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MENORAH LIGHTING AT EAST COBB PARK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:45 P.M.

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with us and join us for minyan in the Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

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Daily Minyan Times:

Sunday Mornings:
9:15 a.m.

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

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

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

(in-person & Livestream)

www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream



**Chanukah Musical
Blue Jean Shabbat**
Friday, December 8

Celebrate with Us!

**5:00 p.m. Tot Shabbat Program
Kitah Vav (6th Gr) Program**

**5:30 p.m. Dinner (with RSVP)
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service**



**Chinese Dinner will be catered by
Harmony Vegetarian Restaurant**

**Cost: \$10 per adult
\$5 per Child, ages 5-12
Free - Children 5 and under**

Bring your Chanukiot, as we bring in the light of Chanukah as a community.
It will be the second night, so bring your three candles too.

RSVP by Thursday, November 30
www.etzchaim.net/event/chanukah2023

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068



*You are cordially invited to celebrate
Etz Chaim's Board of Trustees
Installation Shabbat
Saturday, January 6
9:30 a.m.
Kiddush lunch to follow*



Daniel Dorsch
Rabbi



Why did I go to Israel?

A few weeks before my Israel trip, I was standing with a congregant in my office talking about the situation after Friday night services. He pointed out that so often, when someone is sick and passes away, we will say that this person had “a lot to live for.” “The question,” he pointed out, “that is infinitely more challenging, is ‘what would you die for?’”

I didn’t tell this congregant that I had already booked my trip to Israel. Nor did I tell him that I would be traveling into the Gaza envelope, a few kilometers from the border, where bullet proof vests and tactical helmets were not optional accessories.

However, as I was sitting on the plane to Israel (candidly, a little apprehensive about a Hamas errant rocket), his question continued to resonate with me. What, in my life, was I willing to die for?

For me, Israel and Jewish peoplehood have always been those things that I’ve felt are worth dying for. I know that deep down, many of you feel that way too.

Overwhelmingly, the few people in my life who did know I was going were supportive of my travel to Israel. Some did ask me to consider not going for the sake of my children. What would happen if harm came my way? I sat with this for a while. Thankfully, the trip went off without a hitch. However, if something had happened, I would hope that my children would have known that I had died for something I believed in, knowing that a homeland and our faith meant more than just coming to services on Shabbat.

At 39 years old, the courageous Joseph Trumpeldor died in the battle of Tel Chai. His purported last words were: *.איך דער, טוב למות בעד ארצנו.* “It is no matter, it is good to die for our country.”

I am a year older than him. I have led a privileged Jewish life in the diaspora. I have never once been asked to make the same sacrifices that he did. That’s why I went. The least I could do was to go on a trip and bear witness to what I saw.

I saw grenades that had been thrown at point blank range into homes of people living in the growing city of Ofakim. I saw beautiful new subdivisions being built in the south that are now empty because its residents have fled to safety in the north. I saw the aftermath of a pogrom that happened on a Kibbutz, kilometers from the Gaza border: innocent civilians were slaughtered solely for the crime of being Jewish.

Most of all, I saw what many of us have already known for years: the war against Hamas is not one of Israel’s choosing. It is one that the Jewish people entered only because our loved ones were massacred and kidnapped. I saw that there is no moral equivalency between the actions of Hamas and the IDF, the most morally upstanding army in the world. I bear witness to the reality that Golda Meir once said: “If the Arabs put down their guns, there would be peace. If the Jews put down their guns, there would be no Israel.”

With Chanukah around the corner, I am reminded that we don’t have to live in Israel to be called a Maccabee and to fight against evil in our world. This month, my column is a call for all of us to give a part of who we are—our *levavcha, nafshecha, u-meodecha*—our hearts, our souls, our resources, for the sake of our people, and to bring light to a chaotic and darkened world. It’s a reminder to us that there are some things that are worth dying for. It is the same fight that the Maccabees understood many generations ago: *bayamim hahem, uvazman hazeh.*



We Stand with Israel

Ways to show your support for Israel:

[JFGA Emergency Campaign](#)

[JNF Israel Resilience Campaign](#)

[Israel Bonds](#)

[Friends of the IDF](#)

[Atlanta Israel Coalition](#)

[Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Inc.](#)

[Brothers and Sisters for Israel](#)



Marty Gilbert
Executive Director

A Prayer for the State of Israel
Siddur Lev Shalem, page 178

“Our Father in Heaven, Rock, and Redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, with its promise of redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our Holy Land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.”

And let us say: *Amen*.



Jamie Platt Lyons
President

Dear Friends and Fellow Congregants:

I am thrilled to announce that Rabbi Jonathon Adler will be joining us full-time as our new Assistant Rabbi beginning July 1, 2024, bringing his love of Judaism, music, and learning to our community.

As most of you already know, Rabbi Adler comes to us with a strong background in cantorial music, pastoral care, and an unmatched warmth and desire to serve our congregation. He looks forward to collaborating with Rabbi Dorsch to lead, teach, and engage us in new and thoughtful ways as we continue to develop and grow our congregation and *create meaningful Jewish experiences*.

We remain grateful to have the continued guidance and support of Rabbi Lewis, our Rabbi Emeritus, and Rabbi Slomovitz, who has long been a member of our community, both of whom have helped us through this past year.



Please join me in acknowledging and thanking our Rabbi Search Committee for its tireless work in connection with our 2022-2023 search. The committee, chaired by Joe Ziskend and including Stacy Efrat, Lauren Levetan, Hank Needle, Maddy Rothbard, Gillat Sternberg, and Todd Surden, spent countless hours reviewing candidate resumes and references, meeting candidates, and coordinating and participating in call-back interviews. They spent additional time evaluating and debating our congregational needs and determining who might best fill those needs as our vibrant Jewish community continues to grow in East Cobb. Although Rabbi Adler came to us as a fifth-year Rabbinical School student-fellow and not through our Search Committee work, their efforts and commitment put us in a unique position and set us up for success.

In addition, I want to thank Rabbi Dorsch and Marty Gilbert for their time and dedication to this process, and the Executive Committee and

Board of Trustees for their thoughtful deliberation throughout the entire experience.

Finally, thanks to all our congregants. Your observations and comments were important as we considered our options and strove to make the best decision for Etz Chaim.

Rabbi Adler will continue his bi-monthly visits to Etz Chaim through April 2024 and will be ordained in May 2024. We look forward to his continued weekend participation in our congregation (and hope to see him a little more frequently if his Spring class schedule permits) until he becomes our full-time Assistant Rabbi in July 2024.

Department of Education

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRESCHOOL

Thursday, **12/7**
First Night of Chanukah
Friday, **12/8**
Tot Shabbat
Saturday, **12/9**
Kids Night Out
Thur. 12/21 – Wed., 1/3
School Closed
(Winter Break)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Friday, **12/1**
1st Grade Shabbat Dinner
Sunday, **12/3**
Pre-K Class in Session
Sisterhood Chanukah Shuk
Thursday, **12/7**
First Chanukah Candle
(PM)
Friday, **12/8**
6th Grade Shabbat Dinner
Tuesday, **12/12**
Community Chanukah
Party at TKC (see page 13)
Tue., **12/19** - Tue. **1/2**
School Closed
(Winter Break)



Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

Kitah Vav in Action

October was filled with meaningful experiences for Kitah Vav. We kicked the month off with two religious experiences celebrating the “S” holidays. Kitah Vav began by celebrating Sukkot in the Radow Sanctuary with the congregation, joining for the Hallel service, learning to shake the Lulav and Etrog, and walking as a class in the Processional. The following week the entire Religious School met on the Figur Family Outdoor Playground. The parents put on gloves and held the Torah as it was unrolled completely. All of the Religious School students stood in the center of the Torah and did a walk about the text with Rabbi Adler. Rabbi focused our attention on special parashiot that are written differently. He highlighted certain words that are unique or have special things about them. The class then had a chance to don silly hats and participate in the Hakafot; dancing and singing with the Torahs. Kitah Vav went up on the Bimah for a class Aliyah while parents and Morah Allison held a Tallit over the students. This gave the class a chance to try out the blessing before the Torah that the students have been working on. They also got to join Kitah Hay and Kitah Zayin for a game of Jewpardy.

In Judaics, Kitah Vav made their way to the Gelernter Family Lobby and took food out of the Operation Isaiah barrels to see if it was kosher. They looked at all of the different hechshers and talked about how to identify meat, dairy, pareve, and pesadich foods. They drew pictures and used colors to identify dairy, meat, pareve, and not kosher; they then played a game where a food item was called out and they had to display the picture that they thought corresponded to the appropriate level of kashrut. Players advanced to the finish line as they answered correctly. As winners selected which candy they wanted as a reward, they learned that many processed foods have hidden ingredients like gelatin that make them non-kosher, which is why fresh fruits and veggies don't need a hechsher, but processed foods do.

Kitah Vav then transitioned into learning about tzedekah. Students participated in a Mitzvah Fair, where they had the opportunity to learn about various ways they could volunteer or raise money for their Mitzvah Projects. They then learned about Maimonides' Ladder. Everyone came up with examples of each rung of the ladder. Learning about Maimonides' Ladder and Kashrut culminated in a field trip to the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS. Kitah Vav were ROCKSTARS. They sorted 26 barrels of food, over twice what last year's class did and with fewer people. They agreed that since they volunteered cheerfully, they didn't know who would be receiving the food, and the recipients didn't know who donated and sorted the food, that this was pretty high up on Maimonides' Ladder. They definitely felt good, and tired, when they left JF&CS.

Rabbi Dorsch visited the class twice this month to answer all of the students' and parents' questions about what is going on in Israel and how students can respond if people say something to them at school or at after-school activities about the war. Students also had an opportunity to write letters to the families of the hostages.

And lastly, but most certainly not least, parents and students participated in a family workshop, "B'nai Mitzvah - Why Am I Doing This?". This helped parents understand what their students see as the meaning behind their B'nai Mitzvah.



ETZ CHAIM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AND GRADED SHABBATOT

Dates, times and registration
Information is available
on page 12.

Yasher Koach to Etz Chaim for being **NUMBER ONE** in food collection for the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS.

Here are some photos from Kitah Vav, our 6th Grade Religious School students, who helped JF&CS sort through the 14,000 lbs. of food which was collected during the High Holiday Food Drive!







Tot Shabbat
at Etz Chaim

Join us on these Fridays during the 2023-24 school year:
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:
DECEMBER 2 & 16 - JANUARY 13 & 27
FEBRUARY 3 & 10 - MARCH 9 & 23 - APRIL 13 & 20

DATES FOR ALL STARS:
DECEMBER 16 - FEBRUARY 10
MARCH 16 - APRIL 13 - MAY 11

come CHECK US OUT, 'cause IT'S A HOME RUN!



Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Jenifer and Bill Lieberbaum on the marriage of their son Mark to Isabelle Bersano on October 21, 2023, at the Biltmore Estate

Judie Taylor who is being honored by *J Street Georgia* for her tireless efforts on behalf of peace and diplomacy.

Erica Fox on successfully defending her dissertation, *Novice Georgia Middle School Teachers' Preparation to Teach Reading: An Instrumental Case Study*. Congrats, Dr. Fox.

Andrea and Jerry Cohen on the marriage of their son David to Erica Barnett on November 18 at Camp Ramah Darom

Our Condolences to...

Stephanie Gang on the passing of her beloved mother, Betty Rickles

Beth Siegel on the passing of her beloved husband, Garry Siegel

Larry Lemer on the passing of his beloved mother, Faye Lemer

Dara Richer on the passing of her beloved father, Ronald Richer

Rickey Mittelberg on the passing of his beloved father, Jerome Mittelberg, and grandfather of Rachel Cohen

Marc Seltman, on the passing of his beloved father, Herbert Seltman

Lisa Windholtz on the passing of her beloved mother, Genie Windholz, and grandmother of Hannah and Zachary Buxbaum

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Ron Judenberg
Michael Karp
Linda Weinroth

Welcome! We are pleased to introduce this new member...

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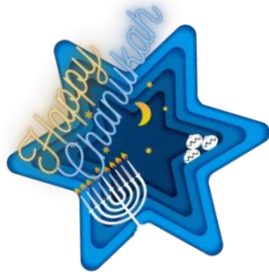


Members on the Move...

Roz Reiss
8592 Roswell Rd., Apt. 659
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Maddie Huppert
300 Johnson Ferry Rd., Unit A701
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

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



Reminder: Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 3
10:00 a.m.
at
Etz Chaim



WE ARE NOW HIRING

If you are energetic and love inspiring children, teaching at Etz Chaim may be the position for you!

- Paid time off
- Competitive pay (\$22 - \$25/hr)
- Employee discount on tuition
- Part time hours (9a - 2p) with ability to make full time
- Summers off or year round
- Paid continuing education

\$100 Referral Bonus
To be received 30 days after hire.

APPLY NOW

Contact Debbie Deutsch:
www.etzchaim.net
Debbie@etzchaim.net
 Call 770-977-3384



2024 CREDITS WILL GO QUICKLY!

SIGN UP TODAY!

SECURE YOUR 100% GEORGIA INCOME TAX CREDIT NOW

It takes just 20 seconds to submit your tax credit application.

2024 ALEF Fund, now Georgia GOAL

Your participation helps send children to our Pre-K program

As some of you may be aware, the ALEF Fund, now Georgia GOAL is the Student Scholarship Organization that coordinates the funding of our scholarship funds for the Cool Cats class. We are currently seeking participants to fund our scholarship program and we are hoping that each of you will participate in any way that makes sense for your family. **This is NOT a contribution but a dollar for dollar Georgia state tax credit.**

Here is why you should consider participating:

1. The state of Georgia gives you a **dollar for dollar state tax credit** for all funds contributed.
2. **All monies fund our scholarship offerings** and we would like to continue to be able to offer the large scholarships we've offered the past 5 years. (Currently, most of our Cool Cats students are receiving scholarships covering about 73% of their total full-time tuition.)
3. Each year we depend on our participants to support our scholarships.

Here is how to participate:

1. Go to <https://www.goalscholarship.org/> and select "Apply Now", then choose either "First Time Donor" or "Returning Donors". Create an account or sign in to your existing account.
2. Indicate the amount of your participation and **designate that monies go to Congregation Etz Chaim Preschool.**

You will not have to fund this until after the first of the year, once you have received confirmation that you have been approved by the state.

Debbie and Marty

Allocate your money as quickly as possible. There is a state wide cap on allocations and when that cap is met, no more allocations will be accepted. For additional information or questions, please contact Marty Gilbert at 770-973-0137, mgilbert@etzchaim.net or Debbie Deutsch at 770-977-3384, debbie@etzchaim.net.

Forms should be submitted to the GOAL—ALEF Fund office by the end of 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

January Deadline: Friday, December 1
February Deadline: Tuesday, January 2

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

MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

All Shabbat Services in-person and via livestream.

Minyanim will be held in-person only.

BE A MITZVAH MAKER.

PLEASE HELP US MAKE A MINYAN FOR THOSE SAYING KADDISH.

(In order to say Mourner's Kaddish, we need to have 10 participants.)

Monday - Friday Mornings 7:00 a.m. ☆ Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m.

Please note: Monday, December 25 minyan 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1, minyan at 9:00 a.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**

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:
December 9 & 23, January 6 & 20**



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

Greetings and Salutations, Etz Chaim Congregants,

With Thanksgiving behind us, we head towards Chanukah and Winter.

Men's Club cooked at the Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival on October 22, at Brook Run Park in Dunwoody. The Etz Chaim team, 'Moshe Ribino's Kosher Barbie-Q Team', raised a lot of eyebrows with our pink Barbie t-shirts! We even took home a couple of trophies and placed 4th place overall out of 21 teams. Special shout outs to **Jerry Cohen, Mathew Nathan, Mathias Salamon, and Clifford Martin** for their support for the event. Estimates were about 5,000 people attended this festival as the weather cooperated nicely.

The Men's Club assisted with Veterans Day Shabbat on November 11, as we honored our Veterans, those that served and those that continue to serve. We had a nice turnout and an emotional service with our hearts standing with our fellow Jews in Israel.

We will be cooking chili and accoutrements for our First Responders sometime during the Winter as a way of thanking them for their service not only to Etz Chaim, but the community-at-large.

Hoping everyone has a Happy Chanukah this Holiday Season!

We welcome you to get involved with Men's Club! Volunteer to cook or prep, attend our Men's Club-sponsored events or 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.

President: Bryan Coleman

VP: Mathew Nathan

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

Prime Timers Game Day
Sunday, December 3 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Hammer-Tritt Social Hall at Etz Chaim

Bring your favorite game to play and have fun with your friends!
 Snacks will be provided.

There is no charge.

Please RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/gameday2023

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 FOR OUR ANNUAL DANCE!

ETZ CHAIM'S
PRIME TIMERS

For questions, please contact:
 Debbie and Irwin Berman or Esther and Charlie Harrison
dlberman2@gmail.com, imberman2@gmail.com
eharrisonkamele@aol.com, charlieharrison@aol.com

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, laineybeth@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

The Sisterhood Scoop



"Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." —Anne Frank

Spin the dreidel, make the latkes and shine up your Menorah! Chanukah is quickly approaching!

Upcoming December events at Etz Chaim include the **Pride Shabbat on December 2**. Join us for a meaningful Shabbat.

Sunday, **December 3, is the Chanukah Shuk** brought to you by Sisterhood for our Religious School children to purchase gifts for family and friends. The Chanukah Shuk will be open during Religious School hours.

Sunday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bayit, Linda Briks will host the Book Club to share thoughts and inspiration on **The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles**. See our ad on page 22.

The new session for our popular series, **Shalom in the Shul**, began October 16. Our next session is **December 12**. Join Rabbi Lewis as he leads us in a stimulating discussion on the book **Not In God's Name**, by Rabbi Jonathan Saks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain. Available for purchase through Amazon. Please see the ad on page 13 to RSVP.

MUST Ministries, a local homeless shelter and service provider for those in need, is counting on us to provide knitted caps and scarves for those cold winter months. Do you knit or crochet? Bring completed items to the office during business hours to be placed in our bin. See our ad on page 12.

Stop by our **Judaica & Gifts Shop** for a special gift for your loved one or yourself! The Chanukah essentials are available too, including unique chanukiahs and colorful candles.

Please continue to support **Sunday Morning Minyan at 9:30 a.m.** Every person who attends is vital and appreciated. Your attendance can make a difference! We are one of the only synagogues in the area that have daily minyanim. It is a mitzvah to be there for those in mourning and observing a yahrzeit.

A special program presented by 2MyPlace and The Rotary Club will be held on **Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m.** - **"Not in My Neighborhood – Oh Yes It is"**. Prominent panel and survivors will lead the discussion to end Human Trafficking. See our ad on page 24.

Save the date, **February 18**, for the **Sisterhood and Men's Club Trivia Night!** Always a crowd pleaser! Prizes, food and friends! What a way to start the year. See our ad on page 12.

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, laineybeth@comcast.net for any questions or to inquire further.

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.

Order your 2024 Mah Jongg Cards! See page 24.

Join us for...

Religious School Shabbat Services and Dinner by Grade with RSVP link information

December 8 - 6th Grade, 6:30p Service/7:15p Dinner: : www.etzchaim.net/event/vav6shabbat2023

January 12 - 5th Grade, 6:30p Service/7:15p Dinner: www.etzchaim.net/event/hay5shabbat2023

January 26 - 3rd Grade, 6:30p Service/7:15p Dinner: www.etzchaim.net/event/gimel3shabbat2023

February 9 - 4th Grade, 6:30p Service/7:15p Dinner: www.etzchaim.net/event/dalet4shabbat2023

April 12 - 2nd Grade, 5p Dinner/6:30p Service: www.etzchaim.net/event/bet2shabbat2023

The cost is \$5.00 per child (13 and under) / \$8.00 per Adult



The Sisterhood Knitting Project

Knitting together to keep others warm




Calling all knitters and crocheters
to benefit MUST Ministries

As in the past, MUST needs hats, scarves and gloves
to fill the needs of those less fortunate.

If you would like to participate, please contact Dana Shefsky,
at danashefsky@yahoo.com or call 901-218-9546.

Drop off all items at the shul by Friday, December 15.
Please remember to put your name in the bag of items.



**SHALOM
IN THE
SHUL** SPONSORED BY
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All are welcome to join Rabbi Lewis in a lively discussion on the book.

"NOT IN GOD'S NAME"
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

All sessions 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

DEC 11 **JAN 8** **MAR 11** **MAY 13**

Please RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul23-24

Contact Rabbi Lewis if you need help getting access to the book.

Am Yisrael Chai
**COMMUNITY
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**



**Tuesday, December 12th
6:30 - 8:30PM
Temple Kehillat Chaim**

1145 Green St, Roswell, GA 30075
Register at kehillatchaim.org by Dec. 8th

*Latkes, sufganiyot, music, Chanukah fun, crafts,
& opportunities to show our support for Israel*

Offered free to the greater community by:
Temple Kehillat Chaim, Congregation Etz Chaim, Temple Beth Tikvah & Temple Kol Emeth

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MOUNTAIN VIEW REGIONAL LIBRARY CELEBRATION OF LIGHT



Celebrate the season of light and learn about the different winter solstice light celebrations from around the world. Build your own candle holder to celebrate your winter festival.

Scan to register



**Wednesday
December 6**

6 pm



Mountain View Regional Library
3320 Sandy Plains Rd
Cobbcat.org/events



**Happy
Chanukah**



Etz Chaim Young Adults Chanukah Party

When: Saturday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

Where: Ormsby's

Attire: Chanukah Festive

Celebrate the third night of Chanukah with a special Chanukah cocktail and light the menorah. Please RSVP on FB so we can get an accurate headcount.

Please bring a canned good that will be donated to charity.



Happy Chanukah ~ Chag Urim Sameach



Lighting the Candles

As you face your Chanukiah (menorah), place the candles in their holders from right to left. As you light them, you light them from left to right, starting with the newest candle.

The candles should be kindled after nightfall. The menorah should be placed near the window for all to see, safely away from curtains and shades.

On the second night of Chanukah, **Friday, December 8**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **before nightfall and before the Shabbat candles**. On the third night of Chanukah, **Saturday, December 9**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **after Havdalah**.

Chanukah Blessings

Recite after the Shamash, the Helper candle, is lit but before the other candles are lit.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam asher
kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav vitzi-va-nu l'had-lik nays shel
Chanukah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שעשה נסים
לאבותינו ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam sheh'
Asa ni'sim la'avotaynu ba'ya'min ha'haym ba'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this time of year.

Recite First Night Only

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם,
שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam she-
he-chey-a-nu, v'kiy-manu v'hi-gi-anu lazman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this season.

Lilmode Presents:



The Treasures of Etz Chaim: A Walking Tour of our Art

with Rabbi Shalom Lewis

Sunday, December 17

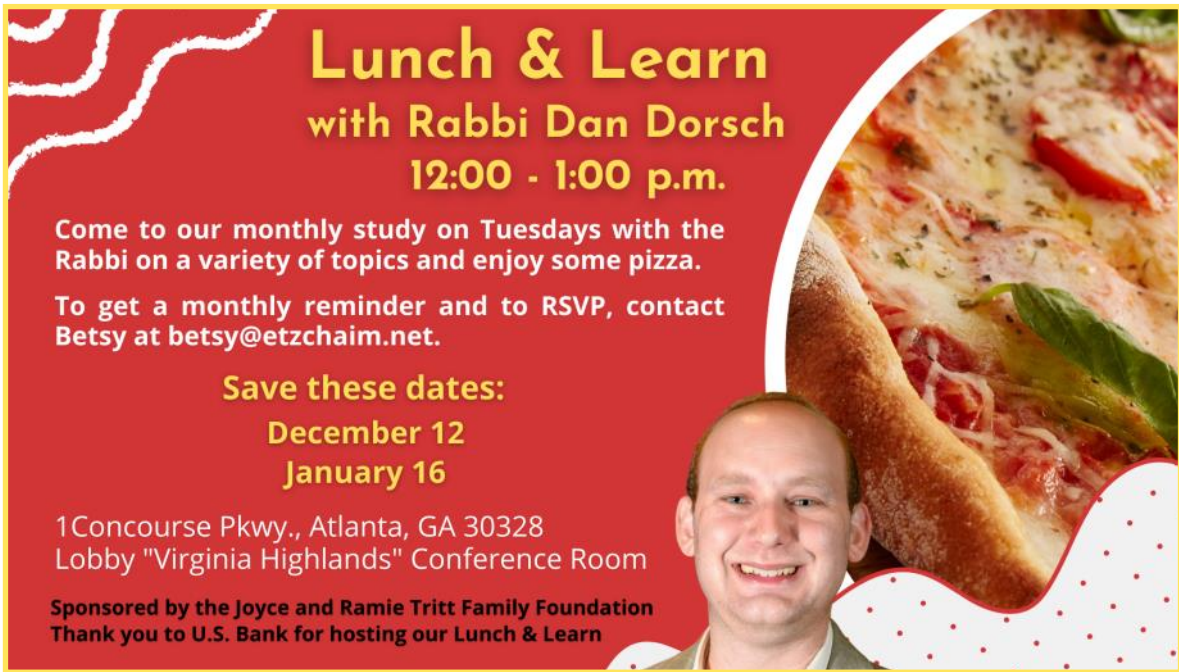
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The tour will begin and end in Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim.

A Q&A session will follow the tour. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/arttour





Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dan Dorsch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Come to our monthly study on Tuesdays with the Rabbi on a variety of topics and enjoy some pizza.

To get a monthly reminder and to RSVP, contact Betsy at betsy@etzchaim.net.

Save these dates:
December 12
January 16

1 Concourse Pkwy., Atlanta, GA 30328
Lobby "Virginia Highlands" Conference Room

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Thank you to U.S. Bank for hosting our Lunch & Learn



Torah Study with the Rabbi

Join us in person or via Zoom for a stimulating conversation with the Rabbi.

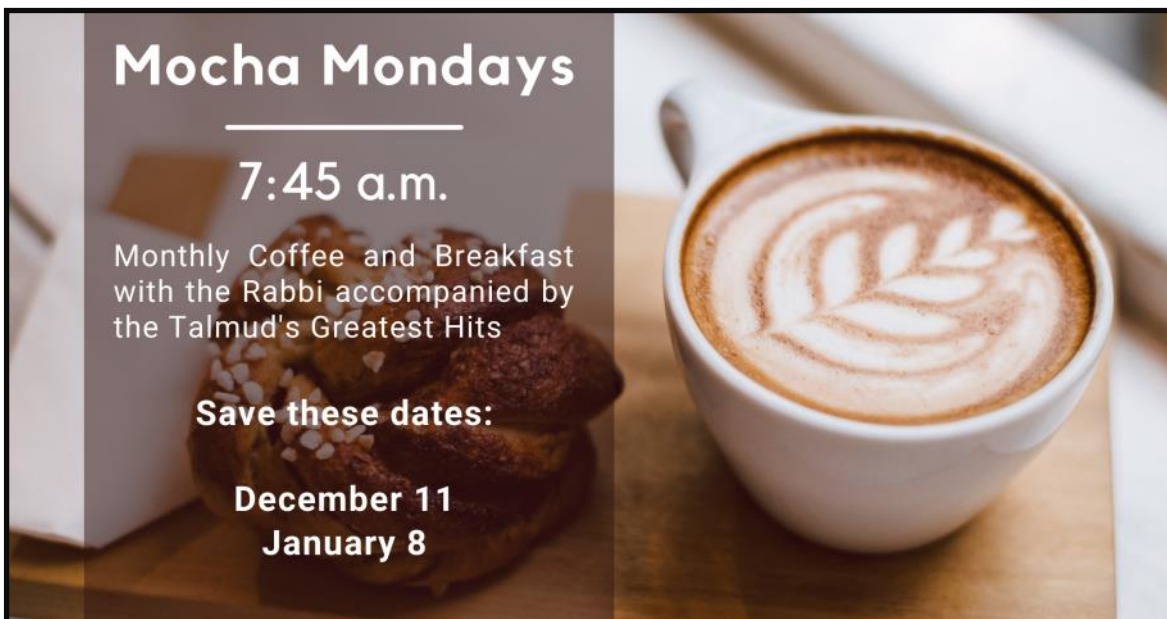
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
**Hammer-Tritt Social Hall
at Etz Chaim**

December 7
December 12
December 21
January 4
January 11
January 18
January 25

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
**Huntcliff Summit I -
Independent Living**

December 12
January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9

To be added to our email list or receive the Zoom link, contact Betsy in the office at betsy@etzchaim.net.

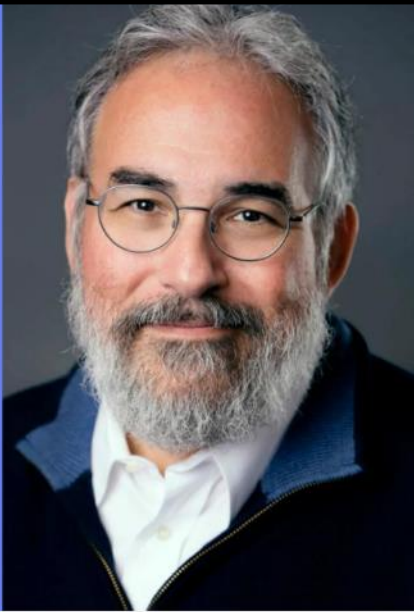


Mocha Mondays

7:45 a.m.

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

Save these dates:
December 11
January 8



Scholar-in-Residence

January 19 - 20, 2024

featuring

Rabbi Brad Hirschfield

President, Clal - The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership

Co-Founder and Executive Editor, TheWisdomDaily.com

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Together and Apart: Nurturing Unity In An Era of Increasing Polarization

Friday Night, January 19:

Shabbat Service at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner (by reservation) at 7:15 p.m., Program/Lecture: 8:15 p.m.

Finding Faith Without Fanaticism - We live in an insanely polarized time — we as Jews, we as Americans, we in Israel, and beyond — but can we actually do anything about it? The answer is yes!

Saturday Morning, January 20:

Shabbat Service at 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat Drash: **All In: How a Forever People Builds A Forever Community.**

Following Shabbat Service and Kiddush Lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Rabbis Behaving Badly Or Brilliantly: Talmudic Life-Lessons For Today. In an interactive exploration of a 1600-year-old story that has never been more relevant — one that assumes that controversies will always exist and that we can have them without undermining ourselves or those with whom we have them.

About Rabbi Hirschfield: How fortunate we are to have such an accomplished scholar in our midst so we may benefit from the knowledge he will share with us. Rabbi Hirschfield's accomplishments include multiple honors as "One of iAmerica's 50 Most Influential Rabbis" (Newsweek). He has been recognized as one of our nation's leading "Preachers and Teachers" by Beliefnet.com, as well as an author and editor of numerous books, including *You Don't Have To Be Wrong For Me To Be Right: Finding Faith Without Fanaticism*, and a frequent guest on radio and television. Rabbi Hirschfield is the founder of the Stand and See Fellowship, which brings hundreds of Christian religious leaders to Israel, preparing them to address the increasing polarization around Middle East issues with six words, "It's more complicated than we know."

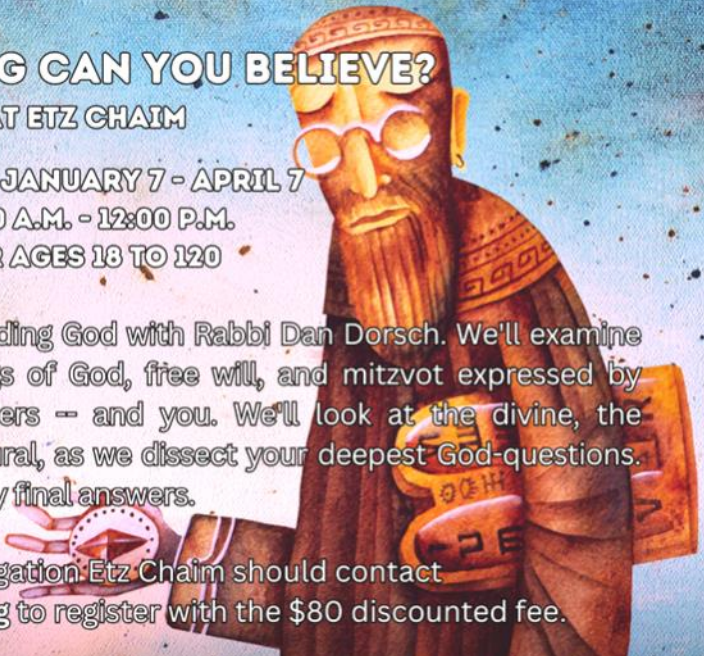
*Clal, is a training institute, think tank, and resource center for volunteers and professional leadership that nurtures religious, intellectual, and social pluralism, within the Jewish community, and the wider world to create a safe space to meet the challenges of our 21st Century global Jewish family. Please join us in welcoming Rabbi Brad Hirschfield to our community.



RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/sir2024

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AT ETZ CHAIM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 - APRIL 7
10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
FOR AGES 18 TO 120

Explore the BIG questions surrounding God with Rabbi Dan Dorsch. 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.

Members of Congregation Etz Chaim should contact brill.institute@atlantajcc.org to register with the \$80 discounted fee.



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ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
WITH BRENDAN MURPHY, HISTORY TEACHER AT MARIST

Three-part class:
January 21, 2 - 4:00 p.m., January 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., and February 4, 2 - 4:00 p.m.
Marist School's Woodruff Auditorium

The study of the Holocaust is a humanizing endeavor, a journey through the past that helps us reconsider how we understand ourselves as human beings.

Registration Info:
bearing-witness.my.canva.site



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Free and open to the community.



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.



Congregation Etz Chaim
Pride Alliance

As members of our Etz Chaim community, let's join upcoming Pride & LGBTQ events here at our synagogue and around metro Atlanta to show our commitment to love, acceptance, and inclusion. By participating, we can bridge divides, foster understanding, and spread the message of love that transcends all boundaries. Let's embrace diversity, celebrate uniqueness, and be a living example of our Judaism in action. Join us and also have tons of FUN! For more information, contact [Andrew Kagan](#).

We look forward to seeing you at Pride Shabbat!

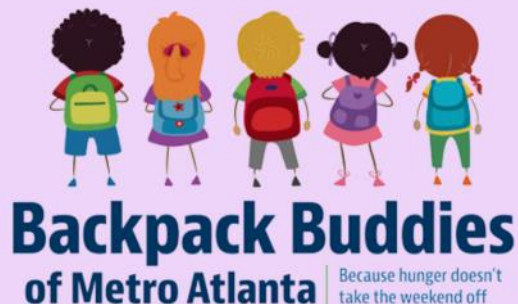


Did you know that 1 in 6 children in Georgia is food insecure?

Did you know that children who rely on free breakfast and lunch at school are often food insecure on weekends?

Join us as we launch Backpack Buddies at Etz Chaim to help fill the weekend hunger gap. Our congregation sponsors children at Eastvalley Elementary School - which means we are responsible for providing bags of food for dozens of children each week this school year.

To learn how you can help and sign up to volunteer, please visit the Social Action page of our website or scan the QR code.



Scan me

December 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-Dec	Sandy Moss	18	Kislev	15-Dec	Diana Regitsky	3	Tevet
*2-Dec	Debbie Flamm	19	Kislev	15-Dec	Elaine Sackett	3	Tevet
2-Dec	Henry Ginsburg	19	Kislev	16-Dec	Marcia Karol	4	Tevet
2-Dec	Irwin Vanovitch	19	Kislev	16-Dec	Morris Friedman	4	Tevet
*3-Dec	David Levy	20	Kislev	*16-Dec	Samuel Rothstein	4	Tevet
3-Dec	Hortense Golsen	20	Kislev	16-Dec	Sandra Augarten	4	Tevet
3-Dec	Joe Gerson	20	Kislev	*17-Dec	Audrey Cohen	5	Tevet
*3-Dec	Mollye Seiden	20	Kislev	*17-Dec	Jay Tinter	5	Tevet
3-Dec	Ralph Schwab	20	Kislev	17-Dec	Larry Price	5	Tevet
*3-Dec	Thelma Lehman	20	Kislev	17-Dec	Simon Monitz	5	Tevet
*4-Dec	Alan Givartz	21	Kislev	18-Dec	Riea M. Howell	6	Tevet
4-Dec	Frances H. Schneider	21	Kislev	18-Dec	Sylvia Siegel	6	Tevet
4-Dec	Henry Siegelman	21	Kislev	18-Dec	Abe Sandak	7	Tevet
4-Dec	Lillian Rosengarten	21	Kislev	*19-Dec	Evelyn Ebel	7	Tevet
*4-Dec	Robert Coltman	21	Kislev	19-Dec	Harry Smith	7	Tevet
5-Dec	Clara Gray	22	Kislev	*19-Dec	Katie Greif	7	Tevet
5-Dec	Hilda Barrack	22	Kislev	19-Dec	Kay Liss	7	Tevet
5-Dec	Salomon Kron	22	Kislev	*19-Dec	Philip Dinin	7	Tevet
6-Dec	Gizella Jacoby	23	Kislev	19-Dec	Robert Alexander	7	Tevet
*6-Dec	Ceil Raskin	23	Kislev	20-Dec	Bea Katz	8	Tevet
*6-Dec	Terry Wilson	23	Kislev	21-Dec	Alvin Levin	9	Tevet
*8-Dec	Bernard Lehman	25	Kislev	*21-Dec	Blanche Pollack	9	Tevet
8-Dec	Leonard Berch	25	Kislev	21-Dec	Doris Dermer	9	Tevet
8-Dec	Norma Mador	25	Kislev	21-Dec	Shirley Rivchun	9	Tevet
9-Dec	Carl Zager	26	Kislev	21-Dec	Steven Goldstein	9	Tevet
9-Dec	Linda Aronstein	26	Kislev	21-Dec	Warner Fox	9	Tevet
9-Dec	Murray Schor	26	Kislev	*22-Dec	Morris Shapiro	10	Tevet
9-Dec	Ray Garron	26	Kislev	23-Dec	John Brindle	11	Tevet
9-Dec	Robert Rothstein	26	Kislev	24-Dec	Betty Cohn	12	Tevet
9-Dec	Samuel K. Yucht	26	Kislev	*24-Dec	David Siegel	12	Tevet
9-Dec	Sandra Weiss	26	Kislev	*24-Dec	Hilda Lewis	12	Tevet
9-Dec	Udaya Chandra	26	Kislev	24-Dec	Rita Adelman	12	Tevet
10-Dec	Bernard Kagan	27	Kislev	25-Dec	Myron Fogel	13	Tevet
10-Dec	Martin R. Rapoport	27	Kislev	25-Dec	Nettie Bernstein	13	Tevet
*10-Dec	Ross Kaplowitz	27	Kislev	25-Dec	Reva Epstein	13	Tevet
11-Dec	Annette Goodman	28	Kislev	26-Dec	Arnold Potler	14	Tevet
11-Dec	Arthur Shultz	28	Kislev	26-Dec	Joan Greenberg	14	Tevet
11-Dec	Daniel Greenwald	28	Kislev	*26-Dec	Rita Freeman	14	Tevet
11-Dec	Elaine Waterman	28	Kislev	*26-Dec	Saul Stickgold	14	Tevet
11-Dec	Elayne Lite	28	Kislev	*27-Dec	Judith Baer	15	Tevet
11-Dec	Irving Green	28	Kislev	*27-Dec	Lorraine Struhl	15	Tevet
*11-Dec	Marion Pearlberg	28	Kislev	27-Dec	Sylvia Edelblum	15	Tevet
11-Dec	Muriel Greenblatt	28	Kislev	28-Dec	Harold Komisar	16	Tevet
*11-Dec	Walter Low	28	Kislev	28-Dec	Israel Coplou	16	Tevet
*12-Dec	Zarin Aghajani	29	Kislev	28-Dec	Leon Barman	16	Tevet
12-Dec	Hal Sutton	30	Kislev	28-Dec	Margo Berkman	16	Tevet
*13-Dec	Hyman Goldstein	30	Kislev	*28-Dec	Mel Gelernter	16	Tevet
13-Dec	Pearl Israelton	30	Kislev	*28-Dec	Paul Radow	16	Tevet
13-Dec	David Canter	1	Tevet	29-Dec	Ethel Wise	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Dora Berger	1	Tevet	29-Dec	Herb Gorlin	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Jerry Rosenblum	1	Tevet	29-Dec	Judith Engel	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Jim Berman	1	Tevet	*29-Dec	Morris Frank	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Lawrence Elman	1	Tevet	29-Dec	Rita Kagan	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Lora Coleman	1	Tevet	29-Dec	Sonja Marchesano	17	Tevet
13-Dec	Myra Schlosberg	1	Tevet	30-Dec	Albert Gelb	18	Tevet
13-Dec	Sylvia Cohen	1	Tevet	30-Dec	Barbara Golsen	18	Tevet
14-Dec	Don Brody	2	Tevet	30-Dec	George Walter	18	Tevet
14-Dec	Edward Lemer	2	Tevet	*30-Dec	Mina Rubenstein	18	Tevet
*14-Dec	Minnie Altholtz	2	Tevet	30-Dec	Sophie Mayer	18	Tevet
14-Dec	Nathan Effel	2	Tevet	31-Dec	Irene Rainbow	19	Tevet
15-Dec	Claire Ross	3	Tevet	*31-Dec	Mae Slone Reich	19	Tevet

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 (20 Kislev) Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Sababa Shabbaton Religious School & Pre-K 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Chanukah Shuk 9:15a Annual Cong. Mtg. 10a Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Prime Timers Game Day 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>4 (21 Kislev) Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	 <p>5 (22 Kislev) Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Backpack Buddies 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>6 (23 Kislev) Morning Minyan 7a Chanukah Candle Making @Mountain View Library 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p>7 (24 Kislev) Erev Chanukah Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Menorah Lighting at East Cobb Park 5:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>1 (18 Kislev) Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a 1st GR Shabbat Dinner 5:15p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 5:11p</p>	<p>2 (19 Kislev) Vayishlach Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Sababa USY Shabbaton 9:30a Pride Shabbat 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a Shabbat Ends 6:19p</p>
<p>10 (27 Kislev) Chanukah Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Melton Class 10:30a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>11 (28 Kislev) Chanukah Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorisch 7:45a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Shalom in the Shul 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Com. Mtg. 6:30p</p>	<p>12 (29 Kislev) Chanukah Morning Minyan 7a Lunch & Learn (off-site) 12p Torah Study at Huntcliff 2p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Community Chanukah Celebration @ TKC 6:30p</p>	<p>13 (1 Tevet) Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p PS Board Meeting 7:30p</p>	<p>14 (2 Tevet) Chanukah Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p S'hood Board Mtg. 7p Chai Five B'Yachad 7p</p>	<p>15 (3 Tevet) Chanukah Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 5:11p</p>	<p>16 (4 Tevet) Miketz Shabbat Service 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a Shabbat Ends 6:19p</p>
<p>17 (5 Tevet) Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Melton Class 10:30a Chalutzim Event 12:15p <i>Lilmode: The Treasures of Etz Chaim w/Rabbi Lewis 2p</i> Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg. 7p</p>	<p>18 (6 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Mah Jongg & Canasta 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>19 (7 Tevet) No Religious School Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>20 (8 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p RS Board Meeting 7:30p</p>	<p>21 (9 Tevet) Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>22 (10 Tevet) Candle Lighting 5:12p Fast of Tevet Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 6:20p 23 (11 Tevet) Vayigash Shabbat Service 9:30am Babysitting available 9:30a</p>
<p>24 (12 Tevet) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>25 (13 Tevet) Christmas Day Preschool Closed Synagogue Offices Closed Morning Minyan 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>26 (14 Tevet) No Religious School Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>27 (15 Tevet) Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>28 (16 Tevet) Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>29 (17 Tevet) Candle Lighting 5:15p Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 5:19p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 6:24p 30 (18 Tevet) Vayechi Shabbat Service 9:30a Shabbat Ends 6:28p</p>
<p>31 (19 Tevet) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>						

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JANUARY 7, 2024
BLOOD MOBILE
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DATES: Mondays | January 22, 29 | February 5, 12, 26 | March 4
TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Temple Kol Emeth | 1415 Old Canton Rd | Marietta, GA 30062
RSVP: Ashley Maloy | amaloy@jfcfsatl.org | 770.677.9499

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Sunday, December 10:
The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
 hosted by Linda Briks

Sunday, January 14:
Matchmakers Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman
 hosted by Janice Levine

Sunday, February 11:
The Italian Ballerina by Kristy Cambron
 hosted by Patrice Levy, at the home of Joanne Chaifetz

Don't delay, start reading our December selection.

See you at the Bayit!

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 Need a Zoom link?
 Contact Myra Goldberg

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 purchasing
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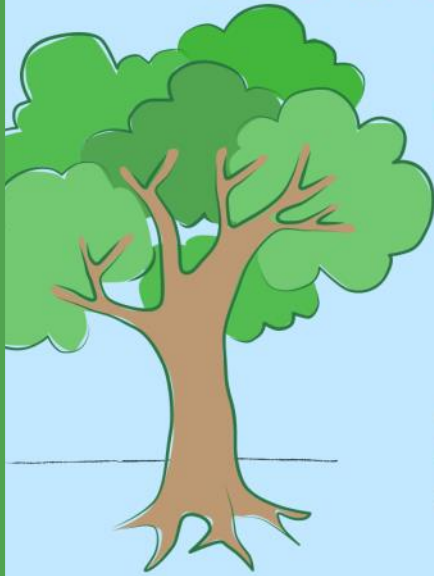
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Recommended Recent Hanukkah Books from our Library for Kids

The Eight Knights of Hanukkah by Leslie Kimmelman. On the last night of Hanukkah, Lady Sadie summons her children, the Eight Knights of Hanukkah, to use kindness and bravery to stop the dastardly dragon that is interrupting party preparations, using kindness and bravery. This humorous adventure is for Grades K-3 and was a Sydney Taylor Notable Picture Book.

Red and Green and Blue and White by Lee Wind. The true meaning of the holiday season shines through in this book based on an incident of anti-Semitism in Billings, Montana. This was also a Sydney Taylor Notable Picture Book from the Association of Jewish Libraries. The community support and friendship in this book gives an inspiring message to kids, Grades 1-5.

A Donut in Time: A Hanukkah Story by Elana Rubenstein. During Hanukkah, SaraLee goes back in time and meets up with the younger Gigi, her great-grandmother. This is a fun, delicious book sprinkled with a little magic, perfect for newer chapter book readers. For Grades 2-4.

ONLINE FUN

- Jacob Richman has a lot of interesting things at his website for children and adults-you can learn Hebrew, find links to Jewish humor, play Jewish games, find links to other Jewish websites, read the latest news from Israel, etc. <https://jr.co.il/>
- Here's just a sample: Hanukkah Humor <https://jr.co.il/humor/chanukah.htm>
- Jewish Games <https://my-jewish-games.com>
- Learn Some Hebrew [JR Links](#)

PJ LIBRARY

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In honor of:

Frank Wilensky's 80th birthday!
Jane Simon

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my father. Thinking of you brings me so much joy and blessings. Because of you, I have learned what it means to have unconditional love, to make the sacrifices that you had made for the family - with a smile, happiness, and pure love for us. You will always be in our lives. With love,

Galina, Ella and Meylakh Barshay

my father, Henry Mendel

Jane Simon

Kenneth Singer

Nancy and Larry Lemer

In memory of:

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Douglas and Eileen Cohen

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

Elyse and David Shaw

my father-in-law, Irving Simon, on his yahrzeit

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Marvin Shams, a friend and a mensch to all. We will miss sharing good times, simchas and holidays together. Fond memories will be a blessing.

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Florence Rothchild, beloved mother, grand-mother, and great grandmother. You are in our hearts always.

Betsy and Jay Lessans

my father and husband to Ann Poche, Earl Joseph Poche, Jr., on his birthday. It's been a year since you left us. We miss and love you so much. We will always cherish the memories of you.

Karen Chauvin and Ann Poche

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Michael J. Levin. We miss and love you more every day.

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In celebration of:

Jonathan Schein's 80th birthday!

Esther Low

Etz Chaim welcoming me (Phillip's Bubbe) for the High Holidays

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Robert Silverman, father of Alan Silverman. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

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our father, Maurice Draluck. We miss you every day.

Mark and Betsy Popkin

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Ron Feibel. Hope your recovery is speedy and complete. We pray that your recent surgery will bring you significant improvement.

Arlene and Glenn La Vine

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Myra "Gigi" Fineman
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Michael Patinkin. Our condolences to the Patinkin family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Stephanie and Robert Foster

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In loving memory of:

Robert Harris, father of Karen Keeter
Denise and Steve

In memory of:

Robert Harris. Sending our dear friend Karen Keeter lots of hugs and love. May the wonderful memories and that incredible smile of your dad's just warm your heart and fill it with love. He will live on forever through those memories. Love,
David and Elyse Shaw

Irving Weiss, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Love you always.

Jerold and Barbara Mayer

my mother, Donna Angster

Neda Gayle

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In memory of:

Cheryl Weinstein Matis, beloved sister of Jack Weinstein. We are sorry to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are sweet.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Barbara Ziff on her yearzeit
Bruce and Deborah Nelson

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Esther Bigel, such a lovely and warm lady. She will be missed by many.

Kenneth Singer. We send our love and condolences to Nancy Lemer on the loss of her father. May the memories help during this difficult time. So glad you are part of our Chavurah.

Dorothy Trotz. Sending hugs to Ronni Beker on the passing of her dear mom. Hoping her memory is a blessing and fills your heart.

your dear and sweet mom, Adele Greenspon. She was such a warm and sincere lady. Her presence in the synagogue is sorely missed. **Elyse and David Shaw**

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Bill and Jenifer Lieberbaum on the marriage of their son Mark to Issabelle

Jodi and Ken Danis on the marriage of their son Peter to Eliza. They looked so cute at the Aufruf.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

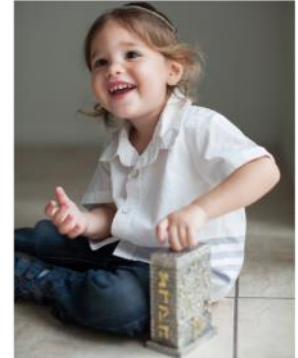
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Two Faiths Come Together, Symbolizing Hope

Marietta's Catholic Church of St. Ann and Congregation
Etz Chaim Partner in The Daffodil Project
by Lora Sommer



In these turbulent times, acts of kindness and hope, and collaborations between faiths can be extraordinary. The Catholic Church of St. Ann recently welcomed members and leadership of Congregation Etz Chaim to a special program - adding a meaningful, local component to the global initiative, [The Daffodil Project](#).

What is The Daffodil Project?

The Daffodil Project aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting **1.5 million daffodils** to remember and represent the **1.5 million children** who perished in the Holocaust, and in support of children who continue to suffer in humanitarian crises and genocides around the world today. The Daffodil Project was started in Atlanta, Georgia, in the Fall of 2010 with the initial planting of 1,800 daffodils. To date, they have engaged thousands of people at more than 370 locations and planted over **800,000 daffodils worldwide**. Universities and schools, churches and synagogues, city parks and botanical gardens, have all participated in The Daffodil Project, planting beautiful gardens of their own. The result: at each location, the daffodils bloom each year, with a dual purpose to beautify and inspire.

The November 5 Program

At the program at St. Ann's on November 5, 250 daffodil bulbs were planted – many by St. Ann's youth and Etz Chaim's teens. Additional highlights included a candle lighting, an interfaith prayer service, the reading of poems, and the dedication of the daffodil garden.

Jamie Platt Lyons, President of Congregation Etz Chaim said, "Wonderful programs like our collaboration with St. Ann's helps us to underscore our message, that communities of all faiths across the globe can stand together and collectively say, '**Never Again!**'"

Father Lamartine, Catholic Church of St. Ann said. "When our community can come together bridging our faiths and bringing awareness to those currently suffering human rights crises throughout the world, this act of true partnership symbolizes hope for the future."

How The Daffodil Project Began

The shape and color of the daffodils represent the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is the color of remembrance. Daffodils represent hope for the future. Daffodils are resilient and return with a burst of color each spring. The Daffodil Project symbolizes the strength and resilience of the human spirit and makes us face, head on, the importance of the obligation we each have to uphold justice.

Susie Sommer, Daffodil Project Ambassador said, "Hate crimes and crimes against humanity continue to plague our society and our world. We hope that the daffodils can serve as one beacon of hope and a constant reminder to stand up in the face of injustice and hatred."

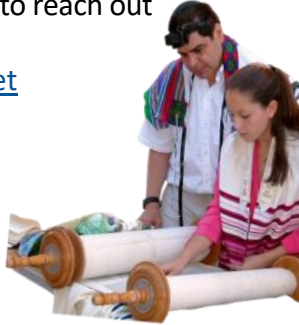
The Daffodil Project honors the memory and the lives of those who perished, honors survivors, and reminds us to stand up for those suffering around the world today. Once you know, you can never forget. Once you know, you can never stand by.

One daffodil on its own is a beautiful flower, but many daffodils standing together bring hope, light, beauty, and communal strength, as we remember the children and remind ourselves to take action.



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.



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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.

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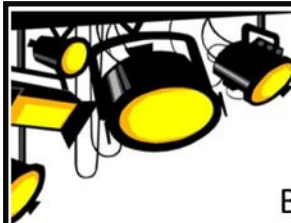


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Bob Beer at bob@bobbeer.com or
Sarala Waller at saralarosewaller@gmail.com



Have you heard about *Roots*, Etz Chaim's new interest-based small groups initiative? Below are current *Roots* groups. Do you have an interest-based group in mind for Etz Chaim? Let's make it happen! Once we have a volunteer leader and five committed members, a group can be formed. You decide when and where. Have questions or want to form a new *Roots* group?

Please contact Leah in the synagogue at 770-973-0137 x125.

Artists Collective

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

Wednesday Golf Roots Group

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

T'shuvah Group organized by JF&CS and HAMSA

In Hebrew, T'Shuvah means to repent or return. Led by Rabbi Mark Borowitz, founder at Beit T'Shuvah, the Atlanta T'Shuvah group believes everyone has a right to redeem themselves, and through doing this work, to create new pathways and choices to live well. Whether you are living with addiction or in recovery, toxicity in relationships, facing challenges to your sense of self, experiencing life changes, or simply want to self reflect and create more meaning in your life – all are welcome.

To learn more about T'Shuvah group, please contact HAMSA at 833-HAMSA-HELPS or HAMSAHelps@jfcsatl.org.

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

Schmooze on Zoom

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Woodworkers of Etz Chaim

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

Movie Group

The Etz Chaim Roots Movie Group is back! This group meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Merchants Walk to see a family friendly movie (PG/PG-13). If you are interested in receiving communications regarding future movie outings, please contact Leah Green at leah@etzchaim.net.

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

Hiking Group Dani Oren at Daniandamir@gmail.com.

Birthday Club Laurie Lavinsky at laulav6@gmail.com or Malka Riesenbergs at malka217@gmail.com.

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

Canasta Group Join our group which meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Hammer—Tritt Social Hall. Sponsored by AgeWell. For more information, contact Leah Green.



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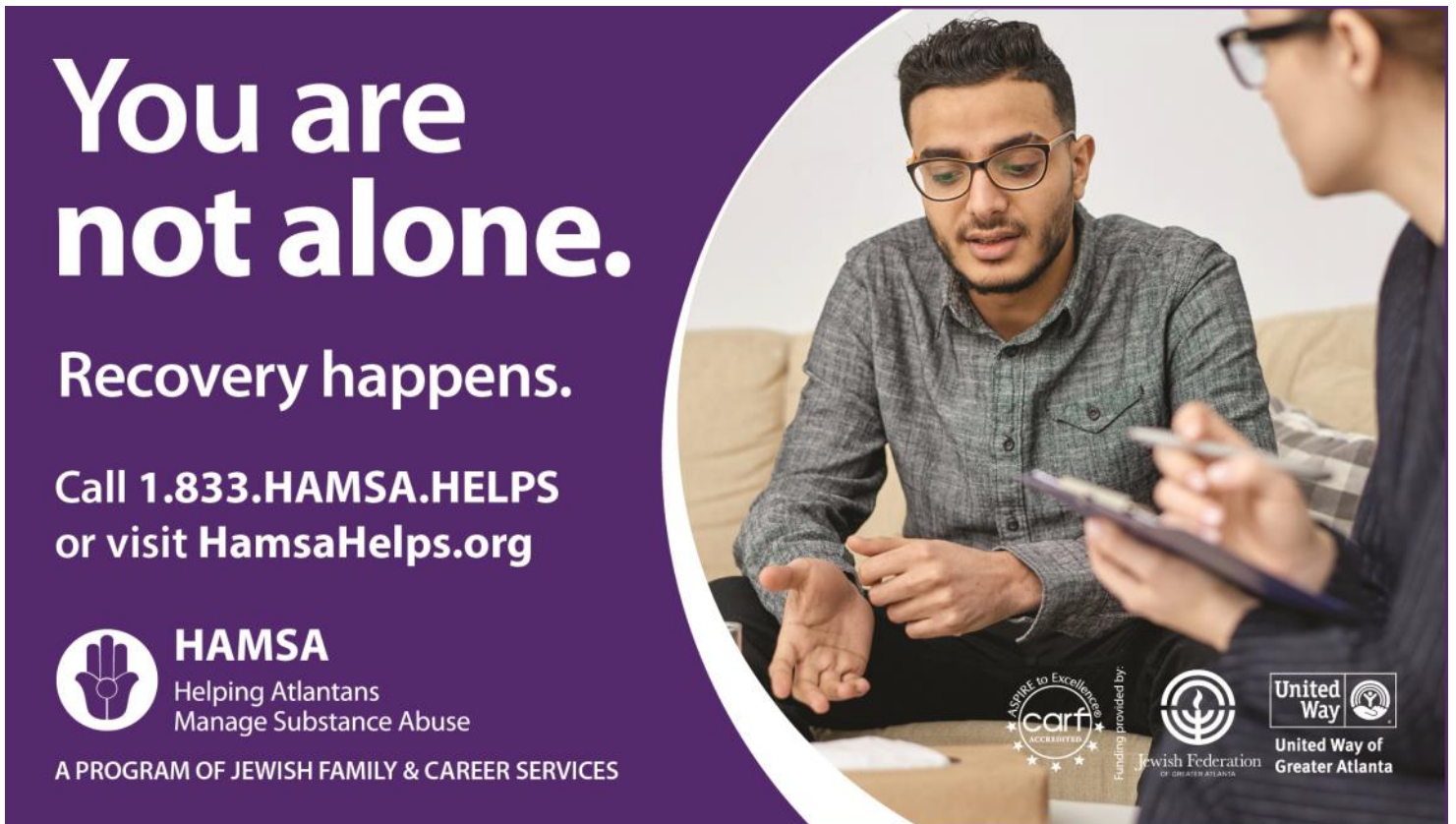


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