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## Congregation Etz Chaim and Rabbi Dan Dorsch

Invites you to join us for our

## Community Seder

Monday, April 22

6:00 p.m.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall at Etz Chaim

Cost: \$50 per adult (13 and up)

\$25 per child (6 - 12 years old)

Children 5 and under are free

Dietary laws observed.



1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068

RSVP: [www.etzchaim.net/event/seder2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/seder2024)

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## CASINO NIGHT CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

**MAY 19, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

[www.etzchaim.net/event/casinonight2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/casinonight2024)

*RSVP by April 30.*

### 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](http://www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream)

See pages 25 - 26 for the Ad Journal Contract.



**Daniel Dorsch**  
Rabbi

One of the prized haggadot I have in a somewhat extensive collection is the Moss Haggadah. This rather large volume was given to Amy and me as a wedding present from my childhood rabbi.

Illustrated by the renowned Jewish artist David Moss, the Haggadah contains all sorts of unique designs and images, some based on historical manuscripts.

The Haggadah contains many interesting pages. But my favorite page in the Haggadah is one full of tiny mirrors (I love showing this to preschoolers). The mirrors are interspersed with depictions of our ancestors dressed in our various local garb throughout our history. The text on top of the page is the quote: *b'chol dor vador chayav adam lirot et atzmo ke-ilu hu yatazah mimizrayim*. "In every generation, a person is obligated to see him or herself as if he or she came out of Egypt."

I know that many of us have long forgotten about COVID restrictions, masking, and social distancing. However, I can't help but be struck by the current state of the world. I look in the mirror at the Haggadah, and I am sad about what I see.

It's been two years since Vladimir Putin launched his brutal war against Ukraine, which has had the side effect of limiting freedom of movement for Americans. Today a large portion of the world once thought safe for Americans are no longer places we can feel comfortable, knowing that we may be seized and thrown into prison at a moment's notice.

Today any number of countries have come out in the United Nations against the State of Israel. These are now countries that have been crossed off my bucket list.

Sadly, we've had to postpone family trips to Israel, because we want to ensure that our families get to see the entire country, and here too, our freedom of movement has become limited.

In our blessed country today, there are also forces at work that seek to limit freedom of thought. They are the illiberal lunatics on college campuses who shut down facts, and misguided teachers in schools who present misinformation. These people fail to understand that freedom for one group should mean freedom for all, rather than one coming at the expense of another.

It all sounds rather bleak. But then, I look at the Haggadah and remember that we've been down this road before.

We sometimes think we are the first generation of Jews to struggle for freedom. Only as important as the mirrors are the depictions of our ancestors.

As I see them, I remember that in every generation there has been a Pharaoh who has been defeated. I have no doubt that as we rise to the challenges of our generation, we too will be no exception.



**Elliot Okrent**  
President

*"Tumble out of bed and stumble to the kitchen, pour myself a cup of ambition, and yawn and stretch and try to come to life." - Dolly Parton*

It's hard to believe a coffee company ended up giving us one of the most widely used Passover Haggadahs in recent history. Back in the 1930s, Maxwell House, the coffee company, decided to jump into the Haggadah game and hasn't looked back. But how did this happen? It was all about marketing.

As we know, coffee comes from beans, which historically are not allowed during Passover (recent guidance notwithstanding). However, coffee beans are technically a fruit. A marketing agency realized this and approached Maxwell House with a way to attract Jewish customers during Passover. They started throwing in a free Haggadah with their coffee during Passover to sweeten the deal for buyers. Turns out, people loved it! Over 60 million Haggadahs later, the Maxwell House Haggadah is like a Passover staple for many families – including mine.

If I think about all the holidays on the Jewish calendar, Passover is at the top of my list. The memories and traditions that I personally recall and the way that I continue to bring those traditions forward and pass them on to my children really make it special.

I love the story. Passover is a celebration of freedom, a reminder of the journey from oppression to liberation. The retelling of the Exodus story was not just a historical account, but a call to reflect on our own lives. As we recite the plagues, dip our fingers into our wine glasses (oh, that Manischewitz Heavy Malaga!), and remove drops to symbolize empathy for the suffering of our ancestors, we are encouraged to ponder the universal themes of justice, compassion, and the pursuit of freedom.

Passover is a holiday I have always spent with my family. I remember seders at Bubie's house in Seaford, NY, and sometimes my Great Aunt Thelma's in Syosset. I remember the seders we had at my parents' home in Connecticut. And the ones we've hosted in our own home here in Atlanta as adults with our own family. I remember that being together on Passover was so important, we hosted Zoom Seders during COVID, as many of you did. Now, that's commitment!

While the Seder service varies for everyone in length and depth, it always tells the same story, and the songs we sing never go out of style. And of course, there's the food. I'm going to put the matzah aside (not the afikomen just yet), as I will not admit to looking forward to that. But I can tell you, my mom's charoset is very hard to beat, and even when we can't be together for the holiday, I still find some way to get my hands on it. And to this day, my children continue to insist we hide a raisin in one of the matzo balls when cooking and celebrate the lucky recipient at dinner.

In the tapestry of my memories, Passover Seders stand out as a vibrant thread, weaving together the rich tapestry of tradition, family, and faith. The rituals, symbols, and shared stories created a sense of continuity, connecting us to our ancestors and the broader Jewish community. As we prepare for yet another Passover Seder, I am filled with gratitude for the memories of Seders past and continue to pass the traditions forward.

Oh – and enjoy some coffee with your afikomen and hit up the supermarket if you need some extra Maxwell House Haggadahs!



**Marty Gilbert**  
Executive Director

“April is the cruelest month.”  
~T.S. Eliot

Matzah is on the horizon. What more do I have to say? Based on my current diet restrictions, I haven't been eating a lot of bread products, so substituting matzah for bread won't be as difficult this year as in past years.

Of course, I am looking forward to our Community Seder on April 22. It should be a meaningful program, and since we will have enough Haggadahs this year, it should be wonderful.

The big news is the kickoff **“We are Family”** Ad Journal and Membership Directory. As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we need to take time to celebrate what we are... a FAMILY. We care about each other, laugh with each other, cry with each other, occasionally argue with each other, but we are always there for each other. Please buy an ad to celebrate your family, friends, and Etz Chaim in general. We have so much to be thankful for as a Congregational Family. Please help us meet our fundraising goal so we can continue to *“create meaningful Jewish experiences”*.

Then on Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate together in person at our **“We are Family”** Casino Night.

Don't let the name fool you - it's adults only. We will have babysitting available, which will support USY programming. Since Vegas, Atlantic City, and even Murphy, NC, are a good distance away, this will help you get that gambling itch out of your system and raise a few bucks for Etz Chaim as well.

In closing, I wish all of you a Chag Sameach Pesach. May all your matzah be chocolate coated unless you're diabetic like me.



**Jamie Lyons**  
Interim Youth Director



March was an incredible month for the Youth Department!

On March 10, twenty-three Chalutzim'ers (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) baked hamantashen and played games (red light/green light, basketball, hula hoops, Potato Head, etc.) in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. I'm not sure how good (or bad) the hamantashen tasted, but everyone had a fantastic time! The following weekend nine Chaverim'ers (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>) ate pizza, made yummy hamantashen, and had some fun after Religious School in the Luci and Stan Sunshine Dairy Kitchen.

We ended the month with an out-of-this-country Purim Carnival celebrating Israel. After many of our USYers read from the Megillat Esther, they spent over 3 hours setting up and decorating the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall for the Etz Chaim Purim Carnival the next day. Two of our dedicated USYers even joined the set-up crew after their senior proms!

At the Carnival, kids put notes in the Kotel, took pictures at Independence Hall with Theodore Herzl, got Israeli flag tattoos, knocked down Haman, wrote notes to Israeli soldiers in the IDF, ate shawarma, falafel, and Israeli salad prepared by Men's Club and homemade hummus prepared by Mark Needle, competed in the IDF training inflatable obstacle course, went fishing in the Red Sea, took the train from the Tachanat Rakevet (train station; i.e. the Hammer Pavilion) through different Israeli cities as they circled the building, and more! It was an outstanding Purim Carnival which raised thousands of dollars for our Sababa USY Social Action/Tikkun Olam projects. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We are looking forward to our L'Dor v'Dor Top Chef Passover event on April 14 for Chalutzim and Chaverim, plus Regional Convention (April 12-14) and Six Flags (April 21) for Gesher and USY. Please sign-up your kids to join us!



## Department of Education

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### PRESCHOOL

Monday, **4/8**  
Puppies Conferences  
begin (School IN session)

Friday, **4/12**  
Tot Shabbat

Saturday, **4/13**  
Team Shabbat

Saturday, **4/20**  
Team Shabbat

Monday, **4/22**  
1<sup>st</sup> Passover Seder (PM)

Mon., **4/22** – Wed., **4/24**  
School Closed (Pesach)

Mon., **4/29** & Tue., **4/30**  
School Closed (Pesach)

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Friday, **4/12**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, **4/13**  
Team Shabbat (1<sup>st</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> GR)

Sunday, **4/14**  
Pre-K Class in Session

Saturday, **4/20**  
Last Team Shabbat

Tuesday, **4/23**  
School Closed (Pesach)

Saturday, **4/27**  
Confirmation—See page 7  
(During Services)

Sunday, **4/28**  
Baccalaureate—See page 7

Tuesday, **4/30**  
School Closed (Pesach)



**Debbie Deutsch**  
Director of Education

### What's Going on in Kitah Bet

The second grade Hebrew school class has several traditions- we do a Shabbat skit for the school, we have a scrapbook that makes the rounds to the whole class, and we do a museum. How do we create a museum? Each student picks a particular interest they have, which we merge with something Jewish. Let's say someone loves art—their topic would be Jewish art. Students are encouraged to do research on the topic at home or with our madrichim during school and come up with a fun way to teach it at school. Creativity is encouraged.

The students are so creative, and I love seeing their 2nd grade minds at work! After the students are finished presenting their topic to their fellow classmates, they then help curate a museum. All the students present their project to their parents, siblings and other religious school grades that come to tour the museum. The students come up with a list of 10 questions they might be asked. When coming up with these questions, it might lead to more research on their topic!

Then when the big day comes, they come dressed in nice dress clothes- like Shabbat clothes - and put out their project on the table. They rehearse their answers to the questions and are prepared when the families arrive. The students always have such pride in themselves and their work. There is such meaning to the research, the preparation, the presenting, and the follow-up to each project.

Great job, 2nd graders!



**Lauren Chernau**  
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

The Cool Cats, our PreK class, are such a vital part of our school. Day to day, you will find the Cool Cats focusing on not only pre-reading and writing skills, but also Jewish traditions and values that help to build character and strength. Their center time is focused on skills that will strengthen both their academic and social/emotional growth.

Marisa Gewertz, one of the teachers, says, "I love teaching the Cool Cats because the connection I have between me and the children is like no other. When the year begins, they are just starting to be independent. By the end of the year, their independence shines. The Cool Cats have been through many changes this year. The highlight of my year is to see how they have powered through the disappointments and risen to be true Cool Cats."

All three of the Cool Cat teachers are so passionate about their roles in the classroom. Gabby Ledger, another one of the teachers, said, "This group is my favorite because I love seeing the connections they make as they build on their prior knowledge. Seeing them make new observations, seek out new information, and process the knowledge they receive is absolutely amazing. They actively search for answers and are endlessly curious. They are learning what it means to not only just be curious, but to be accepting of others and what truly makes someone a good and kind person." Ju Ritter, the third Cool Cat teacher, said, "The class is made up of small people with big personalities. As a teacher, I have seen these personalities grow and flourish. I know they will take the lessons from this class with them and grow up to be wonderful people in this world."

Way to go, Cool Cats!

Join us for...

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

April 12 - 2nd Grade, 5:00p Dinner/6:30p Service: [www.etzchaim.net/event/bet2shabbat2023](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/bet2shabbat2023)

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



Cool Cats  
Class  
photos  
above

Kitah  
Bet





**Tot Shabbat**  
at Etz Chaim

Join us on these Fridays for Winter/Spring 2024:  
**April 12 and May 10**

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

Check out our Preschool Facebook page for more information.  
Questions? Contact Debbie Deutsch 770-977-3384 or [debbie@etzchaim.net](mailto:debbie@etzchaim.net)  
[www.etzchaim.net/preschool](http://www.etzchaim.net/preschool)  
1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068



**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](http://www.etzchaim.net/calendar) or in the weekly EtzBlast for more information.

**Upcoming Dates:**  
**April 6 and 22**

**TEAM SHABBAT AT ETZ CHAIM**  
**2023-24 season**  
**SHABBAT PROGRAMMING FOR ALL CHILDREN!**  
**SAVE THESE TEAM SHABBAT DATES:**  
**APRIL 13 & 20**  
**DATES FOR ALL STARS:**  
**APRIL 13 & MAY 11**  
**TIME: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**



<b>LITTLE LEAGUE</b> PARENTS & CHILDREN PRE-K AND UNDER	<b>MINOR LEAGUES</b> GRADES K-2	<b>MAJOR LEAGUES</b> GRADES 3-5
	<b>ALL STARS</b> GRADES 6 & 7	

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

# L'DOR V'DOR TAP CHEF PASSOVER

**Sunday, April 14**  
**12:15 - 1:45 p.m.**  
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall



This program is for:

- Bubbes & Zaides with their grandchildren
- Chalutzim and Chaverim (with or without your Bubbe/Zaide)
- Anyone who wants to be a Bubbe/Zaide for the afternoon

Come for lunch and Passover cooking competitions

**RSVP:**  
[etzchaim.net/event/ldortopchef](http://etzchaim.net/event/ldortopchef)



## Shabbat Services and Confirmation

Saturday, April 27  
at 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate our confirmands:  
Kayla Kleinman | Evan Okrent  
Eli Slomovitz | Levi Weinstein



## Baccalaureate Service

April 28, at 6:00 p.m.

Mazal Tov to our Graduating Seniors



Nate Aronstein	Claire Isbitts	Alexis Needle
Aiden Charles	Elizabeth Katz	Rachel Surasky
Eden England	Mia Kleinman	Melanie Thalhimer
Evan Goldstein	Rachel Landau	
Jessie Goldstein	Asher Lubell	



## KICKSTART SUMMER WITH US!



CHALUTZIM, CHAVERIM, & GESHER...

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

12:15-1:45 p.m.  
@ THE BAYIT



- TIE-DYING SHIRTS
- FULL ICE-CREAM BAR
- PIZZA
- GAMES



RSVP: [www.etzchaim.net/event/tiedye](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/tiedye)

**COMING SOON...**

**Friday, April 5**

**6:00 p.m. Oneg**

**6:30 p.m. Musical Service**

Join us as we welcome in the Shabbat with Rabbi Adler and the Ruach Singers for a musical service.

Do you sing or play an instrument? Contact Rabbi Adler, [rabiadler@etzchaim.net](mailto:rabiadler@etzchaim.net) to join the fun!

**All are welcome to attend.**

**RSVP: [www.etzchaim.net/event/shirshelshabbat](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/shirshelshabbat)**



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## **Men's Club Beef Brisket Sale Kosher for Passover**

**Pre-order now through April 4**

It's time to place your order for Men's Club's famous smoked or traditional beef brisket! Proceeds (after we purchase the meat) from this fundraiser will support the Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance to members attending the Men's Club Retreats and FJMC convention.

- Cost is \$28.00 per pound
- Kashrut under the supervision of Rabbi Dorsch
- Can be used for your Seder or weekday meals
- Presold - Order by April 4 @ 4 p.m. to ensure availability
- Pick-up is Tuesday & Wednesday, April 16 and 17.

**Order at: [www.etzchaim.net/event/brisket2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/brisket2024)**





## Our Etz Chaim Community

### *Mazal Tov to...*

Amy and Rickey Mittelberg on the engagement of their daughter Alissa to Avi Cohen.

Ashley and Leeor Aizenshtat on the birth of their son, Reef, born on February 15, 2024.

### *Our Condolences to...*

Elyse Shaw on the passing of her beloved father, Bob Hiller, and grandfather of Bekah Shaw and Ian Shaw.

Gilad Moyal on the passing of his beloved mother, Miri Moyal, and grandfather of Jacob and Maya Moyal.

Ellen Balsler on the passing of her beloved sister, Lizzy Arkin, and to Zachary Arkin on the passing of his beloved mother.

Roni Robbins on the passing of her beloved father, Steve Kayne.

Stephanie Knauer on the passing of her beloved mother, Mary Elkan, and grandmother of Marshall Knauer and Madeline Knauer.

Norman Radow on the passing of his beloved mother, Beverly Radow, grandmother of Lisa Hurd and Neil Radow.

### *Thank You to our Office Volunteers...*

Linda Weinroth for proofing the Voice

Michael Karp for picking up the food for the JF&CS Kosher Food Pantry and delivering it to JF&CS

### *Members on the Move...*

Ken and Grace Graiser  
3160 Howell Mill Rd., #623  
Atlanta, GA 30327

Aviva and Harry Stern  
5450 N. Peachtree Drive  
Dunwoody, GA 30338

Marc Chernau  
310 Monivea Lane  
Roswell, GA 30075



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



## Spotlight on New Families ברוכים הבאים - Baruchim Habayim!

### Alyssa Madwed-Painter and Josh Painter



Please welcome Josh Painter and Alyssa Madwed to our Etz Chaim family!

Josh and Alyssa tied the knot on May 28, 2023. They are enjoying married life and are expecting their first child (a baby boy) this May - just in time for their one-year anniversary!

They are looking forward to meeting the members of our community and getting involved in the synagogue's activities and programming.

### Ann Rosenthal



Please welcome, Ann Rosenthal to our Etz Chaim Family!

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Etz Chaim and getting to know so many wonderful people through the Melton series, trivia night, and a couple of sisterhood events. My husband and I enjoy being with friends, traveling, hiking, and playing cards. I look forward to meeting you soon."

## Men's Club Notes

Greetings, Etz Chaim Congregants.

Spring is in the air, and for me, that always makes me think of baseball. We have organized a **L'Etz Go Braves** outing for **June 2**, so reserve your seats ASAP! Tickets are limited. See below for details.

We had a lot of fun in March as Men's Club gathered to cook for the Purim Carnival. Lots of laughter and comradery were exchanged as we filled the bellies of the congregants and children.

Men's Club Shabbat on March 23 was also very inspiring. We were led by our own **Michael Barber**, and many readings and aliyot were shared by Men's Club Members with other honors being performed by our congregants. What a fantastic turnout and we look forward to this great tradition next year.

Men's Club is happy to be back to cooking kosher brisket two ways (BBQ or traditional) for our community again this year. Make sure you reserve your allocation as the cutoff to order will be April 4. **Click here** to reserve your Brisket for Passover or just to have some extra in the freezer.

Lastly, **Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day** will be observed on **May 5**. Men's Club will be providing candles as part of the Yellow Candle initiative. See page 22 for more details, as we will be providing transportation to Greenwood Cemetery for this special commemoration.

We welcome you to get involved with Men's Club! Volunteer to cook or prep, attend any of our Men's Club-sponsored events. Have a great idea about an event? Please share with us your thoughts. We are actively looking for more members to come socialize with us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bryan Coleman ([rog-bry@mindspring.com](mailto:rog-bry@mindspring.com)) or Mathew Nathan ([mattynathan@gmail.com](mailto:mattynathan@gmail.com)).

**President: Bryan Coleman**  
**VP: Mathew Nathan**

**Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!**  
[mensclub@etzchaim.net](mailto:mensclub@etzchaim.net)

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

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

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

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

Get on our email list at: [mensclub@etzchaim.net](mailto:mensclub@etzchaim.net)



Anshei Darom Regional Board with Rabbi Dorsch and Rabbi Wolk.



Etz Chaim's Men's Club always has a great turnout at the Anshei Darom Regional Retreat.

**L'ETZ GO BRAVES!**  
**FAMILY DAY AT THE BALLPARK**  
 SPONSORED BY ETZ CHAIM'S MEN'S CLUB  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - FIRST PITCH AT 1:35 P.M.**  
**BRAVES -VS- ATHLETICS**  
 Tickets: \$36 each  
 Optional parking pass: \$32  
 (Limited Quantities Available)  
 Seats: Section 317, Rows 12 and 13, (First Base line, shaded)  
 Optional Parking Pass in premium lot  
 We anticipate tickets selling out quickly! RSVP today.  
[etzchaim.net/event/mcbraves2024](http://etzchaim.net/event/mcbraves2024)

 An aerial photograph of a baseball field during a game. The field is green with brown dirt base paths. A large red number "1" is visible on the grass near the pitcher's mound.



## The Sisterhood Scoop

**Surround Yourself with Women who will Lift You Higher**

Spring is here!

A time of rebirth as nature comes back to life, awakening from its deep sleep.

We are here too. Awaken, rise up and join us at these exciting events.

Pesach is here, too. Get out the Windex and Fabulosa as we prepare our homes for Passover!

**Sunday, April 14**, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bayit. Join us for a lively discussion and insight for this month's book **The Woman Beyond the Sea** by Sari Yishai-Levi hosted by Iris Bachenheimer. A mesmerizing novel about three generations of women who have lost each other—and the quest to weave them back into a family. See our ad on page 13.

**April 7-9 is the WLCJ Southern Region Conference.** (Women's League for Conservative Judaism) It will be held at Ahavath Achim Synagogue, co-sponsored with Etz Chaim's Sisterhood) The keynote speaker on Monday will be Esther Panitch. This is our first in-person meeting since B.C. (Before Covid!) Looking forward to seeing everyone! See our ad below.

Save the date for **Sunday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.** for our Annual Installation of the Sisterhood board. Looking forward to seeing YOU! See our ad on page 23.

Stop by our **Judaica and Gifts Shop** for a special gift for your loved one or yourself! New items are always coming in! Stop by and see our wonderful collection of items for Passover. Special gifts and activities are available for the children as well as beautiful seder plates and a cup for Miriam!

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

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](mailto:nedagayle@att.net), or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, [lainejbeth@comcast.net](mailto:lainejbeth@comcast.net) for any questions or to inquire further.

Until next time...

**Neda and Helaine**  
Co-Presidents, Sisterhood



Donate to the Torah Fund today. New year, new pin! See page 32 for more information.

### Minyan Makers

The Sisterhood sponsorship for Etz Chaim's daily minyan is on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Come join us for the morning service and then stay afterward to nosh and kibbitz.

### Interest Groups

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

### Centerpiece Rental

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

### JNF Trees for Israel

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

### For more information about Sisterhood, please contact:

Neda Gayle, 615-477-3152, [nedagayle@att.net](mailto:nedagayle@att.net) or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, [lainejbeth@comcast.net](mailto:lainejbeth@comcast.net).

Check us out on Facebook or on our website at [www.etzchaim.net/sisterhood](http://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:**

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**Huntcliff Summit I -**  
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March 12  
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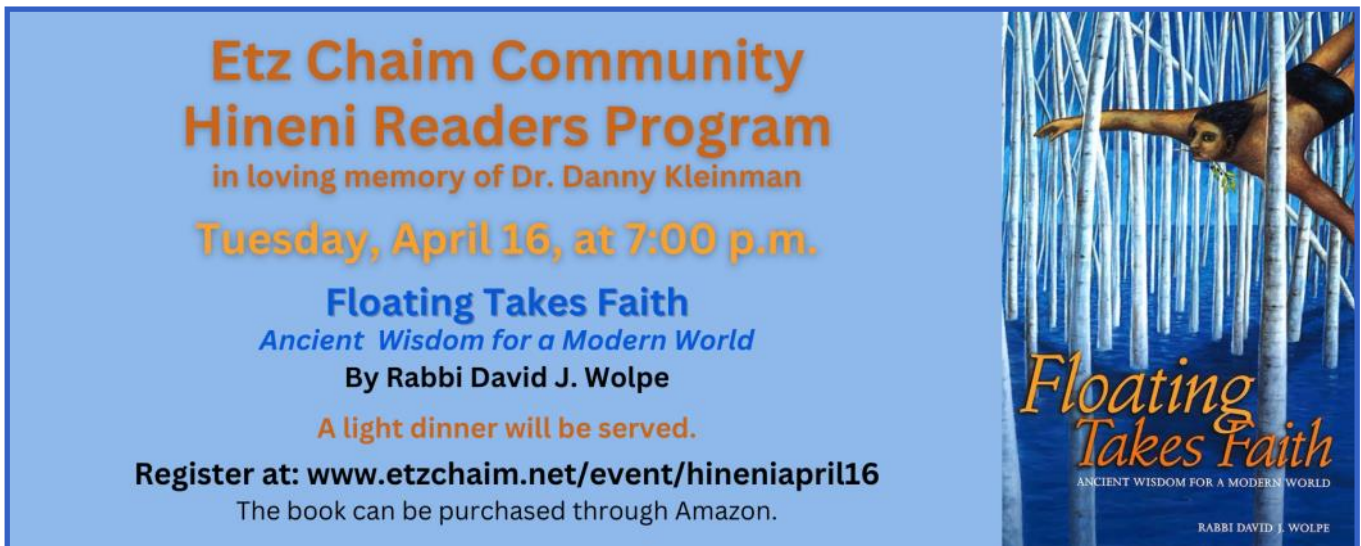
To get a monthly reminder and to RSVP, contact Betsy at [betsy@etzchaim.net](mailto:betsy@etzchaim.net).

**Save these dates:**

**April 16    May 14 Topic: Yom Ha'atzmaut**

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## Etz Chaim Community Hineni Readers Program

in loving memory of Dr. Danny Kleinman

**Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.**

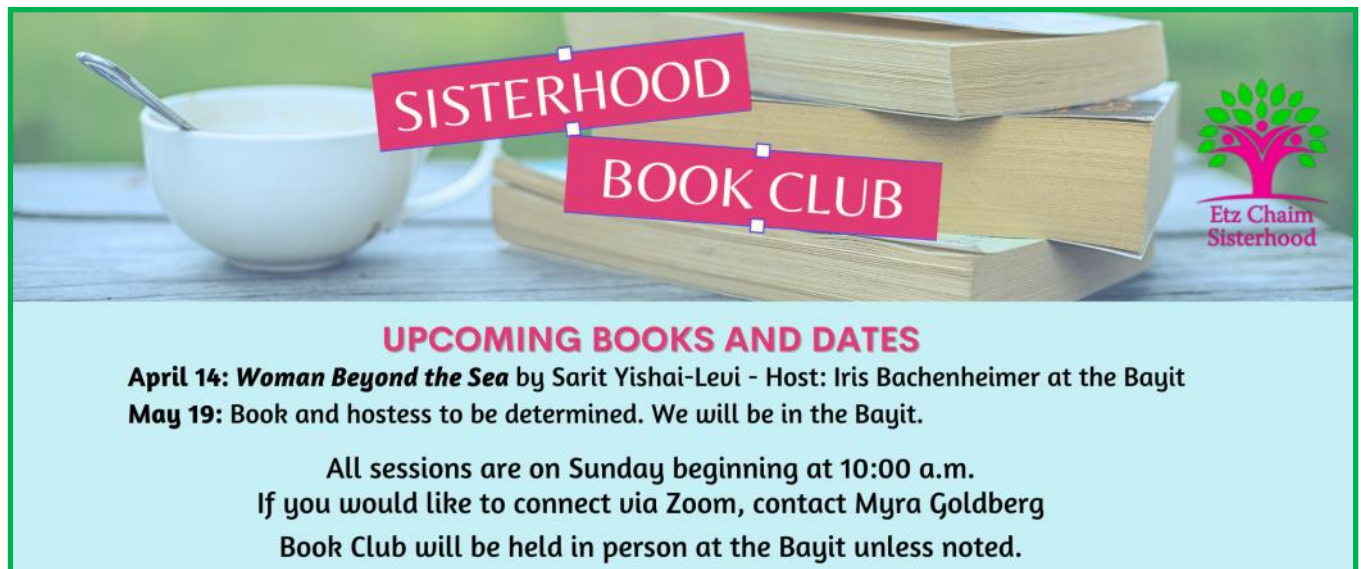
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## SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

### UPCOMING BOOKS AND DATES

**April 14: *Woman Beyond the Sea*** by Sarit Yishai-Levi - Host: Iris Bachenheimer at the Bayit

**May 19:** Book and hostess to be determined. We will be in the Bayit.

All sessions are on Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
If you would like to connect via Zoom, contact Myra Goldberg  
Book Club will be held in person at the Bayit unless noted.

# Mishpacha Minyan

A Young Parents Camp Style Ruach Shabbat

Friday, April 19

Outdoor Sanctuary  
(weather permitting)

6:00 p.m. Service

Oneg to follow in the Hammer Pavilion

Supervised playroom  
for the kiddos during dinner

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## Spotlight on Art for a Mitzvah

Many of you are familiar with the Art for a Mitzvah program which began in January 2023. For those of you unfamiliar with the program, it came about from an inspiration after a tour of Yad LaKashish, Lifeline for the Old, in Jerusalem. The tour was part of a congregational trip to Israel with Rabbi Dorsch in June 2022. Yad LaKashish is a thriving place with 10 workshops and serves nearly 300 elderly immigrants who are natural or trained artisans. The proceeds of their worldwide sales (including ritual art pieces, jewelry, metal works, paper goods, fabrics, and children's toys) are invested back into the operation to help with the support of immigrants who call Israel their home.

Jewish art enhances ritual art pieces and lifts up the surroundings, the people who see it and use it. Jewish art enhances Jewish traditions and culture. We have so many choices we can make in our selection of menorahs, mezuzahs, candlesticks, challah plates and covers, Kiddush cups, and Seder plates to name a few. These beautiful pieces give us a connection to our history, the experience of others who came before us, and our culture. Color and art have an importance in our lives because they can embody the identity of a nation, a community, and a group of people.

Our mission for Art for a Mitzvah is to create beautiful pieces of art to enhance our homes, culture, and traditions. From there we use the sales to make a meaningful donation and to fund the next project. To date our donations have been \$630 (35 Chai) to Yad LaKashish, \$252 (14 Chai) to Backpack Buddies, and \$720 (40 Chai) to Magen David Adom.

Our next project began on March 6. Please look for our display and sales in April.

**Lynne Goldman Johannesen and Miriam Rosenbaum**

**The following people have donated to Art for a Mitzvah. We thank you for your generosity and support of our program.**

Rabbi Jonathon Adler  
Iris Bachenheimer  
Galina Barshay  
Marcy and Steve Caras  
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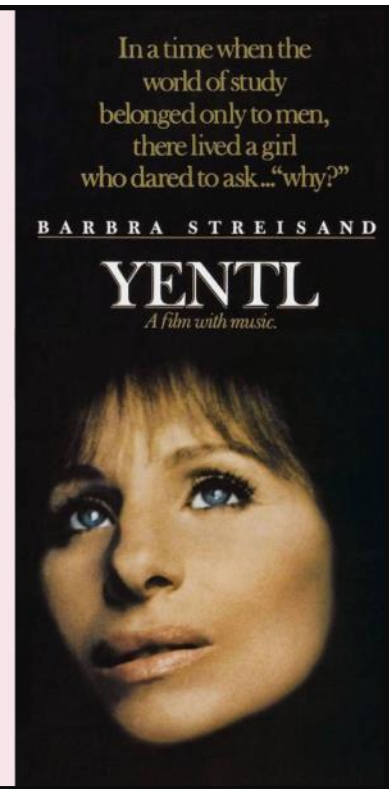


**Etz Chaim's Pride Alliance**  
**Film Screening of**  
***Yentl***  
**followed by**  
**A Discussion with Rabbi Adler**

**Sunday, April 28**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Hammer-Tritt Social Hall**  
**Snacks will be served.**  
**Suggested donation \$5.00 per person**  
**[www.etzchaim.net/event/yentl](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/yentl)**



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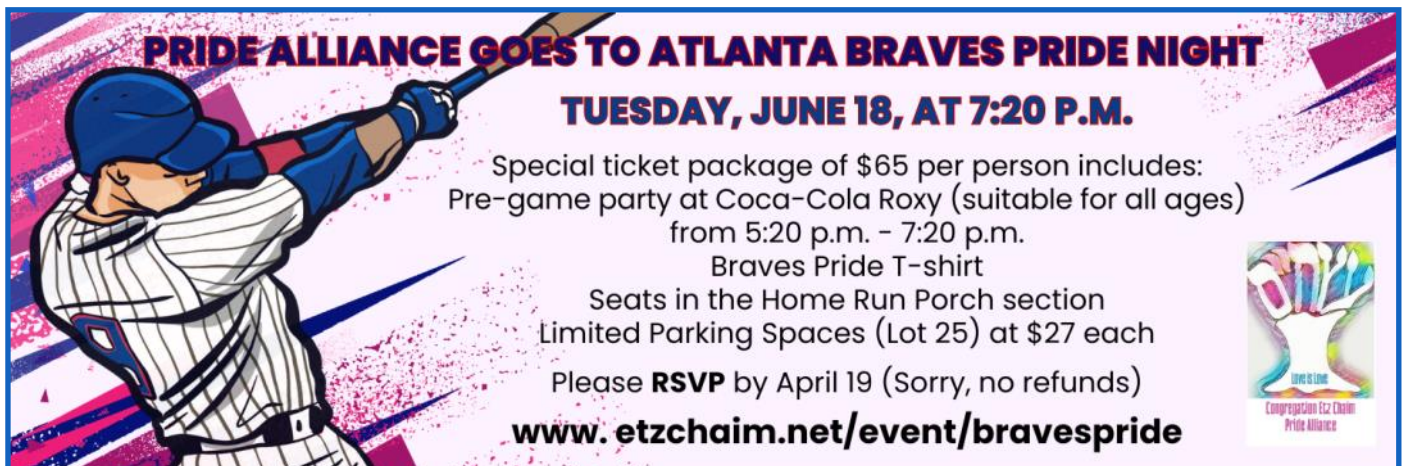


The **Pride Alliance** has been busy planning events for this year. Here is what you may look forward to:

**Film Screening of *Yentl* and Discussion with Rabbi Adler:** On **Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.**, in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. We will be screening the award-winning movie *Yentl*, starring, directed, and co-written by Barbra Streisand, along with Mandy Patinkin and Amy Irving. Released in 1983 and based on a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer, the film tells the story of a young Polish Ashkenazi Jew named Yentl in 1904 who wants so much to study the Talmud that she disguises herself as a young man. Yentl (Streisand) adopts her brother's name (Anshel) and enters a Yeshiva. Anshel meets Avigdor (Patinkin) and while spending time studying with him, she falls in love with Avigdor, who is engaged to Hadas (Irving). Filled with memorable, Academy Award-winning music and nominated songs, the film poses many questions on gender roles and expression in society in general and in Judaism in particular. Following the screening, Rabbi Adler will lead a discussion and Q&A. This movie is rated PG and is appropriate for all ages.


**Pride Night at Truist Park:** **Tuesday, June 18, at 7:20 p.m.**, join us as the **Atlanta Braves** take on the **Detroit Tigers**, and the Braves and their fans celebrate Pride Night at the ballpark. For those who are interested, a special ticket package is available that includes entry to a pre-game party at Coca-Cola Roxy from 5:20 p.m. to 7:20 p.m., along with a Braves Pride T-Shirt (see photo on our website). We will be sending around an Etz Blast soon to get a headcount for tickets for the game alone as well as for the ticket package. See ad below.

**Pride Shabbat: Save the Date!** On **Saturday, December 13, at 9:30 a.m.**, we will once again gather to celebrate Pride Shabbat. The service will include additional special readings, a D'var Torah on Parashat Vayishlach by a guest presenter, and a festive Kiddush. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



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**[www.etzchaim.net/event/bravespride](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/bravespride)**



## Pesach/Passover Schedule 5784/2024

Sunday, April 21, at 8:42 p.m. - Bedikat Chametz (Search for Chametz)

Monday, April 22, at 6:30 a.m. - Siyyum and Fast of the First Born

Monday, April 22, at 10:59 a.m. - Ideally, no more chametz should be eaten and should be sold and burned by this time.

Monday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. - First Night Seder led by Rabbi Daniel Dorsch

Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 a.m. - Passover Services - (First Day of Pesach)

Wednesday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m. - Passover Services - (Second Day of Pesach)

Thursday - Sunday, April 25 - 28 - Chol Hamoed Pesach (Minyanim at regularly scheduled times)

Monday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m. - Passover Services (Seventh Day of Pesach)

Tuesday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. - Passover Services and Yizkor (Last Day of Pesach)

Tuesday, April 30, at 8:55 p.m. End of Passover (Earliest to eat chametz)



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## THE SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ (BEDIKAT CHAMETZ)

Get a candle and start your search for chametz.

In prohibiting the use of any leaven during the week of Passover, the Torah enjoins that “leaven shall not be seen with thee in all thy borders” (Ex. XII:7) and “No leaven shall be found in your houses” (Ex. XII:19). In order that these injunctions should be fulfilled both in the letter and the spirit, the rabbis ordained that a thorough search shall be made for chametz on the night before the beginning of the festival.

The search is to be conducted by candlelight so that no corner of the house shall be overlooked and even the smallest particle of leaven removed. On the following morning all remaining chametz is to be destroyed by fire, just as in Temple times any part of an offering, which had been accidentally retained in excess of its prescribed time limit, was relegated to the fire. **(Search for Chametz is Sunday night, April 21 at 8:42 p.m.)**

Having thus disposed of your chametz, the following declaration of annulment is cited: “May all leaven in my possession, whether I have seen it or not, or whether I have removed it or not, be annulled, considered as dust of the earth.” This absolves you from responsibility for any chametz which might accidentally have been overlooked. This is a lovely tradition to follow, one that adds to the excitement of the season. For details, consult either page 140 of the First Jewish Catalogue or any complete Passover Haggadah.

### SELLING THE CHAMETZ

Any chametz owned by a Jew during the Passover week is forbidden for actual use. If one cannot dispose of all chametz before the approach of the Passover holiday, he must arrange for a formal “MECHIRAT CHAMETZ” or sale of that chametz to a non-Jew.

All such chametz in your possession should be collected and placed in a spare room, closet or trunk and locked. All chametz dishes and utensils should also be placed in a special closet or room until after Pesach. You should then authorize the Rabbi to draw up a bill of sale and negotiate the transfer to a non-Jew. Every attempt should be made to see the Rabbi personally. If that is not possible, kindly mail the form below to Rabbi Dorsch. *It must reach the Rabbi by Monday, April 22, by 10:00 a.m.*

I hereby authorize Rabbi Daniel Dorsch to dispose of all my chametz, wherever it may be stored. This I do in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Showing Gratitude

The Siyyum for the Fast of the First Born will be held **Monday, April 22, at 6:30 a.m.** All first born are welcome to attend to show their gratitude for being symbolically spared during the 10<sup>th</sup> plague.

Everything you need to know for the holiday:

<http://www.etzchaim.net/form/saleofchametz5784>

This guide was prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. It was accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984. The last paragraph of the introduction, as well as Part A under “Permitted Foods” have been amended to reflect more recent decisions of the Committee affecting the status of peanuts, peanut oil and certain cheeses.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of chametz (leaven) during Pesach. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the chametz to a non-Jew. The transfer, mekhirat chametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the Rabbi, to handle the sale. It is a valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted chametz. If ownership of the chametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this chametz is prohibited after the holiday as well (chametz she-avar alav ha-Pesach).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of chametz during Pesach, and since many common foods contain some admixture of chametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesach.

During the eight days of Pesach, chametz cannot lose its identity in admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of chametz renders the whole admixture chametz and its use on Pesach is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, chametz follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e. it loses its identity in an admixture of one-part chametz and sixty parts of non-chametz. This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesach.

What follows is a general guideline. However, your Rabbi should be consulted when any doubt arises. Kosher le-Pesach labels that do not bear the name of a Rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting your Rabbi.

Prohibited foods include the following leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

As of 2015, the Conservative Movement’s Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) has permitted the eating of Kitniyot (rice and various legumes) by those of Ashkenazi lineage. For those who choose to follow this response, they may choose to keep Passover according to the Sephardic custom.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult your Rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

**PERMITTED FOODS:**

A. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach label if purchased prior to Pesach: Unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives: (However, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea; salt (not iodized); pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above), milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.

**All about kashering: From utensils and plates to the kitchen sink**

B. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach. Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices are often clarified with kitniyot which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesach without a kosher le-Pesach label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein; however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher le-Pesach label); wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased during Pesach: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in Category C.

DETERGENTS: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher le-Pesach label.

MEDICINE: Since chametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult your Rabbi. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

KASHERING OF UTENSILS: The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (ke-voleo kakh poletu). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. EARTHENWARE: (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. METAL: (wholly made of metal) utensils used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. OVENS AND RANGES: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. The oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. MICROWAVE OVENS which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesach.

D. GLASSWARE: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesach or putting them through a dishwasher.

E. DISHWASHER: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: If the parts that come into contact with chametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules of metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. TABLES, CLOSETS AND COUNTERS: If used with chametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. KITCHEN SINK: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. CHAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS: Non-Passover dishes, pots and chametz whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.



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**Sharon Lightstone, [spricelight32@gmail.com](mailto:spricelight32@gmail.com)**



### 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](mailto: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 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.

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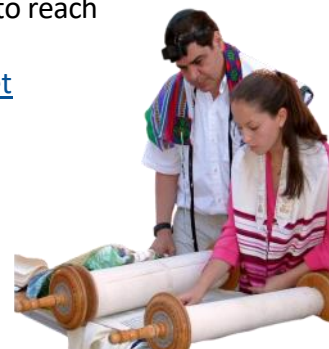
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- 📞 Call 770-977-3384

### TORAH READERS WANTED!

We are excited to restart our Torah reading program. Please contact Bob Frohlich or Rabbi Dorsch to be added to our list to receive Torah reading opportunities. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Dorsch at [rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net](mailto:rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net) or Bob Frohlich at [chisakid@bellsouth.net](mailto:chisakid@bellsouth.net).



**April 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

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**Family Member In the Hospital?**



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* 7-Apr	David Liban	28	Adar II	21-Apr	Marvin Allen Coplon	13	Nisan
* 7-Apr	Judith S. Brown	28	Adar II	21-Apr	Sylvia Levit	13	Nisan
7-Apr	Lydia Lewin	28	Adar II	22-Apr	Barney Cohen	14	Nisan
* 7-Apr	Mehdy Nooromid	28	Adar	* 22-Apr	Penny Bowman	14	Nisan
8-Apr	Cynthia Feldberg	29	Adar II	23-Apr	Louise Baron	15	Nisan
8-Apr	Edith S. Martin	29	Adar II	* 23-Apr	Sidney Gordon	15	Nisan
* 9-Apr	Katrin Hatami	1	Nisan	* 23-Apr	William Rosenfeld	15	Nisan
9-Apr	Mindy Golsen	1	Nisan	24-Apr	Barbara Flagel	16	Nisan
9-Apr	Ruth Friedner	1	Nisan	* 24-Apr	Harry Kramer	16	Nisan
10-Apr	David U. Goldenberg	2	Nisan	24-Apr	Irene Schonberger	16	Nisan
* 10-Apr	Morris Goldstein	2	Nisan	24-Apr	Jean Sacks	16	Nisan
10-Apr	Stanley Gerson	2	Nisan	* 24-Apr	Joseph La Vine	16	Nisan
* 10-Apr	William Goldstein	2	Nisan	* 24-Apr	Ken Seidman	16	Nisan
11-Apr	Barbara Pomerance	3	Nisan	24-Apr	Susan Jacobs	16	Nisan
11-Apr	Marc Goldsmith	3	Nisan	24-Apr	Teri Scheinzeit	16	Nisan
* 11-Apr	Martha Sussman	3	Nisan	25-Apr	Celia Masters	17	Nisan
11-Apr	Steven Berkman	3	Nisan	25-Apr	Constantin Andronesov	17	Nisan
11-Apr	Susan Frohlich	3	Nisan	25-Apr	Lottie Hartnig	17	Nisan
12-Apr	Samuel Lederman	4	Nisan	25-Apr	Ruth Green	17	Nisan
13-Apr	Frances Friedman	5	Nisan	26-Apr	Marcia Klein	18	Nisan
* 13-Apr	Irving Goldman	5	Nisan	27-Apr	Avishag Turel	19	Nisan
13-Apr	Sidney Engel	5	Nisan	* 27-Apr	Lynne Platt	19	Nisan
* 14-Apr	Irving Altholtz	6	Nisan	* 27-Apr	Melvin Intner	19	Nisan
14-Apr	Paul Shilling	6	Nisan	27-Apr	Samuel Kandel	19	Nisan
15-Apr	Charles Schancupp	7	Nisan	27-Apr	Stanley Donner	19	Nisan
15-Apr	Robert Needle	7	Nisan	27-Apr	Zalman Angster	19	Nisan
* 15-Apr	Stuart Turner	7	Nisan	28-Apr	Beatrice Rosenberg	20	Nisan
16-Apr	Arthur Suway	8	Nisan	28-Apr	Esther Smith	20	Nisan
16-Apr	Daniel Kleinman	8	Nisan	28-Apr	Harry Kolin	20	Nisan
16-Apr	Lena Chesin	8	Nisan	28-Apr	Irving Hazan	20	Nisan
17-Apr	Irving Adair	9	Nisan	* 28-Apr	Jack Briks	20	Nisan
* 17-Apr	Joseph H. Goldstein	9	Nisan	28-Apr	Buddy Goldstein	20	Nisan
17-Apr	Louis Israelton	9	Nisan	29-Apr	George G. Grauer	21	Nisan
18-Apr	Pearl Rosenberg	10	Nisan	29-Apr	John Cosgrove	21	Nisan
* 19-Apr	Bernard Vexler	11	Nisan	29-Apr	Marley Rogers	21	Nisan
* 19-Apr	Bob Goldman	11	Nisan	29-Apr	Violet Levy	21	Nisan
19-Apr	Brian Brody	11	Nisan	29-Apr	William Nelson	21	Nisan
19-Apr	James Green	11	Nisan	30-Apr	Evelyn Gerson	22	Nisan
* 19-Apr	Ron Bachenheimer	11	Nisan	30-Apr	Fay Sackler	22	Nisan
19-Apr	Sharla Barber	11	Nisan	30-Apr	Jane Lefco	22	Nisan
20-Apr	Bella Kandel	12	Nisan	30-Apr	Meilakh Barshay	22	Nisan
* 20-Apr	Bernice Krodman	12	Nisan	* 30-Apr	Murray Breier	22	Nisan
20-Apr	Louis Rappeport	12	Nisan	30-Apr	Shirley Z. Simpson	22	Nisan

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 (22 Adar II)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>2 (23 Adar II)</b> No Religious School Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>3 (24 Adar II)</b> Morning Minyan 7a PS Playball 9:45a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>4 (25 Adar II)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>5 (26 Adar II)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Shir Shel Musical Shabbat Oneg 6p Shir Shel Service 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:44p	<b>6 (27 Adar II) Shmini</b> Shabbat Services 9:30a Babysitting avail. 9:30a
<b>7 (28 Adar II)</b> No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a WLCJ Southern Regional Conference 10a (off-site) Melton Class 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>8 (29 Adar II)</b> Puppies Conferences begin (School IN session) WLCJ Conference Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>9 (1 Nisan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</b> WLCJ Conference Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study @ Huntcliff Summit 2p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Comm. Mtg. 7:15p	<b>10 (2 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p PS Faculty Meeting 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p	<b>11 (3 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p S'hood Board Mtg. 7p	<b>12 (4 Nisan)</b> USY & Geshet Convention Morning Minyan 7a Tot Shabbat 5p 2nd GR Dinner 5:15p Candle Lighting 7:49p	Shabbat Ends 8:53p <b>13 (5 Nisan) Tazria</b> USY & Geshet Convention Shabbat Services 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a
<b>14 (6 Nisan)</b> USY & Geshet Convention Morning Minyan 9:15a RS & Pre-K 9:15a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Intergenerational Passover Program with Preschool, Chalutzim & Chaverim 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg. 7p	<b>15 (7 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday 7:45a Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>16 (8 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Lunch & Learn 12p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Hineni Readers Program in memory of Danny Kleinman 7p	<b>17 (9 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a PS Playball 9:45a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p RS Board Meeting 7:30p	<b>18 (10 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>19 (11 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Minyan Mishpacha 6p No Service at 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:55p	Shabbat Ends 8:58p <b>20 (12 Nisan) Metzora</b> Shabbat Services 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a
<b>21 (13 Nisan)</b> Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Geshet/USY Six Flags with Ramah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p Bedikat Chametz 8:42p	<b>22 (14 Nisan)</b> <b>Erev Pesach</b> <b>Taanit Bechorot</b> Preschool Closed Siyyum and Fast of the First Born 6:30a Finish eating hametz 10:59a Blur/Burn Hametz by 12:17p Shul Office Closes @ noon First Night Seder 6p No Evening Minyan Candle Lighting 7:56p	<b>23 (15 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> No Religious School Preschool Closed Synagogue offices closed Passover Service 10a	<b>24 (16 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> <b>1st Day Omer</b> Preschool Closed Synagogue offices closed Passover Service 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>25 (17 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>2nd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>26 (18 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>3rd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8p	Shabbat Ends 9:04p <b>27 (19 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>4th Day Omer</b> Shabbat Services and Confirmation 9:30a Babysitting avail. 9:30a
<b>28 (20 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>5th Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Pride Alliance: Yentl! 2p Evening Minyan 6:30p Baccalaureate Service 6p Youth Commission 7p Yom Tov Lighting 8:02p	<b>29 (21 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach</b> <b>6th Day Omer</b> Synagogue offices closed Preschool Closed Passover Service 9:30a Evening Minyan 6:30p Candle Lighting 9:03p	<b>30 (22 Nisan)</b> <b>Pesach and Yizkor</b> <b>7th Day Omer</b> Preschool Closed Synagogue offices closed No Religious School Passover Service 9:30a Evening Minyan 6:30p Yom Tov Ends 9:11p	Yom Tov Ends 9:07p	<b>25 (17 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>2nd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p	<b>26 (18 Nisan)</b> <b>Chol Hamoed Pesach</b> <b>3rd Day Omer</b> Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 8p	Shabbat Ends 9:09p



## The Etz Chaim Birthday Lunch Club is Back!

We will be celebrating April/May Birthdays

Thursday, May 2, at noon



All are welcome, it does not have to be your birthday to help celebrate!



1205 Johnson Ferry Rd., Marietta, 30068

Please RSVP by April 18 to:

Laurie Lavinsky, laulav6@gmail.com, (404) 428-1018

Malka Riesenber, malka217@gmail.com, (678) 522-3044



## Yom HaShoah

59th Annual Community-Wide Holocaust Commemoration

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024  
11:00 AM Rain or Shine  
at the Memorial to The Six Million  
Greenwood Cemetery

A photograph of several microphones on a podium, arranged in a row, against a blue background.

### Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance

Sunday, May 5, 2024 w Program at 11:00 a.m.

Our bus will leave the Etz Chaim parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

This year marks the 59th anniversary of the first Yom HaShoah memorial service at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta. The Memorial to the Six Million was designed by Ben Hirsch (z"l). Ben was a nine-year-old child survivor from Frankfurt am Main, Germany, who escaped with his four older brothers on the Kindertransport to England. Their parents died in the Holocaust. Ben arrived in Atlanta in 1941 and learned English quickly, attended Atlanta public schools and graduated from Georgia Tech in Architecture. He designed churches and synagogues that have been built all over greater Atlanta, including *Congregation Etz Chaim's original building*.

The Greenwood Cemetery Memorial to the Six Million has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The money that was raised to build the memorial came primarily from the survivor community of Atlanta.

Our own Rabbi Dorsch, president of the Atlanta Rabbinical Association, will be one of the speakers at this year's Yom HaShoah ceremony. Etz Chaim's Men's Club will also be in attendance.

For those members of Etz Chaim who wish to attend but would prefer not to drive to Greenwood Cemetery, a bus has been rented for this occasion. *Seating is limited.*

To reserve a seat on the bus, please RSVP at [www.etzchaim.net/event/greenwood](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/greenwood).

The logo for "Shalom in the Shul" features a blue silhouette of a synagogue building with a white Star of David on top. A circular inset shows a portrait of Rabbi Lewis. To the right is a calendar icon for May 13 and the text "SHALOM IN THE SHUL SPONSORED BY SISTERHOOD".

## SHALOM IN THE SHUL

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

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

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

Please RSVP: [www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul23-24](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/shalshul23-24)

**SHALOM**  
*Amigas*

**SISTERHOOD BOARD INSTALLATION**

JOIN US FOR A GLOBAL CULTURAL CELEBRATION AS  
WE INSTALL THE 2024-2025 SISTERHOOD BOARD

**SUNDAY, MAY 5**

**7:00 PM AT CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM**

**[WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/INSTALLSIS](http://WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/INSTALLSIS)**



Myra Goldberg, chair person for the Sisterhood Book Club, with author Susan Berman and her mother. They spoke with us about their memoir, *Challenging Faith*.



Etz Chaim's Team Frohlich and Team Chartash met up for a photo at this year's Hunger Walk/Run in front of the JFGA tent.

## Let's Connect!

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

Visit [www.etzchaim.net/socialmedia](http://www.etzchaim.net/socialmedia) for more information!



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**AgeWell**  
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NEIGHBORHOODS

# Koffee & Kibbitz

In partnership with Congregation Etz Chaim  
Join us for this monthly gathering featuring a different activity each month.

**Tuesday, May 28**  
**Garden Bargains**  
with Master Gardener Joy Chanin  
from 10:30 a.m. - noon  
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

For additional information or suggestions, please contact Ashley Maloy at JF&CS, [amaloy@jfcsatl.org](mailto:amaloy@jfcsatl.org).

**RSVP: [www.etzchaim.net/event/agewell](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/agewell)**

Joy Chanin is a retired middle school counselor who has been a Master Gardener Volunteer of Cobb County for six years. In this program, she combines her love of gardening with her desire to reduce the human footprint on our earth while supporting Mother Nature and cost-effective gardening practices. With "Garden Bargains," you will learn beneficial ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle common items. Samples may be available.

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**June Annual Report Deadline: Wednesday, May 1**

**July Special Issue: Monday, June 3**

Submissions should be sent to: Bernice at [bernice@etzchaim.net](mailto:bernice@etzchaim.net)



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**FULL PAGE:**

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CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

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**PASSOVER WILL BE HERE SOON!** How about checking out a book from our library at Etz Chaim to get some great new ideas for your Passover seders?

Here are a few of the books available:

***The Family Participation Haggadah: A Different Night*** by Noam Zion and David Dishon. This is the haggadah that has changed the American seder. It's a full traditional seder, but with large amounts of art, commentaries, and discussion starters -- all in a user-friendly format that makes it easy to customize your seder. This illustrated haggadah is full of ideas for involving parent and child, leader and participant. (262.5 ZIO)

***The Family and Frog Haggadah*** by Rabbi Ron Isaacs and Karen Rostoker-Gruber. In this kid-oriented haggadah you will find lists to help Jewish families prepare for the seder as well as activities, games, and songs to enjoy during the seder. (J 262.5 ISA)

***The UnHaggadah: How to Keep the Conversation & Wine Flowing at your Seder*** by Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg. This book has thoughts about various themes in the Haggadah and how they relate to the contemporary American Jew with questions to help family discussions flow at your seder. (262.5 WHO)

***New American Haggadah*** edited by Jonathan Safran Foer. Foer has created a new way of experiencing the seder with a new translation of the text by Nathan Englander and provocative commentary by major Jewish writers and thinkers. It is unique and absorbing. (262.5 FOE)

**FOR CHILDREN There are many great Passover children's books available for checkout. Here are just a sampling:**

***The Passover Guest*** by Susan Kusel. Beautifully illustrated, this was the Winner of the Sydney Taylor Book Award for best Jewish children's book of the year. In Washington, D.C., during the Great Depression, Muriel and her family have no money to prepare the seder meal until a mysterious stranger performs a Passover miracle. For Grades 2-4. (J 243.2 KUS)

***How It's Made: Matzah*** by Allison Ofanansky. Want to know how matzah is made? Take out this book to share with your kids or grandkids with its easy-to-understand text and lots of photographs. For Grades K-3. (J 243.2 OFA)

YOU CAN FIND MORE HAGGADOT ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES AT 262.5 and for children at J 262.5, as well as Passover books at 243.2 and for children at J 243.2. The books listed above are all out on display on the library bookshelves and there are also always books on our display rack as well next to the library circulation desk.

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**Contributions processed from February 1—29, 2024**

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Carol Carola, beloved wife of Thomas Carola, mother of Alex Carola and Hannah Dombrowski, and grandmother of Landon and Jaxon Dombrowski

Cynthia Freeman, beloved wife, wonderful mother, and great friend  
**Joseph and Lori Freeman**

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Kent Schiner  
**Dan Rabin and Family**

**In memory of:**

Miri Moyal, beloved mother of Gilad Moyal  
**Ellen and Billy Balser**

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Carol Carola. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sending our deepest condolences.  
**Nori and David Levine**

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**In appreciation of:**

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**In honor of:**

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**In loving memory of:**

my brother Ira's 26th yahrzeit  
**Alan A. Berman**

my husband, Jerry Fisher, on his yahrzeit  
**Joan Fisher**

Harold Zinsenheim, father and grandfather  
**Shari Landon**

**In memory of:**

Carol Carola  
**Faye and Gary Glancz and  
Alison and Kyle Keppler**

Bob Hiller, father of Elyse Shaw  
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Marty Gilbert  
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**In appreciation of:**

Sharon and Marc Seltman. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality! We appreciated and loved it all

**Jo and Mikey Kooden**

**In loving memory of:**

Barbara Rabhan, a Woman of Valor  
**Bernice Mellman**

Naat Greenstein, my beloved husband, and my beloved sister, Lorraine Allen  
**Sally Greenstein**

**In memory of:**

Louise "Fuz" Spector, mother of Barbara Siegelman. May her memory be a blessing.  
**Jayne and Andy Becker**

Eli Reich, my father, on his yahrzeit  
**Joanne Reicher**

**Wishing a speedy recovery to:**

Marty Gilbert. We are thinking of you.  
**Jackie and Steve Pierce**

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**In memory of:**

my mother, Ruth Brownfield Needle on her yahrzeit

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**In loving memory of:**

Pia (Paulene) Crystal, grandmother, and great grandmother, remembered with love.

Freda Rothstein, mother and grandmother. With all our love,  
**Susan, Craig and Paige Adair, and Cami Adair Maddox**

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my dad, Jerry, on his yahrzeit  
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**In loving memory of:**

my father, Leon Epstein  
**Ellen Feldser**

my sister, Chana Sackler Siegal, on her yahrzeit  
**Renee Berman**

**In memory of:**

my father, Richard Fagin, on his yahrzeit  
**David and Toby Fagin**

Carol Carola  
**Helaine and Andy Lasky**

Carol Carola  
**Jeffrey and Melissa Goodman**

Seymour and Joanne Ziskend on their yahrzeits. Your memories are a blessing.  
**Joe and Pam Ziskend**

Bob Hiller  
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Jack Weinstein  
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David Greenspon  
**Miriam and Robert Rosenbaum**

my beloved parents, Rose and Charles Wexler  
**Rochelle Spandorfer**

Carol Carola. Condolences on your loss.  
**Sharon Kavanagh**

David Greenspon. My deepest condolences.  
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### **Artists Collective**

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

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

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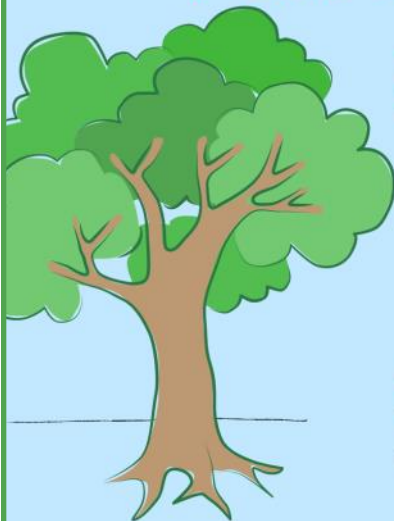
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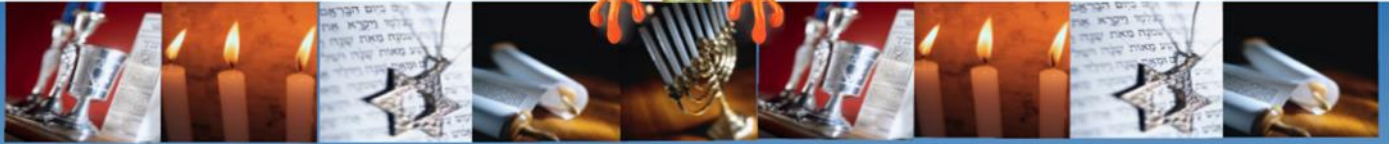
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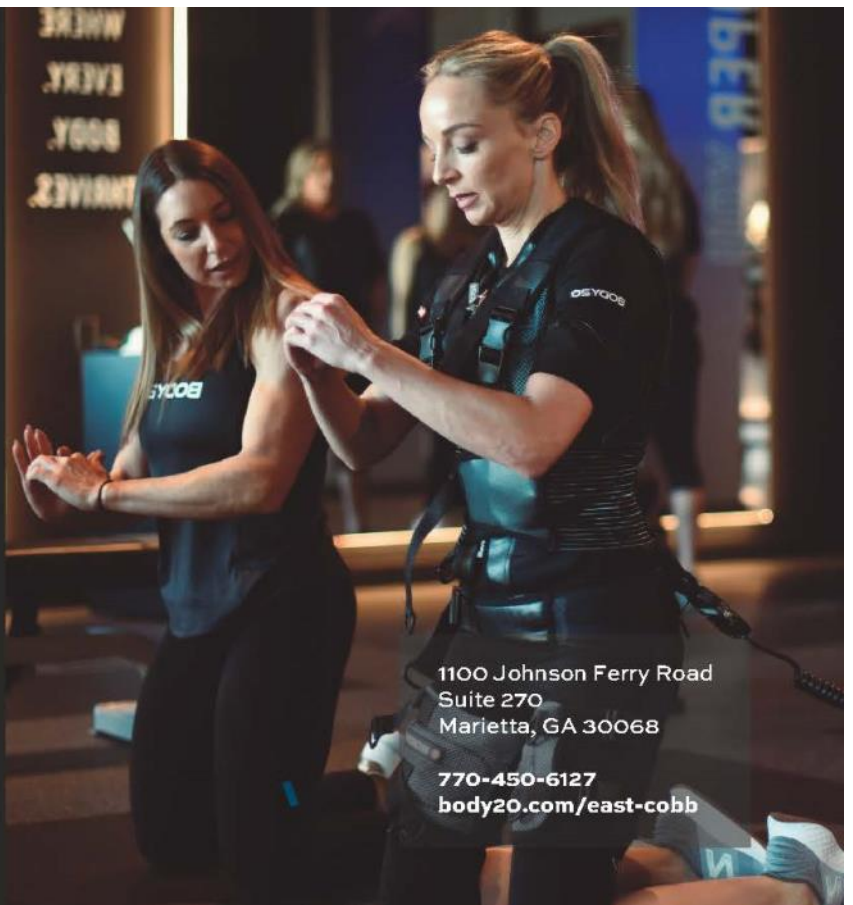
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