



Purim at Etz Chaim In Celebration of Israel

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Kocheinu B'Achduteinu

“We Are Stronger Together”

Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 p.m.

Traditional Megillah Reading and Social

Radow Sanctuary

Adult beverages and desserts will be served.

All are welcome.

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/purim2024

Sunday, March 24, at 9:15 a.m.

Traditional Megillah Reading

Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel



Sunday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m.

**Family Megillah Reading
and Costume Parade**

Radow Sanctuary

Sunday, March 24, at Noon

Israeli Shuk and Purim Carnival

Hammer-Trift Social Hall



RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024

**For additional information about our Purim Carnival,
purchasing tickets, and sponsorships, please see pages 14-16.**

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Daily Minyan Times:

Sunday Mornings:
9:15 a.m.

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

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

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
(in-person & Livestream)

www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream

Daniel Dorsch
Rabbi



This year, we've made the theme for our Purim "A Celebration of Israel."

You may be wondering: why would we celebrate Israel right now when there's a war going on? How can we celebrate Israel with so much suffering? Is it even right to celebrate when a misguided global community chooses to condemn Israel with every possible opportunity?

My response to these arguments is that on the contrary, they are precisely *why we must* take the opportunity to celebrate Israel, especially this year.

In the Purim story, the Jewish community of Persia was also in dire straits. A ruler over 127 provinces, which amounted to virtually the entire known world, had condemned all the Jews of his kingdom to death.

One can only imagine being a Jew in Shushan at the time. What did we do wrong? Was there something wrong with them that the King would single them out? No doubt many of the Jews saw the King's nonsensical edict as a source of great shame.

But Queen Esther bravely stepped forward and demonstrated her pride in being Jewish. She celebrated it before the King. And as a direct result of her brave actions, the Purim Megillah teaches us the words "venahafoch hu", that the narrative was "turned upside down." Esther demonstrated pride in her Judaism. That's how she changed the message.

This Purim, it's up to the Jewish people of the world to also refute a message designed to make us feel shame in ourselves. The anti-Semites and modern Hamans (take away the n, you get Hamas) in the world around us choose to depict the Jewish people and the Jewish State as an aberration. They criticize her so frequently in the hopes that, as world Jewry, we will feel the shame and doubt that the Jews of Shushan did. But as Jews, this Purim we will accept nothing of the sort. Like Queen Esther we will be proud of who we are and turn an already topsy turvy world right-side up.

The Israel that I returned to this past month was one at war. But it was the same Israel that I have known and loved my entire life. I take great pride in this Israel, and so should you. I was inspired when I visited her Holy Sites. I stand in awe and admiration of the courage of our brothers, sisters, and cousins in this time of adversity. The generosity of its people follows in the steps of Abraham and Sarah: I did not have a kosher meal that I did not want to go back for seconds (and unfortunately for my diet, I did, many times).

Of course, you won't hear about this incredible Israel from the halls of the United Nations to Tehran. The Persia of today is no better than the one of yesteryear ruled by Haman and Achashverosh: corrupt and ruled by a palace full of fools. In these places you will hear stories largely concocted of half-truths and fabrications meant to keep the Jewish people down.

That's not us. Not here. Not in East Cobb. At Etz Chaim we will celebrate Israel. We will express our pride in being Jewish. By doing so, God willing, we will also "turn the world upside down."

A promotional poster for an event. The background is yellow with colorful confetti. On the left, a family of four (mother, father, and two children) is smiling and posing. The text on the right is in a handwritten-style font. At the bottom left is the logo for Congregation ETZ CHAIM, and at the bottom right is the address.

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
This program is sponsored in memory of Ira Attfeder.

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Marty Gilbert
Executive Director



It is fair to say that 2024 has started in a different way than I imagined. From spending New Year's Eve in a hospital room at Northside Cherokee to eventually having triple bypass surgery on January 8, at Piedmont Hospital to having had some additional procedures which delayed my release from the hospital until January 18, followed by a month of recovery at home...it has been a long, strange trip.

As I continue to heal and get stronger and ease myself back into the daily routine of work, I continue to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, best wishes, and, of course, food that have been showered on me and Lori.

I have missed all of you and cannot ever say "Thank you" enough. I came here a little over six years ago for a job and gained a community. For that, Lori and I are very grateful.

Thank you all!

Elliot Okrent
President



"We are the champions, my friends...And we'll keep on fighting till the end...We are the champions, we are the champions...No time for losers, 'cause we are the champions...Of the world."

– Queen

Cue the Queen (not Esther) anthem because it's that time of the year again – Purim! From the carnivals to the epic costumes and parades, Purim brings out the inner champion in all of us. And let's not forget the Megillah reading, groggers, and of course, the hamantaschen (apricot for the win!) and Mishloach Manot (Thanks, Etz Chaim Sisterhood!). On March 24, we'll gather at Etz Chaim to celebrate one of history's greatest stories of triumph. We'll sing, we'll dance, and we'll celebrate Israeli-style at the annual Purim Carnival, put on by our incredible Youth Department (shameless plug – seriously, you don't want to miss it).

But Purim isn't just a celebration of history's triumphs; it's a reminder of our ability to conquer all challenges, big and small, in our everyday lives. Life can be a wild rollercoaster, and sometimes it feels like we're strapped in, hands flailing, desperately trying to grasp the reins.

The events of October 7th and ever since feel like one of those rollercoasters. It's easy to feel helpless about a war against evil happening over 6,000 miles away in our beloved homeland. Our friends, our family, and our people are fighting a battle we can't control. Fighting not only for themselves, but for Jews everywhere. Unfortunately, the battle has also extended here – with an increase in anti-Semitic behavior and rhetoric unheard of in recent memory. How will we ever get through this? While there might not be a direct answer, there's a tool I use in my life, almost every single day, both personally and professionally. It's called the "Sphere of Control".

It's not rocket science; it's literally a circle. Anything happening, be it self-created drama or life-altering curveballs, falls inside or outside that circle. If it's inside, it's game on – something you can control and tackle head-on. If it's outside, well, it's time to let it go, Queen Elsa style (again, not Esther – she didn't let it go).

Understanding the dynamics of this sphere of control isn't just a psychological trick; it's the key to adaptability. It's the strategic game plan that allows you to channel your energy into what truly matters and sidestep the tempting pursuit of things beyond your influence. Why waste precious time on the uncontrollable when you can redirect your focus toward areas where your impact is not only possible but transformative?

The things we can't control are plenty. Other people's opinions and actions (both informed and uninformed) are a big one. The war in Israel is but one example.

Things like this may seem hopeless at times. But if we focus on the things we CAN control, we can make a difference. The way our people and communities have come together after October 7th is a perfect example. As individuals, we have found so many things in our control that we could do. Raising awareness through programming, speaking engagements and rallies. Raising money through selling bracelets, Israel bond drives and donation sites. Volunteering on a mission to Israel to support the country and its people while their loved ones are fighting in the war, or even volunteering to fight. As a Jewish community, we've come together to pray and to remember – never forget. And we continue to let the world know we are not going anywhere, including the lobbying and passing of HB30, the Anti-Semitism law in Georgia.

Recognizing what's in your power to change and what isn't holds a certain magic. It's not just about avoiding the energy-draining vortex of the uncontrollable; it's about unlocking the power to make a difference where it truly counts.

Life is full of decisions. When you focus on what you can control, decision-making becomes clearer. So the next time you encounter a challenge, think of your sphere of control. When you do it right, it's like a breath of fresh air, allowing you to move forward and conquer whatever comes your way.

Mark Your Calendar

Voice of Chaim

Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

April Deadline:
Friday, March 1

May Deadline:
Wednesday, March 27

Send submissions to:
bernice@etzchaim.net

Department of Education

DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRESCHOOL

- Friday, **3/1**
Tot Shabbat
- Saturday, **3/9**
Team Shabbat
Kids Night Out
- Sunday, **3/10**
Family Photo Session
- Friday, **3/22**
VIP Day & Purim Festivities
(Parent participation encouraged)
- Saturday, **3/23**
Team Shabbat
- Monday, **3/25**
Monkey/Busy Bees/
Ladybugs Conferences begin (School IN session)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- Sunday, **3/3**
4th Grade Family
Workshop
- Saturday, **3/9**
Team Shabbat (3rd/5th)
- Sunday, **3/10**
Pre-K Class in Session
- Sunday, **3/17**
2nd Grade Family
Workshop Museum
- Saturday, **3/23**
Team Shabbat (2nd/4th)
- Sunday, **3/24**
Pre-K Class in Session
Megillah Reading
Purim Carnival
- Sunday, **3/31**
School Closed



Debbie Deutsch
Director of Education

What's Going on in Kitah Gimel

Kitah Gimel, 3rd grade, has had the gift of exploring Project Based Learning in Religious School this year. Our focus for this learning is "How to be My Best Self". This gives each child the opportunity to explore their actions/values in their everyday life. These values are called *Middot*. In our learning, we have explored seven *Middot* and how we can connect them to our Jewish traditions and our community. Each student has been researching a specific *middah* that we will use to create a book at the end of the year. Alongside their selected *middot*, we have paired a Hebrew letter that will help in prioritizing these concepts that we will craft into a story for all of the school to read. The entire class has studied *Middah Savlanut*, **patience**, that will help them focus on the end goal. We would like all our learners to leave this class with a better understanding of how important connections within our community and to ourselves can be an opening for so much more to come in their everyday Jewish life.

The third-grade curriculum also includes learning about the holidays through the lens of the Hebrew calendar. Rosh Chodesh has been studied and we continue to experience each holiday as they occur. We also continue to learn/practice decoding Hebrew including letter and vowel sounds and learning various prayers.



Lauren Chernau
Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

The Puppies, our 3-year-old class, love to come to school! They excitedly travel down the hallway to their classroom in the mornings. They are greeted by their teachers and the children that have already arrived. It is so precious to see them hug and welcome each other to school. Developmentally, this is the year that we start to see real friendships form. The children begin to play with each other instead of just being near each other. They begin to discuss and negotiate their play and will continue games the next day. This is also the time that children become more aware of their surroundings. They are so curious and often times, the questions never stop! They are beginning to understand the concept of sound and even letter recognition and love to tell you the letters that make up their name. This class is very creative and they enjoy their free art center. On any given day, one can pass by their room and see the beautiful creations that are hanging on their walls and that are in production at the art table. Having a creative outlet like a free art table is so important for a preschool class because it can be an outlet for emotions, develop fine motor skills, build language, critical thinking skills, creativity, early math skills and so much more. When asked what she loves most about this Puppies class, Savanna Benson, one of their teachers said, "This Puppies class is so special because not only are they smart and bright, but they are dreamers. Their ability to imagine what they want and then communicate to me how I can help them create it is so incredibly beautiful to witness. They inspire me every single day that I get to spend with them and remind me why I chose to teach tiny humans." James Spencer, the second Puppies teacher, said, "I really just enjoy being a part of their learning experiences." The Puppies sure are growing by leaps and bounds!

Join us for...

Religious School Shabbat Services and Dinner by Grade

with RSVP link information

March 1 - Pre-K and Kindergarten, 5:00p Dinner/6:30p Service: www.etzchiam.com/event/prek&kshabbat2024

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

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



Puppies pals!



Kitah Gimel has all the fun!





Join us on these Fridays for Winter/Spring 2024:
March 1 - April 12 - May 10

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

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



Shabbat Morning Babysitting
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Babysitting is available on Shabbat when there is no "Team Shabbat". Please check our website at www.etzchaim.net/calendar or in the weekly EtzBlast for more information.

Upcoming Dates:
March 2, 16 and 30

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:
MARCH 9 & 23 - APRIL 13 & 20

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

come check us out, 'cause it's a home run!

Our Etz Chaim Community

Mazal Tov to...

Michelle and Lawrence Nathan on the engagement of their daughter Ruthie to Ryan Newberg

Nancy and Norman Miller on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Jayne to Alexander Graham Wohlers

Betty and Louis Kalish on the upcoming marriage of their son Joshua to Abigail Harrover

Cheryl and Jamie Howell on and birth and adoption of their son, Levi Samuel, born on December 22, 2023 and to grandmother, Paula Coplon

Our Condolences to...

Barbara Siegelman on the passing of her beloved mother, Louise "Fuz" Spector

Phillip Greenspon on the passing of his beloved brother and congregant, David Greenspon

Scott Weinstein on the passing of his beloved father, Jack Weinstein

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Linda Weinroth
Michael Karp

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

RuthE Levy and David Lombrozo
4624 Smoke Rise Lane
Marietta, GA 30062
RuthE Cell – 770-639-5658
rabbiruthelvy@gmail.com
David Cell – 770-658-9593



New Emails...

Sarah Salamon
sarahsalamon@gmail.com

Joshua Painter
painterfamily2023@outlook.com

New Phone Numbers...

Alan Berman
404-218-2631

Members on the Move...

Amelia Lazerson
925 Battery Ave., SE, Unit 439
Atlanta, GA 30339

Seth and Hailee Yarus
3340 Cumberland Blvd., SE
Atlanta, GA 30339

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

ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT

WOMEN OF THE IDF
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM
HAMMER-TRITT SOCIAL HALL

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
Anna Shteingart, Deputy Consul General of Israel to the Southeastern US

RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/event/idfwomen

**Do you shop at Kroger?
Do you have a Kroger Plus Card?**

Kroger Community Rewards Program gives a percentage of your purchase cost back to us each quarter. Questions? Contact Bernice in the synagogue office.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com
Etz Chaim's NPO# KY946



Jamie Lyons
Youth Director

Youth Department News



The Youth Department started 2024 with some OUTSTANDING programs.

In January Chalutzim (K-2nd) planted parsley that should grow in time for Pesach, and in February they played "Winter Olympic Games"!

Chaverim (3rd-5th) played Winter Olympic Games in January and in February had a pizza-making event.

None of the kids in our Geshar (6th-8th) have been able to attend any of the events planned this year so far, BUT we had FOURTEEN 8th graders join TWENTY-TWO USYers for Limo Lock-In in February and we hope those 8th graders will start joining the Minyan/Wacky Wednesday group this semester!

Our USYers (9th-12th) have been very busy. In addition to Minyan/Wacky Wednesday, many of our kids attended Sub-Regional Convention in January, Limo Lock-In in February, and Yom Islands of Adventure also in February! Stay tuned for our awesome Israeli-themed Purim Carnival on March 24th and Regional Convention coming up in April. To see photos from recent USY events, see page 23.

If you haven't registered your kids for our Youth Department, follow this link to participate:

<https://www.etzchaim.net/form/YouthGroupMembership2023-24> - YOUR KIDS WILL THANK YOU!



40 YEARS **HUNGER**
WALK RUN

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Registration is now open!

Etz Chaim has two teams this year!
Sign up to walk or donate through our team captains.

Bob Frohlich: <http://tinyurl.com/TeamFrohlich24>
Debbi Chartash: <http://tinyurl.com/TeamChartash2024>



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

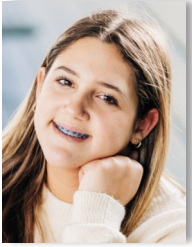
"NOT IN GOD'S NAME"
by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

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

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

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

A HEARTY MAZAL TOV TO THESE STUDENTS CELEBRATING THEIR B'NAI MITZVAH!



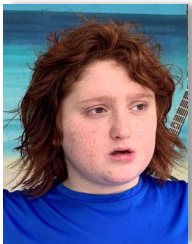
Isabella Dix will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 9, 2024 – 29 Adar I 5784. She is the daughter of Emma and David Dix. Isabella's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Vayakhel. She is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for seven years. Isabella's hobbies and interests include skiing, baking, painting, and fashion.

Isabella's D'var Torah quote is "In Parashat Vayakhel, Moses assembles the Israelites and conveys God's instructions regarding building the Mishkan, but not before reminding them of the importance of observing the Shabbat." For her mitzvah project, Isabella will be making fresh sandwiches for The Sandwich Project. "A primary goal of The Sandwich Project is to educate our community regarding food insecurity. One out of eight families in the Atlanta Metro Area lives with food insecurity."



Jordan Nathan will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 16, 2024 – 6 Adar II 5784. She is the daughter of Leigh and Mathew Nathan. Jordan's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Pekudei. She is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years and attended our Preschool for four years. Jordan's hobbies and interests include soccer, drama, and summer camp at Six Points Sports Academy. She also enjoys spending time with family, friends, and all things music!

Jordan's D'var Torah quote is "Just as Moses had to follow every detail in the building of the Tabernacle, I too use details every day to ensure success in everything I seek to accomplish." For her mitzvah project, Jordan is collecting donations for CO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, to honor the memory of her grandfather, Michael Levin.



Levi Slomovitz will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 18 Adar II 5784. He is the son of Rachel Slomovitz and grandson of Rabbi Albert and Gail Slomovitz. Levi is a 7th grader at Jacob's Ladder School. His hobbies and interests include laughing, hugging, and playing with his brother.

Levi's D'var Torah quote is "Be kind to others. A high five goes a long way." For his mitzvah project, Levi will be volunteering with the Kosher Food Pantry.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah

The Voice features information on upcoming B'nai Mitzvah.

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

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

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

bernice@etzchaim.net

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

Mazal
Tov

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.

Men's Club Notes

Good Day, Etz Chaim Congregants.

Men's Club was very busy in the month of February giving back to the congregation and the community.

We started off with our monthly meeting, which comprised of preparing a meal for Rebecca's Tent. Special thanks to **Alan Lightstone** and **Joe Ziskend** for their shopping and cooking and to **Bob Gordon** and **Andy Becker** for delivering the meal.

The World Wide Wrap was a great kickoff to the Superbowl on Sunday, February 11. We had several members help instruct the Religious School students on how to wrap Tefillin and its significance. It was a very meaningful morning for all. Special thanks to **Joe Goldstein** for coordinating this event.

On February 18, we had a fantastic turnout with Sisterhood for Trivia Night at Padriac's in Smyrna. The place was packed and buzzing with excitement and energy. There are some extremely knowledgeable people amongst us, especially when it comes to Trivia!

We look forward to our **Men's Club Retreat at Camp Ramah**, March 1-3. We offered a \$100 scholarships for first timers. **Rabbi Dorsch** will be one of the host Rabbis for the event this year. This is a great way to show your support for the Synagogue and enjoy a meaningful Jewish experience.

The **L'Etz Go Braves** outing has been moved from May 19, 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 **June 2** as the new date and look for an announcement soon about tickets.

The Super Bowl squares contest was a big hit again this year and sold out before game time. Congratulations to our winner of two quarters, Mathew Nathan who took home \$250 for each square. The other two squares were not taken.

Men's Club Shabbat will be on **March 23**, and we welcome your participation. Please reach out to me or **Barry Riesenber**g if you would like to participate.

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** or **Mathew Nathan**.

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



President: Bryan Coleman
VP: Mathew Nathan

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!
mensclub@etzchaim.net

The graphic has a blue background with a white zigzag pattern. On the left, there are two yellow arrow-shaped signs pointing right, one above the other, with the words 'PRIME' and 'TIMERS' in purple. Below these is the word 'TRIVIA' in large, pink, bubbly letters with a purple outline. A purple speech bubble shape surrounds the 'TRIVIA' text. In the bottom left, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text 'SUNDAY MARCH 17' in yellow and '\$5 per person' in purple. Below this, it says 'From 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Hammer-Tritt Social Hall' in yellow. On the right side, the text 'Join us for a fun afternoon of Trivia Snacks and Friends! Walk-ins welcome.' is written in white. Below that, 'TO RSVP:' is in white, followed by the URL 'www.etzchaim.net/event/ptrivia2024' in yellow. At the bottom right is the Congregation ETZ CHAIM logo, which includes a tree icon and the tagline 'creating meaningful Jewish experiences'.

Join us for a fun afternoon of
Trivia
Snacks
and Friends!
Walk-ins welcome.

TO RSVP:
www.etzchaim.net/event/ptrivia2024

SUNDAY
MARCH 17 | \$5 per person

From 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

1190 Indian Hills Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30068

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Minyan Makers

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

Interest Groups

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

Centerpiece Rental

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

JNF Trees for Israel

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

For more information about Sisterhood, please contact:

Neda Gayle, 615-477-3152, nedagayle@att.net or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, laineibeth@comcast.net.

Check us out on Facebook or on our website at www.etzchaim.net/sisterhood

ATTENTION ETZ CHAIM MEMBERS:

If you are planning to be away for an extended amount of time, please inform the office.

Judaica and Gifts Shop Hours

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

The Sisterhood Scoop

Surround Yourself with Women that will Lift You Higher

Sunday, March 3, is a very special **Membership Appreciation Event** as we support and honor our women in the IDF. See our ad on page 7.

Sunday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m. join us at the Bayit for Book Club. We will discuss *Shanda* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin - hosted by Marcy Caras. See our ad on page 17.

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**).

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) 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.

Stop by our **Judaica & Gifts Shop** for a special gift for your loved one or yourself! There are plenty of fun things for Purim and we have a great selection of Passover items for you to purchase.

Please continue to support **Sunday Morning Minyan at 9:15 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, or Helaine Mark at 404-353-4589, laineibeth@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 27 for more information.



WLCJ SOUTHERN REGION CONFERENCE

APRIL 7TH - 9TH 2024

AHAVATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

RSVP: 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




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

March 7, 14, 21 & 28
April 4, 11 & 18
May 2 & 9

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

March 12
April 9

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



Mocha Mondays

7:45 a.m.

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

Save these dates:

March 18

April 15

May 13 - Yom HaZikaron

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

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

Save these dates:

March 19

April 16

May 14 Topic:
Yom Ha'atzmaut

1 Concourse Pkwy., Atlanta, GA 30328
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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
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- **Peggy Freedman**
- **Gary Deutsch**
- **Roni Robbins**

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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

Admission Bracelets:

\$15.00 per child if purchased by Wednesday, March 20.

\$20.00 per child at the door.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PURIM CARNIVAL

Ticket Packages and Sponsorships:

Ticket Packages:

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

Carnival Donor Sponsorships:

- Jerusalem - \$400+**
- Tel Aviv - \$300 - \$399**
- Be'er Sheva \$200 - \$299**
- Haifa - \$100 - \$199**
- Eilat - \$54 - \$99**
- Double Chai \$36 - \$53**
- Chai \$18 - \$35**



www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024





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

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



Name: _____

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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!



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CARNIVAL DONOR INFORMATION

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

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ 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!

Food will be sold separately.

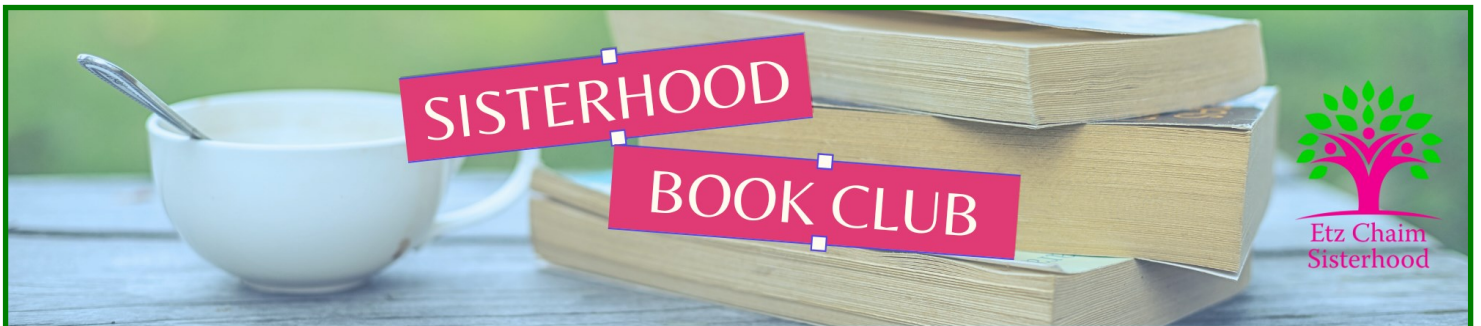
Please return this flier to the Synagogue Office by **Friday, March 15th**. Or order online at www.etzchaim.net/event/purimcarnival2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Lyons at USYouthGroup@etzchaim.net



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UPCOMING BOOKS AND DATES

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.

Lilmode's "People of the Book" program is returning!

Stay tuned for congregant Harry Stern's latest book, *The Insider*.

Want to get a "head-start" on reading the book?

A "Mix and Mingle" Launch Party will be held at Bookmiser-East Cobb, March 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m.



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March Yahrzeits

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

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

Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

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

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

Please contact:

Lisa Flagel—678-591-7950

Your cooperation please!

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

1-Mar	David Bodenstein	21	Adar	12-Mar	Bernice Weinstein	2	Adar II
1-Mar	J.R. Shaw	21	Adar	* 12-Mar	Ida Cheslin	2	Adar II
2-Mar	Irving Kaufman	22	Adar	12-Mar	Millie" S. Cohen	2	Adar II
2-Mar	Leon Kroungold	22	Adar I	13-Mar	Ralph Geldbart	3	Adar II
2-Mar	Victoria Cadranel	22	Adar	13-Mar	Sean Black	3	Adar II
3-Mar	Gordon Black	23	Adar	14-Mar	Raymond Smith	4	Adar II
3-Mar	Sonia Gordon	23	Adar I	15-Mar	Jerome Angster	5	Adar II
4-Mar	Adele Effel	24	Adar	15-Mar	Tobie Schneider	5	Adar II
4-Mar	Claire Schneider	24	Adar I	* 16-Mar	Harriet R. Miller	6	Adar II
4-Mar	Eli Silberman	24	Adar	16-Mar	Zelda Zlotin	6	Adar II
4-Mar	Irving L. Shapiro	24	Adar	* 17-Mar	Manuel N. Fineman	7	Adar II
* 4-Mar	Ralph Goldman	24	Adar	17-Mar	Miles Baron	7	Adar II
* 5-Mar	Harry May	25	Adar	* 17-Mar	Ovadia Aghajani	7	Adar
5-Mar	Morris Cohen	25	Adar I	17-Mar	Sidney Goodman	7	Adar II
6-Mar	Erwin Bodzy	26	Adar I	* 19-Mar	Anne Rose Leonard	9	Adar II
6-Mar	Ira Katz	26	Adar	19-Mar	"Rico" Grunfeld	9	Adar II
* 6-Mar	Leo Levine	26	Adar	* 20-Mar	Myrna Lyons	10	Adar II
* 7-Mar	Daniel Frankel	27	Adar	* 20-Mar	Samuel Altman	10	Adar II
* 7-Mar	"Hy" Krugman	27	Adar	22-Mar	Jerome Mellman	12	Adar II
7-Mar	Lester Gersten	27	Adar	* 23-Mar	Herbert Ray	13	Adar II
7-Mar	Linda Deutsch	27	Adar	* 24-Mar	Charlot Low	14	Adar II
7-Mar	Max Nesselroth	27	Adar	24-Mar	Gloria Saltzman	14	Adar II
7-Mar	Rosalyn Meyer	27	Adar I	25-Mar	Marvin Silver	15	Adar II
* 8-Mar	Arlene Berman	28	Adar	* 25-Mar	Monavar Nooromid	15	Adar
8-Mar	Chana Siegal	28	Adar	25-Mar	Theodore Shapiro	15	Adar II
8-Mar	Esther Ben-Aroia	28	Adar I	26-Mar	Ross Shapiro	16	Adar II
8-Mar	Harry Kray	28	Adar I	* 28-Mar	Martin Bock	18	Adar II
8-Mar	Irwin Rickles	28	Adar	29-Mar	Gayle Boxer	19	Adar II
9-Mar	Leonard Goldberg	29	Adar	29-Mar	Shirley Jassen	19	Adar II
9-Mar	Wayne Landon	29	Adar I	30-Mar	Arlene Rosenfeld	20	Adar II
10-Mar	Leonard Klein	30	Adar I	* 30-Mar	Diana R. Greif	20	Adar II
11-Mar	Gloria Schancupp	1	Adar II	* 30-Mar	Menachem Rubinstein	20	Adar II
* 11-Mar	Sondra David	1	Adar II	31-Mar	Arnold Fram	21	Adar II
12-Mar	Arthur Levin	2	Adar II	31-Mar	Susan Simon	21	Adar II

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.


We Stand with Israel



Ways to show your support for Israel:

- [JFGA Emergency Campaign](#)
- [JNF Israel Resilience Campaign](#)
- [Israel Bonds](#)
- [Friends of the IDF](#)
- [Atlanta Israel Coalition](#)
- [Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Inc.](#)
- [Brothers and Sisters for Israel](#)

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>3 (23 Adar I) Men's Club Retreat Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim 4th Gr. Family Wkshp 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Religious School 9:15a Melton Class 10a Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Geshet Event 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Membership Appreciation 7p</p>	<p>4 (24 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta & Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>5 (25 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>6 (26 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Docent Program 12p Art for a Mitzvah 1p PS Faculty Meeting 6p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p>7 (27 Adar I) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>8 (28 Adar I) Vayakhel Morning Minyan 7a Minyan Mishpacha 6p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p</p>	<p>9 (29 Adar I) Vayakhel Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Dix 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a Kids Night Out 5p</p>
<p>10 (30 Adar I) →Spring Forward ← Rosh Chodesh Adar II RS & Pre-K 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Melton Class 10a Sisterhood Book Club 10a ACFB Hunger Walk 1p Chalutzim: Hamantashen Baking 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>11 (1 Adar II) Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta & Mah Jongg 10a Shalom in the Shul 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>12 (2 Adar II) Primary Election Day Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study - Huntcliff 2p Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:15p</p>	<p>13 (3 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p>14 (4 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7p</p>	<p>Candle Lighting 6:23p</p> <p>15 (5 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:28p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 7:31p</p> <p>16 (6 Adar II) Pekudei Bat Mitzvah of Jordan Nathan 9:30a Babysitting avail. 9:30a</p>
<p>17 (7 Adar II) Religious School 9:15a Morning Minyan 9:15a Melton Class 10a 2nd Gr. Family Wkshp 11:30a Chaverim: Hamantashen Baking 12:15p Prime Timers Trivia 3p Evening Minyan 6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg. 7p</p>	<p>18 (8 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Mocha Monday 7:45a Community Canasta & Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p Senior Seminar 7p</p>	<p>19 (9 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Lunch & Learn 12p Religious School 4:45pm Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>20 (10 Adar II) Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p <i>Lilmode: Genealogy 7p</i> RS Board Meeting 7:30p</p>	<p>21 (11 Adar II) Taanit Esther Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Confirmation Class 5:30p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>22 (12 Adar II) Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Morning Minyan 7a VIP Day & Purim Festivities 9:30a Men's Club Shabbat 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a USY Purim Lock-in 7p Traditional Megillah Reading and Social 8:30p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 8:37p</p> <p>23 (13 Adar II) Vayikra Erev Purim Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Shabbat Services 9:30a Men's Club Shabbat 9:30a Team Shabbat 10:30a USY Purim Lock-in 7p Traditional Megillah Reading and Social 8:30p</p>
<p>24 (14 Adar II) Purim Rabbi Adler @ Etz Chaim Purim Lock-in Ends 9a Morning Minyan 9:15a R.S. & Pre-K 9:15a Family Megillah Read. 11a Purim Carnival 12p Girl Scouts Mtg. 12:15p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>25 (15 Adar II) Shushan Purim Preschool Conferences (School IN session) Morning Minyan 7a Community Canasta & Mah Jongg 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>26 (16 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Koffee & Kibbitz 11a Religious School 4:45p Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>27 (17 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Art for a Mitzvah 1p Evening Minyan 6:30p USY Wacky 6:30p</p>	<p>28 (18 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Torah Study 10a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>	<p>Candle Lighting 7:34p</p> <p>29 (19 Adar II) Morning Minyan 7a Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 8:42p</p> <p>30 (20 Adar II) Tzav Shabbat Services 9:30a Babysitting avail. 9:30a</p>
<p>31 (21 Adar II) No Religious School Morning Minyan 9:15a Evening Minyan 6:30p</p>					<p>Candle Lighting 7:39p</p>	<p>Shabbat Ends 8:48p</p>

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

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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.

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- Jelly
- Mac & Cheese - Publix
- Kosher Soup
- Soup Packets

For more information, contact Sharon Lightstone.





**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: \$60 per adult (13 and up)

\$30 per child (6 - 12 years old)

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OUR SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE IN JANUARY Brad Hirschfield was an inspiring scholar. His book, *You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right: Finding Faith without Fanaticism* is out on display and available for checkout in our library. (250 HIR)

Phillip's Library has some great books you can borrow. All are out on display in our library this month.

Film: Anna and the Egyptian Doctor

Book: Anna and Dr. Helmy: How an Arab Doctor Saved a Jewish Girl in Hitler's Berlin. A recent selection of the Sisterhood Book Club, this is the inspiring true story of an Egyptian physician living in Berlin who through his actions managed to save Anna, a Jewish teenager, during World War II. (940.441 STE)

Film: One Life

Book: Nicholas Winton's Lottery of Life. The story of Sir Nicholas Winton and how he saved Jewish lives during World War II is a remarkable symbol of human solidarity, self-sacrifice, and courage. (940.44 MIN)

Film: The Catskills

Book: Borscht Belt Bungalows: Memories of Catskills Summers. Narratives, anecdotes, and photos recapture everything from the traffic jams leaving the city to the strategies for sneaking into the casinos of the big hotels in the Catskills in the summer. (974.7 RIC)

Film: Vishniac

Book: A Vanished World. It is incredible how Roman Vishniac captured the variety of Jewish life in late 1930s Eastern Europe--from the streets of Warsaw, Cracow, and Lublin, to villages in the Carpathians in this inspiring and amazing book of photographs. (943 VIS)

Film: Golda's War Diaries

Book for Kids: Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir's First Crusade. One of several children's books on Golda Meir in our library, this picture book tells of an episode in 9-year-old Golda Meir's life growing up in Milwaukee. It is a perfect read-aloud to introduce kids to Golda Meir. (J Biog MEI)

Want to check out one of these books? Just follow the self-checkout directions on our circulation desk in the library.

Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance
Sunday, May 5, 2024
11:00 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 your seat on the bus: www.etzchaim.net/event/yomhashoahgreenwood.



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my dad, Alex Freeman on the anniversary
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Joan Rabin (z"l) on the 9th anniversary of
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and Maya Moyal**

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Marty Gilbert. Hoping you have a full
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Marty, we wish you a quick and healthy
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Paula, Cheryl, and Jonathan Coplon

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illnesses.

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Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for the time you
have spent with me and my family. I feel
like we have known you for so much longer
than we have. You made Norman and me
feel so welcome from the very beginning. I
have heard from so many of my neighbors
who had never been to a Jewish funeral
about what a beautiful service it was. I
couldn't agree more. You made Norman's
memory come alive. I can't begin to say
how much it meant to me. I look forward to
seeing you next week. Love,

Marsha Mehlman

In honor of:

My friend Amanda for converting to Judaism
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Grace and Ken Graiser

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Marty Gilbert

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Marty Gilbert. Hope you're feeling better. Wishing you all the best and good health.

Fondly,

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

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Marty. I wish him a hearty refuah shleimah for a speedy recovery and a healthy return to the Etz.

Esther Shultz

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In memory of:

Debby Cohen. Every year it becomes easier for us to visit. Rest well and be at peace,

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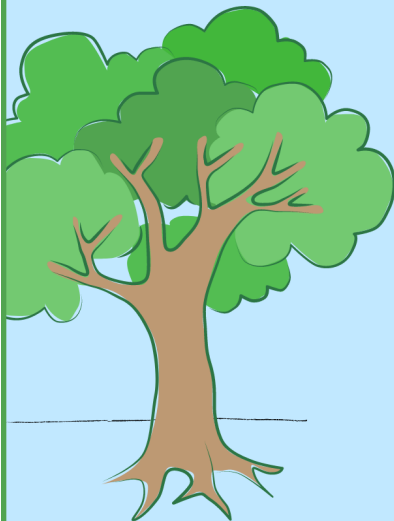
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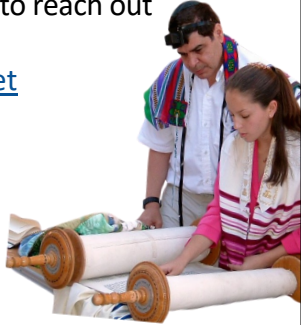
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Roots—Etz Chaim’s Small Group Initiative:



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.

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.

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. See you on Zoom at: 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 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 or Malka Riesenbergl at malka217@gmail.com.

Walking/Running Group Seeking a new leader for this group.

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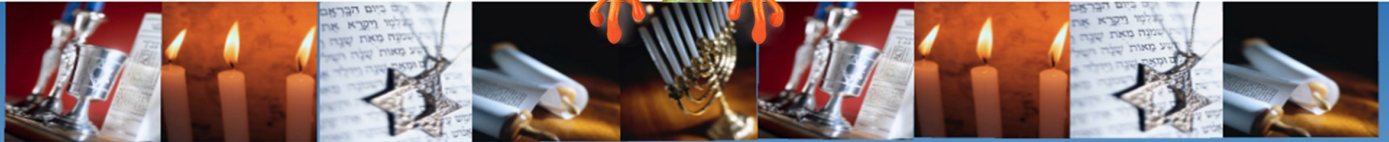
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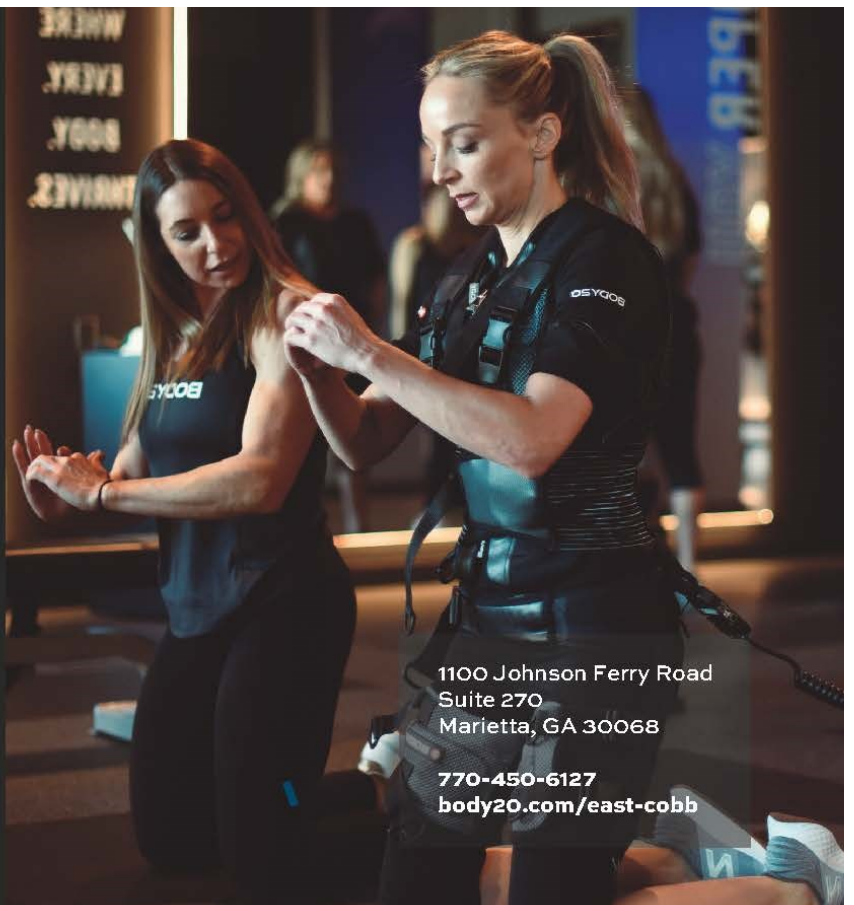
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