

**IDF Code of Ethics**  
with **Dr. Simcha Leibovich**  
Executive Representative, WZO, North America  
IDF's Leadership Development Center  
and Command and Staff College

**Tuesday, February 13**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Congregation Etz Chaim  
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

## Have you ever wondered about the Code of Ethics or Rules of Engagement by which the Israeli Defense Force Lives?

Join in the discussion with Dr. Leibovich on how ethics and conduct play an integral role in the lives of IDF soldiers in how they serve the State of Israel and the current situation on the ground.

Dr. Leibovich's book will be available for \$20. Purchase in advance with your RSVP. It will also be available at the event.

**Please register by Friday, February 9.**

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



About our lecturer, Dr. Simcha Leibovich:

Dr. Simcha Assaf Leibovich currently trains IDF Commanders for leadership on the battlefield, which includes extensive studying of the IDF Code of Ethics. He is a former Rosh Mishlachat for the World Zionist Organization (WZO) in North America and Canada. He is also a former USY Shaliach, spending thirty years at Ramah in Wisconsin, and created the online Camp Ramah Program Bank.

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### 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)

**Daniel Dorsch  
Rabbi**



I remember my college days teaching religious school at a reform congregation in New York. A child came to school and presented their family's "traditional" Passover dish.

The dish was not kosher for Passover. Concerned, and somewhat offended, I went and spoke to the Rabbi. How could she pass this dish off as being "traditional?"

With a smile, and a degree of patience, the Rabbi explained that years earlier she knew of an older, classical reform German Jewish family. Their break the fast meal on Yom Kippur included eating pork. The family had been eating this same meal for over a hundred years. She challenged me. Did a hundred years of eating the same meal make their food any "less traditional?"

It was in that moment that I discovered an inherent problem with the word "traditional": namely, how a person understands "traditional" is usually subjective and based on a person's life narrative, experiences, and inherited beliefs.

I've also seen in our time how the word "traditional" can get applied in very judgmental ways. Let's juxtapose, for example: 1. a person who attends synagogue regularly but defames people publicly against 2. A non-shul goer who is a mensch. Both shul attendance and not gossiping are important to our tradition. But how many of us would nonetheless be inclined to define the Shulgoer as "traditional" despite his or her noxious behavior?

Try another: An interfaith Jewish family that keeps a kosher home and celebrates Shabbat every week. Is this family less "traditional" than a family with two Jewish parents who chooses to not keep kosher or celebrate Shabbat at all?

You see my problem. We think there's a litmus test for the word "tradition," or like Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes famously declared, "we know it when we see it." (For the record, yes, I know that Holmes was not writing about tradition.) But as Gershwin wrote, when it comes to tradition, "it ain't necessarily so."

That's why this year, I am going instead to begin to use a different word: "authentic".

As your Rabbi, I feel deeply blessed and proud every day to have the opportunity to work with all kinds of people who seek out a connection to Judaism that feels real and authentic.

Our synagogue has a vision for what an authentic Judaism looks and feels like: a deep commitment to Torah study, fostering a connection to God through prayer, deep engagement with the State of Israel and Hebrew language, and strong, moral character development. But often, my work involves a lot of meeting people not based on where they came from, but what they have the potential to grow to become--and helping them to develop a personal relationship with God.

We all love the song from *Fiddler*. But it may be time at long last to bury "Tradition" alongside Anatevka. Instead of tradition, let's talk about building an authentic Judaism that speaks to what makes us proud to be Jewish without being judgmental of others.

**Letter from an Israeli Family Visiting our Community:**

17 January 2023

Dear Rabbi Dorsch and the Congregants of Etz Chaim Synagogue, On behalf of my daughter Rachella, and my grandchildren Adam and Ella, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the warm welcome we received at Congregation Etz Chaim during the months of November and December 2023.

We live in Northern Israel and received an invitation to take a respite from the War from our cousin Phil Greenspon. He thought a visit to Atlanta would give us a break from the tensions in Israel and assured us that the congregants of Etz Chaim would be friendly. I knew that Phil and his family would be attentive towards us, but we never imagined how loving and supportive the Etz Chaim community would be!

From the moment I notified Phil that we were coming to Atlanta, the Etz Chaim community rallied to provide us with all of our emotional and material needs, including cribs, diapers, toys and clothing for the babies. The Educational Director Debbie Deutsch accepted Adam into nursery school and all the staff did their utmost to aid in his acclimation. What could have been a traumatic situation for a little boy became a loving, educational and pleasurable experience.

The Congregants of Etz Chaim and the nursery school parents welcomed us warmly. Many people greeted us at Shabbat morning kiddush, invited us to their homes, and bestowed upon us Chanukkah gifts (many of which we are passing on to other Israeli children displaced from their homes.) Even though you had never met us before, you accepted us with love, as family.

We have returned to an Israel at war. Every day, names of fallen soldiers and slain hostages are announced. They were young people, full of promise, hopes and dreams that will never be fulfilled. The trees in my small community of Kfar Vradim are covered with yellow ribbons, hoping for the return of 23-year-old Romi Gonen. Romi, a beautiful blond, curly-headed girl, grew up in our town and is an exceptional ballet and modern dancer. She was abducted by Hamas savage terrorists from the Nova Music Festival on October 7, and for some reason was not returned in the earlier hostage exchange of women. Every citizen in Israel is affected by the war.

This war has shown us that the fate of Jews world-wide are intertwined. Whether it is in facing anti-Semitism in schools and on campuses, or missiles, terrorists and kidnappings, it is clear that we Jews have many enemies. But we also possess the ability to rally around one other. This time, my family was the beneficiary of boundless love, concern and support from the Etz Chaim Congregants. And for this, we are eternally grateful.

My family is not accustomed to being on the "receiving side." Both my daughter and I are social workers and used to providing assistance. We hope and pray that peace will once again reign in Israel, and that we will be able to welcome you in our homes in Israel.

In the meantime, may you and the Congregants and Staff of Etz Chaim be blessed with good health, sustenance, and love. May all your warmth and generosity merit you the fulfillment of all your dreams and wishes. And may you all be privileged to remain on the "giving" side of assistance.

Much love,

**Andrea Matlaw, Rachella, Adam and Ella, and our families**





**Elliot Okrent**  
**President**

*"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music." – Albert Einstein*

Hi everyone. I'm Elliot Okrent, and I love music.

I know, I know. You love music too. And you might love it as much or even more than I do. Because music is a universal language – it can soothe the soul and unite us. It has the power to connect people on a profound and emotional level. It can even influence our mood and reduce stress and anxiety. Regardless of the genre, whether you play an instrument, sing, or just listen, music is a connector – to our emotions, culture, and each other.

Music has always been a big part of my life. I began playing the piano when I was six years old, which led to some basic songwriting in high school (I was a teenager – it wasn't that great!) and some wonderful friends I could jam with on my keyboard. I also played the tuba for a while, as well as the flute and baritone horn at some point. I even thought about a career in music but decided to join corporate America instead – I couldn't resist the relative stability. That's ok – because music still shaped who I am today, and listening to it is enough to bring me a deep sense of peace and joy. The right song at the right time can create a sense of euphoria not found anywhere else. As a matter of fact, I have my headphones on right now, listening to some melodic and progressive house music (Electronic Dance Music, or EDM for those not familiar), as this type of music helps me focus.

I see parallels between music and the operation of a thriving synagogue. Think of it like a symphony. Our different organizations, like our Affinity Groups, Education Department, Men's Club and Sisterhood, are the instrument sections, each playing its part in harmony and synchronization. Our Executive Committee are the conductors. We set the vision and ensure all parts are working together to achieve that vision. With the support of our Board of Trustees, our volunteers, our wonderful Rabbis, and our incredible staff, we work to contribute meaningfully to our community's spiritual growth, harmony, and well-being.

As I step into this role, I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me. I'm honored to follow in the footsteps of prior leaders and serve alongside the dedicated individuals who make this a warm and vibrant community. Our synagogue is not just a place of worship; it is a second home where bonds are formed, traditions are upheld, and support is unwavering. Over the last 12 years, I have experienced the strength of this community firsthand, and I am committed to continuing our tradition of fostering an environment where everyone feels valued, heard, and connected.

I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. My door will always be open, and my ear will always be tuned to the diverse voices of our members. Your input, concerns, and ideas are invaluable, and I encourage each of you to actively participate in our shared journey. Our synagogue reflects our members' collective strength and spirit, and together, we can achieve more.

In the words of the famed group ABBA, *"Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing, thanks for all the joy they're bringing. Who can live without it? I ask, in all honesty, what would life be? Without a song or a dance, what are we?"*

We are a thriving congregation creating meaningful Jewish experiences for the community. Our song has been sung for almost 50 years, and every two years, with a new President comes a new verse. I look forward to writing the next one together.

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

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

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

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



**Backpack Buddies**  
of Metro Atlanta

Because hunger doesn't take the weekend off



Scan me

## Department of Education

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### PRESCHOOL

Friday, 2/2

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, 2/3

Team Shabbat

Saturday, 2/10

Team Shabbat

Monday - Wednesday,

2/19 thru 2/21,

School Closed

(Teacher Workdays)

Saturday, 2/24

Kids Night Out

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Saturday, 2/3

Team Shabbat

Sunday, 2/5

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Family

Workshop

Friday, 2/9

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat

Dinner

Saturday, 2/10

Team Shabbat

Sunday, 2/11

Pre-K Class in Session

6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Mitzvah Projects

& Shabbat Service

World Wide Wrap

Sunday 2/18

School Closed

Tuesday 2/20

School Closed



**Debbie Deutsch**  
Director of Education

### Kitah Dalet in Action

We have had a fun, fabulous, and engaging year so far in Kitah Dalet. We're working hard on our prayer and Hebrew knowledge as we prepare the children to transition into more advanced topics. This year in Etgar we are learning how we as individuals fit into the larger Jewish community as a whole. We started off learning about our family and community history and the importance of our Hebrew names. During Hebrew lessons, we have been working on reading and chanting the Barchu, Shema, Mi Chamocha and Chatzi Kaddish. We are looking forward to being a part of tefillah with 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, this spring.

During the holidays, we had a lot of fun learning through various activities. For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we made many different types of art to celebrate the new year and reflect inwardly on ourselves. During Sukkot, we made very creative mobile sukkot out of Legos. Most recently, for Chanukah, we got to participate in all the fun activities happening around the school and discussed why we light the candles like Hillel and not Shammai. At the end of all of that we wrapped up our holiday lesson with a fun Chanukah shpiel that the kids loved. This then inspired our last lesson before winter break, where we put on a Sedra Scene! The children had so much fun learning about the story of Joseph, the Torah portion at the time. I'm glad my love of theater has rubbed off on the class because many were requesting a screening of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Overall, we have had a lot of fun learning collaboratively and I am so excited for what the rest of the school year will bring!



**Lauren Chernau**  
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

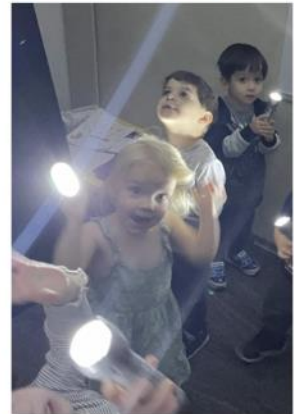
As the year progresses, it is so exciting to walk through our halls and hear the joyful sounds of children learning. This month I am highlighting our two-year-old class, The Ladybugs. Our teachers, Bethany Levee and Roxanne Measroch, work very hard to provide a positive and meaningful environment for all the children. Their approach changes quite often, as these children are growing and developing so quickly throughout the year. Like Miss Measroch says, "It is so exciting to watch the children go from babies to little people." Our two-year-olds start the year quite dependent on their teachers for their every need. And as the year progresses, their teachers encourage and guide the children to become independent in so many ways. You can now see the children unpacking their own backpacks, hanging up their own coats, washing their own hands and, yes, moving from diapers to toileting on their own. More than just completing tasks independently, we begin to see the children expressing their own likes and dislikes, wants and needs and even pushing back on suggestions. Mrs. Levee says, "I love to watch their personalities develop and to observe as they navigate the many social situations that arise." It is so fascinating to watch these children begin to play, not just near each other, but together. They plan, build, and execute the play with one another. Each year we continue to be in awe with this group and their growth both physically and developmentally. And this year is no exception! Sometimes it is even difficult to look back and try to remember them as the babies they were when they began. Keep growing, Little Ladybugs!

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

February 9 - 4th Grade, 6:30p Service/7:30p Dinner: [www.etzchaim.net/event/dalet4shabbat2023](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/dalet4shabbat2023)  
 March 1 - Pre-K and Kindergarten, 5:00p Dinner/6:30p Service: [www.etzchiam.net/event/prek&kshabbat2024](http://www.etzchiam.net/event/prek&kshabbat2024)  
 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**





**Having all the fun in the Ladybugs Class!**







Join us on these Fridays for Winter/Spring 2024:

**February 2 - March 1 - April 12 - May 10**



5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Bring Your Own Dinner "BYOD"

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



Check out our Preschool Facebook page for more information.

Questions? Contact Debbie Deutsch 770-977-3384 or [debbie@etzchaim.net](mailto:debbie@etzchaim.net)

[www.etzchaim.net/preschool](http://www.etzchaim.net/preschool)

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## TEAM SHABBAT AT ETZ CHAIM 2023-24 SEASON

### SHABBAT PROGRAMMING FOR ALL CHILDREN!

**LITTLE LEAGUE**  
PARENTS & CHILDREN  
PRE-K AND UNDER

**MINOR LEAGUES**  
GRADES K-2

**MAJOR LEAGUES**  
GRADES 3-5

**ALL STARS**  
GRADES 6 & 7



**TIME:**

10:30 - 11:45 A.M.

### SAVE THESE TEAM SHABBAT DATES:

FEBRUARY 3 & 10

MARCH 9 & 23 - APRIL 13 & 20

### DATES FOR ALL STARS:

FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 16 - APRIL 13 - MAY 11

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

## Our Etz Chaim Community

### *Mazal Tov to...*

Cheryl and David Miller on the engagement of their daughter Jessie Miller to Zach Medina

### *Our Condolences to...*

Hannah Dombrowski on the passing of her beloved mother, Carol Carola and to Thomas Carola on the passing of his beloved wife and mother of Alex Carola

Ronnie Dinin on the passing of her beloved brother Irvan "Van" Pearlberg

Brian Misnuner on the passing of his beloved father Zelik Misnuner

Sheri Berke on the passing of her beloved mother Toby Nastir

Mindy Kandel and Abby Vines on the passing of their beloved mother Barbara Chardkoff Rabhan

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

Linda Weinroth

### *We would like to thank...*

Michael Karp for picking up items for the JF&CS Food Pantry

### *New Emails...*

Amanda Flaks  
rabbiamandaflaks@gmail.com



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).



## Canasta and Mah Jongg Sponsored by AgeWell

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

Free and open to the community.



Etz Chaim Volunteers needed to provide meals for Rebecca's Tent Women's Shelter

February 4 - 17

*Sign up today!*



Rebecca's **TENT**  
Spiegel Women's Shelter at Shearith Israel



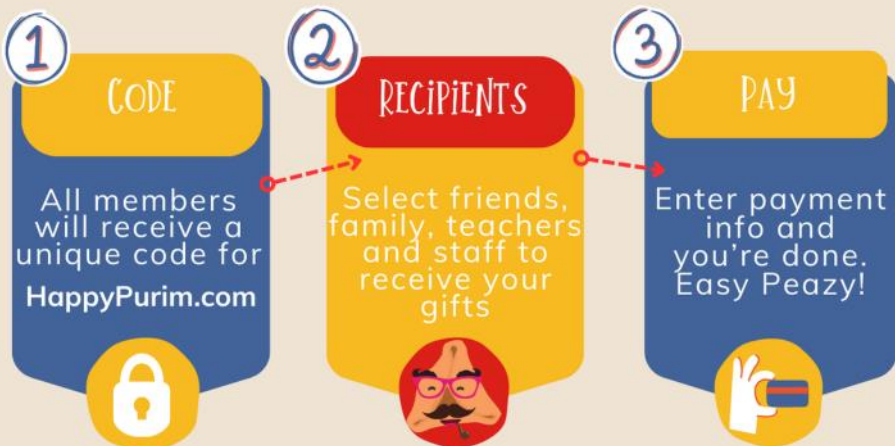
Food no longer needs to be kosher and can be picked up and/or delivered from local restaurants

Click the meal train link to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/0e5qqv>



# PURIM is COMING!

## ORDER MISHLOACH MANOT IN 3 STEPS



Fulfill the mitzvah and support our community by ordering Mishloach Manot from Etz Chaim Sisterhood

Questions and info: [etzmm1@gmail.com](mailto:etzmm1@gmail.com)

Delivery within 18 miles!

Order by February 26th!

# Trivia Night

Join Etz Chaim's Men's Club and Sisterhood for a night of trivia, food, and fun!

**Sunday, February 18**

Let's meet at 7:00 p.m.  
Trivia begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be our treat.**

All other items are at your own expense.

RSVP by Monday, February 12 ~ Limited seating

[www.etzchaim.net/event/m&strivia](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/m&strivia)

ETZ CHAIM  
Etz Chaim Sisterhood MEN'S CLUB

**PADRIAC'S**

2640 Cumberland Pkwy., SE, #110  
Atlanta, GA 30339



## A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THIS STUDENT CELEBRATING HIS BAR MITZVAH!



**Max Lubell will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 17, 2024 – 8 Adar I 5784.** He is the son of Leslie Lubell and David Lubell. Max's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Terumah. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader at The Epstein School and was a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for five years prior to attending The Epstein School. Max's hobbies and interests include playing hockey and baseball, listening to and mixing music, and exploring the outdoors.

Max's D'var Torah Quote is "In Terumah, God tells the Israelites that the construction of the mishkan must be a group effort in the sense that they all have to contribute their resources. This is like today, we as Jews must work together to keep Israel and all Jewish people protected." For his mitzvah project, Max is raising money for the Michael Levin Lone Soldier Foundation in memory of Rose Lubin.

### 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 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:  
February 17 & 24

### DID YOU KNOW...

You can make your donations online. For step-by-step entry, go to:

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

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



### 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](mailto:shabbathonorsetzchaim@gmail.com).**

## Men's Club Notes

Greetings and Salutations, Etz Chaim Congregants!

Men's Club kicked things off in January with our Annual Best Breakfast in Town, and over 80 people showed up. **Judy Marx** from the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival presented previews of several of the movies to a delighted crowd. Special thanks to **Bart Agrow** for coordinating the event and **Stefan Pollack** for managing the kitchen.

Men's Club is working with the Religious School in preparation for the **World Wide Wrap** on **Sunday, February 11**, where we instruct students on how to wrap Tefillin and its significance.

On **February 18**, we will be joining Sisterhood for **Trivia Night** at Padriac's in Smyrna. This event was a big hit last year and sold out, so please register early as seating is limited. See ad on page 8.

Please mark your calendars for the Men's Club Retreat at Camp Ramah on March 1-3. We offer a \$100 scholarship for first timers. Rabbi Dorsch will be one of the host Rabbis for the event this year. For more information, see our ad on page 25.

The **L'Etz Go Braves** outing had to be moved from April 21, as that game is no longer a day game. Major League Baseball flexed it to a night game so we had to choose another date. **Please mark your calendars for May 19** as the new date and look for an announcement soon about tickets.

We will also be doing Super Bowl squares again this year. Look for more information on these events and others in the weekly EtzBlast.

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



**ETZ CHAIM MEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER**

## THE BIG GAME SUPER SQUARE 50/50 CONTEST

You don't have to be a sports fan to participate! Odds are the same for all.

Not familiar with the Square Contest? It's simple, here are the details:

- 100 squares for sale within a 10x10 grid
- Each square has a vertical (AFC team) and a horizontal number (NFC team) associated with it.
- At the end of each quarter of the Big Game, the score will dictate the winning square. (If the AFC is winning 10-7 at the end of the 1st quarter, the square with 0-7 would win.)
- There will be winners after each of the 1st three quarters and then the final score will be the last winner (the final score is used in case of an overtime game).
- Vertical and horizontal numbers will be selected randomly after all squares have been sold.
- Final grid will be posted to all participants before kick-off on Sunday, February 11.

You may "buy" as many squares as you wish. Squares not selected will go to the "House".

**Cost: \$20 per square**

**Payouts: 1/4 per quarter (\$250 if all squares are sold)** Payouts constitute half of all proceeds collected with the other half going to the Men's Club. To register and to get your square(s), click this link:

[www.tinyurl.com/JewishSquares2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/JewishSquares2024)

**Please submit your payment by one of these methods:** Venmo: @Bryan-Coleman-53  
PayPal: @RBColeman (or use Bryan's cell 404-396-4902)  
Check: Payable to Etz Chaim Men's Club and can be left at the front office no later than Friday, February 9, by 3:00 p.m.





## The Sisterhood Scoop

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

**As we move further into the new year of 2024  
with heartfelt resolutions to do better, be better.  
We are reminded that words can only do so much.**

**Do not be wise in words – be wise in deeds.  
Wishing you wisdom and joy. May we always have both.**

**Sunday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Bayit. Patrice Levy will host the **Book Club** to share thoughts and inspiration on ***The Italian Ballerina*** by **Kristy Cambron**. Based on true accounts and exploring the choices we must make to find faith and forgiveness. See our ad on page 12.

**Sunday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m.** for the **Sisterhood and Men’s Club Trivia Night!** Always a crowd pleaser! Prizes, food and friends! What a way to start the year. See our ad on page 8.

**Sunday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.** is a very special **Membership Appreciation Event** as we support and honor our **Women of the IDF**. See our ad on page 26.

It’s that wonderful time of year again! Fun, joy and gift giving of **Mishloach Manot!** We are getting ready for Purim gift-giving with an Israeli theme this year. (**Purim is March 23-24**) See page 8.

**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 before Covid! Looking forward to seeing everyone! See our ad below.

Stop by our **Judaica and Gift Shop** for a special gift for your loved one or yourself! We have great items available for both Purim and Pesach with hostess gifts galore. Come check us out!

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 minyans. 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 29 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.*

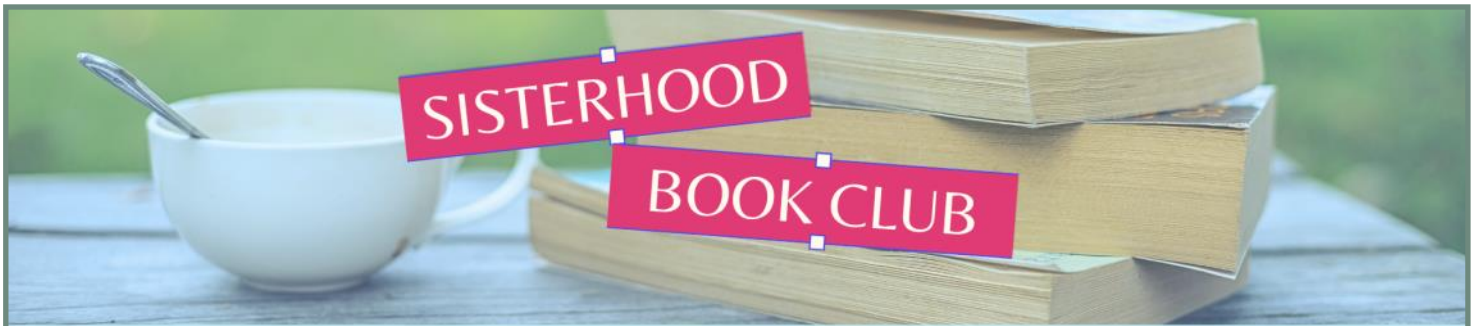
### Judaica and Gifts Shop Hours

**Sundays:**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Mondays:**  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays:**  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
or by appointment,  
contact [Lauren Gray](mailto:Lauren Gray)

**WLCJ SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE**  
**APRIL 7TH - 9TH 2024**  
 AHAVATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE  
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
 RSVP: [WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/WLCJ](http://WWW.ETZCHAIM.NET/EVENT/WLCJ)

*Theme:*  
**CHALLENGES FACING SISTERHOODS IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE, ESTHER PANITCH**  
 Esther Panitch is a Georgia Legislator focusing on legislation to define antisemitism and protect the Jewish community from discrimination



### UPCOMING BOOKS AND DATES

**February 11:** *The Italian Ballerina* by Kristy Cambron - Host: Patrice Levy at the home of Joanne Chaifetz

**March 10:** *Shanda: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin, Host: Marcy Caras at the Bayit

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



CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM  
**Youth**  
DEPARTMENT

Gesher  
(6th-8th Grades)

Gesher Presents:  
*Winter Olympic Games*

**Sunday, February 4**  
12:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Hot Chocolate, Snowball Fight with Shaving Cream, and Scavenger Hunt

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

**GRADES 6 - 8**  
at the  
**BAYIT**  
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**Koffee & Kibbitz**

AgeWell  
Atlanta  
East Cobb/Roswell  
NEIGHBORHOODS

In partnership with Congregation Etz Chaim

Join us for this new monthly gathering featuring a different event each month.

**Tuesday, February 27**  
**Bingo with Prizes!!**  
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)**

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## Torah Study with the Rabbi

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

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

February 1, 8, 15 & 29  
 March 7, 14, 21 & 28  
 April 4, 11 & 18  
 May 2 & 9

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

February 13  
 March 12  
 April 9

To be added to our email list or receive the Zoom link, contact Betsy in the office at [betsy@etzchaim.net](mailto:betsy@etzchaim.net).



## HELP US HELP OTHERS

JF&CS KOSHER FOOD PANTRY



Kosher, non-perishable items are needed for our ongoing Tzedakah project for JF&CS.

- Canned tuna & salmon
- Shelf-stable milk
- Cereal
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese - Publix
- Kosher Soup
- Soup Packets

All items must be marked with a kosher symbol. For more information, contact Sharon Lightstone.



## Mark Your Calendar

## Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

**March Deadline:** Thursday, February 1  
**April Deadline:** Friday, March 1  
**May Deadline:** Wednesday, March 27

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





# Mocha Mondays

7:45 a.m.

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

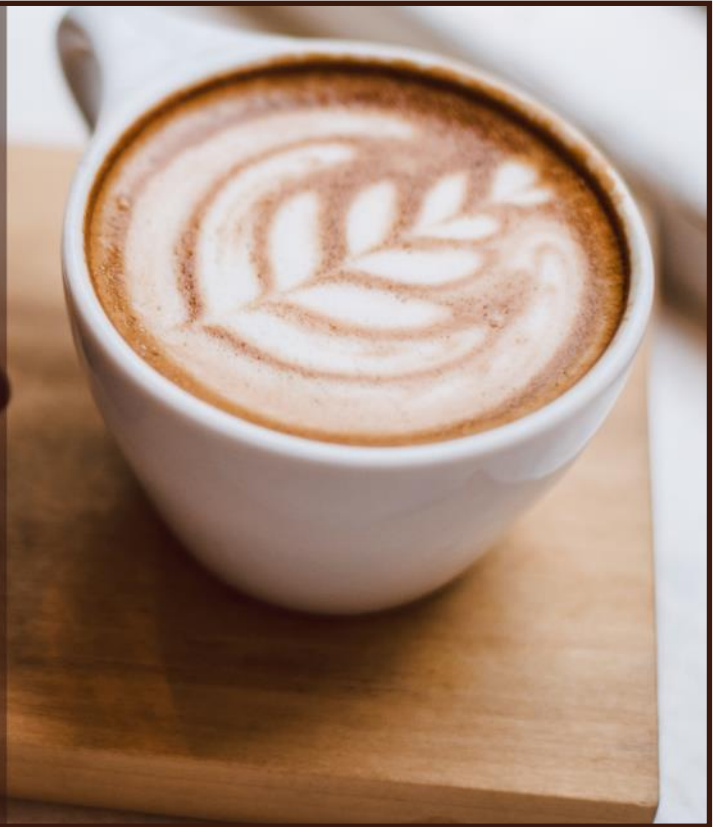
**Save these dates:**

**February 5**

**March 18**

**April 15**

**May 13 - Yom HaZikaron**



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

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

To get a monthly reminder and to RSVP, contact Betsy at [betsy@etzchaim.net](mailto:betsy@etzchaim.net).

**Save these dates:**

**February 5**  
**March 18**

**April 15**

**May 13 Topic:**  
**Yom Ha'atzmaut**

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





# Minyan Mishpacha

A Young Parents Camp Style Ruach Shabbat

Friday, March 8

6:00 p.m. Service

6:45 p.m. Dinner

Cost: \$18 per family

Supervised playroom  
for the kiddos during dinner

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

This program is sponsored in memory of Ira Altfeder.



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## New from *Lilmode*:

### Discover Surprises Hidden in Your Branches

Learn how to research your family tree and discover your roots.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Hammer-Tritt Social Hall  
Congregation Etz Chaim**

**Our Expert panel includes:**

- Peggy Freedman
- Gary Deutsch
- Roni Robbins

**Moderated by Bill Lieberbaum**

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



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**STAND WITH ISRAEL**  
ב'יחד ננצח  
**"TOGETHER WE WILL WIN"**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**  
for Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Department's  
**B'YACHAD NENATZEACH PURIM CARNIVAL**

**11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Come early for a quieter, less crowded experience**  
**12:15 - 2:30 p.m. Carnival opens to all!**

**Festivities include a children's costume contest with prizes, carnival games, inflatables, a balloon artist, Israeli food for purchase, popcorn and more!**

[www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024)

**Admission Bracelets:**  
**\$15.00 per child if purchased by Wednesday, March 20.**  
**\$20.00 per child at the door.**

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**Ticket Packages and Sponsorships:**

<b>Ticket Packages:</b>	<b>Carnival Donor Sponsorships:</b>
1 Ticket for \$10	Jerusalem - \$400+
5 Tickets for \$20	Tel Aviv - \$300 - \$399
10 Tickets for \$30	Be'er Sheva \$200 - \$299
15 Tickets for \$40	Haifa - \$100 - \$199
20 Tickets for \$50	Eilat - \$54 - \$99
	Double Chai \$36 - \$53
	Chai \$18 - \$35

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[www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024)





*Join us for the*  
**ISRAELI SHUK PURIM  
CARNIVAL**

24 MARCH 2023 • 12:15 PM  
CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

Dear Fellow Congregants:

Grab your El Al plane tickets and passports and join the Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Department on Sunday, March 24, 2024, for an Israeli style Shuk!! Our Israeli Shuk Purim Carnival this year will grant you the opportunity to experience Purim in a funway! There will be games, inflatables, prizes, our annual raffle, and even some surprises! However, we can't do this on our own! We are currently looking for donors to help support our Youth Department make this a fun event for all ages, and we need your support to continue to make this the best each and every year.

We invite you to be a donor of our Israeli Shuk Purim Carnival! The Purim Carnival, sponsored by Congregation Etz Chaim's Youth Department, is our biggest fundraiser each year, and is programmed, managed, and put on by our Gesher and Sababa USY leaders. Your support enables our Chalutzim, Chaverim, Gesher, and Sababa USY youth groups to continue to produce award-winning programs and provide for the needs of Congregation Etz Chaim's youth.

All contributions benefit the Youth Department, and a percentage of the Purim Carnival's profits are donated by our USYers to their international tzedakah fund. Donors will be recognized at the carnival on the "Wall of Donors" as well as in the Voice of Chaim. All donations are tax deductible. Please help us meet our goal!!! **Please see the reverse side of this letter for donation and sponsorship information!**

Your donation helps provide:

- The Purim Carnival (games like bowling and mini golf, prizes, decorations, face painting, food and drinks, and so much more!)
- Support for youth programming throughout the year
- Scholarships towards events and conventions for our youth
- Scholarships for trips to Israel, summer camps, and other summer programs for our youth
- Support for community-building activities

Thank you in advance for helping us make this carnival the best one ever!

L'shalom

Evan Goldstein  
Sababa USY Social Action/Tikun Olam

Alex Levin  
Sababa USY Advisor

Nate Aronstein  
Sababa USY Chapter President

Roxanne M., Gideon O., Nic P.  
Chalutzim, Chaverim, Gesher Advisor



CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT'S  
**ISRAELI SHUK PURIM CARNIVAL**  
Sunday, March 24, 2024



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARNIVAL BRACELETS & RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASE**

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Admission Bracelets @ \$15\* each!

\*Admission Bracelets will cost \$20 at the door!

\*Admission Bracelets are only necessary for those ages 2 to 18!



I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Raffle Tickets.



**RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGES**

I would like to purchase:

- 1 Raffle Ticket for \$10
- 5 Raffle Tickets for \$20
- 10 Raffle Tickets for \$30
- 15 Raffle Tickets for \$40
- 20 Raffle Tickets for \$50

**CARNIVAL DONOR INFORMATION**

I would like to donate the following amount for the Purim Carnival:

- |                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ Jerusalem (\$400)         | ___ Eilat (\$54-\$99)       |
| ___ Tel Aviv (\$300-\$399)    | ___ Double Chai (\$36-\$53) |
| ___ Be'er Sheva (\$200-\$299) | ___ Chai (\$18-\$35)        |
| ___ Haifa (\$100-\$199)       | ___ Other: \$_____          |

**CARNIVAL DETAILS:**

- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Come early for a quieter, less crowded experience
- 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. Carnival opens to all!
- Festivities include a children's costume contest with prizes, carnival games, balloon artist, lunch for purchase, popcorn and more!

*For every \$50 donated, receive a **FREE** Admission Bracelet or Raffle Ticket!*

*Food will be sold separately.*

Please return this flier to the Synagogue Office by **Friday, March 15th**. Or order online at [www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024](http://www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024).

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Lyons at [USYouthGroup@etzchaim.net](mailto:USYouthGroup@etzchaim.net)



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**Chalutzim**  
K-2nd Grades

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**CHALUTZIM**  
SAVE THESE DATES 2024

JANUARY 21  
PARSLEY PLANTING  
FEBRUARY 11  
WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES  
MARCH 10  
HAMANTASCHEN BAKING  
APRIL 14  
TOP CHEF PASSOVER  
MAY 5  
TIE-DYE AND ICE CREAM BUFFET

SUNDAYS AFTER  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
FROM 12:15-1:45 P.M.  
PICKUP AT THE BAYIT

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**CHAVERIM**  
3RD-5TH GRADES

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**Youth**  
DEPARTMENT

**CHAVERIM**  
SAVE THESE DATES 2024

JANUARY 21  
WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES  
FEBRUARY 25  
PIZZA MAKING  
MARCH 17  
HAMANTASCHEN BAKING  
APRIL 21  
TOP CHEF PASSOVER  
MAY 5  
TIE-DYE AND ICE CREAM BUFFET

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(6th-8th Grades)

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**GESHER**  
SAVE THESE DATES 2024

JANUARY 19-21  
SUBREGIONAL CONVENTION  
FEBRUARY 4  
WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES  
MARCH 3 - HAMANTASCHEN BAKING  
APRIL 7  
TOP CHEF PASSOVER  
APRIL 12-14  
REGIONAL CONVENTION  
MAY 5  
TIE-DYE AND ICE CREAM BUFFET

SUNDAYS AFTER  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
FROM 12:15-1:45 P.M.  
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**Sababa**  
USY

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DEPARTMENT

**SABABA USY**  
SAVE THESE DATES 2024

JANUARY 19-21  
JANUARY 24\*  
JANUARY 31\*  
FEBRUARY 7\*  
FEBRUARY 10  
FEBRUARY 14\*  
FEBRUARY 28\*  
MARCH 3  
MARCH 6\*  
MARCH 13\*  
MARCH 20\*

MARCH 23-24  
MARCH 27\*  
APRIL 7  
APRIL 10\*  
APRIL 12-14  
APRIL 17\*  
MAY 1\*  
MAY 8\*  
MAY 15\*  
MAY 22\*

WEDNESDAYS FROM  
6:30 P.M. MINYAN  
IN LEVINE CHAPEL  
'TIL 9:00 P.M. WACKY  
AT THE BAYIT

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\*DENOTES WACKY WEDNESAY

Eight Etz Chaim families came together during winter break in Clayton, Georgia, for a fun week of Family Camp at Ramah Darom.





**February 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-Feb	Alan Medof	22	Shevat	16-Feb	Harvey Cohen	7	Adar
1-Feb	Jerome Karp	22	Shevat	16-Feb	Herbert Berke	7	Adar
1-Feb	Millie Loewy	22	Shevat	17-Feb	Emanuel Walter	8	Adar
1-Feb	Miriam Kaye	22	Shevat	17-Feb	Harold Pollack	8	Adar I
1-Feb	Paul Russman	22	Shevat	17-Feb	Irving Shatzman	8	Adar
* 2-Feb	Jack Agrow	23	Shevat	17-Feb	Jack Caras	8	Adar I
3-Feb	Joan Rabin	24	Shevat	17-Feb	Leona Marinoff	8	Adar
3-Feb	Louis Simon	24	Shevat	18-Feb	Estelle Mellman	9	Adar
* 3-Feb	Marilyn Kirschner	24	Shevat	18-Feb	Eve Greenstein	9	Adar I
4-Feb	Alan Goldsmith	25	Shevat	* 18-Feb	Jerry Fisher	9	Adar
4-Feb	Barbara Baer	25	Shevat	* 18-Feb	Jerry Fisher	9	Adar
4-Feb	Gertrude Wilensky	25	Shevat	19-Feb	David Pollack	10	Adar
* 4-Feb	Harry Lutzky	25	Shevat	19-Feb	Rhoda Rosenblum	10	Adar
4-Feb	Jerome Sacks	25	Shevat	19-Feb	Sarah Jacobsohn	10	Adar
4-Feb	Stephen Schwartz	25	Shevat	20-Feb	Deloris Harris	11	Adar
4-Feb	William Bernstein	25	Shevat	* 20-Feb	Eli Reich	11	Adar
4-Feb	William Reiss	25	Shevat	20-Feb	Judith Algranati	11	Adar
5-Feb	Beverly W. Isaac	26	Shevat	* 20-Feb	Lawrence Pearlberg	11	Adar
5-Feb	Harry Shrago	26	Shevat	21-Feb	Irving Marinoff	12	Adar
* 5-Feb	Hermine Bachrach	26	Shevat	22-Feb	Richard Fagin	13	Adar
5-Feb	Leon Epstein	26	Shevat	22-Feb	Walter Shultz	13	Adar
5-Feb	Nathan Greenstein	26	Shevat	* 23-Feb	Albert Kalen	14	Adar
5-Feb	Sheila Zager	26	Shevat	23-Feb	John Pransky	14	Adar I
6-Feb	Arnold Kusnitz	27	Shevat	* 23-Feb	Judith Taylor	14	Adar
6-Feb	Barry Nathan	27	Shevat	* 23-Feb	Marvin Rosenberg	14	Adar
6-Feb	Cynthia Freeman	27	Shevat	* 23-Feb	Max Fernbach	14	Adar
6-Feb	Estelle Weinberger	27	Shevat	23-Feb	Ruth Needle	14	Adar
7-Feb	Clara Beker	28	Shevat	* 23-Feb	Bebe Smith	14	Adar
7-Feb	Herbert Sackett	28	Shevat	* 24-Feb	Barbara Rittenberg	15	Adar I
* 8-Feb	Bernard Seidman	29	Shevat	* 24-Feb	Freda Rothstein	15	Adar
* 8-Feb	Deborah J. S. Cohen	29	Shevat	* 24-Feb	Lester Ebel	15	Adar
8-Feb	Lillian Cohen	29	Shevat	25-Feb	Bella G. Grauer	16	Adar I
8-Feb	Richard Bachrach	29	Shevat	25-Feb	Bernard Bierman	16	Adar I
9-Feb	Mildred Peskin	30	Shevat	25-Feb	Harold Zinsenheim	16	Adar
9-Feb	Phoebe Birch	30	Shevat	25-Feb	Irwin Weinstein	16	Adar
10-Feb	Andrea Taratoot	1	Adar	* 25-Feb	Leonard Dinin	16	Adar I
* 10-Feb	Antonia Weitz	1	Adar I	25-Feb	Muriel J. Ziskend	16	Adar
10-Feb	Jeanette Karp	1	Adar	25-Feb	Sanford Lite	16	Adar
10-Feb	Martin Sternbach	1	Adar	26-Feb	Albert Simon	17	Adar
11-Feb	Carole Shapiro	2	Adar	26-Feb	Bessie Kahn	17	Adar
* 11-Feb	Jeffrey Unger	2	Adar	26-Feb	Mair Algranati	17	Adar
11-Feb	John H. Frank	2	Adar	26-Feb	Pearl Spielman	17	Adar
* 11-Feb	Mitchell Safran	2	Adar I	26-Feb	Leonard Zellinger	18	Adar
11-Feb	Richard Rosenbaum	2	Adar	27-Feb	Martin Kaplan	18	Adar
11-Feb	Rose Etscovitz	2	Adar I	28-Feb	Anita S. Beer	19	Adar
11-Feb	Samuel Shafferman	2	Adar	28-Feb	Elaine Sanders	19	Adar
12-Feb	Leona Weitz	3	Adar I	* 28-Feb	Eva Vilensky	19	Adar
* 12-Feb	Perry Schulberg	3	Adar	28-Feb	Laurel Tamkin	19	Adar
* 13-Feb	Albert L. Lewis	4	Adar I	* 28-Feb	Morris Beker	19	Adar
13-Feb	Bruce Ripley	4	Adar I	28-Feb	Philip Turner	19	Adar
13-Feb	Sarah Shultz	4	Adar I	29-Feb	Milton Sarlin	20	Adar
* 14-Feb	Phil Cohen	5	Adar	29-Feb	Sheila Grenitz	20	Adar
* 14-Feb	Phyllis Jacobs	5	Adar	* 29-Feb	Trudy Knauer	20	Adar
15-Feb	Lorraine Allen	6	Adar				
15-Feb	Lou Martin	6	Adar				
15-Feb	Melinda Stern	6	Adar				
15-Feb	Nathan Shectman	6	Adar I				
15-Feb	Sarah Coplon	6	Adar				
16-Feb	Charles Strasburger	7	Adar				
16-Feb	David Kaplinsky	7	Adar I				



**February 2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4 (25 Shevat)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim 5th Gr. Fam. Workshop 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a RS Ice Cream Sundae Bar 10:30a Geshet Event 12:15p Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Bearing Witness Class 2p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>5 (26 Shevat)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday 7:45a Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>6 (27 Shevat)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Lunch &amp; Learn 12p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Comm. Mtg. 7:15p</p>	<p><b>7 (28 Shevat)</b> Morning Minyan 7a PS Faculty Mtg. 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p><b>8 (29 Shevat)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Board 7p</p>	<p><b>9 (30 Shevat)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</b> Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p 4th Gr. Shabbat Dinner 7:15p  Candle Lighting 5:51p</p>	<p><b>10 (1 Adar I) Mishpatim</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar I</b> Shabbat Services 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a Limo Lock-in USY 7p  Shabbat Ends 7p</p>
<p><b>11 (2 Adar I)</b> Limo Lock-in ends 9a Backpack Buddies 9a World Wide Wrap 9a Morning Minyan 9:15a Rel. School &amp; Pre-K 9:15a 6th Gr Fam. Workshop 9:15a Melton Class 10a Sisterhood Book Club 10a Chalutzim Event 12:15p Daisy Troop Mtg. 2p Board of Trustees Mtg. 3p Evening Minyan 5p</p>	<p><b>12 (3 Adar I)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Senior Seminar 7p</p>	<p><b>13 (4 Adar I)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study - Huntcliff 2p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p <i>Lilmode</i>: IDF Code of Ethics 7p</p>	<p><b>14 (5 Adar I)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a PS Playball 9:45a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p><b>15 (6 Adar I)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p Chai Five B'Yachad 7p</p>	<p><b>16 (7 Adar I)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p  Candle Lighting 5:58p</p>	<p><b>17 (8 Adar I) Terumah</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Bar Mitzvah of Max Lubell 9:30a Babysitting Avail. 9:30a USY Yom Islands of Adventure 11p  Shabbat Ends 7:07p</p>
<p><b>18 (9 Adar I)</b> USY Yom Islands of Adventure No Religious School Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p Trivia at Padriac's w/Men's Club and Sisterhood 7p</p>	<p><b>19 (10 Adar I)</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> Preschool Closed (Teacher Workday) USY Yom Islands of Adventure Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta &amp; Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>20 (11 Adar I)</b> No Religious School Preschool Closed (Teacher Workday) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>21 (12 Adar I)</b> Preschool Closed (Teacher Workday) Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p RS Board Mtg. 7:30p</p>	<p><b>22 (13 Adar I)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>23 (14 Adar I)</b> <b>Purim Katan</b> Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p  Candle Lighting 6:05p</p>	<p><b>24 (15 Adar I) Tetzaveh</b> Shabbat Services 9:30a Babysitting Avail. 9:30a Kids Night Out 5p  Shabbat Ends 7:14p</p>
<p><b>25 (16 Adar I)</b> Youth Commission Mtg. 9a Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Chaverim Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>26 (17 Adar I)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta &amp; Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>27 (18 Adar I)</b> Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p><b>28 (19 Adar I)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p><b>29 (20 Adar I)</b> Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Chai Five B'Yachad 7p</p>	<p>Candle Lighting 6:11p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 7:20p</p>



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Invites you to join us for our

**Community Seder**


**April 22**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Hammer-Tritt Social Hall**

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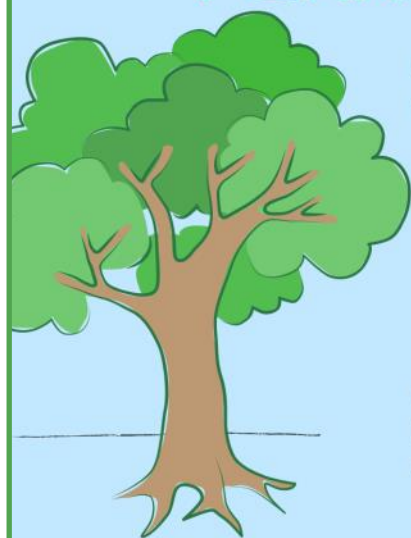
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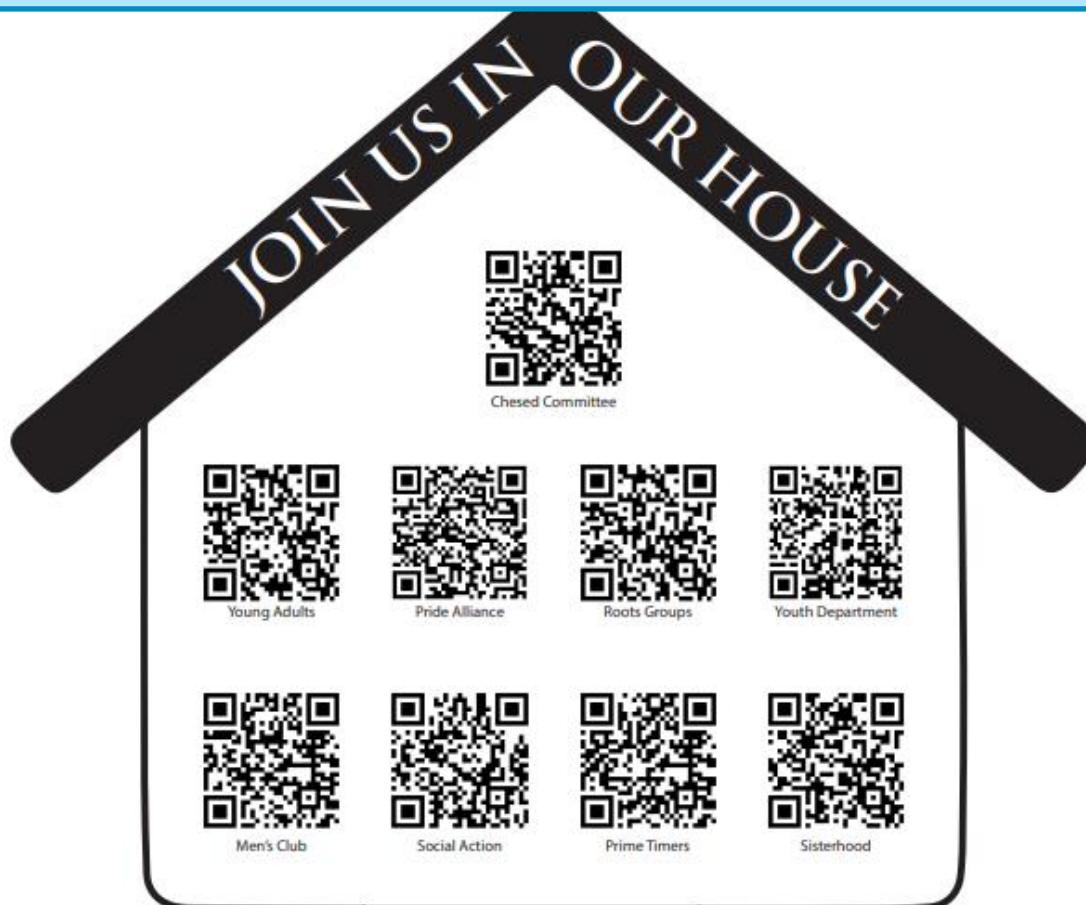
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MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

**In celebration of:**

Hanukkah and our aunt Jyl  
**Sarah and Alisa Freeman**

**In memory of:**

my mother, Rita Freeman. I miss you every day.

**Alan and Lisa Freeman**

our mom, Rita Freeman, on the anniversary of her yahrzeit. We miss and love you so much.

**Debbie and Kevin Robbins**

my mother, Rita Freeman, a wonderful mother, wife, and grandmother  
**Joe and Lori Freeman**

**PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN  
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

**In loving memory of:**

Phillip Michael Silverman, one of my favorite "Uncles" and his family

**Michelle Lerner**

**In memory of:**

Herbert Seltman, father of Marc Seltman. We are sorry for your loss and hope his memory will be a comforting blessing always. Holding you close at this sad time.

**The Silverman Family**

**SISTERHOOD ENDOWMENT FUND**

**In memory of:**

Burnet Mendelsohn, father of Faye Lebish (Craig) and grandfather of Andrew and Sarah  
**Nancy and Norm Miller**

Israel Coplon  
**Paula L. Coplon**

**STAFF APPRECIATION ENDOWMENT**

**In memory of:**

my mom, Shirley Rivchun. She was a fabulous role model. Her memory inspires me every day to do better and be better.

**David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun**

**RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**In appreciation of:**

Rabbi Dorsch  
**Esther Pyrzak**

Rabbi Dorsch for all your kindness when my father passed away.

**Faye and Craig Lebish**

**In celebration of:**

Herb and Leora Wollner 50th anniversary  
**Steven Bodenstein and Patti Bloom**

Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

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**RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**In honor of:**

Terri Rittenberg's birthday  
**Frank and Barbara Wilensky**

**In loving memory of:**

my grandmother, Bertha Vanovitch  
**Gail Vanovitch**

our brother, Robert Rothstein  
**Jana and Brad Ross**

my mother, Marcia Karol  
**Richard J. Karol MD.**

Herbert Seltman, father of Marc Seltman  
**Ron and Leslie Swichkow**

**In memory of:**

my mother, Reva Epstein, and my wife,  
Ellen Epstein  
**Barney Epstein**

my mother, Sylvia Cohen  
**Douglas and Eileen Cohen**

my father, Albert Sandak  
**Larry Sandak**

Carl Zager  
**Lee and Deborah Elfenbein**

Norman Mehلمان, husband of Marcy  
Mehلمان; may your loving memories  
help you during this difficult time. May  
your memories always be a blessing and  
offer your heart comfort.

Burnet Mendelsohn, father of Faye Lebish;  
may your memories always be a blessing  
and give you comfort, peace, and love.  
**Lynne and Jerry Johannesen**

my aunt, Doris St Ours  
**Neda Gayle**

Norman Mehلمان  
**Norman Marinoff**

Burnet Mendelsohn, father of Faye Lebish  
**Rachel and David Wilson**

Phil Rosner

Charles Moog  
**Stanley and Luci Sunshine**

my mother, Anne Schulman, on her yahrzeit  
Joan Greenberg  
**Steve and Judy Greenberg**

**RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**In loving memory of:**

John D. Brindle Sr., my father who passed  
on January 3, 2023  
**Robert and Sandra Brindle**

**In memory of:**

Ron Toron on his yahrzeit. People may  
forget what you said or did, but you will  
always be remembered by how you made  
others feel. You are always in our hearts.  
**Suzanne Rivchun and David Lieberman**

**BACKPACK BUDDIES FUND**

**Garry Siegel**  
**Jerry and Iris Silver**  
**Sally Greenstein**

**In loving memory of:**

Rufus Shelkoff, loving father, father-in-law,  
grandpa, great grandpa. Miss you a lot.  
**Bernice and Bruce Mellman**

my irrepressible father, Albert Jerome Gelb,  
on the 10th anniversary of his death  
**Cheryl Gelb Epstein**

our amazing dad, grampa and great-grampa,  
Charlie Jassen, on the 10th anniversary of his  
journey "over the rainbow". We miss you like  
crazy, Pops, but we know you are always  
smiling down on your beautiful legacy!  
**Karen and Hank Needle and La Familia**

**In memory of:**

Herbert Seltman. Marc and Sharon, your  
father was a wonderful man and I know his  
friendship meant a lot to my dad. May his  
memory be a blessing.  
**Jay and Natalie Kaiman**

my dad, Irwin Sisselman. Not a day goes  
by without thoughts of you. Your loving  
presence surrounds me and grounds me.  
**Jayne Becker**

**BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND**

**In loving memory of:**

a very special aunt Libby Crystal  
**Susan, Craig and Paige Adair and**  
**Cami and Cason Maddox**

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**Liz and Art Cohen**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Rick and Peggy Bernstein**

**Sherry Adams**

**In appreciation of:**

the Young Adult Chanukah Party at Ormsby's  
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**In honor of:**

Evan Charles. Your leadership and coordination  
of active and retired Jewish (and interested  
other) employees of Coca-Cola has kept us  
connected, studying, and celebrating our  
heritage together for 13 years and counting.  
Your work has elevated us all. Todah rabah!  
**Amy Levine Samuels**

Phyllis Frankel  
**Nicole and Steve Frankel**

**In loving memory of:**

Bernard Kagan

Rita Kagan  
**Andrew and Carole Kagan**

**In memory of:**

Michael Levin  
**David and Ilene Levin**

my father, Brian Harnick  
**Lee Harnick**

John Miller  
**Marc Miller**

Herbert Seltman, father of Marc Seltman  
**Mindy and Jim Intner**

**KITCHEN FUND**

**In loving memory of:**

my mother, Evelyn Ebel  
**Lynn Sustak**

**In memory of:**

my mother, Marcia Karol  
**Sandy Bailey**

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**In loving memory of:**

Morris Shapiro. We all love you.  
**Debbi and Randy Chartash**

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**In memory of:**

my father, Saul Stickgold  
**Allan and Vivian Levine**

my mother, Marion Pearlberg, on her yahrzeit  
**Ronnie Dinin**



## Tzedakah ▪ צדקה

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#### MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

**In memory of:**

my father, Leonard Cohn, on his yahrzeit  
my mother, Betty Cohn, on her yahrzeit  
my husband, Morry Frank, on his yahrzeit  
my mother-in-law, Lena Frank, on her yahrzeit  
**Candy Frank**

#### PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND

**In loving memory of:**

my sister, Judy Baer  
**Joey and Susie Moskowitz**

Garry Siegel  
**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

Ethel Glushakow, my maternal  
grandmother  
**Neda Gayle**  
**Sherry Adams**

#### PRESCHOOL FUND

**In celebration of:**

Herb and Leora Wollner on their 50th  
anniversary. Mazel Tov on this wonderful  
milestone, and may you continue in  
happiness and health together through the  
coming years. Love,  
**Arlene and Glenn La Vine**

**In loving memory of:**

Jerry (Honey) Rosenblum, father of Marisa  
Gewertz, husband of Carol and grandfather  
of Joe, Jordan, and Kira Gewertz  
**Carol Rosenblum**

**In loving memory of:**

our sweet Reia Madeline Howell. I think of  
you every day with so much love. Ama  
**Paula L. Coplon**

Riea Madeline Howell, David Samuel  
Coplon, and Marvin Coplon  
**Cheryl Coplon Howell**

Michael Patinkin, son of Shannon and Mark  
Patinkin  
**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

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**In memory of:**

Larry Scopp, brother of Barbara Wilensky  
**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

Marc Seltman's father, Herbert Seltman.  
May his memory comfort you always.

**Suzanne Rivchun and David Lieberman**

**Mazel Tov wishes to:**

Leora and Herb Wollner on their 50th  
wedding anniversary!  
**Karen and Ron Feibel**

#### ROBERT KLEIN MEMORIAL CHESED FUND

**In honor of:**

Rabbi Lewis' 75th birthday  
**Stanley and Judy Fineman**

**In loving memory of:**

my mother Zarin Aghajani on her yahrzeit.  
She will always be in our hearts and minds.  
Also, my loving father, Ovadia Aghajani. We  
love and miss you.

**Safa Nooromid**

**In memory of:**

our aunt, Joyce Lewis  
Larry Scopp, brother of Barbara Wilensky  
Norman Mehlman  
**Barry and Joyce Teitelman**

Norman Mehlman  
**Gerald and Sheila Sear**

Sarah Klemes Yucht. It has been 30 years,  
but you are still beloved and remembered  
by us and all your grandchildren.

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**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

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**Stanley and Judy Fineman**

**Wishing a speedy recovery to:**  
Irwin Festinger, father of Lori (Marty) Gilbert  
**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

#### SISTERHOOD FUND

**In honor of:**

the speedy recovery of Reba Bachrach  
**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

**In memory of:**

our beloved grandmother, Basha Plotkin,  
and our beloved grandfather, Ruben  
Plotkin. We will miss you both always.  
**Barbara and Jerold Mayer**

#### SOCIAL ACTION FUND

**In honor of:**

the celebration of Helen Rosengarten's  
90th birthday. We wish you love. Happy  
Birthday!

**Cindee and Al Sapoznik**

**Wishing Mazal Tov to:**

Andrea and Jerry Cohen on the marriage of  
their son David

**Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik**

Herb and Leora Wollner's milestone  
anniversary!

**Cary and Donna Rosenthal**

#### STEVEN KRODMAN

#### MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**In memory of:**

your beloved brother, Larry Scopp  
**Donna Krodman**

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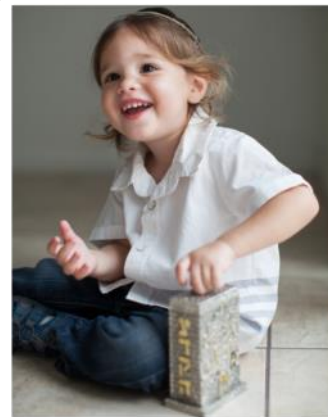
**In honor of:**

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Gorvy

the marriage of Hannah Saffran and Eric  
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**Michael and Linda Weinroth**

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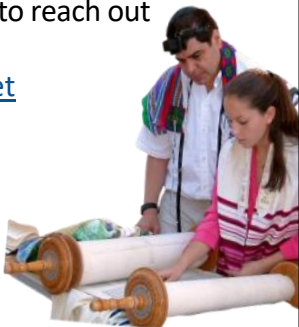
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We are excited to restart our Torah reading program. Please contact Bob Frohlich or Rabbi Dorsch to be added to our list to receive Torah reading opportunities. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Dorsch at [rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net](mailto:rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net)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



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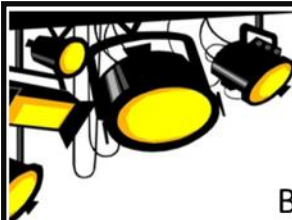
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## Roots—Etz Chaim’s Small Group Initiative:



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

Please let us know in the synagogue office.

### **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).

### **Wednesday Golf Roots Group**

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

### **T’shuvah Group organized by JF&CS and HAMSA**

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

To learn more about T’shuvah group, please contact HAMSA at 833-HAMSA-HELPS or [HAMSAHelps@jfcSATL.org](mailto:HAMSAHelps@jfcSATL.org).

\*Beit T’shuvah is a Jewish residential addiction treatment center in Los Angeles. Learn more at [www.beittshuvah.org](http://www.beittshuvah.org).

### **Schmooze on Zoom**

Join us for an informal schmooze/chat on Zoom every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Our only request is to avoid the topic of politics. All are welcome. Facilitated by Esther Shultz. To be added to the email reminder list, please contact Esther at: [savtaesther5@gmail.com](mailto:savtaesther5@gmail.com). See you on Zoom at: [www.tinyurl.com/EtzSchmooze](http://www.tinyurl.com/EtzSchmooze) Meeting ID: 874 6224 5963

### **Woodworkers of Etz Chaim**

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

### **Movie Group**

The Etz Chaim Roots Movie Group is looking to find a new “leader”! This group meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon at Merchants Walk to see a family friendly movie (PG/PG-13). If you are interested in please let us know in the synagogue office..

**Birthday Club** Laurie Lavinsky at [laulav6@gmail.com](mailto:laulav6@gmail.com) or Malka Riesenbergl at [malka217@gmail.com](mailto:malka217@gmail.com).

**Walking/Running Group** Amir Oren at [aoren1@yahoo.com](mailto:aoren1@yahoo.com).

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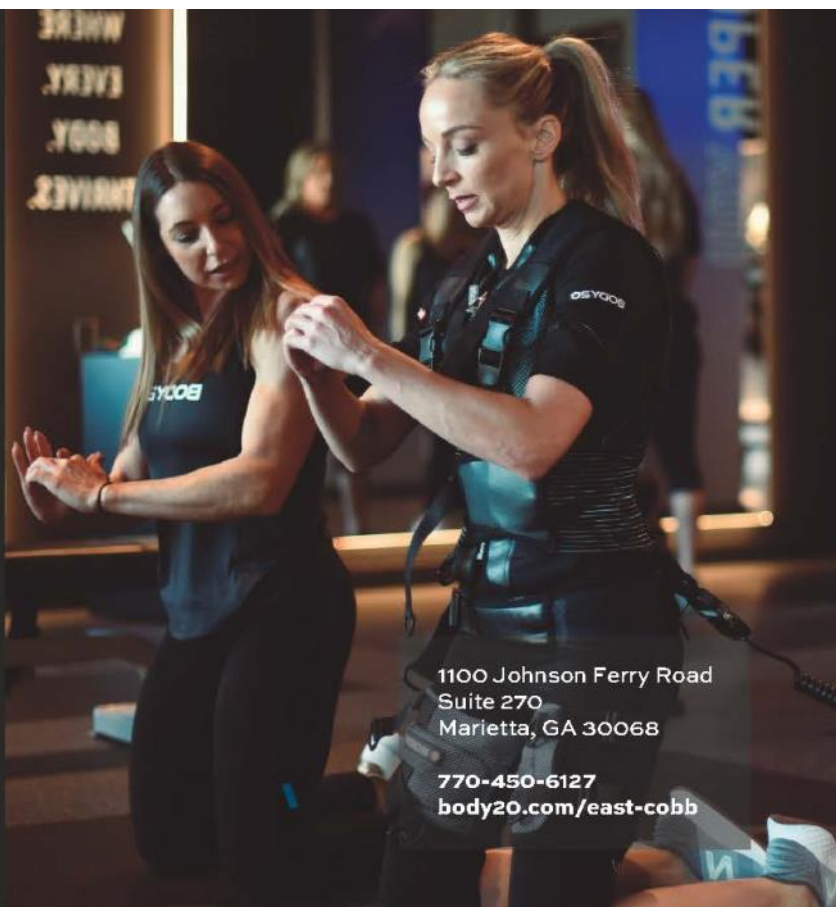
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