

**DID YOU HEAR THE ONE
ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
OF JEWISH HUMOR...
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND
WITH JEREMY DAUBER**



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 & 28

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SCHOLAR PRESENTATION SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES AT 6:30 P.M.

SHABBAT DINNER BY RESERVATION AT 7:15 P.M.

JEREMY DAUBER'S PRESENTATION AT 8:15 P.M.

JEWISH HUMOR: A HISTORY IN FIVE JOKES

SATURDAY MORNING SHABBAT SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

D'VAR TORAH: SOHEM ALEICHEM: THE GREATEST JEWISH COMEDIAN OF ALL TIME

AFTER KIDDUSH LUNCH TALK AT 12:45 P.M.

AN EXAMINATION OF ONE OF SOHEM ALEICHEM'S STORIES

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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

Rabbi Dan Dorsch



You may not know that I use the wall of Lifelights pamphlets (they are purchased in bundles of twelve) outside the wall of my office as a tool to gauge what leading pastoral issues are affecting our community. This subtle plot of mine was nearly undermined when Mayer Smith z”l confessed to me that after morning minyan he had been taking piles of pamphlets entitled *A Jewish Approach to Dementia* and bringing them to Huntcliff. Explaining to me that he felt it would be a boon to many of the residents there, I was happy to order him a few extras, relieved that while it was an important issue, we were not experiencing an epidemic of dementia in the shul.

The pamphlet that always disappears the fastest, sadly, is the one about *Death and Mourning Rituals* by Rabbi Ron Wolfson. In part, its frequent need for a refill is because I routinely hand out this summation of Jewish mourning rituals during funeral intake meetings. Despite reviewing the various shiva customs, in their moment of grief I find that people rarely remember a thing that I have said, and so I send people home with this pithy pamphlet as a reminder.

There are two others that require regular refills that are not all that surprising, usually after the High Holy Days. The first, as I spoke about mental health on the High Holy Days, is about *Coping with Stress*. Enough said. Another one taken in similarly large quantities is *Finding a Way to Forgive* with its focus on family drama. Although I cannot find it written anywhere, I often quote wise words attributed to Dennis Prager who once remarked that “the only families without dysfunction are the ones I haven’t met yet.” Or better still, the words of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, who remarked that “a broken heart is very precious before God.” When people walk in the minyan door and see those pamphlets, there is no doubt that we carry a great deal with us that needs mending.

There are two pamphlets that have also surprised me as they have picked up steam over the last several years. The first, entitled *Grandparenting Interfaith Grandchildren*, was written by Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, whose children were classmates of mine at JTS. As intermarriage continues to be a de facto part of Jewish communal life, increased attention is being paid to this topic. And I do believe, with the proliferation of interfaith families in the Jewish world, that Jewish grandparents, with their connection to traditional Judaism, have an important role to play. The other pamphlet, *Finding New Callings as We Grow Older*, by Rabbi Dayle Friedman is a recent addition that keeps selling out. It seems that since the great resignation and as a growing number of people move into retirement, we are seeking out ways within our Jewish tradition to experience new things.

A congregant once told me that she used to call the wall outside my office the wall of “death and destruction”. The topics I at first selected were all gloomy. With this in mind, two years ago I added a number of pamphlets on Conversion, Finding Meaning in Your Child’s Bar Mitzvah, and Discovering Judaism as an Adult. I also added several copies of a handbook for new Jewish parents. Although I now have several candidates for conversion and we have many B’nai Mitzvah parents, I wish that these pamphlets would sell out a bit faster at times.

Whatever pamphlet you may or may not choose to take, I hope that you will see the wall outside my office as a gateway to further discussion with me. A booklet can provide guidance, but it is not intended to shut you out from knocking on my door and coming inside to connect. No matter whether your issue is a “sell-out” pamphlet or one that will sit on the shelf for a while, I always welcome the opportunity for us to chat about the “oys and joys” of life.

Marty Gilbert Executive Director



I want to thank the NCAA for bringing some excitement to New Year’s Eve television this year, mostly in Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, and Texas.

I am not a huge college football fan even though I went to a school whose football field dates to 1894 and has the plumbing to prove it.

This year, at least part of the evening’s diversion will be what are hopefully some pretty good football games. No doubt I will still tune in for the NYE ball drop in New York’s Times Square, but at least I probably won’t have to suffer through a cavalcade of lip-syncing singers for two hours.

I am old enough to remember when it was worse. Babysitting my sisters so my parents could go out and all that was on television back before cable was Guy Lombardo from the Waldorf-Astoria and maybe the Horn Blows at Midnight with Jack Benny. Dick Clark didn’t show up on NYE until 1972. It is hard to imagine that he passed away 10 years ago; we thought that he would live forever.

Since getting married, NYE celebrations have moved from meeting friends at Chinese restaurants, attending large uncomfortable parties, and having to pay babysitters a premium, to binge watching old movies and bringing in Chinese food.

The latter choice is a reaction to the “amateur night” connotation of NYE when everyone who rarely drinks decides that NYE is a good night to push their limits on whiskey sours and champagne.

I gave up writing NYE resolutions years ago because I didn’t want to deal with disappointment two days into the new year.

After all, what I really wish and hope for is that everyone I know stays healthy, happy and has the best year ever. I know that probably won’t happen, but for a brief period of 24 hours on the first day of the new year, it is nice to dream, and it is a pretty good place to start.

I will say this: May the team you’re rooting for win; don’t drink and drive, and stay safe!

I wish you all health and happiness.

May 2023 be the best year ever!

**Questions about
purchasing a
cemetery plot?**

**Call *Marty Gilbert*
770-973-0137**



Jamie Platt Lyons
President

SEARCH AND CHURCH

Happy (secular) New Year, everyone! I hope you had a safe and warm holiday season. I've always enjoyed winter. I grew up in New York and went to college in upstate New York. I like colder weather. I like being the first to wake up and walk-through fresh snow. I like hats and gloves and the cracking sounds of a fire. And now I live in Georgia. . . so I don't get those winter weather feelings very much anymore. Except that some winter-type concepts translate no matter where we live. I've always loved the concept of hibernation. While sleep generally evades me most nights, I think of hibernation as slowing down and quietly focusing on oneself. Hibernation is how we gift ourselves the space and time to recharge our batteries.

Anyone who knows me probably will laugh at the concept of me slowing down to regroup. (Even my co-workers gave me an award for being most like the Energizer Bunny.) However, we all have to retreat sometimes, close our eyes, and breathe deeply. I recently started pilates classes and I find myself closing my eyes to focus on the exercises and create a barrier between me and the outside. A few times I've opened my eyes and looked around at others . . . they seem to keep their eyes open. I have been thinking about why I close my eyes. I believe it's my form of hibernation. Exercising is my time to focus on me, breathe deeply, and regroup. I guess, for me, closing my eyes helps me in that process.

One of the other winter feelings that pairs with hibernation is the concept of reawakening and renewal. While we hibernate or regroup, we are also getting ready and "ramping up" for new beginnings. I love winter because it is a period of preparation for what's next. Winter creates anticipation and an internal excitement about pressing "restart".

At Congregation Etz Chaim we celebrate beginnings throughout the year. We have many different "new years" on our holiday calendar. To add to our numerous annual holiday beginnings, in wintertime Etz Chaim elects, celebrates, and honors a slate of new Executive Committee and Board of Trustee members. Last month, we had so many members at our annual congregational meeting we didn't have enough chairs in the Levine Family Chapel! What a great problem. At that meeting, we unanimously elected our synagogue leadership for 2023. **Please join us for Shabbat services on January 21, 2023, as we de-install our outgoing leaders and install our newly elected folks.**

In anticipation of "Installation Shabbat" we held a transitional Executive Committee meeting and a transitional Board of Trustees meeting in December. Our outgoing, continuing, and incoming Board Members met together as a group. During that meeting I described the two projects currently taking up most of my time as President . . . SEARCH and CHURCH.

SEARCH

As most of you know, we have a committee in place to find the replacement for our previous assistant rabbi. Joe Ziskend is the Chair of the Search Committee and he is joined by Gillat Sternberg, Lauren Levetan, Stacy Efrat, Todd Surden, Hank Needle, and Maddy Rothbard. As part of this process, we have prepared and submitted an extensive application to the Rabbinical Assembly. We also took part in the Rabbinical Assembly's "Virtual Career Fair" in which Joe presented a 90-second song about Congregation Etz Chaim. (Joe's Broadway-themed presentation can be [viewed here](#).)

Additionally, we created general and detailed job descriptions and we have been given a special waiver from the Rabbinical Assembly to post our job descriptions with other rabbinical schools and in the secular world. Please note that we've also had conversations about hiring someone who might not yet be an ordained rabbi. We are reaching out as far as possible to draw in potential candidates for this position and we will keep you in the loop as we do so. For now, if you have comments or questions for Joe and the Search Committee, please feel free to communicate with them at searchcommittee@etzchaim.net.

CHURCH

As most of you also know, the Lutheran Church adjacent to Etz Chaim closed in July 2022. They recently leased the space to a new congregation, Grace Resurrection Methodist Church, who has a thriving community. I have received MANY, MANY opinions, suggestions, and ideas about what we as a congregation should do about and with the church property. I enlisted help from lawyers, financial specialists, and real estate professionals inside and outside our congregation. Different task forces are working on evaluations of our potential options. Their suggestions and recommendations will be presented to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees in the coming weeks. When a decision is made about what, if anything, Etz Chaim may do with respect to the church property, I will share that decision with the congregation. Until then, please know that we are seriously considering how we move forward with respect to our neighboring property and we've got excellent resources helping the synagogue leadership navigate this process.

As we reawaken from our winter hibernation and install our first-time and continuing Executive Committee and Board of Trustees members, I will be sure to keep everyone up-to-date with our restarted SEARCH mission and our new CHURCH project.

Department of Education

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRESCHOOL

Monday, **1/2**

Preschool Closed

Tuesday, **1/3**

Preschool Closed

Faculty Workday

Saturday, **12/7 and 12/21**

Team Shabbat

(10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Monday, **1/16**

School Closed

(MLK Weekend)

Saturday, **1/21**

Team Shabbat

(10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

Kids Night Out

(5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Tuesday, **1/3**

Religious School Closed

Faculty Workday

Saturday, **1/7**

Team Shabbat

Sunday, **1/15**

Religious School Closed –

(MLK weekend)

Saturday, **1/7**

Team Shabbat

Sunday, **1/22**

Sunday, Pre-K

4th Grade Conferences begin

Sunday, **1/29**

Kindergarten Family

Mezuzah Workshop



Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

I was getting an EKG last month (nothing serious) in anticipation of surgery (still not serious) and having never experienced an EKG before, I asked the tech how long it would take. She responded with “if everything is connected correctly, it should take less than a minute.” I must admit I was surprised by her answer. The quick timing of the test caught me off guard, but her words stopped me in my tracks. If everything is connected correctly. How many times do we get to experience everything being connected correctly? What a metaphor for just about everything. We can get to places on time, if everything is connected correctly, meaning our kids cooperate, there’s gas in the car, and the traffic is light. Homework time goes smoothly when everything is connected correctly. The kids bring home their books, the workspace is cleaned off, and the adults can do the math. And of course, Religious School runs best when everything is connected correctly – we are fully staffed, students attend consistently, and volunteers are available. To that end, we’ve had a very successful first few months in Religious School and I want to publicly share my thanks to everyone! involved. I especially want to thank the people who encouraged our 7th graders in their Jewish Careers and Jewish Atlanta curriculum. Thanks to Jennifer Greenberg, Dr. Pip Spandorfer, Rabbi Slomovitz, Deputy Meri Bloom, Deputy Stacey Nattis, Dr. Steve Perlow, Dr. Stephen King, and Philip Goldstein. Our experiences were richer because of you. Thanks also to our Etz Chaim representatives, Marty Gilbert and Jamie Lyons, for joining us. We don’t often need volunteers in Religious School, but if you have an expertise to share or some free time to give, please reach out. We’d love to have you with us.



Lauren Chernau
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

As early childhood educators, we strive to create developmentally appropriate environments for our students. To accomplish that type of school, we often suggest that there are three teachers - the classroom teachers, the environment, and the family. Unfortunately, for the past few years, we have needed to make do without the family and community involvement. However, we are now not only allowing people back into our building, but we are also welcoming them. Preschoolers benefit so much from interacting with parents, grandparents, and special guests from our community. We offer many opportunities for volunteers. If cooking is something you enjoy, we have volunteers come each week to make challah with all our classes. If cooking is not your *jam*, our preschoolers love stories! We welcome any mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, cousin, friend to come in and be a special reader to our classes. We love to have volunteers come into the classrooms and help with the various centers. We welcome extra hands in art, science, game playing, story dictation, or writing letters to mail to family members and friends. As you can see, we not only welcome volunteers, but we also depend on our community to be involved in our school. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. And the continued support of that village to help those children succeed. If you would like to volunteer at our preschool, please do not hesitate to reach out.



Leah Green

Director of Engagement and Youth Programming



Hi, my Etz Chaim family! Thank you for reading my little column. Ellen Feldser is retiring after working at Etz Chaim for almost 30 years. She brightens my day every time I speak to her, and I can't help but smile when I see her. She's truly inspirational and her work ethic is unmatched. She will be missed, and I know she's going to rock retirement out.

Yes, it's 2023. WHAAAA!! I hope in the new year you will transform the person you've always wanted to become because that's always within your reach. I would start by writing your innermost thoughts into a journal so you can take note of who you are and your desires. No topic is necessary when you are writing Let the words flow through you. Lord knows that inner monologue is always running its mouth. So express that powerful voice of yours - don't bottle it up. Write it down and go back and remember who you were before you started writing verses afterwards. You'll be amazed at how your brain will feel more organized, allowing you to focus on the most important parts of your life.

I want to speak about all the fun we've had in the past month. December was a whirlwind, and the holidays are always so fun. This past month we celebrated, created, and consumed anything and everything. Blue Jean Shabbat was 1970s-themed and we rocked out all night long. We even had the Men's Club homemade "TV dinners" that turned out absolutely delicious. Also can't forget about Sisterhood's Chanukah Shuk. I know parents must have really enjoyed Chanukah because of the gifts they received from their children. The Shuk was so successful like it is every year. The Prime Timers or should I say party animals, had their Vodka and Latkes Dance. Make sure you come next year if you missed it because the party did not stop. But we can't forget about when the Snowpocalypse made a stop at Etz Chaim! We had a huge community Chanukah party with Temple Kol Emeth, Temple Beth Tikvah, and Temple Kehillat Chaim. The sledding was out of this world, and we made 50 scarves to donate to the homeless!

Youth Department



Hi, my youth groupies! December was such a good month for the Youth Groups. We had all kinds of Chanukah parties with the children. We made homemade latkes, had dreidel tournaments, made our own menorahs, and made even more gifts for our parents. We had a gift exchange with the high schoolers, and it filled my heart with joy to see everyone in a giving spirit.

We had Michelle Rich come talk to the children about going on potential trips with USY. There are a few trips that 7th-12th graders can choose from. The most intriguing one I saw was the Eastern Europe to Israel trip. If you want to trace back your Ashkenazi heritage or want to see the modern AND traditional Jewish life, this trip would be enlightening. Another option is the Dominican Republic community service trip. The Dominican Republic was one of the only countries to open their border to save Jews during the Holocaust. Now it's our turn to give back to this amazing community. This is a short 10-day trip, which would be great if you have prior plans for the Summer already. I also want to mention the \$3,000 Route One voucher your child can get if you sign up for a trip soon. These vouchers are limited, but this can cover a large expense of the trip. More information about these trips can be found at [Trips | United Synagogue Youth \(usy.org\)](https://www.usy.org).

Finally, I want to mention that we will be planning more Sunday "out of the clubhouse" events. These will consist of escape room adventures, trampoline parks, trips to the mountains, trips to Atlanta, etc., starting in January. We want to give the children more of an opportunity to be together in fun environments in addition to being at the synagogue and Bayit. These Sunday events will be RSVP only and will cost according to the event we will be doing. On the weeks that we have these Sunday adventures, we will not have Wacky that next week. More emails to come about these events, so be on the lookout! Our first event will be at the very beginning of January.


Click the below links for upcoming Youth Group events:

Chalutzim - K – 2nd grades:
[Chalutzim Events](#)

Chaverim (Jr. Kadima) - 3rd – 5th grades:
[Chaverim Events](#)

Gesher (Kadima) - 6th – 8th grades:
[Gesher Events](#)

Sababa USY - 9th – 12th grades:
[USY Events](#)




Mark Your Calendar

February Voice
March Voice
April Voice
May Voice
June/July Voice

Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

Deadline: Tues., January 3
 Deadline: Wed., February 1
 Deadline: Wed., March 1
 Deadline: Fri., March 31
 Deadline: Mon., May 1



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

Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Melissa Goodman for being named the honoree for the 48th Annual Women in Film and Television Atlanta Gala. She is the SAG-AFTRA Atlanta Local Executive Director.

Our Condolences to...

Marc Miller on the passing of his beloved father, John Philip Miller

Thank you to...

Andy Becker and Michael Karp for assisting in the delivery of food pantry items to JF&CS

Clifford Martin for taking photographs at many of our Etz Chaim events

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Galina Barshay
Ron Judenberg
Linda Weinroth

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

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

Please Welcome Our New Bookkeeper Christine Bezdek



I'm excited to be joining the Etz Chaim family as the new bookkeeper! I have really enjoyed training with Ellen this past month. It's no small feat to assimilate twenty-six years of knowledge in just a few weeks, but Ellen's documentation and precise notes inspire confidence that it can be done. I hope to continue her legacy with thorough attention to detail. Originally from southern Ontario, I moved to the more hospitable climate of Georgia for college. I graduated from UGA in 2013 and have worked in accounting for the past ten years. I met my future husband, Matt, while he was working at Georgia Tech. We bonded over hiking, trivia, and his penchant for delicious cooking. We have been living in St. Louis, MO, for the last five years but we moved back home to Georgia this past August. We have two children, both of whom are attending preschool at Etz Chaim. Nathan is four and part of the Turtles class. Rebecca is a year and a half, and she is in the Monkeys classroom. Thank you so much for welcoming me and my family with such kindness and generosity. I hope be part of the Etz Chaim team for many years to come.

MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

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

January 16, Morning Minyan will be at 9:00 a.m.

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.



Join us for:



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

Save these Friday night dates:

January 27 March 3
February 3 April 14
May 12



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

1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30068 / www.etzchaim.net/preschool

TEAM SHABBAT

2022-23 season

**SHABBAT PROGRAMMING
FOR ALL CHILDREN!**



LITTLE LEAGUE
PARENTS & CHILDREN
PRE-K AND UNDER

MINOR LEAGUES
GRADES K-2

MAJOR LEAGUES
GRADES 3-5

***ALL STARS**
GRADES 6 & 7

Time:
10:30 - 11:45 A.M.

SAVE THESE DATES:

JANUARY 7 & 21
FEBRUARY 11 & 18

MARCH 11 & 18
APRIL 15 & 22

MAY 6

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

A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THIS STUDENT CELEBRATING HER BAT MITZVAH!



Maya Efrat will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on January 7, 2023 – 14 Tevet 5783. She is the daughter of Stacy and Amir Efrat. Maya's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Vayechi. She is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for four years. Maya's hobbies and interests include Facetiming with friends, Camp Barney Medintz, and cuddling with her dogs, Coco and Riley.

Maya's Bat Mitzvah quote is "Forgive the spiteful deed and the sin your brothers committed when they did evil to you." For her mitzvah project, Maya is collecting donations of food, games and activities for adolescent patients at Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

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

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

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

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

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



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 17, 24 and 31



Minyan Breakfast every Sunday

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

Join us!



Shabbat Honors are Back!

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

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

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

Glass Recycling Fundraiser



No time to take your glass to the recycling center?

Sign-up to have Cheers to Recycling pick it up from your residence!

**Portion of proceeds will go to the Etz Chaim Religious School Kitah Zayin (7th grade)*

- ♻️ \$18/household (up to two boxes)
- ♻️ Pick-up dates will be 1/5/23 - 1/6/23
- ♻️ Collect Glass in a Cardboard Box
- ♻️ Put Box by Mailbox on Pick-up Day

SIGN-UP HERE:



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www.facebook.com/cheerstorecycling

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

Etz Chaim's Green Team

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

You get green!

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



CHAI FIVE CELEBRATES MLK JR. DAY

Join us on Monday, January 16

at 1:45 p.m. for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and Sub-Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream.

This program is intended for 7th-12th graders. Parents are welcome to attend.

Address to meet at:
100 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., NW
Atlanta, GA 30313



LIMITED TICKETS!
RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/chai5mlk



Minyan Makers

The Sisterhood sponsorship for Etz Chaim’s daily minyan has moved from Thursday nights to Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Come join us for the morning service and then stay afterward to nosh and kibbitz.

Interest Groups

We’re also looking to start interest groups for activities to follow our nosh such as mah jongg, knitting, and a walking group. Feel free to let us know if you have any other ideas and to participate.

Centerpiece Rental

Consider using our beautiful new topiary centerpieces for your Friday night dinner, Kiddush luncheon or Saturday evening affair. Contact the Gift Shop for more information.

JNF Trees for Israel

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood grove. For more information, contact Sandy Bailey at 770-490-7874 or the Gift Shop.

For more information about Sisterhood, please contact:

Lauren Levetan, 404-422-8921 laurenlevetan@hotmail.com or Neda Gail, 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net.

Check us out on Facebook or 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.
Tuesdays:
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays:
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Sisterhood Scoop

We’re so excited for all 2023 has to hold for Sisterhood. We hope that everyone had a wonderful Chanukah and that all of your homes were filled with warmth, happiness, and togetherness. We would also like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. We are so excited to see you at some of our upcoming events! Please read on to explore the January/ February events we have designed to welcome in the New Year.



A big thank you to those who contributed to our annual **Sisterhood Knitting Project**. All of the knitted and crocheted items donated will help those in need during these winter months. You are a blessing to Must Ministries and a great credit to our community.

The Sisterhood-sponsored **Etz Chaim’s Sunday morning daily minyan** continues at **9:15 a.m.** Come join us for the morning service and then stay afterward to nosh and kibbitz. We’re looking to start interest groups for activities to follow our nosh such as mah jongg, knitting, and a walking group. Please share your thoughts and ideas and willingness to participate.

Put on your thinking caps and get ready for a lively night of **Team Trivia**. Join Sisterhood and Men’s Club on **Sunday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m.** at North River Tavern for what is sure to be a fun night! This event is free and open to all, but RSVP because the first round of appetizers is on us! **Please see the ad on page 12 to register.**

Join us for another stimulating meeting of **Sisterhood Book Club** is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. Join us as we discuss **All Those Who Go Do Not Return** by Shulum Deen, hosted by **Linda Briks**. **Please see the ad on page 14 to RSVP.**

This year, we will be conducting our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat on February 4**. Please join your sisters as we celebrate new beginnings and come together for a meaningful morning in the Radow Sanctuary. This promises to be a very special service conducted by members of Sisterhood.

Tu B’Shevat is February 5. It’s the perfect time to plant a tree in Israel to honor loved ones or commemorate a special occasion. And now, for your convenience, Sisterhood has moved the **JNF tree ordering online!** It’s so easy! With the click of your mouse, you can order and pay all at once. And, your recipients will receive a beautiful, personalized certificate. **Please see the ad on page 23 for more information or to place an order.**

Bam, Crack, Dot. It’s time to order the 2023 Mah Jongg Card! Let Sisterhood process your order for you. It’s the same price as ordering through the National Mah Jongg League, but Sisterhood receives a rebate to help support Etz Chaim programs! And, now you can order completely online! It’s that simple. **The deadline is February 1, so order today!** **Please see the online link and printable order form on page 17**

We encourage you to get involved with Sisterhood! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhood-sponsored Sunday morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and make new friends. Have questions? Please contact Lauren Levetan at 404-422-8921, laurenlevetan@hotmail.com or Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net.

Until next time...

Lauren and Neda
Co-Presidents
Sisterhood

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
SISTERHOOD SHABBAT
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE POWER OF US
חזק ואמץ
CHAZAK V'EMATZ
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS
FEBRUARY 4, 2023
9:30 a.m.
IN-PERSON & VIA LIVESTREAM

This special service will be conducted entirely by Sisterhood members. We honor their contributions this past year followed by a wonderful Kiddush lunch.

Men's Club Notes



First, I would like to welcome **Bryan Coleman** as the new President of Men's Club for 2023. He is a long-time member of Etz Chaim, and we look forward to his leadership. If you see Bryan, please congratulate him and offer your support.

We had a fun time at **Blue Jean Shabbat**, a signature program of the Congregation. The Men's Club provided the cooking, food prep work and support people to make for a smooth program. I want to thank **Alan Lightstone** for his leadership in pulling this together.

Men's Club & Sisterhood Joint Program "Trivia Night" will be held on **Sunday, January 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the **North River Tavern in Sandy Springs**. Please add the fun filled night to your calendar! It will be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you all there!

We will have the preview of the **AJFF (Atlanta Jewish Film Festival)** at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, January 29, at the Synagogue**. It will be in conjunction with the **"Best Breakfast in Town"**. I want to thank **Bart Agrow** (Men's Club Program Chair) for coordinating this event with **Judy Marx, Development Consultant for AJFF**. Please add this program to your calendar. It is a signature program that attracts a lot of interest. The Synagogue has assigned us the two adjoining rooms so we can provide room for both breakfast and the show. See ad on page 18.

As for me, I want to thank everyone who has chaired programs, assisted those who chaired programs, and attended those programs this past year. Being the first year we truly opened the synagogue doors, we have had more programs and more people attending those programs. It has been a great year and look forward to seeing the Men's Club continue to flourish in 2023.

David Lieberman
Immediate Past President

Bryan Coleman
President

Mathew Nathan
1st Vice President

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

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

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

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

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

MENS CLUB & Sisterhood

Trivia Night

JANUARY 8TH
7-9P @ NORTH RIVER TAVERN IN SANDY SPRINGS

- ARRIVE BY 7P, TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:30P
- NO COST TO PLAY
- FIRST ROUND OF APPETIZERS ON US!
- RSVP HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE

WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/TRIVIANIGHT2023



Announcing
Our 2022-2023 Chazak v'Ematz Campaign
Be Strong and Courageous

We summon strength and fortitude in these changing times to continue to make an important impact at our global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education: Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Your generosity helps provide essential scholarships and programs to train future leaders of the Jewish community. Torah Fund helps develop future rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers, lay leaders and others.

When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe—and you align with those who value knowledge, learning and providing the future generation with relevant skills to enrich the Jewish people.

This pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land, when the leadership transitions from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites and Joshua are instructed to “be strong and courageous” (Deuteronomy 31:6, 7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18). The 5783 Torah Fund pin represents 80 years of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund.

Let us know if we can reserve one for you!
All purpose greeting cards are also available.

Sandy Bailey, 770-490-7874
ibsandy10@gmail.com

Pam Ziskend, 770-377-2599
pamziskend@yahoo.com

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?

You can make a difference with Backpack Buddies at Etz Chaim to help fill the weekend gap. Our congregation sponsors 45 children at Eastvalley Elementary School - this means we are responsible for providing 45 bags of food each week this school year. It takes a village to keep this program running and there are so many ways you can help. We are looking for volunteers to donate food, fill bags, deliver bags to school and more.

To learn how you can help and sign up to volunteer, please visit our page on the website at: www.etzchaim.net/social-action

To order on Amazon or see examples of the types of food we accept, click here: <https://amzn.to/3xbMqjI>



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



Upcoming Programs *Lilmode* - Adult Education January 2023



Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26
at 10:00 a.m.

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

The Glorious Legacies of Sunsetting Congregations with Noah Levine

Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m.

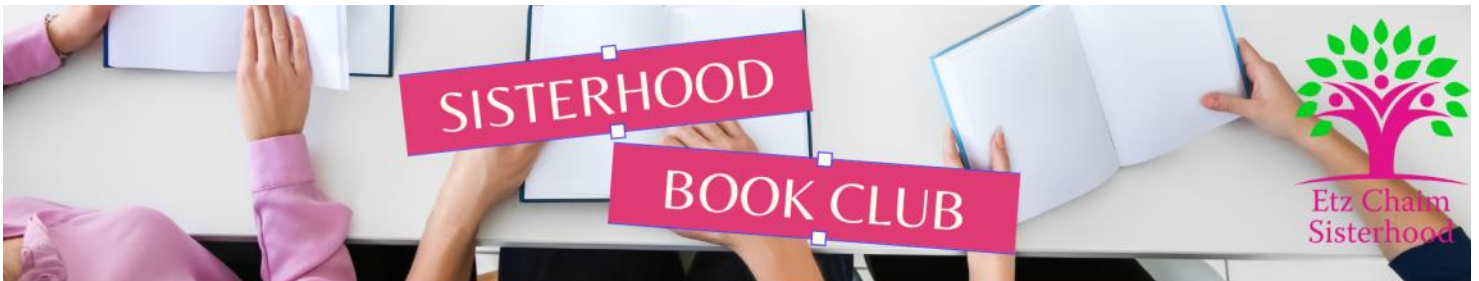


In small towns throughout the United States, where Jewish populations have dwindled significantly, congregant Noah Levine is helping synagogues face the reality of their situations. Noah will take us with him to places like Albany, Bainbridge and Fitzgerald in Georgia and to communities in other states as he discusses how those congregations react and the legacies of their ultimate decisions.



RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/legacies

1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. | Marietta, GA 30068



UPCOMING DATES FOR 2022-2023:

January 22 - *All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir* by Shulum Deen - Host: Linda Briks
February 19 - *The Winter Guest* by Pam Jenoff - Host: Rosalie Agrow

January 22	February 19	March 19
April 16	May 21	June 18

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

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

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

Join us for a monthly class 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.

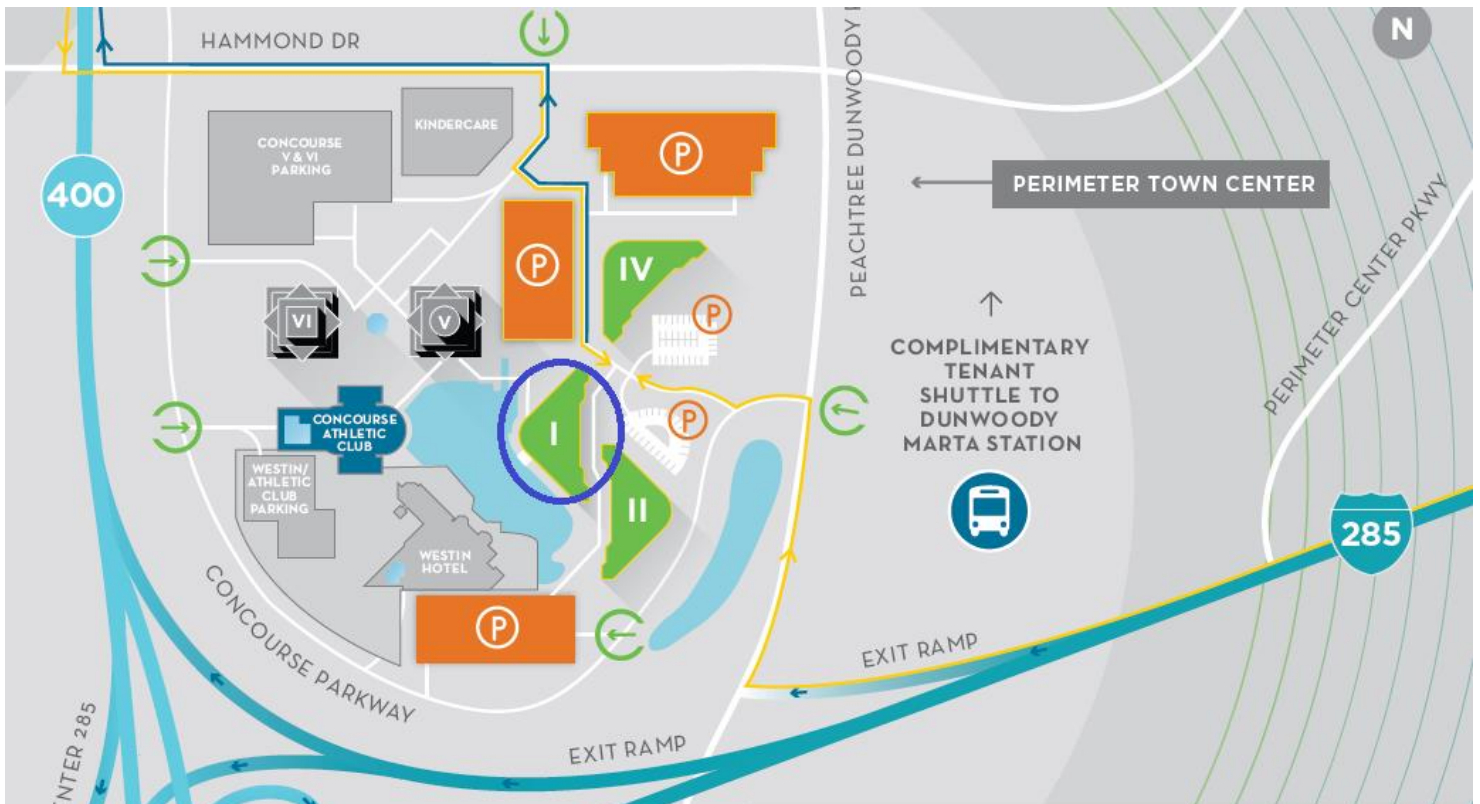
Save these dates:

January 10	April 18
February 7	May 9
March 7	June 6

1 Concourse Pkwy., Atlanta 30328
Lobby "Virginia Highlands" Conference Room
Sponsored by the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation
Thank you to U.S. Bank for hosting our Lunch & Learn



Lunch & Learn: The below map has 1 Concourse Pkwy. circled in blue. There are three lots by this building where you can park.





LET'S GIVE BACK BY CREATING "ART FOR A MITZVAH"

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 18 AND 25, FEBRUARY 1, 8 AND 15

SESSION ONE IS NECESSARY FOR ALL. TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS YOU NEED ARE FLEXIBLE

FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

HAMMER-TRITT SOCIAL HALL

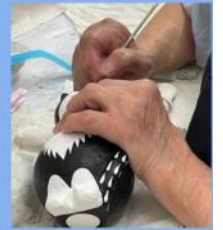
JOIN US TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL ART PIECE THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED AND SOLD AT A LATER DATE WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION. AS YOU CREATE, ENJOY SOME SOCIAL TIME.

- FIRST PROJECT WILL BE COLLAGING A WOOD TRAY OVER FIVE TWO-HOUR SESSIONS.
- NO COST; ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED
- INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR EACH OF THE FIVE SESSIONS; ALL WORK TO BE DONE IN THE HAMMER-TRITT SOCIAL HALL
- SIGN UP TODAY; SPACE WILL BE LIMITED.
- SHOWING UP IS THE FIRST STEP IN GIVING BACK.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LYNNE GOLDMAN JOHANNESSEN AT 404-433-4078

OR MELISSA SKLAR AT 404-520-0955.

WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/ART4MITZVAH



Mocha Mondays

8:30 a.m.

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

Save these dates:

January 23

February 13

March 13

April 17





Purim is coming...

It's time to order Mishloach Manot!

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

Mishloach Manot will again be DELIVERED (locally) and ordering is easy:

- All members will be sent a unique code to use on HappyPurim.com
- Select your recipients, enter your payment info, and you're done!
- Ordering opens January 11, and all orders must be placed by February 15

- Questions? Email etzmm1@gmail.com



BAM...CRACK...DOT

It's time to order the

2023 MAH JONGG CARD

Let Etz Chaim's Sisterhood send in your order!

www.etzchaim.net/form/2023mahjcard

Order by February 1, 2023



Same price as the National Mah Jongg League - Order from Sisterhood and we receive a \$5.00 rebate per card to support Etz Chaim Programs!

Prices: \$14.00 standard size card / \$15.00 large print card

Purchase through our website or fill out the form below. If you are an established NMJL member, when you receive your 2023 order booklet, include your UNPEELED address label. Make check payable to "Etz Chaim Sisterhood". Drop off the form and payment to the synagogue or mail to Lisa Flagel, 827 Hillwood Drive, Marietta, GA 30068.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

of Cards _____ x \$14 standard = _____ total

____ New Member / ____ Change of Address

of Cards _____ x \$15 large = _____ total

ETZ CHAIM



MEN'S CLUB

BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN

**ATLANTA JEWISH
FILM FESTIVAL**



PREVIEW

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, AT 10:00 A.M.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

\$10.00 PER PERSON WITH RSVP

\$12.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/AJFFPREVIEW2023

SAVE THE DATE:

JANUARY 29, 2023

BLOOD MOBILE

Etz Chaim Parking Lot

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LIFESOUTH

Community Blood Centers



[CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT](#)

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.





Shalom in the Skul Part 2



Monday, February 13
from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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

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

All are welcome to participate in the lively discussions.

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

Save the date for our last installment on May 8.



Enjoy a sommelier-curated fine wine experience.

Saturday, February 25

7:30 p.m.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Learn the 5 S's of wine tasting:

See  Swirl  Sip  Sniff  Savor

A hands-on experience with an aroma kit to help refine the wine palate of all participants.

Join us as we learn about the wine world including topics such as

Old World Versus New World Grapes

Vertical Tasting

Organic and Sustainable Wines

www.etzchaim.net/event/sommelier

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January 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-Jan	Bea Katz	8 Tevet	* 16-Jan	Ferencz Frank	23 Tevet
1-Jan	Jennie Brown	8 Tevet	16-Jan	Seymour Gothelf	23 Tevet
*2-Jan	Blanche Pollack	9 Tevet	16-Jan	Sidney Silverman	23 Tevet
2-Jan	Alvin Levin	9 Tevet	* 17-Jan	Ellen Nadolne	24 Tevet
2-Jan	Doris Dermer	9 Tevet	* 17-Jan	Sol David	24 Tevet
2-Jan	Shirley Rivchun	9 Tevet	17-Jan	Belle Lessans	24 Tevet
2-Jan	Steven Goldstein	9 Tevet	17-Jan	Mose Darling	24 Tevet
2-Jan	Warner Fox	9 Tevet	18-Jan	Polina Derenshteyn	25 Tevet
*3-Jan	Morris Shapiro	10 Tevet	* 19-Jan	Charlie Jassen	26 Tevet
3-Jan	Evelyn Surasky	10 Tevet	* 19-Jan	Harry Phillips	26 Tevet
*5-Jan	David Siegel	12 Tevet	19-Jan	Tess Weintraub	26 Tevet
*5-Jan	Hilda Lewis	12 Tevet	* 20-Jan	Lillian Morris	27 Tevet
5-Jan	Betty Cohn	12 Tevet	20-Jan	Gerald Flom	27 Tevet
5-Jan	Rabbi Michael Charney	12 Tevet	20-Jan	Harry Gold	27 Tevet
5-Jan	Rita Adelman	12 Tevet	* 21-Jan	Mary Goldstein	28 Tevet
6-Jan	Myron Fogel	13 Tevet	21-Jan	Murray Kalish	28 Tevet
6-Jan	Nettie Bernstein	13 Tevet	22-Jan	Larry Krieger	29 Tevet
6-Jan	Reva Epstein	13 Tevet	22-Jan	Philmore Dickson	29 Tevet
6-Jan	Sol Hiller	13 Tevet	23-Jan	Betty Singer	1 Shevat
*7-Jan	Rita Freeman	14 Tevet	23-Jan	Ethel I. Glushakow	1 Shevat
*7-Jan	Saul Stickgold	14 Tevet	23-Jan	Gloria Wilensky	1 Shevat
7-Jan	Arnold Potler	14 Tevet	23-Jan	Molly Nelson	1 Shevat
7-Jan	Bertha Vanovitch	14 Tevet	23-Jan	Rose Lebow	1 Shevat
*8-Jan	Judith Baer	15 Tevet	* 24-Jan	Judith Caplen	2 Shevat
8-Jan	Lorraine Struhl	15 Tevet	24-Jan	Irwin Sisselman	2 Shevat
8-Jan	Sylvia Edelblum	15 Tevet	24-Jan	Leon Spielman	2 Shevat
*9-Jan	Mel Gelernter	16 Tevet	24-Jan	Shirley Sarlin	2 Shevat
*9-Jan	Paul Radow	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Jay Schulberg	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Beverly Krafchick	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Julius Pomerantz	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Gersh Scheitlin	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Maureen Zack	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Harold Komisar	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Miriam Befeler	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Israel Coplon	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Sam Elman	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Leon Barman	16 Tevet	25-Jan	Sylvia Fogel	3 Shevat
9-Jan	Margo Berkman	16 Tevet	* 26-Jan	Sarah Yucht	4 Shevat
9-Jan	Phoebe Heller	16 Tevet	26-Jan	James Vines	4 Shevat
*10-Jan	Morris Frank	17 Tevet	26-Jan	Lawrence J. Walpin	4 Shevat
10-Jan	Ethel Wise	17 Tevet	26-Jan	Marsha Blatt	4 Shevat
10-Jan	Gersh Meshman	17 Tevet	26-Jan	Michael L. Gordon	4 Shevat
10-Jan	Herb Gorlin	17 Tevet	26-Jan	Ron Patinkin	4 Shevat
10-Jan	Joseph Taylor	17 Tevet	26-Jan	Sandra Sandrowitz	4 Shevat
10-Jan	Judith Engel	17 Tevet	* 27-Jan	Louis Siegel	5 Shevat
10-Jan	Louis Lebowitz	17 Tevet	* 27-Jan	Ron Toron	5 Shevat
10-Jan	Rita Kagan	17 Tevet	* 27-Jan	Rose Bernknopf	5 Shevat
10-Jan	Sonja Marchesano	17 Tevet	27-Jan	Jean Bart	5 Shevat
11-Jan	Albert Gelb	18 Tevet	27-Jan	Rebecca Sackett	5 Shevat
11-Jan	Barbara Golsen	18 Tevet	27-Jan	Sofiya Yasnaya	5 Shevat
11-Jan	George Walter	18 Tevet	27-Jan	Zelda Moog	5 Shevat
11-Jan	Mina Rubenstein	18 Tevet	* 28-Jan	Ira Altfeder	6 Shevat
11-Jan	Sophie Mayer	18 Tevet	* 28-Jan	Steven Krodman	6 Shevat
*12-Jan	Mae Slone Reich	19 Tevet	28-Jan	Lucille Ehrlich	6 Shevat
12-Jan	Irene Rainbow	19 Tevet	28-Jan	Samuel Kahn	6 Shevat
*13-Jan	Beth Rubin	20 Tevet	28-Jan	Thelma Cohn	6 Shevat
13-Jan	Bunny Suslak	20 Tevet	29-Jan	Leona Weiner	7 Shevat
13-Jan	Lee Silverman	20 Tevet	29-Jan	Rae Weiss	7 Shevat
14-Jan	Harvey Slovin	21 Tevet	* 30-Jan	Harold Stiller	8 Shevat
*15-Jan	Ellen Epstein	22 Tevet	* 30-Jan	Ruth Lutzky	8 Shevat
*15-Jan	Jacob Taylor	22 Tevet	31-Jan	Estelle Marsand	9 Shevat
15-Jan	Anne Silverman	22 Tevet	31-Jan	Henia Mayers	9 Shevat
15-Jan	Edna Gold	22 Tevet	31-Jan	Manny Riesenber	9 Shevat
15-Jan	Julius Silverman	22 Tevet	31-Jan	Rebecca Berman	9 Shevat
15-Jan	Virginia Raider	22 Tevet	31-Jan	Robbie Goldin	9 Shevat

JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (8 Tevet) New Year's Day No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p	2 (9 Tevet) Preschool Closed Synagogue Offices Closed Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	3 (10 Tevet) Fast of Tevet Preschool Closed – Teacher Workday No Religious School Morning Minyan 7a RS Faculty Planning 4:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p	4 (11 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	5 (12 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	6 (13 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	7 (14 Tevet) Vayechi Bat Mitzvah of Maya Efrat 9:30am Team Shabbat 10:30a
8 (15 Tevet) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:30a Melton Class 10:30a Chalutzim Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club & Sisterhood Trivia Night 7p	9 (16 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club Meeting 7p	10 (17 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Dorsch 12p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p <i>Lilmode: Glorious Legacies</i> w/Noah Levine 7p	11 (18 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p Preschool Board Mtg. 8p	12 (19 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7p	13 (20 Tevet) Candle Lighting 5:26p 13 (20 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	14 (21 Tevet) Shemot Shabbat Ends 6:35p Shabbat Service 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a
15 (22 Tevet) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Melton Class 10:30a Evening Minyan 6:30p	16 (23 Tevet) MLK Day Synagogue Offices Closed Preschool Closed Morning Minyan 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p	17 (24 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45pm Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:15p	18 (25 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p	19 (26 Tevet) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	20 (27 Tevet) Candle Lighting 5:32p 20 (27 Tevet) Vaera BOT Shabbat 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a PS Kids Night Out 5p	21 (28 Tevet) Vaera Shabbat Ends 6:41p Shabbat Service 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a Scholar Presentation 12:45p Shabbat Ends 6:47p
22 (29 Tevet) Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a 3rd Gr Family Workshop 9:30a 4th Gr Fam. Conf. 9:30a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Melton Class 10:30a Chaverim Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees 7p	23 (1 Shevat) Rosh Chodesh Shevat Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch 8:30a Evening Minyan 6:30p	24 (2 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a 4th Grade Family Conferences 9:30a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p	25 (3 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p RS Board Meeting 7:30p	26 (4 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	27 (5 Shevat) Candle Lighting 5:38p 27 (5 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a Tot Shabbat 5p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p SIR Dinner (by RSVP) 7:15p Scholar Presentation 8:15p	28 (6 Shevat) Bo Shabbat Service 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a Scholar Presentation 12:45p Shabbat Ends 6:54p
29 (7 Shevat) Morning Minyan 9:15a LifeSouth Blood Dr. 9:30a Religious School 9:30a 4th Gr Family Conf. 9:30a Kindergarten Family Workshop 9:30a Men's Club AJFF Preview & Best Breakfast 10a Melton Class 10:30a 6th Gr Fam. Workshop 11a Geshet Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p	30 (8 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	31 (9 Shevat) Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p				



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 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





Weekly Schmooze on Zoom!

Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

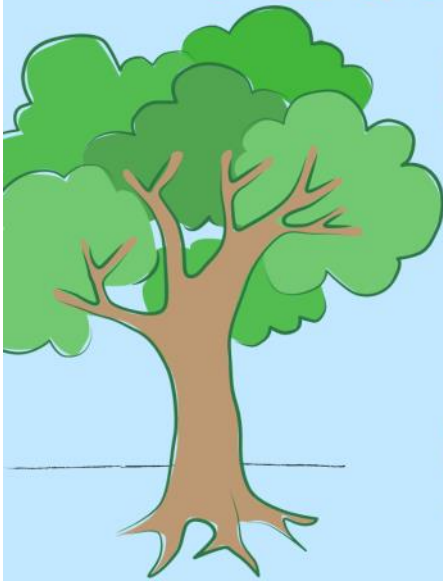
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In memory of:

my father, Maurice Draluck, on his Yahrzeit.

Mark and Betsy Popkin

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Frank Vexler, a Refuah Shelaymah, a speedy and complete recovery. We hope you continue to feel better every day.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Love,

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Kenneth and Grace Graiser

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my father, Bennett Teitelman.

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Alan Pollack, beloved brother of Stefan Pollack. The Frohlichs are sorry for your loss.

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Here are some of the wonderful selections we have for the upcoming holidays -Martin Luther King's birthday in January and then Tu B'Shevat, which falls this year on February 6th. You will find the following books out on display in the library:

As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson (for Grades 1-4). This is the story of how Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel formed a remarkable friendship and fought together for civil rights for African Americans. This is a wonderful book for kids, beautifully written and illustrated, about overcoming discrimination, looking beyond skin color to find our similarities and helping those who are being persecuted. (J 323 MIC)

The Rabbi and the Reverend: Joachim Prinz, Martin Luther King Jr., and their Fight Against Silence by Audrey Ades (for Grades K-4). Another powerful and well-crafted story about how Martin Luther King and another rabbi, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, worked together for justice and equality for all. (J 323 ADE)

Happy Birthday, Tree! A Tu B'Shevat Story by Madelyn Rosenberg (for Preschool-Grade 2). Joni and Nate figure out a way to celebrate a tree's birthday for Tu B'Shevat. The book explains Tu B'Shevat in a way that little ones understand and enjoy, and it is a delightful story about children appreciating nature. (J 244.2 ROS)

The Never-Ending Greenness by Neil Waldman (for Grades 3-7). A well-written story that spans quickly through WWII and takes the reader into a boy's dream of planting trees throughout "Eretz Yisrael". (J 244.2 WAL)

FOR SOME ONLINE FUN

For the younger kids, check out these cute short videos for Tu B'Shevat and other holidays, etc. from Shalom Sesame.

For children and adults, check out Jacob Richman's website. You can learn Hebrew, check out links for the holidays, play Jewish games, etc. <https://jr.co.il> Specifically for links to websites for Tu B'Shevat and other holidays: <https://jr.co.il/hotsites/jewish-holidays.htm>

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