gedalia Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	29 (4 Tishrei) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	30 (5 Tishrei) Candle Lighting 7:15p	Candle Lighting 7:06p

Selichot 2022
Teshuvah in the Middle East:
Changing Attitudes Toward the State of Israel
with guest speakers and congregants Evan Charles and Phil Jacoby

September 17, at 8:00 p.m.
at Etz Chaim

Join us for wine and cheese, snacks, discussion,
Havdallah and Selichot Service



Celebrate the New Year with Us!

Young Adults
Rosh Hashanah
Reception
September 26

Meet us at
The Bayit
directly after
the Rabbi's sermon

1202 Fairfield Drive
Marietta, GA 30068

For attendees 21+

Tashlich Service
Monday, September 26, at 5:15 p.m.

Join Congregation Etz Chaim and Temple Kol Emeth at one of the following locations as we cast away our sins of the past year.

- East Cobb Park
- Hampton Woods/Butler's Gate
- East Hampton



High Holiday Schedule 2022 / 5783

ROSH HASHANAH	
Sunday Evening, September 25	6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 26	
Morning Service (Shacharit) *	8:30 a.m.
Babysitting (Infant to Pre-K)	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Young Family Service (Infant to Pre-K)	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (Lutheran Church)
Chavaya (Kindergarten to 1 st Grade)_	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
Chavaya (2 nd to 3 rd Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
Chavaya (4 th to 5 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
<i>Young Adults Reception</i>	Following Rabbi's sermon/approx. noon
Pre-Teen & Teen Service (6 th to 12 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – noon (Lutheran Church)
Tashlich at East Cobb Park	5:15 p.m.
Tashlich at Hampton Woods	5:15 p.m.
Tashlich at East Hampton	5:15 p.m.
Evening Service (Mincha/Ma'ariv)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 27	
Morning Service (Shacharit)*	8:30 a.m.
Babysitting (Infant to Pre-K)	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Family Service (K to 5 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Lutheran Church)
Pre-Teen & Teen Service (6 th to 12 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – noon (Lutheran Church)
Evening Service (Mincha/Ma'ariv)	6:30 p.m.
KOL NIDRE	
Tuesday, October 4	
Mincha Service **	6:30 p.m.
Kol Nidre	7:00 p.m.
YOM KIPPUR	
Wednesday, October 5	
Morning Service (Shacharit)*	8:30 a.m.
Babysitting (Infant to Pre-K)	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Young Family Service (Infant to Pre-K)	9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (Lutheran Church)
Chavaya (Kindergarten to 1 st Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
Chavaya (2 nd to 3 rd Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
Chavaya (4 th to 5 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Etz Chaim)
Pre-Teen & Teen Service (6 th to 12 th Grade)	10:00 a.m. – noon (Lutheran Church)
Yizkor (approximate start time)	11:30 a.m.
Afternoon service (Mincha)	5:00 p.m.
Closing Service (Neilah)	6:40 p.m.
Evening Service (Ma'ariv)	7:40 p.m.
Shofar Sounds	7:54 p.m.
*Doors open in the morning at 7:30 a.m. ** Doors open for Mincha at 6:00 p.m.	
SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH	
Monday, October 10	
Sukkot Services	9:30 a.m.
Preschool Family Sukkot Experience	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11	
Sukkot Services	9:30 a.m.
<i>Wine tasting to follow, sponsored by The Prime Timers</i>	
Monday, October 17	
Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service	9:30 a.m.
Simchat Torah Family Experience	5:30 p.m.
Simchat Torah Dinner – By Reservation	6:00 p.m.
Simchat Torah Celebration	6:45 p.m.
Simchat Torah Dessert Reception	7:45 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18	
Simchat Torah Service	9:30 a.m.
Preschool Family Simchat Torah Experience	10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

שנה טובה
Happy New Year



 Congregation
ETZ CHAIM
creating meaningful Jewish experiences



SukkahFest

Etz Chaim's Fall Music Festival

Sunday, October 9

from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Outdoor Sanctuary, Sukkah and Back Parking Lot

Rain or Shine. Walk-ins are always welcome!

(If it rains, this will take place inside.)

This event is sponsored in loving memory of Ira Altfeder z"l,
a lover of Jewish music.

Food is available for purchase.

Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Outdoor Concert and More!

Fun for all ages! You won't want to miss this event!

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/sukkahfest2022

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068

**ETZ CHAIM
Young Adults**

Sukkot Dinner with the Rabbis
Thursday, October 13
6:00 p.m.
in the synagogue sukkah

This event is rain or shine. If there is inclement weather, we will meet inside Etz Chaim's building.

RSVP at:
etzchaim.net/event/yasukkotdinner

OPERATION ISAIAH צדקה

The 32nd ANNIVERSARY of Operation Isaiah.
Operation Isaiah will kick off on
September 22 and will conclude on October 19!

The Jewish community and Atlanta Community Food Bank have come together year after year for one mission and our partnership has been able to provide well over one million meals to individuals, children, seniors, and working families.

This year, there is a link if you would like to donate online or create a team.

To sign up as a team for Operation Isaiah go to:

<https://give.acfb.org/OperationIsaiah>

Sukkot Schedule 5783 / 2022

Sunday, October 9 - 11:30 a.m. Erev Sukkot - SukkahFest

Monday, October 10 - 9:30 a.m. Sukkot Services

10:30 a.m. Sukkot Family Program

7:00 p.m. Men's Club Ribeyes with the Rabbis in the Sukkah

Tuesday, October 11 - 9:30 a.m. Sukkot Services

Noon Vines and Wines: A Wine Tasting

Wednesday, October 12 - 6:30 a.m. USY Wacky in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 13 - 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Dinner in the Sukkah with the Rabbi

Sunday, October 16 - Hoshana Rabah

Monday, October 17 - 9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service

What a wonderful Prime Timers Kick Off Brunch we had on August 14. Thanks again to Norman and Simone Marinoff and their helpers for all their hard work in putting this together.

Our next event is Vines and Wines: A Wine Tasting in the sukkah. More details, see the ad below:



Vines and Wines: A Wine Tasting *Tuesday, October 11* *Second Day of Sukkot*

*Join us immediately following services
at approximately 12 noon in the sukkah.*

All are welcome ~ 21 and over

The wine tasting will be conducted by Kroger at Parkaire.

Sponsored by The Prime Timers

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/vines&wines2022



Join us the day of Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.

as we honor

Ellen and Pip Spandorfer
our Kallat Beresheit and Chatan Torah
for their service to Etz Chaim



Kiddush lunch to follow

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/KallahChatan2022

PRIDE SHABBAT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
9:30 A.M.



Join us for a special Pride Shabbat Service
Learn about Congregation Etz Chaim's
commitment to our inclusive kehillah (community)
and what programming is available from the
CEC Pride Alliance celebrating our LGBTQ+ community.



www.etzchaim.net/cec-pride-alliance



Congregation Etz Chaim | 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. | Marietta, GA 30068 | 770-973-0137

www.etzchaim.net

Tzedakah Project for JF&CS' Kosher Food Pantry

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

Canned tuna and salmon, shelf stable milk, cereal, pasta sauce, [peanut](#) butter, jelly, Publix brand macaroni and cheese, kosher soup and soup packets.

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

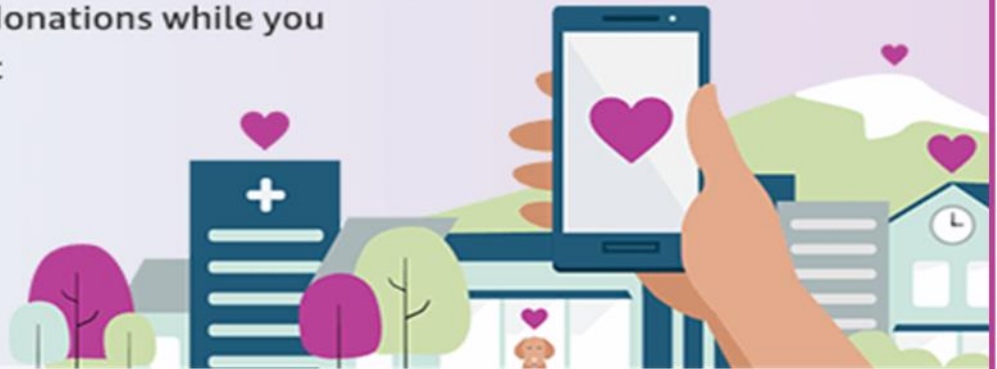
For more information, contact Bob Beer at bob@bobbeer.com



New in the Amazon app

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

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

How it works:

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



Weekly Schmooze on Zoom!

Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

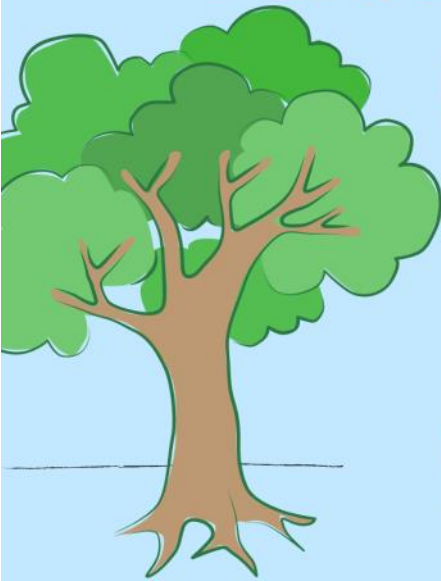
facilitated by Esther Shultz

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>

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



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

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

www.etzchaim.net/form/jnftrees

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

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



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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 Leah the synagogue office at 770-973-0137.

Artists Collective

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

Movie Group

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

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 laulav6@gmail.com or Malka Riesenbergl at malka217@gmail.com.

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

Canasta Group Are you interested in starting a canasta game? Contact [Leah Green](mailto:Leah.Green) if you are interested.



Etz Chaim is Hiring!

Openings in our Religious School:

Religious School Teacher Days/Hours are:

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

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Facilities Openings:

Maintenance Part-Time

Maintenance Full-Time (benefits included)



www.etzchaim.net/form/joinourteam

Tzedakah • צדקה

Contributions processed from July 2—31, 2022

CYNTHIA R. FREEMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of:

Robert "Bob" Kirschner, beloved father of Michele (Sid) Gelernter, beloved grandfather of Mackenzie Gelernter and Marc Gelernter

Joseph and Lori Freeman

PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Alan Silverman. We hope you are back in great health and shooting par in no time! With love, Linda and Bert

Linda and Bert Wolfe

GENERAL FUND

In celebration of:

Sandy Rothstein's special birthday
Donna Ross, Freddie and Cecily Ross

In memory of:

Jayne Adair, mother and grandmother, loved and remembered

Craig, Susan, Paige, and Cami Adair

Jane Cohen

Jeremy Cohen

Bob Kirschner

Lisa and Sam Olens

Sidney Rothstein, father and grandfather. All our love all our life.

Susan, Craig, Paige, and Cami Adair

Betty Greenfeld

Terri and Scott Rittenberg

RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of:

the baby naming of Shai Josephson

Shira and Ben Josephson

In memory of:

Charlotte Berg

Douglas and Eileen Cohen

Joyce Barbara Isbitts

Elaine and Jay Schwartz

Chaya Visenberg, loving grandmother. You were sunshine on a rainy day for us. You are missed a lot. Unfortunately, you were not able to meet your wonderful great grandson Meylakh, who has a beautiful soul. With love.

Galina and Meylakh Barshay

my mother Eleanor Mendel

Jane Simon

Elaine Sandak (7/19), Arthur Hoffman (7/27), Rita Hoffman (8/3)

Larry Sandak

Harry Diamond

Michael, Linda, Sarah and Benjamin

Mildred Itzkowitz, my loving mother

Rosalind Reiss

RABBI MILLER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

My father, Earl Fairchild

Steve Fairchild

RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:

Charlotte Berg

Douglas and Eileen Cohen

BOB GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of:

Joyce Isbitts

Miriam and Robert Rosenbaum

LILMODE-ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In appreciation of:

Cheryl Eppsteiner for all of your help with Lilmode. I and CEC appreciate the value you bring to the program!

Bonnie Silverman

In celebration of:

Robert and Miriam Rosenbaum's new home. We wish you much fun and love in your new home.

Sandy and Richard Smith

LINDA H. WEINROTH EDUCATION FUND

In appreciation of:

Debbie Deutsch's continued service to providing additional support and education to our youth...and making it fun!

Alix Combs

In memory of:

Pearl Stickgold, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, on her yahrzeit

Allan and Vivian Levine

the yahrzeit of Morris Elkan
Jeffrey and Stephanie Knauer

My father, Leslie Reicher, on his yahrzeit
John Reicher

MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

In memory of:

Louis Silverberg

Herbert and Sheila Blatt

PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

In memory of:

the Yahrzeit of my beloved grandfather Poppa Lou (Angster)

Neda Gayle

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Alan, my son. May you have a speedy and complete recovery and be back on the golf course very soon. I love you with every fiber in my body. Dad

Bob Silverman

PRESCHOOL

In memory of:

Ruth and Aaron Epstein, my loving parents. Sheri Frohlich. Still missing you greatly.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Tema Rothenberg

Bob Gordon

Herman B. Trotz, our loving father

Ronni and David Beker





**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2022-2023**

*Membership includes Chapter dues and registration,
in addition to all non-specialty programs held at Etz Chaim or the Bayit.*

	Etz Chaim Members	Non-Etz Chaim Members
Chalutzim (Grades K, 1, and 2)	\$60	\$78
Chaverim (Grades 3, 4, and 5)	\$70	\$88
Gesher (Grades 6, 7, and 8)	\$80*	\$98
USY (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)	\$90	\$108

**If you became a Bar or Bat-Mitzvah at Etz Chaim, your 8th grade Gesher Membership is FREE!*

IF YOU JOIN BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH, TAKE \$15 OFF THE RATES ABOVE!

All checks should be made out to: Congregation Etz Chaim
(Please note **Youth Group Membership** on the memo line)

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Grade ('22- '23): _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
 School Attending: _____ T-Shirt Size: __ Child __ Adult // S M L XL XXL

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Child Lives with Me! Y or N Jewish? Y or N
 Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Child Lives with Me! Y or N Jewish? Y or N
 Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

EMERGENCY, SAFETY, AND SECURITY INFORMATION

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Member Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ Address: _____

*We understand that we have participants whose success may depend on their unique needs being addressed. For the success, and overall health & safety of your child, please list all psychological and/or medical information we should know about them here, including medications (name/dosage/frequency):

*Your child(ren)'s privacy is very important to us. Great care will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of this information. The Youth Director will share this information with your child(ren)'s youth group advisor(s), the Synagogue Executive Director, and appropriate medical personnel only when deemed necessary.

I give permission for my child(ren) to take over-the-counter medications under supervision from the Youth Director or his/her designee:

acetaminophen ibuprofen antihistamine decongestant

If parents cannot be reached, please give the name and phone numbers of two people responsible for your child(ren):

Name: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Please list any additional information we should be aware of, including other extracurricular activities:

**CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT
CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND RELEASE**

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Programs for the 2022-2023 year. I understand that this permission form grants permission for my child to travel to activities on any mode of transportation selected, including, but not limited to a coach bus, school bus, minivan, van, personal vehicle, taxi or any other form of transportation for any event, including chapter events, sub-regional events or regional events during the 2022-2023 year.

I hereby agree to hold Congregation Etz Chaim, it's Officers, Directors, agents, servants, employees and representatives free from any and all liability resulting from any injuries which might occur to my child named above. In the event of an injury to the child while participating in the program, every reasonable attempt would be made to notify me. Should I, for whatever reason, not be able to be contacted by reasonable efforts, I grant permission to those in charge to seek and administer any and all necessary and/or required medical attention and/or treatment for my child and I further grant permission and authorization to any hospital, doctor or medical personnel to administer whatever care and treatment they deem necessary for the best interest of my child, and I expressly agree to assume full financial responsibility for all costs and related expenses arising as a result and to hold Congregation Etz Chaim and all of its organizations and employees harmless from any such liability and agree to indemnify them.

I understand that disruptive behavior by my child will not be tolerated and may result in my child being suspended from upcoming events and/or activities or asked to leave the program. I have discussed these rules with my child, and he/she is aware of the same.

Unless this box is checked , I agree to allow Congregation Etz Chaim and/or its related Departments, to publish for general circulation in any media, Internet, etc., any photographs, video clips, artwork, audio clips, involving any activity in which my child has participated.

All checks will be made out to Congregation Etz Chaim unless otherwise stated on a flyer or application. The Youth Department prefers checks rather than cash. Due to the amount of pre-planning involved, there will be no refunds made for cancellations after deadline date. Please adhere to deadlines. All moneys can be turned into the Youth Director via the office at Etz Chaim or at any youth program. No money will be accepted without proper paperwork. If payments are mailed, please address the envelope to the Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Director and make sure to allow enough time for it to arrive.

Parent's Signature

Date

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Arrival/Dismissal

All participants are expected to arrive before the start of each program and be picked up after each program concludes. If any parent must pick up their child early, they should reach out to the Youth Director and/or Advisor(s) in a timely fashion. If any child is being picked up by an adult other than their own parent or sibling, the Youth Director must receive written notice, whether through email or a signed letter provided at drop-off. USYers of driving age are not allowed to drive during any program.

Behavior

All Youth Department participants are to treat each other with respect and dignity. At no time will any derogatory remarks toward one another be tolerated.

Hukei Habayit (House Rules)

With the understanding that we have different participants who are setup for success in different ways, we ask that no pets are brought into the Bayit, unless a specific activity/program asks for them. All food brought into the Etz Chaim Bayit must be marked kosher or approved by the Youth Director or Rabbi. Participants will not be allowed to leave their program unless the Advisor(s)/Youth Director deem the Bayit cleaned. In the spirit of fostering independence, we ask that Parents, unless in an official volunteer capacity, do not join us during programs.

Dress Codes

The dress code will vary from program to program. It is mandatory, however, that all those who identify as male, while in the Synagogue, wear kippot. While in the Sanctuary, everyone must have their shoulders covered. Shorts, skirts and skorts must be an appropriate length. Shirts cannot show midriff, back or cleavage and must be free of inappropriate language or insignia. Tank top straps must be two fingers in width.

Financials & Financial Assistance

While most programs that happen at Etz Chaim or the Bayit will be covered by your dues, some specialty programs (like Chocolate Seder) may incur an additional fee. All monies must be paid at the program, or in advance. Late payments may incur an additional fee. Checks are preferred and should be made out to *Congregation Etz Chaim* with the activity and participants name on the memo line. We believe that financial need should never stop a child from participating in any of our programs. Please reach out to our Youth Director at YouthDirector@EtzChaim.net, for more information or if you have any questions.

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