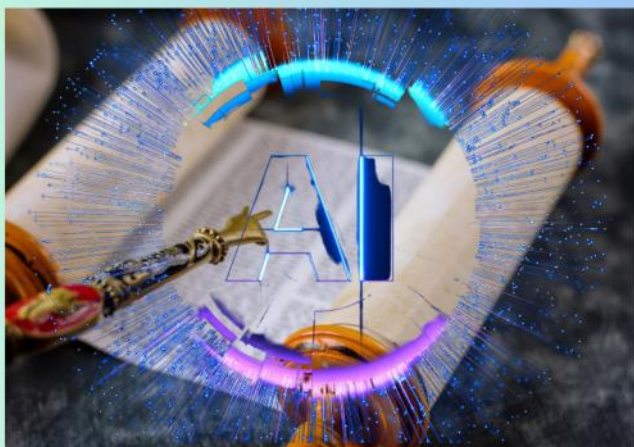


Tikkun Leil Shavuot

ChatGPTorah:

How Artificial Intelligence is Remaking Our
Understanding of Everything Jewish



Thursday, May 25
7:30 p.m.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/shavuot2023

Friday, May 26

Shavuot Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Chag Hamayim Splash Pad Family Program 11:00 a.m.

(See page 16 for more details.)

Saturday, May 27

Shabbat Services and Vizkor 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday Mornings:
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Monday - Friday Mornings:
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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

It's hard to believe that Israel turned 75. I remember when Israel turned 50 and I attended festivities in downtown Philadelphia. No doubt some of you reading this bulletin remember the miracle of when Israel became a state in 1948.



Here is my theology surrounding Israel. There are Jews who talk about the need to build a Third Temple. For me, it's already happened: the modern State of Israel is our Third Temple. She is *reyshit tzmichat geulataynu*, the beginning of the dawn of our redemption. As we speak about the glamor of a rebuilt Jerusalem in our prayers, we behold the beauty and splendor of a rebuilt Israel in our day. An old joke making the rounds is that the national bird of Israel is "the crane". Israel is the only place with more new construction than Atlanta. She is increasingly rebuilt.

The Messianic era, which sees Israel as ushering in a time of peace in the world, won't happen on its own. All of us have a role to play in building a better Israel that will usher in a better world. To this end, our synagogue offers a manifold number of opportunities for connecting with Israel.

Etz Chaim is a proudly Zionist community, and we demonstrate that in different ways. We support Israel's sacrosanct right to its defense through robust AIPAC involvement, and we support its growth as a religiously pluralistic society by serving as a "check off congregation" for our Masorti (Conservative) movement in Israel. Several of our congregants are employed at the Jewish National Fund, and I proudly serve on its board as a "rabbi for Israel." Many of us contribute to Friends of the IDF, Federation-Israel Campaigns, and any number of pro-Israel organizations. We welcome speakers from Israel, as we did when we welcomed Rabbi Arie Hasit, Dean of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, last month as we celebrated Israel's Independence. Finally, we are blessed to have a number of Israelis in our preschool and our congregation and members of our own families who have made Aliyah, increasing our family connections to the Jewish state.

It is hard to believe that for most of Jewish history Jews lived without a Jewish state. I, for one, at forty years old, am blessed to take for granted never having known a world without one.

Israel is at 75 still a young country. To continue to shine, she needs our support.

With this in mind: however you may connect, find a way this month to connect to Israel.

Marty Gilbert Executive Director



Heading into May, I just want to send some Thank Yous to some people for extraordinary things that happened in April.

In chronological order:

Thank you to Miriam Rosenbaum for leading a wonderful First Night Community Seder here at Etz Chaim. The service was wonderful (not too long) and the comradery was terrific.

Thank you to the Men's Club, specifically Steve Dix, and Leah Green for a very moving Yom HaShoah event.

Thank you to our friends at The Catholic Church of St. Ann for being our partners in this commemorative event these past 13 years.

Thank you to Catherine Lewis and The Museum of History and Holocaust Education at Kennesaw State University for providing the very poignant displays for the evening.

A huge Thank You to Evan Eisenstadt, Dani Oren, Marnie Nadolne, Steven Horovitz, Janis Greenfield and Bernice Isaac for orchestrating a wonderful Casino Night. Everyone who attended appeared to have a great time.

Mazel Tov to our Double Chai Club Members (36+ year members).

Thank you to Hector and Elizabeth Sampson and the staff of Tropics Catering for effortlessly handling the food and beverages for the evening and for generously donating the strolling magicians, who thoroughly entertained the crowd.

Finally, Thank You to the search committee — Todd Surden, Stacy Efrat, Maddy Rothbard, Gillat Sternberg, Lauren Levetan, Hank Needle and chaired by Joe Ziskend — for introducing us to Rabbi Elisheva Salamoand re-introducing us to Rachel Schwartz as viable Assistant Rabbi/Morat Derech candidates.

Thank you again to everyone for all your hard work and efforts in helping Etz Chaim continue to create meaningful Jewish experiences.

Sincerely,

Marty



Jamie Platt Lyons
President

Never Have I Ever (Etz Chaim edition)

When you Google “Never Have I Ever”, a few different listings show up. There is a link to a Netflix series, links to a bunch of different YouTube videos, and a link about a drinking game. The drinking game is simple. Each person takes a turn making a statement about something they have never done. For example, one person in the game says, “never have I ever been to Israel.” If anyone in the group has done the thing mentioned (i.e., been to Israel), they have to take a drink.

I am not advocating for the drinking part of this game. However, I love the concept of identifying something you’ve never done and figuring out who has done that same thing (or something similar) so they can help guide you. During my Presidency of Congregation Etz Chaim I have done many things for the first time. This past month, April 2023, included a few of these “never have I ever” moments for me. Gratefully, I had a lot of help from people who had done the same or similar things and could help guide me.

In my personal life and law practice I have purchased, sold, refinanced, and been the closing attorney for hundreds of real estate transactions. Until Tuesday, April 11, 2023, **NEVER HAVE I EVER BOUGHT A CHURCH!** Below is a photo of Rabbi Dorsch, Marty Gilbert, and me at the real estate closing where Congregation Etz Chaim officially re-purchased what I am now calling the “FRONT FIVE” (acres).



Our Etz Chaim professional team, Executive Committee, Board of Trustee members, and many other lay leaders helped with this process. A few of these people need an extra shout out and their names are listed in bold. Special thanks for specific assistance with the purchase of the “Front Five” (alphabetically): Etz Chaim staff: Christine Bezdek, Aram Blankenship, **Karen Chauvin**, Rabbi Dorsch, Betsy Fitzwater, **Marty Gilbert**, Bernice Isaac, and Rabbi Lewis. Lay Leadership: Irwin Berman, Rachel Boudoin, Jeff Brown, Steven Cadranel, Stan and Judy Fineman, **Barry Gang**, Philip Goldstein, Ed Gordon, **Elliot Okrent**, Sam Olens, Josh Pila, **Ken Pollock**, **Linda Pollock**, Norm Radow, Scott Rittenberg, Marvin Shams, Stan and Luci Sunshine, Todd Surden, and Ken Winkler.

NEVER HAVE I EVER BOUGHT A CHURCH, and I did not do it alone. Our entire congregation can “take a drink” because we did this together.

The original idea for my **NEVER HAVE I EVER** challenge was about reading Torah. Other than my adult B’nai Mitzvah at Etz Chaim in February 1997, I have read Torah only three times. The last time (in 2014) was the worst. I was ready. I knew my Torah portion. I stepped up to the lower Bimah. I completely froze. I could not read. I could

not pronounce any of the words. I could not remember the trope. It was Yom Kippur. The Radow Sanctuary, Phillip’s Library, the classrooms on the Feibel hallway, and the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall were packed. It was awful.

NEVER HAVE I EVER felt the need to make a personal “Torah reading come-back” and I decided to do it while serving as Etz Chaim President. I was insanely nervous after I challenged myself, but I had a lot of help preparing to read on April 22, 2023. Audrey Fried-Sheets helped me (loosely) translate the Hebrew to English so I had a clue what I was reading. Allison Saffran, Fern Meharg, and Rabbi Dorsch made recordings for me, so I could listen to the cadence of the trope and hear the nuances of the words from different people. Rabbi Dorsch gave me a photograph of the Torah portion from the actual Torah I would use and Bob Frohlich provided me an opportunity to practice from that Torah. Finally, my husband, Jonathan listened to my Torah portion so often I am sure he memorized it! **NEVER HAVE I EVER** made a Torah-reading come-back, and I did not do it alone. After services, I “took a drink” (during our Kiddush luncheon)!

After reading Torah last month, I announced a **NEVER HAVE I EVER (Etz Chaim edition)** challenge to the congregation. (You can see/hear me read Torah and announce this challenge on the livestream of our April 22, 2023, Shabbat morning services on the Congregation Etz Chaim Virtual Kiddush Facebook page, my Torah reading and challenge being at 1:54:40.)

This is my challenge to all of you: find a NEVER HAVE I EVER moment for yourself. Find something you’ve never done at Etz Chaim and make it happen. Come to morning or evening minyan for the first time. Volunteer for Backpack Buddies. Donate money to one of our many funds. Lead a service. Play on the Etz Chaim softball team (or show up to cheer them on). Submit a message to the Sisterhood High Holiday greeting and memorial book. Attend Shabbat services. Donate blood through our Social Action Committee. Send a mishloach manot bag. Come to a Torah study session. Paint with the Prime Timers. Attend a Lilmode event. Contribute to our Kol Nidre campaign. Join us for Shabbat in the Park. Pick something . . . pick anything related to Etz Chaim and do it for the first time.

Play NEVER HAVE I EVER (Etz Chaim edition). Let me know how it goes. I really want to hear from you!

Department of Education

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRESCHOOL

Saturday, 5/6

Team Shabbat

Friday, 5/12

Tot Shabbat

Friday, 5/19

Last Day of School

Cool Cat Siyyum

Monday, 6/5

First day of Camp Ruach!

***Camp Ruach! and 2023 – 24
Preschool registration is on-
going.***

***Check Etz Chaim's website
for information and to
register.***

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Saturday, 5/6

Team Shabbat

Sunday, 5/7

Last Day of School

Pre-K in Session

Maccabiah Games

Sunday, 4/23

2nd Grade Family Museum

Sunday, 4/30

Baccalaureate Service

***2023 – 2024 Religious School
Registration is now open.***

***Register and Pay in full by
5/31 for a 5% discount.***

***Registrations received
between 6/1 - 6/30 incur a
late fee of \$30 per student.***

***Registrations received after
7/1 incur a late fee of \$60
per student.***



Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

Shavuot will come at the end of this month and I'm always a bit sad that our students miss out because we are finished with school long before the holiday arrives. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Israelites. There are many customs of Shavuot from studying all night to passing the Torah from one to another and celebrating Confirmation (and yes, special foods to celebrate). While the customs of most of our holidays have a focus on what we do at home, most of the customs of Shavuot take place in the synagogue. The synagogue, the entity which provides all of us with our spiritual and often social opportunities. How many of us pray together on Shabbat and holidays in our beloved Etz Chaim? How many of us have found our closest friends through Etz Chaim? Our synagogue is the gift that keeps on giving. And we have found some of our greatest gifts within the walls of Etz Chaim. We have been able to create a Hamish, inclusive, loving preschool program that nourishes the souls of so many in this community and the extended community at large. Our preschool teachers meet each child where he is with kindness, empathy, and grace. There aren't enough words to acknowledge Savanna Benson, Lauren Chernau, Stefani Faer, Lori Feibel, Marissa Gallagher, Marisa Gewertz, Bethany Levee, Patrice Levy, Hannah Logan, Roxanne Measroch, Ju Ritter, Nikki Riviere, and Carli Stahlman for their dedication to our students. Thanks also to the members of our Preschool Board who guide and support us every step of the way – Gillat Sternberg, Shelly Eisenstadt, Brintney Levine, Adria Moshe, Alex Peskin, Raquel Saltzman, and Lara Wachtler. Finally, we can't talk about our wonderful preschool without mentioning our special weekly grandparent volunteers: Poppa Steve Horovitz, NaNa and Poppa Arlene and Glenn La Vine, Bubbe Nancy Miller, Grandpa Pam and Grandpa Joe Ziskend.



Lauren Chernau
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

May is always associated with the end of the school year. And although we are busy wrapping up the year, along with endings come new beginnings. As we look forward to the summer, I am happy to report that our Camp Ruach! will be full of excited children ready to participate in arts and crafts, science and sensory activities, sports, music and dance and, of course, water play. I am busy putting together a wonderful camp staff with some new faces and some people that have been with us for several years. My camp staff will be busy coming up with new activities and experiences for our children to participate in throughout the summer. We have new themes each week that will bring fun and exciting games, experiences, and activities. I have arranged for several different on-site field trips including pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, musicians, puppet shows and more! With summer around the corner comes water play every day! We are having repairs done to our sleuth's way, new sprinklers, new splashpad, and new water toys. We are going to be using new areas around the building like the new pavilion, the portico, and the gaga pit. We are excitedly placing children in their summer groups and assigning counselors to each of them. So get ready to put away your school clothes, your folders and school bags and pull out your swimsuits, towels and sunscreen and get ready for some SUMMER FUN!



Preschool Enrollment is under way! See page 10.



Thanks for
the
memories!
2022-2023



Leah Green

Director of Engagement and Youth Programming



Hi Etz Chaim! Things are winding down for school, but we have so many fun things left to do! Let’s recap April and talk about May!

Thank you to all our amazing members that have been a part of this Etz Chaim community for more than 36 years!! We had an absolutely fantastic time at our Casino Night that took place on April 23 to honor these amazing congregants. Thank you again for all of your support - we wouldn’t have such a wonderful place and community without you.

Save the date! Thursday, May 25, join us for our annual **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**. More details to come.




Chai Five (8th-12th graders) will be having their ‘Sleep Out’ on May 6. This program, in partnership with the Covenant House, will be raising awareness of the struggles and hardships that the teen homeless population goes through on a nightly basis, without shelter. Our Chai Five teens will be sleeping without shelter (including no tent) for a night. There will be a thought-provoking discussion led by Rabbi Dorsch and we will be showing a movie about the struggles of homelessness called “Pursuit of Happyness.”


This event is very important because the realization of what a homeless teen may go through on a day-to-day basis is a humbling experience. I've never slept outside without a tent, so this event is going to be very personal and challenging, even for me.

Our last **Wacky Wednesday** is on **May 10**; however, USY Elections will be **Wednesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** If your 9th-12th grade child would like to run, please visit this page on our website: [USY Elections - Congregation Etz Chaim](#). This page will explain what you will need in order to go through the process of being in the election. At the **USY Banquet** the newly elected will be installed, awards/recognitions will be given, and emotional speeches will be shared on **Sunday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This is a super important time for USY - please show your support by attending these two events or watching our live stream for both events.

I am so excited to announce that I will be the Assistant Director of Camp Ruach! this Summer! I will be around providing as much support as possible to the Director of Camp Ruach!, Lauren Chernau. My expectations for myself and my performance in this role are set very high. Your children’s safety and happiness is the most important thing and I take that very seriously. We can’t wait to see you and your cuties at camp! If you are interested in what all the fun is about, then please feel free to reach out to Lauren Chernau (Lauren@etzchaim.net) and/or me (Leah@etzchaim.net) with any questions or concerns. If you are ready to have some fun with us this Summer, sign up for Camp Ruach! at Etz Chaim at this link: [Camp Ruach! - Congregation Etz Chaim](#). More information about Camp Ruach! can be found at that link as well.



Baccalaureate Service
April 30, at 7:00 p.m.



Mazal Tou to our Graduating Seniors

<p>Mason Chernau Benjamin Cohen Irving Deino Hannah Foster Zachary Goldstein Ian Greenwald</p>	<p>Sharon Hatami Lilly Levy Maxwell Mahaffey Jacob Mark Reilly Meharg Aiden Misnuner</p>	<p>Rebecca Nathan Tamar Oren Madison Rose Jesse Walter Sophia Wilson</p>
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Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Hailee and Seth Yarus on their marriage on March 26 and to Michelle Grey on the marriage of her daughter

Mia Kleinman, daughter of Esti and Neer Kleinman and granddaughter of Roz Reiss, on being selected as Etz Chaim's 2023 Hadassah Chesed Student Award recipient

Linda and Sheldon Berch on the birth of granddaughter, Brooklyn Paige, on January 14, to Carolann Rheault and Josh Harnick

Ilene and Louis Berch on the birth of their son, Leo Charles, on March 24, and to Linda and Sheldon Berch and Staci Hannah on the birth of their grandson

Our Condolences to...

Julie Kleinman on the passing of her beloved husband, Danny Kleinman

Ron Scheinzeit on the passing of his beloved sister, Teri Scheinzeit

Ellen Jarrett on the passing of her beloved brother, Howard Stiller

Jeffrey Samuels on the passing of his beloved mother, Constance "Connie" Samuels

Marty Bierman on the passing of his beloved mother, Sylvia Bierman

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Reba Bachrach
Ron Judenberg
Linda Weinroth

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

Ashley and Leeor Aizenshtat
3052 Pathview Lane
Marietta, GA 30062
Ashley cell: 917-774-5848
Leeor cell: 817-313-5350
ashleor@gmail.com

New Emails...

Miriam Rosenbaum
zubedhedges@gmail.com

Robert Rosenbaum
reuveenmr@gmail.com

Dani Oren
daniandamir@gmail.com

Evan Charles
evancharles1776@gmail.com

Members on the move...

Patsy and Karl Schneider
2030 Kemp Rd.
Marietta, GA 30066



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



Paint Like Bob Ross

Sunday, May 7
2 - 4 p.m.
Cost is \$25 per person

ETZ CHAIM'S
PRIME
TIMERS

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/bobross



Join us Friday, May 12



5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Potluck Dinner

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

**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.

FINAL TEAM SHABBAT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR: MAY 6

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

A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR BAR MITZVAH!



Bradley Cohen will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 6, 2023 – 15 Iyar 5783. He is the son of Rachel and Andrew Cohen. Bradley’s Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Emor. He is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim’s Religious School for six years. Bradley’s hobbies and interests include all sports, listen to music, reading, TV, the Atlanta Braves and Georgia Bulldogs.

Bradley’s D’var Torah quote is “This Torah portion presents a calendar of celebrations, including Shabbat, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. For his mitzvah project, Bradley is working with H.A.S. – Helping Athletes Score to provide new or gently used sports equipment to donate to the athletes who are in need.



Noah Needle will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 13, 2023 – 22 Iyar 5783. He is the son of Stephanie and Mark Needle. Noah’s Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Behar-Bechukotai. He is a 7th grader at Hightower Trail Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim’s Religious School for seven years. Noah’s hobbies and interests include music, reading, video games and building.

Noah’s D’var Torah quote is “My Parasha, Behar, is about sustainable farming practices.” For his mitzvah project, Noah is building a small vegetable, herb and flower garden here at Etz Chaim that can be used to help feed the Preschool and the community. He is excited to give back to our local community in this way.



Asher Barchichat will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 20, 2023 – 29 Iyar 5783. He is the son of Allison and Tanah Barchichat. Asher’s Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Bamidbar. He is a 7th grader at Simpson Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim’s Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for four years. Asher’s hobbies and interests include soccer video games and hanging out with friends.

Asher’s D’var Torah quote is “I need to think about what I will be in life. There is no Moses telling me what to do.” For his mitzvah project, Asher has planted 20 trees with Trees Atlanta and helped clear invasive species of plants.

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: May 13, 20 and 27

Yasher Koach to our 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Students Now onto Chai Five...



Asher Barchichat
Zachary Buxbaum
Bradley Cohen
Jayden Cohen
Grace Coleman

Maya Efrat
Talia England
Ethan Greenberg
Harlan Johnson
Hailey Levin

Maizy Needle
Noah Needle
Ari Oren
Zachary Pila





**ETZ CHAIM
PRESCHOOL**

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

Enrollment open
for the 2023-2024
school year!

[HTTPS://PRESCHOOL.ETZCHAIM.NET/](https://preschool.etzchaim.net/)



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.

MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

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

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

Monday, May 29, Morning Minyan will be at 9:00 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.

Men's Club Notes

Greetings and Salutations Etz Chaim Congregants,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Pesach and Casino Night. What a fabulous way to honor our long-term members and the legacy they have left for us.

The Men's Club created an NCAA bracket challenge for March Madness. Congratulations to our winner Art Cohen, who correctly rode UConn to the Final Four (and eventually the Championship).

Men's Club has partnered with Sisterhood and made a sizable donation to the Synagogue in support of the new Etz Chaim Outdoor Pavilion helping to furnish it with outdoor furniture. Be on the lookout for a dedication ceremony coming soon.

The Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day program was on April 17, in conjunction with The Catholic Church of St. Ann. This was a very moving ceremony and great way to honor the lives and memories of both Holocaust Survivors and those that passed away.

Men's Club will also be participating in **Lag Ba'Omer on May 9**. Look for an exciting announcement about this event coming soon but a little birdie told me beer and burgers are in the mix...yum.

All you Braves fans out there mark your calendars for June 11. Men's club will be partnering with other affinity groups to create an Etz Chaim Braves game experience.

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

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Bryan Coleman, President

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!

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 Daron 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





ATLANTA MEN'S SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL LEAGUE


It's time to sign up for the softball league and Team Etz Chaim!

Games start at the end of May or early June and run through mid-August.

There was so much excitement last year, Etz Chaim formed two teams. So, let's do it again!

The minimum age is 18 years old and affiliated with the shul.

Interested in signing up? Contact either Joshua Berry at dbth8888@gmail.com or Billy Balser at balsler18@bellsouth.net.





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

As we come to the end of another school year, we would like to wish a **Mazel Tov** to all of our **Seniors** graduating this month! Your journey is just beginning and we sincerely hope great things are in store for you! We are looking forward to seeing you at Etz Chaim when you return home for a visit.

Please join us for our annual Sisterhood Installation on **May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Putting the Sister Back in Sisterhood** will be an evening of reminiscing, schmoozing and celebrating our 45 years of history! Please see our ad on page 13 for more information and to RSVP.

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

Fern Meharg w Amanda Kantor w Faye Cohen w Debbie Isbitts w Pam Ziskend

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

Your Sisterhood Executive Board 2023-2024 year:

Co-Presidents: Neda Gayle & Helaine Mark

Parliamentarian & Past President: Lauren Levetan

VPs Ways & Means: Elizabeth Low

Lauren Gray

Joanna Bolton

VPs Programming: Linda Diamond

Dana Shefsky

Joy Gurst

VPs Membership: Dana Sobel & Shana LaVine-Vexler

Committee Chairs 2023-2024:

Book Club Chairperson: Myra Goldberg

Gift Shop Bookkeeper: Dana Greenberg

Social Media Support: Rachel Slomovitz

Festival Meal Coordinator: Sandy Bailey

The last session our popular series, **Shalom in the Shul**, takes place on **Monday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m.** Join **Rabbi Lewis** as he leads us in a stimulating discussion using excerpts from his upcoming book, **Guide for the Perplexed**. Please see the ad on page 14 to register.

The next meeting of **Sisterhood Book Club** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Joanne Chaifetz**. Join us to discuss the book **The Thread Collectors** by Shaunna Edwards and Allison Richman. Please see the ad on page 14 for more information and to RSVP.

Please continue to support Sunday Morning Minyan at 9:15 a.m. Especially over the summer, every person who attends is vital and appreciated. Your attendance can make a difference!

We encourage you to get involved with Sisterhood! Volunteer. Join a committee. Attend Sisterhood-sponsored Sunday Morning Minyan. The possibilities are endless! Feel connected, have fun, and make new friends. Won't you step up? Please contact Neda Gayle at 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, lainejbeth@concast.net for any questions or to inquire further.

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

Until next time...

Neda and Helaine

Co-Presidents

Sisterhood

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](#)

ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION

PUTTING THE **SISTER** BACK IN SISTERHOOD

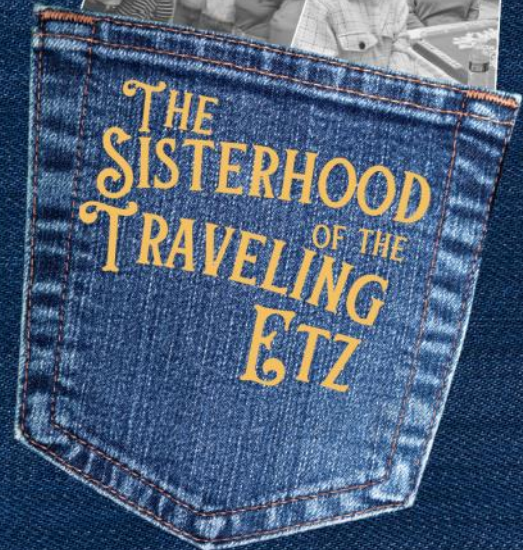
SUNDAY, MAY 7TH
7PM @ ETZ CHAIM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
REMINISCING, SCHMOOZING
AND CELEBRATING OUR **45**
YEARS OF HISTORY.

In the spirit of Tzedakah and
reducing our impact on the
environment, Sisterhood is
collecting old denim Item(s) for:



(bring jeans, jackets, shirts,
skirts, etc. in any condition)



RSVP www.etzchaim.net/event/shoodinstall2023

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:

May 9 June 6

1 Concourse Pkwy., Atlanta, GA 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






Torah Study with the Rabbi

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays for our weekly study session in the Hammer–Tritt Social Hall.

In-person or via Zoom


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

Our two last sessions for this school year are May 4 and 11.



Shalom in the Skul Part 2


Monday, May 8
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



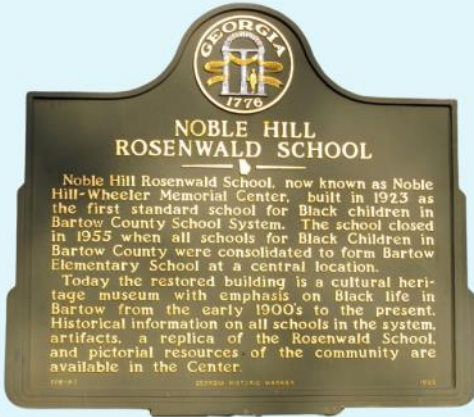

UPCOMING BOOKS AND DATES

- May 21 - *The Thread Collectors* by Shaunna Edwards and Allison Richman - Host: Joanne Chaifetz
- June 18 - *An Old Man's Game, An Amos Parisman Mystery* by Andy Weinberger - Host: Maddy Huppert

Book Club will be held in person at the Bayit.
All sessions begin at 10:00 a.m.

Lilmode Proudly Presents...

"A Trip Back into Hidden History" with Mike Weinroth



In 1911, Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish philanthropist, and part-owner of Sears Roebuck, Inc. met in Chicago. That meeting forever changed the future of educational opportunities for African-Americans in 15 southeastern states.

Date and Time: Sunday, May 21, at Noon

Visit: One of the last standing Rosenwald schools in the Southeast, located in Cassville, Georgia

Learn: Take a tour with Mike Weinroth, who has spent over a decade researching and restoring Rosenwald schools throughout Georgia.

A Chartered bus will leave the synagogue at Noon. Space limited.

RSVP: etzchaim.net/event/rosenwald

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Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald

"Two Giants of the 20th Century and the 5,000 Schools they Built that Changed America"



B.T. Washington

As I began researching Booker T. Washington over a decade ago, it reminded me that as a student in public school I never knew or understood the difference between him and George Washington Carver. I knew one of them had something to do with peanuts and the other one, well I'm not sure what I knew about him. As a matter of fact, I'm not really sure if either of these two gentlemen were ever discussed by any of my teachers. I attended public school in a small central Florida town whose major business was cattle and citrus.

Approximately 10 years ago when I got involved in a Rosenwald School project in Cave Spring, GA., I learned what Booker T. Washington's legacy was all about. He was one of the last great African American "change makers" who was born into slavery. Washington was cultured and committed to enhancing the lives of African American children. Fundraising was a skill set that he acquired. **No one** was beyond his reach - neither Presidents nor members of America's richest families, i.e., the Vanderbilts, Fords, Astors and the ROSENWALDS. He and Julius Rosenwald became close friends, and on his first visit to see Tuskegee, Rosenwald became a member of the Board of Trustees.



Julius Rosenwald

Our congregation's trip on **Sunday, May 21, at 12:00 noon** to the Noble Hill School in Cassville, Ga., will be a memorable look back at the legacy of **Booker T. Washington**, founder of the Tuskegee Institute, one of the first teacher education colleges for African Americans in the southeast, and **Julius Rosenwald**, owner of America's most successful retail store.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

ChatGPTorah:

How Artificial Intelligence is Remaking Our Understanding of Everything Jewish

Thursday, May 25
7:30 p.m.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/shavuot2023

Friday, May 26

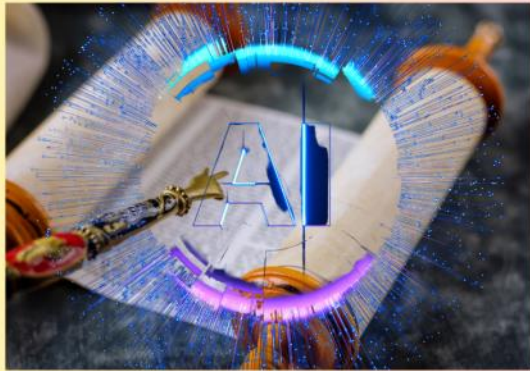
Shavuot Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

Chag Hamayim Splash Pad Family Program 11:00 a.m.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/waterfest2023

Saturday, May 27

Shabbat Services and Vizkor 9:30 a.m.



Chag Hamayim: Shavuot Water Festival

Friday, May 26
11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Water activities, outdoor games, bubbles, and more! Kick-off the Summer with a splash while honoring our Jewish tradition. Bring your own dairy picnic lunch.

RSVP at: www.etzchaim.net/event/waterfest2023

Free to attend and open to the community



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Shabbat L'Kulam
שבת לכולם



An Alternative Shabbat Morning Experience Saturday, June 3

Save a Loved One's Life Tomorrow by Saving a Stranger's Life Today



Etz Chaim welcomes **Shai Robkin**, who donated a kidney to someone he did not know until after the transplant was completed. He will discuss what led him to become a non-directed ("altruistic") kidney donor, and how your kidney donation can serve as kidney transplant "insurance" for members of your family.

In short, you can save a stranger's life today and possibly save the life of a loved one tomorrow.

Shai represents WELD – We Encourage Living Donation (donatelife.net). Mr. Robkin serves as the chair of the Atlanta Regional Council of the New Israel Fund and as a national board member of the Friends of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.



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The Green Team

There is a new arm of the Social Action Committee in our kehillah, The Green Team. The team is being co-chaired by Allison Saffran and Billy Balser; we are lucky enough to have a diverse group of congregants who have helped define our mission and initiatives that we plan to pursue.

The Green Team's mission is to educate and inspire our community to observe the mitzvah of *Baal Tashchit* (do not waste) by recycling, repurposing, and reusing to reduce our carbon footprint. We have identified 24 initiatives that we would like to take on and have already begun working on a number of them.

Our initial focus is on recycling and reducing our waste in the building on a daily basis, on Shabbat, and at events. We are looking to add adult and youth programming through Lilmode, the Religious School, and USY and, share monthly tips in the Voice of Chaim to educate our community on engaging in positive environmental actions. And, we are investigating a way to get affordable reusable resealable bags to our congregants as a fundraiser which would support other Green Team initiatives.

We are looking for other likeminded individuals to join our committee. Please reach out to Allison Saffran and allisonsaffran@gmail.com AND Billy Balser at bals18@bellsouth.net.



May Yahrzeits

Memorialize a loved one with a **Brick** in our Holocaust Memorial Garden or a **Plaque** on our Yahrzeit Wall. For information, please contact the synagogue office.

*Denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

Etz Chaim's Chesed Committee will offer to provide meals of consolation to members. This meal is traditionally a dairy meal eaten by mourners upon their return home from the funeral. It includes whole hard-boiled eggs, symbolizing the continuity of life. This service provided by the Chesed Committee allows the family and friends who normally provide the meal to attend the funeral themselves and give the emotional support to the bereaved. Members attending out of town funerals, who sit shiva or hold a memorial service in Atlanta, will be offered a fruit tray.

Contributions made to the Chesed Fund will help to fund these services.

Please contact:

Lisa Fligel—678-591-7950

Your cooperation please!

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

Family Member In the Hospital?



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

1-May	Aaron Levine	10	Iyar	* 17-May	Morris Cipinko	26	Iyar
1-May	Allyn Padawer Udell	10	Iyar	17-May	Ralph Fedder Sarlin	26	Iyar
1-May	Rose Turner	10	Iyar	* 18-May	Alice Tenenbaum	27	Iyar
*2-May	Edwin Brown	11	Iyar	18-May	Gary Greenberg	27	Iyar
2-May	Isadore Epstein	11	Iyar	* 18-May	Gerald Knauer	27	Iyar
2-May	Sidney Rubinstein	11	Iyar	* 18-May	Solomon Moses Shams	27	Iyar
3-May	Elias Newman	12	Iyar	19-May	Albert Kaplan	28	Iyar
3-May	Howard Potler	12	Iyar	* 19-May	Esther Pearlberg	28	Iyar
3-May	Irwin Miller	12	Iyar	19-May	Gary Sommer	28	Iyar
*4-May	Jacob Baer	13	Iyar	19-May	Ruth Schwartz	28	Iyar
4-May	Jonathan Peskin	13	Iyar	19-May	William Kleinman	28	Iyar
*4-May	Richard Feibel	13	Iyar	19-May	Y'vonne Miller	28	Iyar
4-May	Sheldon Wittenstein	13	Iyar	20-May	Al Pavlo	29	Iyar
5-May	Abraham Besser	14	Iyar	20-May	Audrey Sperling	29	Iyar
*5-May	Arleen Taffel	14	Iyar	20-May	Herschel Rudy	29	Iyar
5-May	Betty Ann Browne	14	Iyar	* 20-May	Lucille O. Ray	29	Iyar
*5-May	Gertrude Beker	14	Iyar	20-May	Reva Reiner	29	Iyar
5-May	Melvin Bernstein	14	Iyar	21-May	Dora Keller	1	Sivan
5-May	Norman Cohen	14	Iyar	22-May	Bernard Eisenman	2	Sivan
5-May	Paul Katz	14	Iyar	* 22-May	Harold F. Needle	2	Sivan
5-May	Ralph Kaye	14	Iyar	22-May	Julian Lichter	2	Sivan
5-May	Stanley Duhon	14	Iyar	23-May	Bea Price	3	Sivan
5-May	William Nicholls	14	Iyar	23-May	Paul Price	3	Sivan
*6-May	Carole Frances Platt	15	Iyar	24-May	Andrea Hazan	4	Sivan
*6-May	Cheryl Dorsch	15	Iyar	* 24-May	David Negrin	4	Sivan
*6-May	Ruth G. Smith	15	Iyar	24-May	Pearl Hoffman	4	Sivan
*6-May	William Bachrach	15	Iyyar	24-May	Robert Marsand	4	Sivan
*7-May	Jay Rittenberg	16	Iyar	* 24-May	William Weinstein	4	Sivan
7-May	Regina Rand	16	Iyar	25-May	Chester Deutsch	5	Sivan
8-May	Janet Tuly	17	Iyar	25-May	Edward Buxbaum	5	Sivan
*8-May	Laura Chartash	17	Iyar	25-May	Lloyd Goldsmith	5	Sivan
8-May	Pearl Juntoff	17	Iyar	* 25-May	Risa Saffran	5	Sivan
8-May	Sidney Shuster	17	Iyar	25-May	Rita Alexander	5	Sivan
*9-May	David Coplon	18	Iyar	25-May	Samuel Cohen	5	Sivan
9-May	Evelyn Seidman	18	Iyar	* 26-May	Claire Hammer	6	Sivan
9-May	Harvey Jacobson	18	Iyar	* 26-May	Edward Resnick	6	Sivan
*9-May	Pearl Hersh	18	Iyar	* 27-May	Julius S. Spector	7	Sivan
*10-May	Susan Hochberg	19	Iyar	27-May	Leah Fink	7	Sivan
10-May	Zita Polsky	19	Iyar	* 27-May	Paul Berman	7	Sivan
*11-May	Deena Stickgold	20	Iyar	28-May	Lawrence Fields	8	Sivan
*11-May	Edward Leonard	20	Iyar	28-May	Nate Persky	8	Sivan
11-May	Felix Ziem	20	Iyar	28-May	Rita Schor	8	Sivan
11-May	Richard Cohen	20	Iyar	* 28-May	Robert Cohen	8	Sivan
12-May	Joe Zelony	21	Iyar	28-May	Rosalyn Cohen	8	Sivan
*12-May	Murray Hochberg	21	Iyar	28-May	Ruth Berg	8	Sivan
*13-May	Lillian Holtz	22	Iyar	29-May	Martin Ravitz	9	Sivan
13-May	Phyllis Strumlauf	22	Iyar	29-May	Sandy Bernstein	9	Sivan
14-May	Frances Horovitz	23	Iyar	* 30-May	Bassie Kron	10	Sivan
14-May	Steven Low	23	Iyar	30-May	Bertha Freed	10	Sivan
15-May	Alan Brown	24	Iyar	30-May	Helen Blum Darling	10	Sivan
*15-May	Elise Wollner	24	Iyar	30-May	Julius Beer	10	Sivan
15-May	Sidney Schulman	24	Iyar	30-May	Mary Parolisi	10	Sivan
*16-May	Florence Stiller	25	Iyar	* 30-May	Miriam Isaacs	10	Sivan
*16-May	Helen Alperin	25	Iyar	* 30-May	Philip Goldstein	10	Sivan
16-May	Regina Elkan	25	Iyar	30-May	Ruth Rapoport	10	Sivan
16-May	Richard Eppsteiner	25	Iyar	31-May	Arthur Turner	11	Sivan
17-May	Arthur Elfenbein	26	Iyar	31-May	Clifford Weiss	11	Sivan
*17-May	Ericka Glancz	26	Iyar	31-May	Herman Mitchell	11	Sivan
*17-May	Irma Landerman	26	Iyar	31-May	Jack Kirshstein	11	Sivan

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (10 Iyar) 25th Day Omer PS Cool Cats Conferences Morning Minyan 7a Table Games @ Etz 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Men's Club Meeting 7p	2 (11 Iyar) 26th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Art For a Mitzvah 7p	3 (12 Iyar) 27th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p PS Faculty Meeting 7p	4 (13 Iyar) 28th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	5 (14 Iyar) Pesach Sheni 29th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8:06p	6 (15 Iyar) Emor 30th Day Omer Bar Mitzvah of Bradley Cohen 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a Shabbat Ends 9:15p
7 (16 Iyar) 31st Day Omer Last day of Rel. School 9a Morning Minyan 9:15a Melton Class 10:30a USY Elections 1p Backpack Buddies 2p Paint Like Bob Ross 2p Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Installation 7p	8 (17 Iyar) 32nd Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Shalom in the Shul 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	9 (18 Iyar) Lag B'Omer 33rd Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a RS Faculty Planning 4:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p Art For a Mitzvah 7p	10 (19 Iyar) 34th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p PS Board Meeting 8p	11 (20 Iyar) 35th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p S'hood Board Mtg. 7p	12 (21 Iyar) 36th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Tot Shabbat 5p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8:12p	13 (22 Iyar) Behar-Bechukotai 37th Day Omer Bar Mitzvah of Noah Needle 9:30a Babysitting Avail. 9:30a Shabbat Ends 9:21p
14 (23 Iyar) 38th Day Omer Happy Mother's Day! Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p	15 (24 Iyar) 39th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	16 (25 Iyar) 40th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Art For a Mitzvah 7p Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:15p	17 (26 Iyar) 41st Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p RS Board Meeting 8p	18 (27 Iyar) 42nd Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	19 (28 Iyar) Yom Yerushalayim 43rd Day Omer Preschool Cool Cat Siyum Morning Minyan 7a Last Day Preschool 9:30a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8:17p	20 (29 Iyar) Bamidbar 44th Day Omer Bar Mitzvah of Asher Barchichat 9:30a Babysitting Avail. 9:30a Shabbat Ends 9:26p
21 (1 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th Day Omer Morning Minyan 9:15a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Lilmode: Rosenwald Tour- Meet at Noon @ CEC Youth Dept. Banquet 5p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees 7p	22 (2 Sivan) 46th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a PS Faculty Planning 9a Table Games @ Etz 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	23 (3 Sivan) 47th Day Omer PS Faculty Planning 9a Morning Minyan 7a Lunch & Learn (off-site) - Noon Evening Minyan 6:30p	24 (4 Sivan) 48th Day Omer PS Faculty Planning 9a Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:30p	25 (5 Sivan) Erev Shavuot 49th Day Omer Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:30p Candle Lighting 8:21p	26 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day Synagogue Offices Closed Shavuot Services 9:30a Chag Hamayim 11a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8:22p	27 (7 Sivan) Shavuot / Yizkor Shavuot Services & Yizkor 9:30a Babysitting Avail. 9:30a Shabbat Ends 9:31p
28 (8 Sivan) Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p	29 (9 Sivan) Memorial Day Synagogue Offices Closed Morning Minyan 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p	30 (10 Sivan) Morning Minyan 7a Camp Planning Mtg. 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p	31 (11 Sivan) Morning Minyan 7a Camp Planning Mtg. 9a Evening Minyan 6:30p			



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.

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Jack Hammer joins the Preschool Lions and Cool Cats Classes as they enjoy a picnic lunch in the Hammer Pavilion.



The Lady Bugs class celebrates Israel's birthday.

Mazal Tov to the new co-chairs of the Atlanta Israel Bond Advisory Board!

Israel Bonds

We are the new co-chairs of the Atlanta Israel Bond Advisory Board. In our new role, we will work with the Israel Bond organization and the Jewish community of Greater Atlanta to promote sales of Israel Bonds in support of the State of Israel.

Buying an Israel Bond is not a donation, it is an investment in the State of Israel. Since the first bond issued in 1951, worldwide sales have exceeded 48 billion dollars, with no defaults. Bond proceeds have played a decisive role in Israel's rapid evolution into a global leader in technology. They are used for infrastructure and economic growth.

We have been buying bonds for decades without really understanding their impact. On many trips to Israel including our Israel Bond trip last May to the countries that signed the Abraham Accords, we were able to see firsthand the impact made by Israel Bond purchases.

Bond rates are high, easy to purchase, make great gifts as well as investments. Current rates on some bonds exceed 5%. It is easy to open an account and buy bonds online.

For more information on types of bonds and rates, Google "Israel Bonds".

Helene and Phil Jacoby



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/3xbMqjl>



Backpack Buddies of Metro Atlanta

Because hunger doesn't
take the weekend off



Rabbi Dorsch visits Pace Academy Middle School Jewish Alliance to teach about Pesach.



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Mark Your Calendar

Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

June/July Voice
August Voice

Deadline: Monday, May 1
Deadline: Tuesday, August 1

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



Weekly Schmooze on Zoom!

Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

facilitated by Esther Shultz

It's time to socialize and catch up with your Etz Chaim friends. So, let's get together for an informal time to chat! Our only request is we ask everyone to *stay away from politics*. All are welcome.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83828410862>

New Chavurot Forming!!



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

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Tzedakah Project for JF&CS' Kosher Food Pantry

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There are lots of great books in Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim. Self-check-out directions are on the library desk, alongside a yellow check-out card box.

All the books mentioned below are on display this month in the library.

Lag B'Omer is coming up on May 9. Here's one children's book you can borrow:

Sadie's Lag Ba'Omer Mystery by Jamie Korngold. Join Sadie and Ori as they discover what Lag Ba'Omer is all about in this fun, cheerfully illustrated book. (For ages 3-6) (J 244.4 KOR)

Shavuot will be at the end of the month, starting the eve of May 25. It is one of our main festival holidays that is often overlooked. Here are a few books for adults for more enlightenment for the holiday:

Reading Ruth: Contemporary Women Reclaim a Sacred Story. Modern-day interpretations of the book of Ruth which will inspire and enhance one of the most beloved stories of our foremothers. (224.42 REA)

Ceremony & Celebration: Introduction to the Holidays by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. Outstanding explanation of the five major Jewish holidays, including Shavuot. This is an easy-to-read, insightful book. (240 SAC)

Introduce your kids or grandkids to some of the key themes and customs of Shavuot with one of our children's Shavuot stories including the following:

Cheesecake for Shavuot by Alison Olanansky. Students in Israel plant wheat in the fall that they will use in the spring, along with cheese and strawberries, to make their Shavuot dessert. Wonderful photos are found throughout. (for ages 6-10) (J 243.3 OFA)

Ruth and Naomi: A Bible Story by Jean Marzollo. A retelling of the story of Ruth and Naomi, which we read on Shavuot, geared for young children. It has bright and expressive illustrations. (for Preschool-Grade 3) (J 224.42 MAR)

Want to learn more online about Shavuot?

Try the website My Jewish Learning at <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shavuot-101>

And for Kids Online some great short video clips on Shavuot from Shalom Sesame at <http://m.shalomsesame.org/#holidays>

Mazal Tov to our Double Chai + Honorees! What a wonderful night it was honoring you for your continued dedication and support of our kehillah.



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Debbi and Randy Chartash

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what would have been my father, Theodore Shapiro's 100th birthday
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Craig, Susan, Paige and Cami Adair

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Daniel Kleinman
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my brother Ross Shapiro on his yahrzeit
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Daniel Kleinman
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Sharon Kavanagh

Barbara Pomerance, Richard Smith's sister. So sorry for the loss of your sister.

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Reba Bachrach
Noah and Berna Levine

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David and Elyse Shaw

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In loving memory of:

my dad Sidney Engel's passing.

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of Sherrie Wetstone's mother

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Linda Ames

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my parents, Samuel and Mania Lederman, on their yahrzeits

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Sheila Grenitz, mother of Sherrie Wetstone. Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mom. May all the memories you hold of her bring a smile to your face and allow her to live on forever! Love,

David and Elyse Shaw

Danny Kleinman, beloved husband, father, and grandfather

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In loving memory of:

Sherrie Wetstone's mom Sheila Grenitz.
Suzanne Rivchun

In memory of:

Sheila Grenitz. May her memory be a blessing that sustains you in this time of sadness.

Karen and Bill Keeter

Sheila Grenitz, mother of Sherrie Wetstone
Marsha Shrago

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Lisa and Sam Olens on Lauren's engagement. Love,

David and Elyse Shaw

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In appreciation of:

and with thanks to the loving friends who helped make the minyan for Harry
Marsha Shrago

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In celebration of:

Joshua Painter and Alyssa Madwed. The Frohlichs are thrilled that you decided to join the shul. We hope you get to enjoy it as much as we have.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

In honor of:

Jamie Lyons. Just for being you. Madame President.

Ms. Hailee Grey and Mr. Seth Yarus. I am glad to hear that you have not forgotten us and have decided to join the shul. I'm sorry that i could not wish you the best at your Aufruf and truly wish you nachas on the nuptial.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Lynne Johannesen, a remarkable teacher - patient, creative and inspiring.

Marsha Shrago

In loving memory of:

my husband Harry on his yahrzeit

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In memory of:

Barbara Pomerance, Richard Smith's sister. The Frohlichs are sorry to have heard of your loss.

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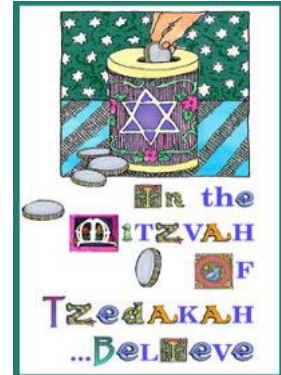
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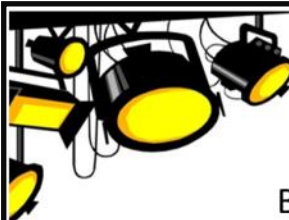


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"As my ancestors planted before us, so must we plant for our children." - Talmud

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