

**It's Time For
Shabbat in the Park**
at East Cobb Park
Friday, August 18
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Join us for:

- **Fun and games for all**
- **Affinity Group information**
- **Dinner made by our Men's Club master grillers**
- **Beautiful Shabbat Service**

Cost: \$15 per person/\$40 per family

Water is provided. Please bring any additional beverages.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with preparations.

**TO RSVP for the event & to volunteer, go to
www.etzchaim.net/event/sitp2023**

Inside this issue:

From Our Rabbinic Fellow
Page 2

From Our Executive Director
Page 2

From Our President
Page 3

Department of Education
Pages 4-5, 8, 13 and 22

Director of Engagement and
Youth Programming
Page 6 and 27

Our Etz Chaim Community
Page 7

Men's Club Notes
Page 10

Sisterhood Scoop
Pages 11 and 23

Lilmode Programs
Pages 14 and 15

Pride Alliance
Page 19

Young Adults
Page 18

Yahrzeits
Page 20

Calendar
Page 21

High Holiday Information
Pages 12, 24 - 25 & 28

Library News
Page 26

Israel Tour w/Rabbi Dorsch
Pages 13

Tzedakah
Pages 29 - 33

Daily Minyan Times:

Sunday Mornings:
9:15 a.m.

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

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

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

(in-person & Livestream)

www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream

Jonathon Adler
Rabbinic Fellow



Shalom, Y'all! I am so excited to be joining the Etz Chaim community as your Rabbinic Fellow for the coming year.

Since most of you do not know me yet, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I grew up in Toledo, Ohio, at a synagogue called Etz Chayim! I retired from my first career as a hotel concierge in New York City to attend The Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. I am entering my final year of school and will be commuting between New York City and Marietta. My mother, z"l, grew up about 60 miles away in Rome, GA, so I feel a strong sense of coming home, of return, when I am in the Peach State. It's no wonder that peaches are among my favorite fruits. My grandparents who lived in Rome were deeply committed to their synagogue community; they were also very much involved in civic leadership and social justice. I kvell when I get to share the lessons they taught me about their experiences there in the 1950's and early 60's in my teaching.

One of the myriad reasons I decided to become a rabbi is my love for Jewish community. Being able to share in the leadership of a community as heimish as this one is a dream come true. I'm also passionate about tefillah, teaching, and Jewish music. In addition to Rabbinic Ordination, I am pursuing a Master's in Sacred Music.

In addition to my passion for things Jewish, I've also always been involved in creative arts. Currently, I spend time doing needlepoint or knitting. I'm quite passionate about making music. The Performing Arts, particularly musical theatre, have always been quite high on my list. I am also a huge fan of spending time in the kitchen; baking challah on Fridays is a beloved ritual. And I can't wait for my first Braves game!

As August begins, we are rapidly approaching the High Holidays. On the 18th, we enter the month of Elul, our time of reflection and teshuvah as the Yamim Noraim approach. It's a time to think about what we could have done better over the past year and to contemplate what we might do differently during the coming year.

I know that 5784 will bring a lot of new and different opportunities for me. I will be leading many activities and events at Etz Chaim. These include musical Kabbalat Shabbat services, Chai Five learning with our 8th and 9th graders, as well as our Simchat Torah and Purim celebrations. I am especially excited about getting to know as many of you as possible. Please reach out to me (rabbiadler@etzchaim.net) to schedule a time to get together, either when I'm in Marietta, or by Zoom if I'm in New York.

As I close my introduction to all of you, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to Rabbi Dorsch and President Jamie Platt Lyons for a wonderful interview process. I also must thank all of you for welcoming me with open arms.

In the Book of Proverbs, we read about the Etz Chaim, the Tree of Life. We are told that those who grasp it are happy. For me, in this moment, as I grasp this Etz Chaim, happy is an inadequate word to describe how blessed and grateful I am.

Marty Gilbert
Executive Director



"I managed good, but boy did they play bad." ~Rocky Bridges

Once again as with most of the last 56 years, the Mets will not win the World Series. They won't even make the playoffs even with the "watered-down, extra revenue generating" expanding MLB playoff structure.

Sure, it helps with fan interest, extra attendance, more concession sales, etc.; but it can also work against the teams with the best records moving forward. Just ask the San Francisco Giants from two years ago.

So my baseball season is over, and football doesn't look much better.

The only saving grace is that I can now get NFL Sunday Ticket through YouTube TV rather than Direct TV. I will probably tape the NY Giants games so I don't have to waste Sunday afternoons in front of the TV. Just don't tell me the score if you see me.

The next few months should be interesting between the Braves and College Football.

In between tailgating and post season baseball, we have a lot going on here as well:

We welcome Rabbi Adler to Etz Chaim on a more regular basis.

- First day of Preschool: August 8
- Prime Timers Kick-off: August 13
- Shabbat in the Park: August 18
- First day of Religious School: August 20

I look forward to seeing everyone very soon after what I hope was an enjoyable summer.

Just remember, if it's on a Pro Football Sunday, don't tell me the Giants score.

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



Jamie Platt Lyons
President

Your Time is Now - Etz Chaim Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

I hope everyone had a great summer and you are gearing up for a wonderful fall. There are so many things to catch up on and I'm going to start with some changes to our Board of Trustees. Many of you know and love Marsha Shrago, who (in addition to being a beloved congregant, volunteer extraordinaire, and all-around terrific person) was our fabulous VP of Engagement for the last 18 months. In June, Marsha moved to Connecticut to be closer to her family. With Marsha's move, Audrey Fried-Sheets (our previous Secretary/VP of Communications) agreed to fill Marsha's vacancy on the Executive Committee as VP of Engagement. To fill Audrey's vacancy, the Board of Trustees elected Lisa Dubovy as Secretary/VP of Communications. Filling vacancies created by resignations can be done by the Board of Trustees and does not need a congregational vote.

That said, a congregational vote is coming up in December at our synagogue annual meeting. Every December our members elect a new slate of people to serve on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees. August is the time of year when these changes and new opportunities begin to take shape. Linda Pollock, our current Parliamentarian, is forming this year's **Nominating Committee**. Serving on the Nominating Committee is a behind-the-scenes role that lasts for a finite period of time. The committee taps our future leaders for next year's Board positions and we need a cross-section of congregants to help with this process. If you are interested in serving on this year's Nominating Committee, please contact Linda Pollock.

If you want to help Etz Chaim in a more consistent or longer-lasting role or even if you want to be a one-time volunteer, we have plenty of openings as well. As you know, I've challenged folks to participate in the "**Never Have I Ever – Etz Chaim Edition**". I hope folks will try something new for themselves at Etz Chaim: to re-engage and get involved in an event, a group, a ritual, anything that you've not done before.

Right now we are looking for volunteers to help with **Shabbat in the Park**. We need people to set up, clean up, shop, bake, and more. The event is coming up on **Friday, August 18, at 5:30 p.m. at East Cobb Park**. Back by popular demand, **Men's Club** is cooking dinner! You could step-up to help in a variety of ways. If you've not done anything like this before, this is an opportunity to try something new at Etz Chaim.

If Shabbat in the Park is not your thing, we have a number of kickoff events and new starts coming up in August...try getting involved in other areas of the synagogue. In addition to Men's Club (mentioned above), below are just a few options:

August 8 – First day of **Preschool** (get involved on the Preschool Board, in the classroom, or in other areas of the preschool)

August 13 – **Prime Timers** Kickoff Brunch

August 15 - **Young Adults** Kickoff @ Taco Mac

August 20 – First Day of **Religious School** (get involved on the Board, help with snacks on Tuesday afternoons, be a room parent, or help in any other areas of the school)


August 20 – **Sisterhood** Membership Kickoff event

August 27 – **Lilmode** Kickoff event

Throughout August and September, we have kickoff events for each youth group (**Chalutzim** (grades K-2); **Chaverim** (grades 3-5); **Gesher** (grades 6-8); and **Sababa USY** (grades 9-12) If you have a child in kindergarten through high school, there is a place for you on the **Youth Commission** – the adult lay leadership group that supports our **Youth Department**.

College Connection is gearing up for another school year of sending small packages and notes to the college-age kids of our members. Our woodworking project from Art for a Mitzvah are still selling some of the amazing wooden boxes they crafted by hand. Our long-standing and newly formed **Havurot** are connecting our members. The Etz Chaim **Chesed Committee** continues to provide food platters at shiva minyans for congregants who have lost loved ones.


As you can see, there are long-term, short-term, and one-time opportunities to play a leadership role at Etz Chaim. If you have never gotten involved before (or even if you have), I challenge you to do so now. Join me, join all of us, and help strengthen and grow our Etz Chaim community.



Mark Your Calendar

September/October	Deadline: Tuesday, August 1
November	Deadline: Monday, October 1
December	Deadline: Wednesday, November 1

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



Department of Education

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRESCHOOL

Wednesday, **8/2**

New Parent Orientation

Sunday, **8/6**

Family Meet & Greet
(4:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, **8/8**

First Day of Preschool

Friday, **8/18**

Etz Shabbat in the Park

Monday, **8/21**

Cool Cats, Puppies, Busy
Bees, & Monkeys Parent
Preview
(7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, **8/22**

Ladybugs & Butterflies
Parent Preview
(7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Friday, **8/11**

7th Grade Shabbat Dinner

Friday, **8/18**

Etz Shabbat in the Park

Sunday, **8/20**

First Day Religious School

Sunday, **8/27**

First Day Pre-K

Sunday, **8/27**

Gan Class Family
Workshop



Debbie Deusch

Director of Education...Here We Go!!

I have to believe that I'm not the only one who did it... I can't possibly be the only one who blinked and realized that summer is in the rearview mirror. When you read this, public school will have begun, and the day schools are not far behind. Both schools will be beginning their planning sessions and although I am disappointed that summer is over, I am so excited about the start of another school year. It's true, I'm one of those strange people who always looks forward to seeing our kids. (As a side note, Rabbi Dorsch and I went up to Camp Barney for a quick visit this summer. It was a pleasure to see our kids in their element and I was delighted at the hugs and warm greetings we got from all the Etz Chaim kids – campers and staff alike.) But back to the beginning of the school year...

I look forward to the new ideas we are bringing forth, like the lifecycles unit in 7th grade or the every other month hands-on mitzvah opportunities for 6th grade. Last year our teachers and madrichim sang the praises of paired learning and activities between older and younger grades, and this year we will have more targeted sessions for combined age groups.

I'm looking forward to the return of grade level Shabbat dinners. I'm excited about our **Meet and Greet on Sunday, August 13, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** where all Religious School families will come in to meet their teaching team and participate in a fun activity in each class.

I'm thrilled that our faculty is growing and changing and look forward to introducing them to you in the coming months. And the cherry on top of this new school year is Rabbi Adler joining our Etz Chaim team. We are all looking forward to having his expertise and enthusiasm in Sunday morning tefillah, visits with our classes, and working with our 8th and 9th graders during their Chai Five program on Thursday nights.

Get ready - it's going to be a great year!



Lauren Chernau

Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

Camp Ruach! 2023 is now behind us, and what a great summer we had! We became superheroes and rock stars. We enjoyed a week under the big top and one under the sea. We became spies and had fun going on missions. We enjoyed a week down on the farm and even had a real petting zoo visit us. We created many inventions and finished our last week exploring and learning all about planes, boats, and rockets. It was, most definitely, a successful summer!

Camp Ruach!'s success is very much attributed to the amazing staff of counselors, assistant counselors, and junior counselors that spent their summer with us. I would like to personally thank Stefani Faer, Alyssa Deal, Amber Kendrick, Debbie Minkin, Nikki Riviere, Savanna Benson, Kyle Jacobs, Lori Feibel, Roxanne Measroch, Madelyn Chernau, Lian Kleinman, Amy Szumstein, Emre Shepard, Selah Brothers, Mia Kleinman, Kaydence Malcom, Eli Slomovitz, Ezra Barchichat, Talia England, Kayla Kleinman, Gavin Feibel, and Ari Kart. And a special "thank you" to Leah Green, who took on the role of Assistant Camp Director and did such a great job. These people worked together to plan and execute an amazing summer for our campers! Reflecting on these past weeks, I feel proud of the number of campers we brought in and for the wonderful experience we provided for them. And now, as I look forward to planning for next year, I hope to build on the ideas and plans that we created this summer and continue to see Camp Ruach! grow!



**See page 13 for information about our
B'Yachad Program for 8th & 9th Graders!**



Leah Green

Director of Engagement and Youth Programming

I hope you had the most fantastic summer as I know I did! At Camp Ruach!, it was an absolute pleasure to help this summer. I enjoyed being with the preschoolers and kindergartners and it brought me back to my teaching days. I was also the camp's photographer. I got to witness all the fun and share photos with the parents too! One of my favorite parts was the petting zoo and seeing the kids' faces when they saw a real-life pig for the first time and got to touch it, like "whaaat... I get to touch it and not just stand outside the fence?" It was a cool experience. But nothing beat when Elvis came to Camp Ruach! My brother, Dr. Max Green, dressed like Elvis, played guitar, sang, and danced... like Elvis, all for Rockstar week (week two of camp). The kids were asking, "where's the rockstar?" for weeks after that. It was absolutely amazing and hilarious to see my brother let loose and open up to all the children. These kids will brighten any day and I'm so thankful to have worked so closely with them. Not to mention the amazing staff and counselors I worked with. The flexibility, empathy, care, and compassion these teachers have for every kid and every situation makes me so proud to be able to work alongside them. Thank you for sending your kids to Camp Ruach! It means the world to me and I hope your kids had a fantastic experience.



Mondays Canasta/Mah Jongg is still a go! Join us every **Monday from 10:00 a.m. - noon** (when the building is open) in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. We have snacks and friendly faces of all skill levels!

Shabbat in the Park is coming up quickly and we look forward to kick off the year with this celebration. It will be at **East Cobb Park on Friday, August 18, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** We will have all kinds of fun activities for the children at the park, information about our Affinity Groups, and Men's Club will be grilling! It is \$15 per person and \$40 for a family of three years old and above for members. It is free for prospective and new members as of September 2022! Please RSVP at this link: [Shabbat in the Park](#).

Hi Youth Groupies!

We are gearing up for the school year and YOUTH GROUP!! The **first youth group event** is on **Sunday, August 27, from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. at the Bayit**. Lunch is provided. It is a Chalutzim event for K - 2nd graders. Sunday, September 3, is the first Chaverim (3rd - 5th graders) event of the year, and Sunday, September 10, will be Geshet (6th - 8th graders). Pickup is at the Bayit, at 1:45 p.m. The first Wacky Wednesday is from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, with minyan first, then on to the Bayit afterwards. Pickup is at the Bayit from 8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided. We can't wait to see you there! Event flyers and RSVP links will be sent out via email one-two weeks before each program. Please sign up for a youth group at this link: [Youth Department Registration](#). We are so excited to start this year!

For a complete listing of program dates by group, see page 27.

ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:

HONEY FROM THE HEART

Send a jar of honey to your friends and family this high holiday season and support our programming.

Cost is \$14 per jar. Free shipping on orders placed by August 1 with August 25 delivery.

Orders received After August 1 will have a \$7.00 shipping charge added per jar.

Final Deadline, August 25 for September 1 delivery.

www.etzchaim.net/buyhoney



Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Ellen and Steve Perlow on the birth of their two new granddaughters, Noa Virginia, born May 22, to Catherine and Jacob Perlow and Joni Rochelle, born June 16, to Jenna and Ben Perlow

Malka and Barry Riesenbergs on the birth of their granddaughter, Noa Rose, born June 16, to Tal Riesenbergs and Alicia Edgar

Stacy Efrat on her appointment to the Cobb County Board of Elections

Gary R. Deutsch on the publishing of his book, "I've Got Levys in my Genes: An introductory guide to Jewish Genealogy"

Arlene and Glenn La Vine on their 50th wedding anniversary

Our Condolences to...

Maury Shapiro on the passing of his beloved mother, Rhoda Shapiro

Paula Coplon on the passing of her beloved sister-in-law, Leah Safer

Alan Silverman on the passing of his beloved father and congregant, Bob Silverman

Marcy Caras on the passing of her beloved mother, Frances Levy

Dr. Lawrence Nathan on the passing of his beloved mother, Audrey Nathan

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Ron Judenberg
Linda Weinroth

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

Andrew Lebish
2705 Bonaire Terrace
Marietta, GA 30066
770-330-5424
andrewlebish2000@gmail.com

Laura Cowan-Hobbs and Chris Hobbs
11655 Wildwood Springs Dr.

Roswell, GA 30075
Laura Cell: 781-249-8838
lj.cowan@gmail.com
Chris Cell: 202-247-8467
chobbs19@gmail.com

Sarah and Mathias Salamon
3002 Colemont Court
Marietta, GA 30062

Sarah Cell: 561-558-7603
sararsalamon@gmail.com
Mathias Cell: 954-290-1999
mbsalamon@gmail.com

David Gorvy
5300 Peachtree Road., Unit 1603
Atlanta, GA 30341
dgorvy@yahoo.com

Nicole Belotserkovskiy and Ben Davison
1705 Whitfield Parc Circle, SE
Smyrna, GA 30080
Nicole Cell: 678-431-6888
nicolebelot94@gmail.com
Ben Cell: 770-656-0598
beneagle08@gmail.com

New Email Addresses...

Evelyn Breit
embreit@bellsouth.net

John and Marylan Karp
Jmkarp67@gmail.com

Susan Cohn
skcohn@gmail.com



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



Prime Timers Kickoff Brunch

August 13 | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall at Etz Chaim

Come **schmooze, eat,** and try out your music knowledge while playing **musical bingo** with a DJ. Prizes for all winners.

\$18.00 per person

Your payment is your RSVP.

Please RSVP by August 9.

Save the date: September 10 - Red Top Mountain

For questions, please contact:

Debbie and Irwin Berman or Esther and Charlie Harrison
dlberman2@gmail.com, imberman2@gmail.com
eharrisonkamel@aol.com, charlieharrison@aol.com

www.etzchaim.net/event/primetko2023





Tot Shabbat
at Etz Chaim

Join us on these Fridays during the 2023-24 school year:

September 8 - October 6 - November 3 - December 8
January 5 - February 2 - March 1 - April 12 - May 10

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Bring Your Own Dinner "BYOD"
5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat - songs, dances, crafts, and fun!

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

www.etzchaim.net/preschool

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068

TEAM SHABBAT AT ETZ CHAIM 2023-24 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 TEAM SHABBAT DATES:
SEPTEMBER 9 - OCTOBER 14 & 28 - NOVEMBER 4 & 11 - DECEMBER 2 & 16
JANUARY 13 & 27 - FEBRUARY 3 & 10 - MARCH 9 & 23 - APRIL 13 & 20

come check us out, 'cause it's a home run!



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



Jayden Maxwell Cohen will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 12, 2023 – 25 Av 5783. He is the son of Amy and Dalan Cohen. Jayden's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Re'eh. He is an 8th grader at The Walker School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for seven years and attended our Preschool for one year. Jayden's hobbies and interests include baseball, tennis, sports trivia and hanging out with friends.

Jayden's D'var Torah quote is "Part of being a Bar Mitzvah is learning to give to others before yourself, and so I chose projects that taught me about selflessness, as well as doing tzedakah. For his mitzvah project, Jayden volunteered at Etz Chaim's Camp Ruach! and is collecting food donations for JF&CS.



Harlan Asher Johnson will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 19, 2023 – 2 Elul 5783. He is the son of Samantha and Ross Johnson. Harlan's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Shoftim. He is an 8th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for seven years. Harlan's hobbies and interests include football, basketball, music and swimming.

Harlan's D'var Torah quote is "We must pursue justice not only if it will benefit us, but even if it will cause us loss." For his mitzvah project, Harlan is raising funds for the American Cancer Society and hosted a swim-a-thon on June 23.



Ari Ben-Lev Oren will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on August 26, 2023 – 9 Elul 5783. He is the son of Dani and Amir Oren. Ari's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Ki Tetze. He is an 8th grader at Simpson Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for three years. Ari's hobbies and interests include archery and music.

Ari's D'var Torah quote is "The Torah tells us that we are to blot out Amalek and forget them. But the Torah tells us that we are to remember. So we are to remember to forget." For his mitzvah project, Ari says: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. I am eliminating plastics from my Kiddush lunch. We will be using real dishes and flatware. Do your part and recycle."

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

The Voice 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 Morning Babysitting 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

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

Upcoming Dates: August 5, 12, 19 and 26



Shabbat Honors

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

Shalom, Etz Chaim Congregants,

I hope everyone is enjoying Summer and staying 'Cool'!

While Men's Club slows things down a bit over the Summer, we have had a couple of items worth mentioning.

Etz Chaim was well represented at the FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) convention by **Alan Lightstone, Chuck Bernstein, Jay Givarz** and **Michael Barber**. As a club, we were awarded the Gold Quality Award for our efforts with Cobb County First Responders. We cooked Chili for them and honored them with a Brick in our Holocaust Garden. At the convention we had a booth demonstrating what we did. This is the highest award that FJMC offers, and we are very honored to receive it. Special thanks to **Barry Riesenber**g for submitting the idea, **Chuck Bernstein** for manning our booth, and **Clifford Martin** for his Photography in helping record the event, as well as all the other members who helped cook and socialize with the First Responders.

On August 18, Men's Club looks forward to **Shabbat in the Park** and grilling for the Congregation. This is one of our favorite events as it seems to bring the entire Shul out for an evening of Fun, Food, Prayer, and Laughter!

We welcome you to get involved with Men's Club! Volunteer to cook or prep. Attend any of our Men's Club sponsored events. Have a great idea about an event? Please share with us your thoughts. We are actively looking for more members to come socialize with us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bryan Coleman (rog-bry@mindspring.com) or Mathew Nathan (mattynathan@gmail.com).

Bryan Coleman, President
Mathew Nathan, VP

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!
mensclub@etzchaim.net



Men's Club is a vital part of our congregation. Our ongoing programs include:

- Supporting daily minyan
- Sponsoring picnics
- World Wide Wrap
- Providing scholarships
- Men's Club Shabbat
- Anshei Darom Retreat
- Synagogue Softball League
- Usher for High Holidays
- Support Holocaust Garden

Our goal is to provide our members with opportunities to meet one another and make new lasting friendships, support our community and have fun during the process.

JOIN MEN'S CLUB and make a difference in our Etz Chaim community.

GET ON THE LIST - CONTACT US AT: mensclub@etzchaim.net



Michael Barber and Chuck Bernstein with the Gold Torch award presented to our Men's Club at the annual FJMC Conference.



Mazal Tov to Henry Levine (center) on becoming the Commander of the Atlanta Jewish War Veterans Post 112. Pictured with Senator Jon Ossoff, on the left and the outgoing Commander, Charles Lutin, on the right.



Etz Chaim's Men's Club enjoying a day at the Atlanta Braves this past June.

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.



The Sisterhood Scoop

Surround Yourself with Women Who Will Lift You Higher!

Tell me it isn't so!!!?? Yes, it's August which means back to school and gearing up for the High Holidays!

We hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the summer with family and friends. It does go by quickly. Hold onto the loving memories you created and shared.

Many thanks to our "sisters" who joined or renewed their annual membership to Sisterhood during our Membership Drive last month. If you haven't renewed yet, we hope you will take a moment to support your community. In addition to helping us fund wonderful programs that forge connections and lifelong friendships, the minimal \$36 dues go a long way toward supporting critical synagogue programs. As an organization, we contribute annually to the Education and Youth Departments and fund celebrations for all the Chaggim. Your dues also support our affiliation with the WLCJ, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. And this is just the tip of the iceberg! **When you register for Kickoff, you can join or renew your membership at the same time! Become a part of Sisterhood and discover all that we have to offer!**

Our **Kickoff Membership Celebration is Sunday, August 20, at 7 p.m.** We are going to definitely Kick It Up a Notch! See the flyer below.

Etz Chaim Sisterhood High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book is on the lookout for artists! All ages and all entries will be considered for the cover of the book. The deadline is August 11. See the flyer for details on page 12.

Join us in the tradition of sending New Year's greetings to friends and family or messages of remembrance for loved ones by supporting the **Etz Chaim Sisterhood High Holiday Greeting & Remembrance Book**. This book connects our community while raising funds for Sisterhood's important community programs. Go to www.etzchaim.net/greetingbook for ordering information. The final deadline for all submissions is **Wednesday, August 16**. See ad on page 12. Need assistance? A Sisterhood volunteer will be happy to help you with your submission. Please email us at hhetzchaim@gmail.com.

Join us on **Sunday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom** for a stimulating discussion with our **Book Club** as Myra Goldberg hosts a thoughtful discussion about this month's book, **Anna and Dr Helmy: How an Arab Doctor Saved a Jewish Girl in Hitler's Berlin**. Please see the ad on page 23 for future dates.

Please continue to support **Sunday Morning minyan 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 Sisterhood-sponsored Sunday Morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and make new friends. Won't you step up? Please contact Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net, or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, lainejbeth@comcast.net for any questions or to inquire further.

See you at **Shabbat in the Park on Friday, August 18**. Please let us know if you would like to help Sisterhood at this event! It's simple, it's fun and it's a great way to meet your fellow congregants!

Until next time...

Neda and Helaine
Co-Presidents, Sisterhood

Donate to the Torah Fund today. New year, new pin! See page 23 for more information.

Minyan Makers

The Sisterhood sponsorship for Etz Chaim's daily minyan is on 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:

Neda Gayle, 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, lainejbeth@comcast.net.

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

ATTENTION ETZ CHAIM MEMBERS:

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

Judaica and Gifts Shop Hours

Sundays:
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Mondays:
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays:
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
or by appointment, contact Lauren Gray



Sisterhood Membership Kickoff

Always Better When We're Together!

Sunday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Surround yourself with those who will lift you higher, make friendships that last a lifetime, and join us as we make a collaborative piece of art for the Sisterhood!



- Change lives for the better
- Create a caring community
- Give more to those who have less
- Make friendships that last a lifetime

www.etzchaim.net/event/sisterhoodkickoff2023



ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD IS CALLING ALL BUDDING, ASPIRING, AND "JUST FOR FUN" ARTISTS OF ALL AGES!

HIGH HOLIDAYS ART CONTEST
SUBMIT BY AUGUST 11

- Submit a digital photo of your artwork (should be created vertically)
- Winners will be contacted to submit the original piece of art
- Please include name, phone, email address
- For full details and rules see the link below.

Winners will be announced by August 25 and showcased in *Etz Chaim Sisterhood's High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book*

www.etzchaim.net/hhdartcontest2023

HIGH HOLIDAY BABYSITTING AND CHAVAYA REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 24 & 25



Join us in the tradition of sending New Year's greetings to friends and family or messages of remembrance for loved ones by sponsoring **Etz Chaim Sisterhood's 2023/5784 High Holiday Greeting & Remembrance Book.** This book connects our community while raising funds for Sisterhood's important programs.

Order today to get an early-bird discount!
Go to www.etzchaim.net/greetingbook to place your order.
Pricing goes up on Monday, July 31.
Final deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, August 16.

Submit your order now!
www.etzchaim.net/greetingbook

Printed copies of the combined book will be available at in-person services and will also be online.
Need assistance? A Sisterhood volunteer will be happy to help you with your submission.
Please email us at hhetzchaim@gmail.com.

Join Congregation Etz Chaim's Multi-Generational Israel Adventure Led by Rabbi Daniel Dorsch

July 9–19, 2024

Optional: The North and Tel Aviv Extension—July 18-21, 2024

“Arise, Walk Throughout the Land”



For additional information and to register, visit www.etzchaim.net/israeltour2024.



B'YACHAD

with Rabbi Jonathon Adler
Open to all 8th and 9th Graders

First two sessions from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
August 17, B'Yachad Open House
and Pizza Party

August 24, "Better Together"
Kickoff with B'Yachad & Prime Timers

This program is underwritten by the Better Together Grant which brings teen learners together with Etz Chaim's Prime Timers.

Experience Chai Five like
you never have before!

This program includes:

**Year One: *The Holocaust* culminates
with a visit to the U.S. Holocaust
Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.**
**Year Two: *Jewish Southern History with
a Touch of the Civil Rights Movement***

- ★ Learn, discuss and explore thought-provoking topics
- ★ Visit historical museums
- ★ Cost: \$180 per student.

REGISTER NOW 

www.etzchaim.net/form/enrollchai5_2023

Financial Assistance is available. Contact Rabbi Adler

B'Yachad Class Schedule is on page 28.

Save the Date for a Special *Lilmode* Program



A Doorway to Heroism

"A Decorated German-Jewish Soldier Who Became an American Hero"



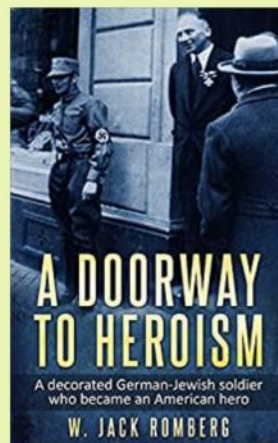
featuring

Author Rabbi Jack Romberg

August 27

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Brunch will be served.



Rabbi Romberg's Book, published in 2021, details his great-uncle Richard Stern's unique story as a decorated Jewish-German soldier in WWI, a resistanant to the rise of Hitler's reign of terror and a Silver-Star decorated US Army soldier in WWII.

"How many Jews, after making it safely out of Germany decided they had to get into the American army despite their age exemption to fight Nazi Germany?"

Rabbi Romberg, ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2001, is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Israel in Tallahassee, FL.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/lilmoderomberg

Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068

Lilmode and the Green Team Present a Special Rosh Hashanah Class

Judaism, Creation of the World, and the Environment

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 p.m.

Featuring Miriam Rosenbaum



"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters."

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/lilmodeRH



1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068





**THE LISA F. BRILL INSTITUTE FOR
JEWISH LEARNING**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM**

Melton: Members of the Tribe
Sundays, October 22-December 17 • 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Instructor: Rabbi Daniel Dorsch

Dive deep into a fundamental, challenging question: “What is the overarching purpose of living Jewishly?” We’ll discuss the responsibilities, pressures, and misconceptions that come with being called “the Chosen People.” Together, we’ll learn the meanings behind symbols and rituals, and why Israel matters so much.


Melton: OMG, Can You Believe?!
Sundays, January 7-April 7 • 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Instructor: Rabbi Daniel Dorsch

Explore the BIG questions surrounding God. We’ll examine the many different understandings of God, free will, and mitzvot expressed by Jewish philosophers, rabbis, leaders — and you. We’ll look at the divine, the prophetic, and even the supernatural, as we dissect your deepest God-questions. Just do not expect to leave with any final answers.

Fee: \$150 per course
Congregation Etz Chaim members: \$80 per course

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT
atlantajcc.org/melton

Questions? Please contact brill.institute@atlantajcc.org or 678.812.4153.



MJCCA | 5342 Tilly Mill Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338 | 678.812.4000 | [f/MJCCA](https://www.facebook.com/MJCCA) | atlantajcc.org



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

Ba'al Tashchit: Conserving at Home

The Jewish concept of *ba'al tashchit*, which means "do not destroy", teaches us to be mindful of our impact on the environment. By making small changes in our daily lives, we can help to conserve resources and protect the planet.

Here are a few simple ways to incorporate *ba'al tashchit* into your home, along with some statistics about the impact of these changes:

- Substitute flannel sheets or shop towels for paper towels. Paper towels are a major source of waste, and a single paper towel can take up to 20 years to break down in a landfill. Switching to flannel sheets or shop towels can help to reduce waste, reduce carbon emissions, save water, and conserve trees.
 - According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the average American household uses 13,000 paper towels per year.
 - It takes 17 trees and 20,000 gallons of water to make 2000 rolls of paper towels.
 - Flannel sheets are more absorbent than paper towels, can be washed and reused, and can be put on a tube-like regular paper towels for easy dispensing.
- Swap out liquid laundry detergent for laundry sheets. Liquid laundry detergent often contains harmful chemicals and microplastics, which can pollute the water supply. Laundry sheets are a more sustainable option. According to a study by the University of California, Davis, laundry sheets can clean clothes just as well as liquid detergent, but they release 90% fewer microplastics into the water.
- Use linen napkins instead of paper napkins. Paper napkins are another disposable item that can add up over time. Linen napkins can be reused multiple times, and they can even be tossed in the washing machine. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the average American household uses 1,500 paper napkins per year. Linen napkins are more durable than paper napkins, and they look prettier on your table.
- Use bar shampoo instead of liquid shampoo. Liquid shampoo often comes in plastic bottles, which can end up in landfills, while bar shampoos use less water and usually come in small recyclable paper packaging. A study by the University of Pennsylvania found that bar shampoo can clean hair just as well as liquid shampoo, but it produces 80% less plastic waste.

These are just a few simple ways to incorporate *ba'al tashchit* into your home. By making small changes, you can make a big difference for the environment. We hope this article has inspired you to make some small changes in your own life to help the planet.

Look for a conversation later this month in the Etz Chaim Virtual Kiddush to learn about our congregants' favorite "sustainable" swaps and brands they love.



Canasta and Mah Jongg Sponsored by AgeWell

**Join us on Mondays
from 10:00 a.m. - Noon**

Free and open to the community.



DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

NOW HIRING

We are looking for energetic Extended Day Associates.
7a - 9:45a and/or 12p - 6p \$15/hr

SEND YOUR RESUME TO:
lauren@etzchaim.net




ETZ CHAIM Young Adults

kickoff

TACO MAC PRADO

Tuesday, August 15
7:00 p.m.

Outside under the covered pavilion
5600 Roswell Rd., Ste. F210
Sandy Springs, GA 30342

RSVP: etzchaim.net/event/yataco2023




ETZ CHAIM Young Adults

Celebrate the New Year with Us!

Young Adults Rosh Hashanah Reception

September 16

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

1202 Fairfield Drive
Marietta, GA 30068

For attendees 21+



LimmudFest
at Ramah Darom

Labor Day Weekend, Sep 1-4, 2023

Limmud atlanta - southeast ramahdarom.org/limmud





International Pride and Being an Ally

By Rachel Slomovitz

Did you know that Walton High School has a traveling Chorus? In order to be in this traveling Chorus, the students spend several months preparing with special chorus sessions and ultimately having a concert for all their friends and family before they go. The trips are either domestic or international. This year the trip was to sing in Salzburg (famous for “The Sound of Music”) and Vienna (think Viennese Waltz), Austria. This year the trip was in June. My son is in the traveling Chorus, so we along with 102 Chorus members and their families traveled abroad. Jewishly it was a push and pull between its weighty history and its current version of itself. The Chorus counted a beautiful A Cappella version of *Hinei Ma Tov* in their song list this trip. They sang in various grand Churches throughout Austria - it was quite inspiring.

I made friends with other mothers on the trips; one of my new friend’s sister is gay. She loved pointing out all the Pride flags we saw throughout the country, but when we got to Vienna it was quite an experience. Vienna was exploding with Pride *pride*.

There were giant and little pride flags on buildings, stores, restaurants. All their street cars had Pride flags on them. Having just done an article on Pride Flags for a previous edition of ‘The Voice of Chaim’, I didn’t even know what part of their flag was!

Looking at the Vienna Pride website--“Vienna Pride 2023 will take place from 1 to 18 June. The highlight is the Pride Parade on 17 June, where more than 250,000 people are expected to celebrate and demonstrate together. Another highlight will be the Pride Run Vienna on 3 June, when hundreds of participants will once again set an example for acceptance, running and in wheelchairs...”

I didn’t know what to do with all this support honestly. I come from a place where people are afraid—they are afraid to wear their Jewish star, they are afraid to hold hands with someone of the same sex, they are afraid to be a version of themselves that’s honest and true. And here I am, across the world in this foreign country, and they are so “out”.

So how can we help people be less afraid? How can we support our neighbors to be their authentic beings? First, include LGBT positive news/topics in conversations. Often, we hear about negative items, but what positive things are happening? June was Pride Month—what great events did you hear about? Second, open yourself up to learning about a group of people that you maybe don’t know a lot about.

Everyone just wants to feel included. While I believe every day we should be celebrating Pride, it’s so important to see positive Pride things. To see the flag waving so proudly in Vienna made me wish that we had that type of Pride in East Cobb. Maybe one day we will!



Mark your calendar! Join Etz Chaim’s Pride Alliance and SOJOURN

(Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity)

for an educational program on **Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.**

And... Pride Shabbat on December 2. More details to come.



August 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 Flagel—678-591-7950

Your cooperation please!

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

Family Member In the Hospital?



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

1-Aug	Jane Cohen	14 Av	19-Aug	Florence Schneider	2 Elul
1-Aug	Raymond Kahn	14 Av	19-Aug	Margaret Harrison	2 Elul
*2-Aug	Harry Cohen	15 Av	*19-Aug	Rafael Fruchter	2 Elul
2-Aug	Herman Trotz	15 Av	20-Aug	Louis Chesin	3 Elul
2-Aug	Marc Elkan	15 Av	20-Aug	Marcia S. Sarachek	3 Elul
*2-Aug	Morris Elkan	15 Av	*20-Aug	Rochelle Perlow	3 Elul
*2-Aug	Rueven Wollner	15 Av	*21-Aug	Debby Dix	4 Elul
*3-Aug	Dr. Jerome B. Cohen	16 Av	22-Aug	Arnold Drake	5 Elul
3-Aug	Linda Epstein	16 Av	*22-Aug	Harry King	5 Elul
4-Aug	Joe Brown	17 Av	22-Aug	Lionel Bloomberg	5 Elul
4-Aug	Patsy Printz	17 Av	22-Aug	Rebecca Levy	5 Elul
5-Aug	Abe Schultz	18 Av	23-Aug	Diana Goldstein	6 Elul
5-Aug	Joseph Rosenberg	18 Av	23-Aug	Leon Weinberger	6 Elul
*5-Aug	Mary Safran	18 Av	*23-Aug	Marshall H. Jaffe	6 Elul
5-Aug	Mitchell Bierman	18 Av	24-Aug	Moris Salk	7 Elul
5-Aug	Sally Sencer	18 Av	25-Aug	Earl Fairchild	8 Elul
5-Aug	Seymour Sklar	18 Av	25-Aug	Eva F. Caras	8 Elul
*5-Aug	Simon Denenberg	18 Av	25-Aug	Laura Agin	8 Elul
5-Aug	Sylvia Blumenstein	18 Av	25-Aug	Myrna Drake	8 Elul
6-Aug	Dora Weinstock	19 Av	*25-Aug	Nathan Hersh	8 Elul
6-Aug	Elaine Pollock	19 Av	25-Aug	William Raider	8 Elul
6-Aug	Jane Shilling	19 Av	26-Aug	Barbara Weinberg	9 Elul
7-Aug	Allen Cohen	20 Av	*26-Aug	Ethel Funk	9 Elul
7-Aug	Harold Sperling	20 Av	*26-Aug	Isaac Struletz	9 Elul
7-Aug	Jerome Mendel	20 Av	26-Aug	Kenneth Kaplan	9 Elul
7-Aug	Morris Potler	20 Av	26-Aug	Lois Brussel	9 Elul
8-Aug	Harold Cohen	21 Av	26-Aug	Norma S. Karesh	9 Elul
8-Aug	Morris Katz	21 Av	26-Aug	Philip Spiselman	9 Elul
9-Aug	Lois Roth Berch	22 Av	27-Aug	Abram Bernstein	10 Elul
9-Aug	Margie Becker	22 Av	27-Aug	Al Kopen	10 Elul
9-Aug	Sadie Simon	22 Av	27-Aug	Barry Dvorchik	10 Elul
10-Aug	Ethel Cohen	23 Av	*27-Aug	Eva Phillips	10 Elul
10-Aug	Mac Blatt	23 Av	27-Aug	Henry Halperin	10 Elul
10-Aug	Sam Goodman	23 Av	27-Aug	Lillian Goodman	10 Elul
10-Aug	Samuel Lebow	23 Av	27-Aug	Vivian Epstein	10 Elul
10-Aug	Theodore Kaplan	23 Av	27-Aug	Willie Berman	10 Elul
*11-Aug	Janice Hiller	24 Av	28-Aug	Bernard Goodman	11 Elul
11-Aug	Max Rabin	24 Av	28-Aug	Sol Yonks	11 Elul
11-Aug	Norman Lebedin	24 Av	28-Aug	Solomon Krieger	11 Elul
11-Aug	Susan Goldberg	24 Av	29-Aug	Bruce Olens	12 Elul
*12-Aug	Adolph Kronberger	25 Av	29-Aug	Carolyn Pollack	12 Elul
*13-Aug	Jacob Friedman	26 Av	29-Aug	Gladys Slutsky	12 Elul
13-Aug	Robert Felson	26 Av	*29-Aug	Jolantha Kronberger	12 Elul
14-Aug	Frank Vitale	27 Av	29-Aug	Kenneth Goodman	12 Elul
14-Aug	Phillip Bass	27 Av	29-Aug	Milton Kramer	12 Elul
14-Aug	Sidney Levy	27 Av	*29-Aug	Rae May	12 Elul
*15-Aug	Charles Hirsch	28 Av	*29-Aug	Rose Hirsch	12 Elul
15-Aug	Lena Frank	28 Av	*29-Aug	Tillie Goodman	12 Elul
*16-Aug	Ruth Bodzy	29 Av	30-Aug	Bernard Levin	13 Elul
16-Aug	Ruth Kroll	29 Av	*30-Aug	Emanuel Chartash	13 Elul
17-Aug	Abraham Etscovitz	30 Av	*30-Aug	Eva Smith	13 Elul
17-Aug	Adel Filsoof	30 Av	30-Aug	Oscar Reiner	13 Elul
17-Aug	Lillian Spiselman	30 Av	*31-Aug	Belle Goldman	14 Elul
17-Aug	William Kurtz	30 Av	31-Aug	Harriet Levin	14 Elul
18-Aug	Lila Kaplan	1 Elul	31-Aug	Louis Siegel	14 Elul
18-Aug	Marcia Freedman	1 Elul	31-Aug	Martin Trueheart	14 Elul
*18-Aug	Martin Sussman	1 Elul	*31-Aug	Pearl Levy	14 Elul
19-Aug	Eleanor Mendel	2 Elul	31-Aug	Yaakov Rosenberg	14 Elul

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 (19 Av) Morning Minyan 9:15a PS – Family Meet & Greet 4 – 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p	7 (20 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	8 (21 Av) Morning Minyan 7a First Day of Preschool Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Committee 7:15p	9 (22 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	10 (23 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Sis'hood Board Mtg. 7p	11 (24 Av) Morning Minyan 7a 7 th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7:15p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	12 (25 Av) Re'eh Bar Mitzvah of Jayden Cohen 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a
13 (26 Av) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School Meet & Greet 10:30 – 11:30a Prime Timers Kickoff Brunch 11a Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustee 7p	14 (27 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	15 (28 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Young Adults Kickoff @ Taco Mac 7p	16 (29 Av) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	17 (30 Av) Rosh Chodesh Elul Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p B'Yachad Open House 8 th & 9 th Grades 7p Pride Alliance Mtg. 7p	18 (1 Elul) Rosh Chodesh Elul Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Shabbat in the Park @ East Cobb Park 5:30p	19 (2 Elul) Shoftim Shabbat Ends 9:18p Rabbi Adler @Etz Bar Mitzvah of Harlan Johnson 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a
20 (3 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz First Day of Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Sis'hood Kickoff Event 7p	21 (4 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Preschool Parent Preview for Cool Cats, Puppies, Busy Bees & Monkeys 7 – 8p	22 (5 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Preschool Parent Preview for Lady Bugs & Butterflies 7 – 8p	23 (6 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	24 (7 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p B'Yachad Kickoff and Pizza Party 8 th & 9 th GR with Prime Timers 7p	25 (8 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	26 (9 Elul) Ki Teitzei Shabbat Ends 9:10p Rabbi Adler @Etz Bar Mitzvah of Ari Oren 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a
27 (10 Elul) Rabbi Adler @Etz Religious School & Pre-K (1 st Day) 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Pre-K First Day 9:15a Gan Family Workshop 9:15a <i>Lilmode: A Doorway to Heroism</i> 10:30a Chalutzim Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p	28 (11 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	29 (12 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Religious school 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	30 (13 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p	31 (14 Elul) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	25 (8 Elul) Candle Lighting 8:03p	26 (9 Elul) Ki Teitzei Shabbat Ends 9:02p Candle Lighting 7:55p

COMING SOON

We are excited to bring back our musical Kabbalat Shabbat service once a month.

Do you sing or play an instrument? Contact Rabbi Adler, rabiadler@etzchaim.net to join the fun!



New Chavurot Forming!!

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

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

If you are interested, please complete the form at:

www.etzchaim.net/form/chavurot

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

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



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.

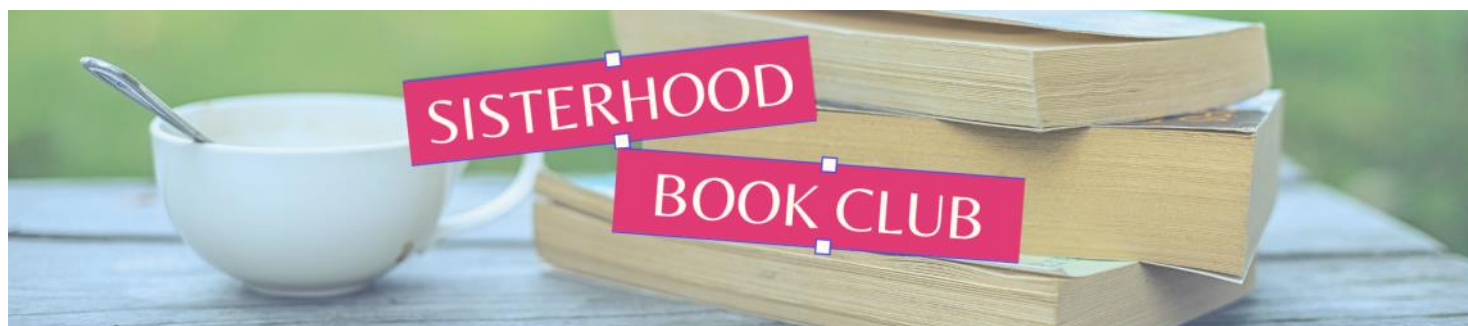
Please make sure ALL items are marked with a kosher symbol.

For more information, contact Bob Beer at

bob@bobbeer.com

or Sarala Waller at saralarosewaller@gmail.com





UPCOMING BOOKS AND DATES

September 10 - *The Woman Who Defied Kings* by Andree Aelion Brooks - Host: Neda Gayle

October 15 - *The Observant Wife: A Novel* by Naomi Ragel - Host: Marsha Bernstein

November 12 - Book TBD - Host: Dale Millman

December 10 - *The Paris Library* - by Janet Skeslien Charles - Host: Linda Briks

**Book Club will be held in person at the Bayit.
All sessions are on Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m.**



ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD

Torah Fund

SUPPORT WOMEN'S LEAGUE

 **DID YOU KNOW?**
When you support Torah Fund, you help educate the next generation of Jewish scholars around the world. For more info visit www.WLCJ.org

2023-2024

TORAH FUND PIN

ORDER YOUR PIN TODAY!
Multiple giving levels starting at \$180 to receive this year's pin

CONTACT SANDY BAILEY
✉ jbsandy10@gmail.com
☎ 770-490-7874

High Holiday Babysitting

For Children Birth – 4 years old

Subsidized by Etz Chaim & Etz Chaim's Sisterhood

Staffed primarily by Etz Chaim Preschool Faculty

Bring your own NUT FREE dairy or pareve snacks and/or lunch.

****Snacks WILL NOT be provided****

Child's Name: _____

Parents: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Birthdate: _____

Phone #'s: _____

Email: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

My child will attend the following sessions:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (Saturday, 9/16/23)

- Full Day Care (\$12)
(9:00 am until the end of services, approx. 2:00 pm)

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Sunday, 9/17/23)

- Full Day Care (\$12)
(9:00 am until the end of services, approx. 2:00 pm)
- Sermon Care - K-2nd Grade (\$8)
(11:00 am until the end of services)

Yom Kippur (Monday, 9/25/23)

- Full Day Care (\$12)
(9:00 am until the end of services, approx. 2:00 pm)

I have enclosed the following amount: _____

Check #: _____

- I understand that snacks/lunch will not be provided, and I will be packing food for my child.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

שנה טובה
Happy New Year



Return this form with check made payable to Congregation Etz Chaim,
Attn: Lauren Chernau, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068, to register your child(ren).
One registration form per child is required. You need only submit one check per family for payment.
You may complete this form online or download additional forms at www.etzchaim.net.

Questions? – Contact Lauren Chernau at lauren@etzchaim.net.

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 8/25/23.

Registrations received after 8/25 will incur a \$15 late fee and will only be accepted space permitting. We will not be able to take your child the day of without having registered.

There Will Be No Exceptions.

chavaya

חַוַּיָּה

For Children in Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Children will participate in interesting, age-appropriate activities and services in groups of Kindergarten-1st graders, 2nd-3rd graders and 4th-5th graders.

Designed to keep all children engaged in activities centered around the themes of the High Holidays, Chavaya will give your children an interesting and meaningful High Holiday experience.

My child will attend the following sessions (One form per child):

Rosh Hashanah (Saturday, 9/16/23)

10 am – 1 pm

Yom Kippur (Monday, 9/25/23)

10 am – 1 pm

CHILD NAME: _____

PARENTS: _____

AGE/GRADE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES: _____

PARENTS NEED TO SEND A SHELF-STABLE, NUT-FREE SNACK AND WATER BOTTLE LABELED WITH THEIR CHILD'S NAME. NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

I WILL PACK A SNACK FOR MY CHILD.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I would like to be a parent volunteer- Volunteer opportunities include check in and out tables, classroom activities.

Rosh Hashanah (9/16/23)

9:45 am – 10:30 am

10:30 am – 11:30 am

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Yom Kippur (9/25/23)

9:45 am – 10:30 am

10:30 am – 11:30 am

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Return this form to Congregation Etz Chaim,
Attn: Chavaya, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068 to register your child.

One registration form per child is required.



You may complete this form online or download the form
at www.etzchaim.net.

Questions? – Contact Debbie Deutsch at debbie@etzchaim.net
REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 8/25/23





LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help in the library at Etz Chaim once a month on Sundays when Religious School is in session this year or during the week as needed. If you are interested, contact Janice Levine levines2000@comcast.net. There will be an organizational meeting at a date and time to be determined. Watch the Eblast for more information on the library meeting.

ATTENTION: CHILDREN AGES 9-12 Did you know that you can sign up for [PJ Our Way](#). Each month your child can choose a great new Jewish book that will be sent to you for free!

The summer is winding down and we are in the midst of baseball season. Why not check out one of our Jewish baseball books that are on display in the library this month?

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

FOR ADULTS:

***Matzoh Balls and Baseballs: Conversations with Jewish Former Major League Baseball Players* by Dave Cohen.** Popular sportscaster Dave Cohen interviewed 17 former Jewish baseball players to hear, in their own words, what it was like to play in the Majors - the triumphs, frustrations, and everything in between. This book is a must-read for every baseball lover/baseball history buff out there. (796 COH)

***The Golem's Mighty Swing* by James Sturm.** This is a great graphic novel for adults about a ragtag Jewish baseball team, the Stars of David, during the great depression. The book has beautiful art and is worth checking out. (F STU)

AND FOR THE KIDS:

***The Spy Who Played Baseball* by Carrie Jones.** This is a biography about Moe Berg, a Jewish major league baseball player who became a spy for the US government during WWII. A captivating true story of a spy, secret hero, and baseball player too. (J Biog BER) For ages 9-12.

***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?* by Jonah Winter.** In this striking picture book we learn what made Sandy Koufax such a great baseball player. "Not just a home run, this book is a grand slam." (J Biog KOU) For ages 6-10.

Stop by the Etz Chaim Library anytime and follow the self-check-out directions at the circulation desk. Stay tuned next month for some great books to help you get in the right mindset for the High Holidays.



Kroger community rewards



**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. Questions? Contact Bernice in the synagogue office.

**www.krogercommunityrewards.com
Etz Chaim's NPO# KY946**



Thank you to Jay Schwartz, Rachel Schwartz and Hank Needle for building the benches near the Gaga Pit (above the Outdoor Sanctuary).

CONGREGATION **ETZ CHAIM**
Youth
DEPARTMENT

CHALUTZIM SAVE THE DATES

2023-2024

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 12:15-1:45 PM
PICKUP AT THE BAYIT

**CHALUTZIM
K-2ND GRADE**

AUGUST 27	FEBRUARY 11
OCTOBER 22	MARCH 10
NOVEMBER 12	APRIL 14
DECEMBER 17	MAY 5
JANUARY 21	

CONGREGATION **ETZ CHAIM**
Youth
DEPARTMENT

CHAVERIM SAVE THE DATES

2023-2024

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 12:15-1:45 PM
PICKUP AT THE BAYIT

**CHAVERIM
3RD-5TH GRADE**

SEPTEMBER 3	FEBRUARY 18
OCTOBER 15	MARCH 17
NOVEMBER 5	APRIL 21
JANUARY 7	MAY 12
JANUARY 28	

CONGREGATION **ETZ CHAIM**
Youth
DEPARTMENT

GESHER SAVE THE DATES

2023-2024

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL FROM 12:15-1:45 PM
PICKUP AT THE BAYIT

**GESHER
6TH-8TH GRADE**

SEPTEMBER 10	MARCH 3
OCTOBER 29	APRIL 7
DECEMBER 3	APRIL 28
JANUARY 14	MAY 19
FEBRUARY 25	

CONGREGATION **ETZ CHAIM**
Youth
DEPARTMENT

SABABA USY SAVE THE DATES

2023-2024

WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:30-9:00 PM
AT THE BAYIT

**SABABA USY
9TH-12TH GRADE**

AUGUST 30	NOVEMBER 29	MARCH 6
SEPTEMBER 6	DECEMBER 6	MARCH 13
OCTOBER 4	DECEMBER 13	MARCH 20
OCTOBER 11	JANUARY 10	MARCH 23-24
OCTOBER 18	JANUARY 17	MARCH 27
OCTOBER 25	JANUARY 24	APRIL 10
NOVEMBER 1	JANUARY 31	APRIL 17
NOVEMBER 8	FEBRUARY 7	MAY 1
NOVEMBER 15	FEBRUARY 10-11	MAY 8
	FEBRUARY 14	MAY 15
	FEBRUARY 28	

**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.




B'YACHAD

with Rabbi Jonathon Adler
Open to all 8th and 9th Graders

Class Dates 2023-24

Thursdays, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

August 17 - Open House for Parents and Students (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

August 24 - Kickoff Pizza Party for B'Yachad and Prime Timers (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.)

September 14 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16

December 1 & 14

January 11

February 1, 15 & 29

March 21

April 11 & 18

May 2



High Holiday Ticket Orders

Open on August 1.

Go to: www.etzchaim.net/highholidays2023



SYNAGOGUE SUPPORT

JF&CS is here to support YOU as you support your synagogue members. As your partner, we are here to help your members with everything from counseling to older adult services to emergency financial assistance to food from our Kosher Food pantry.

Counseling and therapy for individuals, couples and families seeking support for life stressors and transitions, grief, anxiety, depression and self-esteem concerns. We're here to help and enhance your emotional well-being as you navigate life's challenges.

Geriatric Care managers (GCMs) help families help the older adults in their lives. As a caregiver, we're here to help you with their immediate needs—as well as to work with you to create and implement a plan for longer term. Services include in-person needs assessments, development and review of a care plan, medical referrals, and arranging for and monitoring specific care needs.

Emergency Assistance helps people in economic crisis with rent and utilities assistance as well as needed food (both Kosher and not). We're here for your members during this challenging time—and we offer our services with dignity, respect and confidentiality.

For more information about our services, call our Synagogue Support line at 770-677-9436.

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

Contributions processed from May 13—July 6, 2023

**CYNTHIA R. FREEMAN
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

In loving memory of:

my father, Marty Steiner. I miss him every day.

Alan and Lisa Freeman

Esther Bigel—you will be missed. You were one of a kind.

Debbie Robbins

In memory of:

Zelda Ross

Jana and Brad Ross and Family

Adele Hannah Greenspon, mother of Phillip Greenspon, David Greenspon and grand-mother of Joshua Greenspon, Kolbey (Aaron) Griffin, Dylan Greenspon and Brooke Greenspon

Joseph and Lori Freeman

**JOAN H. RABIN
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

In memory of:

Dorothy Halperin (z'l), mother of Joan Rabin (z'l)

Dan Rabin and Family

**PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

In appreciation of:

Ron Judenberg. Just to say thank you for all you do not just during services but in all areas for the Etz Chaim family. Please know we appreciate all that you do.

Bonnie and Alan Silverman

Bonnie and Alan Silverman. Thank you for taking such good care of everyone. We love you both so much! Laura and Alex (Good Job, Darla)

Laura Silverman

In loving memory of:

Audrey Nathan, beloved mother of Dr. Lawrence (Michelle) Nathan. May her memory be a blessing. Warmly,

Bonnie and Alan Silverman

Robert Silverman

Gary and Camille Cohen

Robert (Bobby) Silverman
Jana Serezlis

Bobby Silverman

Jane and Michael Weiss

Robert Silverman

Lara Rush

Robert L. Silverman, our dear father, grand-father and great grandfather, may his memory always be a blessing.

Kathi, Rick, Jeremy, Brandon, Lauryn and Eden Silverman

a dear friend, Bob Silverman
Lewis and Janet Duncan

Ruth Schwartz, mother of Mark Schwartz
Mark Schwartz

Bobby Silverman

Scott and Sugar Eisenberg

Adele Greenspon

Sharon and Alan Lightstone

In memory of:

Bobby Silverman

Alan and Jo Ellen Levy

Robert "Bob" Silverman, father of Alan Silverman...Alan, we were sorry to hear of your loss. The eulogy provided knowledge of what an outstanding gentleman he was.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Robert L. Silverman

Dr. Marc Seltman, Dr. Richard Kaplan and staff of Personal Care Physicians of Atlanta

Robert Silverman

Elka and Steven Sandler

Bobby Silverman, beloved father of Alan and Bonnie Silverman

Ellen and Billy Balsler

Bobby Silverman

Harry and Sherry Maziar

Bob Silverman. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him.

Jeff and Debbie Frankel

Bobby Silverman

Joy Hoffmann

Bob Silverman

Judy Fischer

Robert Silverman

Lisa and Barry Diamond

Robert Silverman

Lorraine Kroll

Bobby Silverman

Mark and Gwen Shemaria

Robert "Bobby" Silverman

Michael Kahn

Robert Silverman

Michelle and Lawrence Nathan

Robert Silverman, father of Alan and Bonnie Silverman

Nancy and Wayne Freedman

Alan Silverman's father, Bobby
Pam and Ricky Tinter

RABBI LEWIS ENDOWMENT

In loving memory of:

Esther Bigel

Miriam Rosenbaum

In memory of:

Marc Dickler, brother of Sue Rothstein. Condolences to Sue and family on the passing of her brother.

Linda and Stan Bernknopf

SISTERHOOD ENDOWMENT FUND

In loving memory of:

Howard Stiller - may his memory be a blessing

your wonderful mother, Esther Bigel

your beloved brother, Marc Dickler

Paula L. Coplón

RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch for your compassion during a difficult time and the road trip you took to be with The Silverman Family

The Family of Robert "Bobby" Silverman

Rabbi Dorsch

Lisa and Sam Olens

Rabbi Dorsch for your kind words and support during a difficult time for our family

Penney, Jeremy and Michelle Cohen

In honor of:

Marsha Shrago. You will be missed a lot a lot a lot! Love,

Charles and Marsha Bernstein

Rabbi Dorsch's election as president of Atlanta Rabbinical Council

Frank and Barbara Wilensky

Ellen and Steve Perlow on their new grandbaby Noa Virginia

Ellen and Steve Perlow on their new grandbaby Joni Rochelle

Julie Kleinman

Shavuot

Sherry Adams

the anniversary of my longest most enduring friends in Georgia, Arlene and Glenn La Vine. I have had the honor of sharing your lives from childbirth to grandchildren. Patti and I look forward to sharing many more years with you. Congratulations on this huge, major milestone.

Steve Bodenstein and Patti Bloom

In loving memory of:

Esther Bigel with deepest sympathy for your loss. Esther will always be remembered with love by all who had the privilege to know her. May her memory be for a blessing.

Cecile Bock

my mother-in-law, Edythe Simon

Jane Simon

Esther Bigel. She was always such a friendly face in East Side's cafeteria. So thankful for her years working there.

Adele Greenspon. She was a wonderful lady who will be truly missed.

Jayne and Andy Becker

Elaine Sandak

Larry Sandak

my beloved husband, Irving Sonshein

Margie Sonshein

our Dad and Granddaddy, Robert "Bob" Kirschner. Your memory is a blessing to us all. We miss your beautiful smile and loving heart every day.

Michele, Sid, Marc, Kenzie, and Frankie

my beloved husband, David Negrin, on his yahrzeit

Rhea Negrin

In memory of:

Howard Goldman

Art and Liz Cohen

Adele Greenspon

Charles and Marsha Bernstein

Rhoda Shapiro. Sending Maury, Staci, and family our love during this difficult time.

Hoping the wonderful memories of your mom bring you comfort and keep her always alive in your heart. Love,

David and Elyse Shaw

Adele Greenspon. Condolences to the Greenspon family on the loss of Adele. We will miss her, but her memory will be comforting.

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

Charlotte Berg

Douglas and Eileen Cohen

Marc Sheinbein, our father and grandfather. You are missed and loved. We are thinking of you on the anniversary of your yahrzeit. Love,

Amy, Evan, Madelyn, Hannah and Aiden

Charles

Mania Gontmakher. An amazing loving and caring mother and grandmother. Today when I need to make a serious decision, I am always thinking of your wisdom in order to make the best possible choice and as always I want you to be proud of me. You

are missed a lot. With love, Your daughters Ella and Galina and grandson Meylakh.

Galina Barshay

Rhoda Shapiro. May her memory be a blessing.

Jayne and Andy Becker

Gerald Knauer

Regina Elkan

Eva Szmulewicz

Jeffrey and Stephanie Knauer

Frida Wallenstein

Marc Wallenstein and Eileen Mitchell

my grandmother, Molly Turk. Love,

Martyn and Donna Bierman

Rhoda Shapiro

Pam and Ricky Tinter

Glenda Ballew

Stephen and Bonnie Dix

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Neda Gayle on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Asher Barchichat.

Myra and Arvin Goldberg on their grandson Asher's Bar Mitzvah!

Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Jenna Lightstone and Ian Shaw on the wonderful news of their engagement. Much Mazal to the Shaw and Lightstone families.

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Lewis for your sweet words and kindness during a difficult time for our family

Penney, Jeremy, and Michelle Cohen

Rabbi Lewis for your friendship and being there for us when we needed you most

The Silverman Family

In loving memory of:

Danny Kleinman. Condolences to Julie Kleinman and Family on the loss of such a dear and well-respected man.

Suzanne Rivchun and David Lieberman

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

the Lyons Family on their daughter's graduation from IU!

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

BACKPACK BUDDIES FUND

Hank Needle and Lynne Johannesen for the Art for a Mitzvah box project

Richard and Janice Etscovitz

In appreciation of:

Hank Needle for leading Art for A Mitzvah's 2nd project. You taught 10 of us how to make beautiful wood boxes with step-by-step directions, patience, individual help, a space to make our boxes, good humor, and Karen's delicious snacks! Todah Rabah for your time and talent.

Lynne Goldman Johannesen

In celebration of:

Arlene and Glenn La Vine's 50th Anniversary! We were so thrilled to share in your celebration! Here's to many, many more!!!

Love -

Jackie and Steve Pierce

In honor of:

Arlene and Glenn La Vine's 50th Anniversary, Mazel Tov!

Richard and Janice Etscovitz

In loving memory of:

Phillip Silverman

Phillip's Memorial Philanthropy Fund Silverman

my parents Lillian and Louis Cohen

Sally Greenstein

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Ellen and Steve on your beautiful granddaughters, Noa and Joni! We are thrilled for you and your family, and we wish you the utmost joy and love as grandparents! Best wishes.

Rachel, Brett, and Brayden Lasher (Scheinfeld)

BOB GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of:

Harold Needle on his yahrzeit

Hank and Karen Needle

BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND

In loving memory of:

our dad Gerald Sheftel on his yahrzeit

Thomas and Myra Sheftel

FIGUR FAMILY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

In loving memory of:

my brother, Marc Ebel

Lynn Sustak

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

Contributions processed from May 13—July 6, 2023

GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of:

Marty Gilbert
Lisa and Sam Olens

Joyce Teitelman, Maxine Schein, Barney Epstein, and Patsy Schneider for helping in preparing me to move
Marsha Shrago

Etz Chaim
Shimon and Orah Lipsky

In celebration of:

Glenn and Arlene La Vine's 50th Anniversary
John and Joanne Chaifetz

In honor of:

Wendy Feinberg, Lori Gilbert, and Joe Ziskend, who do little things that make big things happen

Janice Levine, Linda Ames, Ken Winkler, and Ron Judenberg, who continue to work diligently to recruit congregants to evening minyan

Glynis Okrent, who conscientiously tries to honor congregants every week

Esther Shultz, who leads the weekly Schmooze group
Marsha Shrago

In loving memory of:

Esther Bigel. May her memory be a blessing. Condolences to her entire family.

Arnie and Kathy Naiman

our dear aunt Esther Bigel. A loving, caring soul. The last of our family.

Carole and Arnold Machtinger

Esther Bigel from some of her #1 Eastside Elementary fans, Philip and Rebecca Siegelman and Family

David and Barbara Siegelman

Esther Bigel. The best aunt ever and my mother on earth.

Elaine Geist

my mother Sonia Rosenberg on her yahrzeit
Fay Szeftel

Esther Bigel. Condolences to Penney Cohen and Family

Helene and Adam Rude

Danny Kleinman

Joan and Stephen Steinberg

Rhoda Shapiro
Julie Kleinman

Danny Kleinman
Margo and Shiel Edlin

Esther Bigel
Melissa Pazornik

Uncle Willie
Neda Gayle

my father, Berton Karol, of blessed memory
Richard J. Karol MD

my father, Arthur Turner, whose Hebrew yahrzeit is the 11th of Sivan and Anglo-American yahrzeit is the 9th of June. He shall always be remembered for being an adored son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Arthur was a mensch who you could count on when needed or to give the right advice to practice good judgment in his absence. He is sorely missed in this time of poor decision making. Hopefully those like him will rise to right the ship sinking of poor reasoning in this world before it sails away.

Stanley J. Turner

Julian Lichter, father of Sheri Schwartz
Sheri Schwartz

In memory of:

Rhoda Shapiro
Alan and Hershene Goldman

Rhoda Shapiro, mother of Maury Shapiro
Alan Kirsh

Rhoda Shapiro, mother of Maury Shapiro
David Frolich, M.D.

Frances Levy
Dr. Ronald and Nat Marks

my father, Marvin Berk. Love,
Joel and Judy Schancupp

my beloved mother, Barbara Goodman. Love,
Kent and Julia Goodman

Frances Levy

Bob Silverman
Lisa and Sam Olens

Adele Greenspon and Esther Bigel, two great matriarchs
Marsha Shrago

Esther Bigel, mother of Mitchell (Joanne), grandmother of Kelly, Jonathan, and Michael. Our condolences on the death of your mother/grandmother. We know she will be missed. Love,

Robin and Dave Green

Betty Schwartz
Sheri and Mark Schwartz

Danny Kleinman
Steven and Eydie Koonin

Adele Greenspon
Terri and Scott Rittenberg

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Marylan Karp on your special birthday! We hope you have many more happy and healthy ones!

Ron and Karen Feibel

KITCHEN FUND

In loving memory of:

my father, Bert Karol
Sandy Bailey

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Eleanor Hochberg
Karen and Sid Stark

LILMODE—ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In celebration of:

Marylan Karp on her 80th birthday
Beverly Mahone

LINDA H. WEINROTH EDUCATION FUND

In memory of:

George Weinroth
Michael and Linda Weinroth

my grandmother, Esther Pearlberg
Ronnie Dinin

MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

In memory of:

Esther Bigel
Ron and Wendy Feinberg

PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

In appreciation of:

Harris Fogel for your kindness and thank you so much for leading the first night of Shiva for us. We truly appreciate you!!

The Silverman Family

In loving memory of:

my mother Ruth Berg and my father Morton Berg. You are missed. Love, Dena and Iris
Iris Bachenheimer

In memory of:

Alex Rothbard and Sidney Davis
David and Madeline Rothbard

Esther Bigel
Iris Bachenheimer

Robert Silverman, father of Alan. May his memory be a blessing to you and your family.
Jayne and Andy Becker

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

Contributions processed from May 13—July 6, 2023

Samuel Cohen

Alan Cohen

Lawrence Cohen

Frances Levy, beloved mother of Marcy Caras

Myra and Arvin Goldberg

Arthur Padawer, my dad

Randy Padawer

PRESCHOOL FUND

In celebration of:

Arlene and Glenn La Vine's 50th wedding anniversary

Berna and Noah Levine

Arlene and Glenn La Vine's 50th Wedding Anniversary! Mazel Tov on a long and glorious trip.

Bonnie and Sam Roth

Glenn and Arlene La Vine's 50th anniversary

Karen Wajzman

In loving memory of:

Adele Greenspon

Dennis Renyi

Esther Bigel. I will miss our laughs over the Passover shank bone! I enjoyed our talks whenever I saw you at Etz Chaim. May your memory always be blessing.

Elaine and Jay Schwartz

Marc Dickler. Condolences to Sue Rothstein and Family on the loss of your brother and uncle. We are saddened by your loss. May Marc's memory be for a blessing, now, and always.

Adele Greenspon. Condolences to Phillip Greenspon and Family on the loss of your mother and grandmother. What a wonderful lady she was, who will surely be missed.

May Adele's memory be for a blessing, now, and always. Sincerely,

Esther Bigel. Condolences to Penney Cohen and Family on the loss of your mother and grandmother. She was one of a kind, our dear friend, with whom we shared a deep love. Esther will forever be in our hearts.

May her memory be for a blessing. With love,
Arlene and Glenn La Vine

my wonderful aunt Esther, an Eshet Chayil. She will be greatly missed by all of those she touched with her love and kindness.

Pam Gollish

In memory of:

a wonderful woman, Adele Greenspon. She was respected and loved by all who knew her.

Arthur Kramer

Esther Bigel, mother of Penney Cohen. The Frohlichs were saddened to hear of your loss. Unfortunate that Covid thing kept us from seeing each other on Shabbat. She was a wonderful woman.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Adele Greenspon

Christine and Jacob Abraham

Marcos Beker

David and Ronni Beker

our dear friend Esther Bigel

Faye and Gary Glancz and

Alison and Kyle Keppler

Adele Greenspon

Esther Bigel

Louis and Helen Rosengarten

Adele Greenspon

Esther Bigel

Noah and Berna Levine

my dear aunt Adele Greenspon, a longtime volunteer at your preschool. She adored children and I'm certain they loved her in return.

Phyllis Josephson

Adele Greenspon

Robert and Nina Kosakoski

Adele Greenspon. May her memory be for a blessing.

Ron and Wendy Feinberg

Adele Greenspon, mother of our Phillip Greenspon. Phil, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sheri and I had a wonderful relationship with her and we will miss her greatly.

Sheri and Bob Frohlich

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Arlene and Glenn La Vine on their 50th anniversary! We wish you many more happy and healthy ones.

Ron and Karen Feibel

ROBERT KLEIN MEMORIAL CHESED FUND

In celebration of:

Arlene and Glenn La Vine's 50th Anniversary

Barry and Joyce Teitelman

In loving memory of:

my mom, Ana Sapoznik

Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik

Esther Bigel

Andrew and Sydelle B. Weinberger

Adele Greenspon

Esther Shultz

In memory of:

Teri Scheinzeit, sister of Ron Scheinzeit

Adele Greenspon, mother of Phillip Greenspon

Barry and Joyce Teitelman

Ian's mom, Diana Robbins

Ian and Roni Robbins

Grace's beloved mother, Sylvia Schulberg

Kenneth and Grace Graiser

Rhoda Shapiro. Our heartfelt condolences to Maury Shapiro and Family on the passing of your beloved mother.

Laurie and Mark Lavinsky

SISTERHOOD FUND

In appreciation of:

Sisterhood. Strength to Strength

Lenet Parker

In loving memory of:

Esther Bigel, mother of Penney Cohen and grandmother of Michelle Cohen. What a truly lovely lady she was. May her memory always bring you comfort.

Yaron and Robin Brill

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Noah Needle and family on his Bar Mitzvah! Such nachas. Noah, you did great!!

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

SOCIAL ACTION FUN

In loving memory of:

Ruth and Aaron Epstein...missing you both on a daily basis, especially knowing how much Nachas you'd get from what would have been your great grandchildren.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

In memory of:

Esther Bigel

Mindy Oberhardt

STEVEN KRODMAN

MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

Hailey Levin's Bat Mitzvah

Sharon and Alan Lightstone

In loving memory of:

Adele Greenspon, a beloved Woman of Valor

Donna Krodman

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

Contributions processed from May 13—July 6, 2023

the true gift and blessing that was Adele Hannah Greenspon, mother of Phillip and David, grandmother of Joshua, Kolbey, Dylan, and Brooke. What an incredible, warm, and kind lady she was. A blessing to all who knew and loved her. May her memory always comfort you and bring to you a smile and warm heart.

Yaron and Robin Brill

In memory of:

Adele Greenspon, mother of Phillip Greenspon

Alan and Sharon Lightstone

Adeline Agrow

Barton and Rosalie Agrow

Sylvia Bierman. Condolences to Marty Bierman and family on the loss of his mom.

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

Ellen Freedman

Mitch and Arlene Manning

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Noah Needle on his Bar Mitzvah

Alan and Sharon Lightstone

YOUTH FUND

In loving memory of:

Esther Bigel, who was so kind and supportive when I first began my journey with Etz Chaim. May you be forever blessed. Love,
Sherry Adams

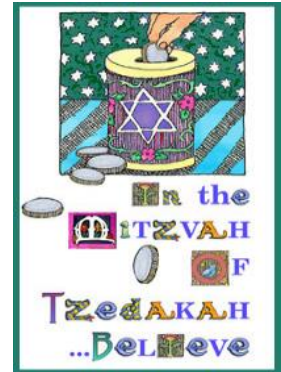
In memory of:

Bea Stadler
Robert and Miriam Rosenbaum

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of:

my daughter's 35th birthday
Mom (Alisa Unger)



DID YOU KNOW...

You can make your donations online.

For step-by-step entry, go to:

<https://www.etzchaim.net/payment.php>

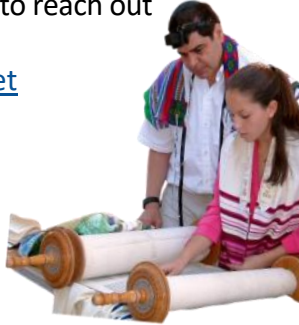
For assistance, call Karen at the synagogue office at 770-973-0137

Do you want to know what's going on with our various Affinity Groups? Scan the QR code you're interested in below for more information on what's happening in a specific group.



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.



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.

Let's Connect!

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

Visit www.etzchaim.net/socialmedia for more information!



facebook



Instagram

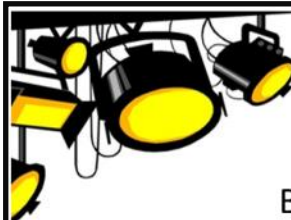


YouTube



Congregation
ETZ CHAIM

creating meaningful Jewish experiences



**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 at bob@bobbeer.com or
Sarala Waller at saralarosewaller@gmail.com

Judaica & Gifts



kippot ✦ tallitim ✦ holiday/hostess gifts ✦ jewelry ✦ mezzuzot ✦ bar/bat mitzvah gifts ✦ special orders...and more!



WE'RE BACK

Come see us for your Rosh Hashanah needs, gifts and all your Judaica



Congregation Etz Chaim Judaica & Gifts ✦ 1190 Indian Hills Parkway ✦ Marietta, GA 30068
Shop Hours: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Shop hours are based on Religious School being in session.

Volunteers Needed

One Good Deed Friendly Visitor program matches older adults with volunteers for friendship and fun!

To learn more about the One Good Deed Friendly Visitor program, call 770.677.9489 or visit jfcsatl.org/ogd



Aviv Older Adult Services
Jewish Family & Career Services





Superior PRO
The PROS to Know

(770) 642-7170

WINDOWS * SIDING * STUCCO * ROOFING * PAINTING * DOORS

0% for 12 months with no payments OR 0% for 60 months with equal payments OR 0% for 6 months with no payments converted to 120 months at 5.99%

Seeking addiction support and treatment?

HAMSA can help you or a loved one with:

- 📍 Recovery guidance, case management, and treatment referral
- 📍 NARCAN® training & supply
- 📍 Substance Use Disorder education & community events

Recovery happens, and you are not alone.

Call **1.833.HAMSA.HELPS**
or visit **HamsaHelps.org**

 **HAMSA**
Helping Atlantans
Manage Substance Abuse

A PROGRAM OF JEWISH FAMILY & CAREER SERVICES



Funding provided by:





LIZ COHEN & ASSOCIATES
REALTY
The Perfect Fit For Your Buying & Selling Needs



SOLD

LIZ COHEN
404.444.3663
LIZCOHEN@KW.COM



WWW.HOUSEAHOLIC.COM
3730 Roswell Road, Suite 150, Marietta, GA 30062

Each Keller Williams Realty Office is Independently Owned and Operated.
*Not intended as a solicitation for homes that are currently listed with a real estate company.



Cafe Rivkah
CAFE · BAKERY · CATERING

Pavilions of East Lake behind Sherlock's Liquors
2100 Roswell Road, Suite 2104
Marietta, Georgia 30062

Serving breakfast and lunch
Tuesdays through Sundays

Baked goods including bagels, bialys
and challahs are our specialty!

"Ask Us About Catering Your Event!"
(678) 402-5809
www.caferrivkah.com

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Your bequest or other planned gift to Congregation Etz Chaim will help to keep our community strong for generations to come. Everyone has a unique family and financial situation. You can create a legacy gift to match your personal circumstances.

Options include:

- ◆ A simple bequest in a will or trust
- ◆ An outright gift using appreciated assets or cash
- ◆ A charitable remainder trust
- ◆ A charitable gift annuity



We have a number of accountants, attorneys, and insurance professionals who are available to help you, should you need assistance. For more information:

Marty Gilbert - 770-973-0137
Irwin Berman - 404-849-4308
Bob Bachrach - 770-846-3239

John Flagel - 678-560-5820
Scott Rittenberg - 770-645-6887

"As my ancestors planted before us, so must we plant for our children." - Talmud

We are here for you!

Have a great idea?

A question to ask?

Your **Board of Trustee liaison** is available to point you in the right direction or answer your questions.

Feel free to call or email him/her with your suggestions and concerns!
Not sure of the contact information?
Call the office 770.973.0137 to find that out.



This space is available!
For more information, contact
bernice@etzchaim.net or
770-973-0137

COOKIES BY KAREN

TREATS FOR ANY OCCASION

BAR OR BAT MITZVAHS, BRIS OR BABY NAMING, ONEGS, WEDDINGS,
PARTIES, MEETINGS, SHOWERS, HOLIDAYS, GRADUATION, SHIVA

Fresh and delicious for that homemade taste!
From fudgy brownies to luscious lemon bars!



KAREN NEEDLE
678-520-8636

karenneedle1@gmail.com

Congregation Etz Chaim

We are proud that Etz Chaim has chosen our company to provide
Lawn Care and Landscaping services for the Etz Chaim grounds.

For 17 years we have been adding beauty and value to homes with
our comprehensive lawn care program.

We are committed to providing the highest level
of service for each family that trusts us with the
appearance of their home.



Frank Schaffer, Jr.
The Landscape Group, Inc.



770-649-1155

www.TheLandscapeGroupInc.com

Etz Chaim Staff, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees

Daniel I. Dorsch
Rabbi

Shalom J. Lewis
Rabbi Emeritus

Rabbi Jonathon Adler
Rabbinic Fellow

Martin Gilbert
Executive Director

Aram Blankenship
Facilities Manager

Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

Lauren Chernau
Asst. Preschool Director

Leah Green
*Director of Engagement
& Youth Programming*

Bernice Isaac
Newsletter Production

Betsy Fitzwater
Office Manager

Christine Bezdek
Bookkeeper

Karen Chauvin
Administrative Assistant

Tiana Plendl
Dept. of Ed. Administrator

Allison Barchichat
Dept. of Ed. Financial Administrator

Officers

Jamie Platt Lyons
President

Elliot Okrent
Executive VP

Barry Gang
Chief Financial Officer

Evan Eisenstadt
VP of Fundraising

Alex Peskin
Co-VP of Religion

Lisa Olens
Co-VP of Religion

Jennifer Pila
VP of Education

Lisa Dubovy
VP of Communications and Secretary

Tamara Jacobs
VP of Membership Services

Audrey Fried-Sheets
VP of Engagement

Linda J. Pollock
*Immediate Past President
and Parliamentarian*

Trustees

Steven Caras

Bryan Coleman

David Eppsteiner

Neda Gayle

Doug Gross

Andrew Kagan

Betsy Lessans

Jenifer Lieberbaum

Yana Lubell

Clifford Martin

Norman Miller

Amir Oren

Roni Robbins

Melissa Sklar

Gillat Sternberg

Rebecca Streetman

Gail Vanovitch

Josh Vexler

Sarala Waller

Linda Weinroth

Past Presidents

Linda J. Pollock

Allison Y. Saffran

Todd H. Surden

Cheryl Cohen-Miller

Scott Rittenberg

Stephen Friedman

Irwin Berman

Bob Bachrach

Judy Fineman

Norman Radow

Debbie Milstein

Sue Rothstein

David Witt

Ken Schlenker

George Pristach

Richard Smith

Allen Shulman

Noah Levine

Barry Forrest z"l

David Tinkelman

Ellis Abrams

Stephen King

Organizations

Neda Gayle

Helaine Mark

Sisterhood

Co-Presidents

Bryan Coleman

Men's Club President

Debbie Berman

Irwin Berman

Esther Harrison

Charlie Harrison

The Prime Timers

Co-Chairs

Rebecca Streetman

Young Adults President

Nate Aronstein

USY President

Publication's Title & Number: Voice of Chaim ▪ Volume 47 ▪ Issue 7 **Issue Date:** August 2023 **Frequency:** Monthly

Authorized Organization's Name and Address:

Congregation Etz Chaim ▪ 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. ▪ Marietta, GA 30068



Congregation Etz Chaim
1190 Indian Hills Parkway
Marietta, GA 30068

Synagogue Office 770-973-0137
Education Office 770-977-3384
Fax 770-977-0829
www.etzchaim.net

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:

DRESSLER'S

JEWISH FUNERAL CARESM

Atlanta Born ~ Atlanta Owned ~ Atlanta Managed

FUNERAL AND CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING

It's easy: Over the phone, online, in person

It's safe: Pre-payments are 100% escrowed in an account you own

It's responsible: Simplifies arrangements, removes burden from family, fixes most funeral costs

**WE HONOR ANY PRE-PAID FUNERAL
FROM ANY OTHER FUNERAL HOME**



Edward Dressler

770.451.4999

www.DresslerJewishFunerals.com