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MAY 19, 6:00 P.M.

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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/facebooklivestream



#### Daniel Dorsch Rabbi

Many of you are quick to recommend the latest Jewish television show you would like me to watch or the latest Jewish book you would like me to read. "Rabbi, did you see *Shtisel or Fauda*?" Or "What about the latest Holocaust documentary from the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival?"

I appreciate all your love and passion for Jewish arts and culture that you want to share with me. However, it may surprise you to find out that I make it a point of generally not watching any Jewish programs or reading Jewish books outside of work. I recently was discussing this with my friend Andrea Miskewicz from the Holocaust Museum at KSU; she too makes a point of not watching Holocaust documentaries outside of the office. Like doctors who don't watch *E.R.*, or lawyers who do not watch *Law and Order*, as a rabbi I have somewhat of an aversion to watching programs about Jews and their everyday problems. I explain to my wife (who loves these kinds of programs) that I get to deal with these concerns every day at work. Do I need to watch them at night before bed?

Instead, I am completely hooked on a show from Masterpiece Theatre called *Grantchester*. The show is about an Anglican priest living in a small suburb of Cambridge in the early 1950s. He finds himself frequently discouraged as he watches a decline in church attendance in the aftermath of the war, despite the heart and soul he pours into his sermons. He struggles with his faith as he wrestles with how being a priest affects his life decisions in an era of increased modernity (he's somewhat of "a badtuchus," because he smokes and listens to jazz music). His childhood friends see him as strange because he made the choice to become a priest; he cannot understand why his career path has led them to treat him differently.

Then during the day—for a break from his otherwise mundane life—he partners with the local constabulary to go out and solve murder mysteries.

Why do I love the show so much? It's not only because there are days when I too wish I was off solving murder mysteries.

It's because when we watch television programs, we generally do so for two reasons: for escape or validation. If I want to escape, I put on Star Wars, Game of Thrones, or a ball game. But as Jewish television resonates for so many of you, I must confess that a great deal about *Grantchester* validates my own experience. There's an episode where the priest gets onto the bimah (but they don't call it a bimah, right?) to give a sermon where he asks the congregation to call him by his first name. The congregation goes bananas! How could a priest be called by his first name? The other day, when Haley told her friend that my first name was "Rabbi", it was me who almost went bananas.

The modern rabbinate is anything but mundane and boring. Etz Chaim is a vibrant and active community where I feel appreciated, needed, and valued. But as a country and a society, it seems that we are no doubt going through one of the greatest crises of faith since *Grantchester*. The second World War brought people together in common cause and allowed us to see that our differences were mundane; today, those differences feel more like unbridgeable chasms. In 2024 there are even more places for people to go and look for wrong answers than "skipping church". People rarely turn to their faith for answers to life's ultimate questions. At best, they go to a trusted healthcare provider. At worst, they doom scroll on social media, give in to the mob, or talk with "expertise" from their feelings rather than from the facts.

It's not perfectly analogous. But watching *Grantchester* is good for my soul because it reminds me that we've been there before, that religious life is cyclical, and that being "a lonely man of faith" (Rabbi Soloveitchik's expression, not mine) is not an uncommon phenomenon for this line of work.

It also reminds me that if all else fails, that I know that I can always find and put on that cape in my closet and go out and solve murder mysteries.



#### Elliot Okrent President

"We are fa-mi-ly, I got all my sisters (and my brothers) with me - yeah! We are fa-mi-ly, Get up everybody and sing!" -Sister Sledge

It's May! And what a busy month it is. It marks the end of the school year in our region, complete with graduation ceremonies and BBQs. It's also a time for playful puns like "May the fourth be with you" and a heartfelt acknowledgment of Mother's Day for all the moms and maternal figures in our lives. And of course, I can't forget to celebrate my youngest, Evan, whose birthday falls on May 5. Happy Birthday, Ev!

But we can't stop there. May 13 is Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, and May 14 is Yom Ha'atzmaut –Israel's Independence Day. Both are particularly meaningful given the ongoing war against evil and all the feelings that go along with each. Of course, the end of the month also brings us Memorial Day in the U.S., honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and the unofficial start to summer for many.

For Congregation Etz Chaim, May 19 is our annual Casino Night celebration. This year's theme is "We are Family", an ode to the 70's hit by Sister Sledge, but a theme that we thought would be particularly meaningful given the times we are in. At the heart of our community lies the profound truth that we are family – as a congregation and as Jews. Like any family, we come from different walks of life, each with our own stories, struggles, and triumphs. Yet within these differences, we find strength in unity. Just as a family supports and uplifts its members through life's trials, so too do we stand beside one another, offering comfort, encouragement, and love. Regardless of age, background, or status within the congregation or community, everyone is welcomed and valued as part of our extended family. Together, we strive to create a welcoming and inclusive space where all feel valued, accepted, and empowered to contribute their unique gifts and talents.

This event also serves as one of our largest fundraising efforts of the year, highlighted by our Ad Journal. Ads are due by the end of the month, and the order form is available in this issue of the Voice of Chaim. I encourage you to consider purchasing an ad for yourself, your family, or even recommend local businesses looking to advertise and support our community. I'm immensely grateful to the many dedicated individuals, especially Evan Eisenstadt, our VP of Fundraising, along with Marty Gilbert Janis Greenfield, Steven Horovitz, and Bernice Isaac, whose hard work and dedication make events like this possible.

As we move forward together, let us remain focused on what unites us and makes us family. Whether it be nurturing spiritual growth, supporting those in need, or advocating for social justice, our collective efforts have the power to bring about meaningful change. By standing shoulder to shoulder, we amplify our impact and inspire others to join us in the pursuit of a better tomorrow.

Together, we are stronger, together, we are resilient, and together, we will continue to shine as a beacon of hope and love in our world.



# Marty Gilbert Executive Director

This month we celebrate a very important idea.

We celebrate ourselves because "We are Family".

We watch out for each other; we support each other and sometimes we disagree, but it always comes down to how much we care for each other.

For almost 50 years we have created "Meaningful Jewish Experiences" here in East Cobb. We have made a difference in so many lives and touched so many people throughout the area. As we move into our 50<sup>th</sup> year and beyond, let us continue to strive for the principles we stand for:

Congregation Etz Chaim is a progressive, egalitarian, and inclusive Conservative synagogue that provides meaningful Jewish experiences in a welcoming, engaging environment. We provide

- Inspiring religious services.
- Educational, social, and cultural activities, serving multi-generational needs.
- A caring community that supports one another through both joyful and challenging life cycle events.
- Connections with the broader community and opportunities for Tikkun Olam.

Please support us with an ad in the annual Ad Journal and Membership Directory and celebrate with us at the Casino night on May 19. The Ad Journal is our Spring fundraiser, and its success is vital to our budget. Please take the time to thank the people at Etz Chaim that make a difference in your life and are part of your "family".

Am Yisrael Chai





## Jamie Lyons Interim Youth Director



The Youth Department had an awesome April. Chalutzim and Chaverim joined with their grand-parents for a well-attended L'Dor v'Dor Top Chef Pesach program. At the same time, 20-25 teens from Gesher and USY enjoyed HaNegev Regional Convention

and then joined Delet Darom at Six Flags. In addition to Wacky Wednesdays, we have three final events coming up: (1) Chalutzim and Chaverim Tie-dye on May 5; (2) Sababa USY Elections on May 8; and (3) USY Banquet on May  $19 \sim \text{To RSVP}$ , click here.











#### **Department of Education**

# DATES TO REMEMBER: PRESCHOOL

Wednesday, May 1
Cool Cats Conferences
begin (School IN session)
Friday, May 10
Tot Shabbat
Thursday, May 16
Cool Cat Siyum
Monday, May 20
Last Day of Preschool

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Sunday, May 5
Last Day Pre-K Class
Last Day Religious School
Maccabia Games



# Debbie Deutsch Director of Education

#### What's Going on in Kitah Alef

Contributed by Kitah Alef teacher Claire Isbitts

We focus on foundational concepts and aspects of Judaism and teachings. We focus on both religion and culture in explaining the stories behind Creation, Noah's Ark, Adam and Eve, etc. and how they still provide lessons to be gained millennia later. With holidays, we learn how to apply our weekly learning on a daily basis.

For example, having courage to stand up for what you believe in, like Esther, or being brave enough to say you're sorry as we do around Yom Kippur.

Our curriculum explores the importance of symbolism in aspects of Judaism like names and naming, religious objects, and holiday symbolism. We discuss kindness and compassion throughout the year with different religious stories and mitzvot.



#### Lauren Chernau Assistant Director Etz Chaim Preschool

As the school year winds down, the preschool quickly gets geared up for the beginning of Camp Ruach! Registration is well on its way, and we are right on track with the number of campers who will be joining us this summer. We are busy dividing children into groups and assigning staff members to lead the children

throughout the summer.

We will be exploring such weekly themes as *Little Scientist, Wild, Wild West, Make a Mess, Craft and Create* and several more! Each day, during camp, the children will travel around the camp and participate in fun and exciting activities at each Camp Zone. They will sing and learn camp cheers and songs every day at Shirot Ha'Boker. They will create masterpieces at the Art Zone. The campers will explore and play at the Sensory Zone. They will experiment at the Science Zone and practice moving their bodies at the Sports Zone. But the favorite Zone of the summer is usually the Water Zone. At the Water Zone children splash, slip, pour, dump, run, and play in water-related activities. Summer is a time to slow down from the hustle and bustle of the year, spend time with friends playing and enjoying the sun, and just having some great fun!

We are so excited for Camp Ruach 2024!







































#### Join us on May 10

for our last Tot Shabbat of the school year

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 <u>no</u> "Team Shabbat". Please check our website at <u>www.etzchaim.net/calendar</u> or in the weekly EtzBlast for more information.

Upcoming Dates: May 4, 11, 18 and 25

### TEAM SHABBAT AT ETZ CHAIM

2023-24 Season

LAST TEAM SHABBAT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

all stars "world series"

SATURDAY, MAY 11

TIME: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

**ALL STARS** 

GRADES 6 & 7

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

### Our Etz Chaim Community

#### Mazal Tov to...

Heather and Justin Blake on the birth of their son, Carter Noah, born on April 5

Nate Aronstein on being named as Etz Chaim's honoree for the 2024 Hadassah Chesed Student Awards. He is the son of Nanci and David Aronstein.

Stephanie and Jeffrey Knauer on the marriage of their daughter, Madeline to Spencer Hodes on April 6. Spencer is the son of David Hodes and Joli Schwab

Bethany Rydell, who was elected as HaNegev Region USY Executive VP and

Outreach VP. She is the daughter of Estelle and Michael Rydell.

#### Our Condolences to...

Lou Rosengarten on the passing of his beloved wife, Helen Rosengarten, and beloved mother of Debbie Deutsch

Brenda Bookman on the passing of her beloved husband, Bernard Bookman, and beloved father of Marnie Nadolne Jill Gardner on the passing of her beloved mother, Madolyn Geldbart

Helen Rosental on the passing of her beloved father, Edward Rush

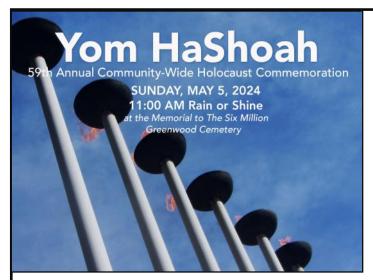
Debbie Isbitts and Saundi Shapiro on the passing of their beloved mother, Anita Reiter

Thank You to our Office Volunteers...

Billy Balser Irwin Berman Ron Judenberg Jen Katz Keith Kirshner Clifford Martin

Linda Weinroth

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



#### Community-Wide Yom HaShoah Observance Sunday, May 5, 2024 Program at 11:00 a.m. Our bus will leave the Etz Chaim parking lot at 9:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

To reserve a seat on the bus, please RSVP at www.etzchaim.net/event/yomhashoahgreenwood.



### Voice of Chaim Submission Deadlines

**June** Annual Report Deadline: Wednesday, May 1 **July** Special Issue: Monday, June 3

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

Voice of Chaim



# Thank you to those who have donated to the Torah Fund for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

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# Torah Fund support women's league

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**



When you support Torah Fund, you help educate the next generation of Jewish scholars around the world. For more info visit <a href="https://www.WLCJ.org">www.WLCJ.org</a>.



Benefactor level donations and above receive this year's pin.

#### **MULTIPLE GIVING LEVELS**

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#### **CONTACT SANDY BAILEY**



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#### MINYAN AND SHABBAT INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM:

All Shabbat Services in-person and via livestream.

Minyanim are held in-person only.

BE A MITZVAH MAKER.

#### PLEASE HELP US MAKE A MINYAN FOR THOSE SAYING KADDISH.

(In order to say Mourner's Kaddish, we need to have 10 participants.)
Monday - Friday Mornings 7:00 a.m. 

Sunday Mornings 9:15 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday Evenings 6:30 p.m.

#### Click link to livestream:

https://www.etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream

MINYANIM ARE HELD IN THE ALLAN AND VIVIAN LEVINE FAMILY CHAPEL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE LINDY AND NORMAN RADOW SANCTUARY

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



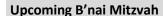
Josselyn Sutton will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 4, 2024 ~ 26 Nisan 5784. She is the daughter of Jessica and Adam Sutton. Josselyn's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Acharei Mot. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Hightower Trail Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for five years. Josselyn's hobbies and interests include drawing/art, band and chorus.

Josselyn's D'var Torah quote is "For me, being a Bat Mitzvah means being an adult in the Jewish community and taking responsibility for my actions." For her mitzvah project, Josselyn is collecting art supplies for art therapy at Jewish Family and Career Services (JF&CS).



**Ari Solomon Flaks will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 11, 2024** ~ **3 lyar 5784.** He is the son Rabba Amanda and Joseph Flaks. Ari's Bar Mitzvah Parasha is Kedoshim. He is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Dickerson Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years. Ari's hobbies and interests include video games, time with friends, taking walks with his dog, Golda, cooking, traveling and music.

Ari's D'var Torah quote is "My Torah portion, Kedoshim, emphasizes loving others and showing kindness, something that I try to do every day. For his mitzvah project, Ari is working with The Sandwich Project, a non-profit organization whose volunteers assemble and donate fresh, homemade sandwiches each week for immediate consumption to meet the food scarcity needs in Metro Atlanta.



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** 



Lily Nothdurft will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 18, 2024 ~ 10 Iyar 5784. She is the daughter of Angie and James Nothdurft. Lily's Bat Mitzvah

Parasha is Emor. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Hightower Trail Middle School and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years. Lily's hobbies and interests include dancing, baking, music, and spending her summers at Camp Barney Medintz.

Lily's D'var Torah quote is "Just as the Kohanim were able to balance their sacred duties with their family obligations, my family members always make time for one another, no matter how busy life gets." For her mitzvah project, Lily worked with Kids Boost to raise money for Bosley's Place, a neonatal puppy rescue, and volunteered her time with Our Pal's Place, an animal shelter in Marietta.



Mia Francesca Azriel will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on May 25, 2024 ~ 17 lyar 5784. She is the daughter of Michelle and Joshua Azriel. Mia's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Behar. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Capstone Academy and has been a student in Etz Chaim's Religious School for eight years. Mia's hobbies and interests include acting, volleyball and travelling.

Mia's D'var Torah quote is "Parashat Behar teaches us that justice isn't just about rules; it's about making sure everyone gets a fair chance to happiness and belonging." For her mitzvah project, Mia volunteered her time at Our Pal's Place, an animal advocate organization with a pet adoption facility and learning center. They rescue orphaned pets from county shelters and provide a safe, loving environment until the pets are adopted into a forever home.



#### **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**

Greetings, Etz Chaim Congregants.

fine leadership Impossion Community

I hope everyone had a good Pesach as Men's Club enjoyed cooking over 300 lbs. Leadership Innovation Community of brisket for all to enjoy for their Seders and beyond. Special thanks to **Alan Lightstone** for coordinating this event and making it seamless and fun for all.

The **L'Etz Go Braves** outing is now open on a first come first serve basis for **June 2**, so reserve your seats ASAP as we were only able to get 25 tickets. Parking Passes are also available.

Lastly, the **Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day** will be on **May 5.** Men's Club will be providing candles as part of the Yellow Candle initiative. More details on this event will be coming soon as we will be providing transportation to Greenwood Cemetery for a special event.

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 ( <a href="mailto:rog-bry@mindspring.com">rog-bry@mindspring.com</a>) or Mathew Nathan (<a href="mailto:mattynathan@gmail.com">mattynathan@gmail.com</a>).

President: Bryan Coleman VP: Mathew Nathan

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club! 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

### L'ETZ GO BRAVES! FAMILY DAY AT THE BALLPARK

SPONSORED BY ETZ CHAIM'S MEN'S CLUB

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - FIRST PITCH AT 1:35 P.M. BRAVES -VS- ATHLETICS

Tickets: \$36 each
Optional parking pass: \$32

(Limited Quantities Available)

Seats: Section 317, Rows 12 and 13, (First Base line, shaded)
Optional Parking Pass in premium lot

We anticipate tickets selling out quickly! RSVP today.

etzchaim.net/event/mcbraves2024



#### Let's Connect!

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

Visit <u>www.etzchaim.net/socialmedia</u> for more information!





Instagram



#### Minyan Makers

The Sisterhood's sponsorship for Etz Chaim's daily minyan is on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please join us to help make minyan for those saying Kaddish for a loved one.

#### **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, laineybeth@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 Summer Shop Hours

The shop will be open by appointment only.

Please contact Reba at 770-846-3237 or Lauren at 404-402-0040

#### The Sisterhood Scoop

This is my last Sisterhood Scoop as I step down as your co-president. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of Etz Chaim Sisterhood and I will be continuing on as the Parliamentarian.



My love of Judaism and Israel have been a part of me for as long as I can remember. I'm sure many of us feel the same way, so I want to share with you my recent experience that encompassed my passion and love for this beautiful land.

The first time I was in Israel was September 2008, then again in July of 2009. Both times I was backpacking "yam", sea to sea. This recent trip was entirely different.

My trip with JNF was March 9, on Bus #5.

Our first day was a two-hour drive to Kibbutz Shlomit on the border of Gaza and Egypt. We pulled weeds and cleaned up the common areas to prepare for their return. An IDF soldier spoke to us: "I use a gun; you use a shovel". It is our triumph over Hamas, our survival is filling the children's playground with laughter. That is how we succeed; we are still here.

Rebuild, Rekindle, Our spirit is our strength.

We went on to Sderot where Hamas held the city captive for three days and burned down the police center. Our mission that day was to clean and paint the children's daycare.

When seeing the site of the music festival, there was a hush as the wind gently blew through as the sun was setting. JNF had a scribe enter letters for each of us on a sacred Torah. My letter was Lamed; lev mevin daat (a heart that understands wisdom). I was tearing up as he asked me what I would like to say. "May their souls always be a connecting thread between heaven and earth." I was overwhelmed with the posters of those beautiful lives that were taken - cruelly, unjustly in their prime of life.

When arriving on Sunday, I received a card with a photograph and name. I researched her. Karin Journo was 24 and murdered at the music festival. Because of the fracture in her right leg Karin had originally sold her ticket then, hearing about her friends being there, bought another ticket a week before the music festival. Before heading out, Karin snapped a selfie wearing black shorts and a halter top and her long dark hair untied, her nails polished to a bright red, graceful fingers forming a "V" sign. Her gray protective boot up to her knee made her easily identifiable in the footage. She was sheltering behind a car with a friend. In the final video she is seen sitting outside the open door of an ambulance wearing a brown hoodie borrowed from a friend. There were two people laid out inside the vehicle not moving. Saturday at 8:43 a.m. Karin sent a text to her father "to the whole family. I want to say that I love you a lot because I am not coming home." One week later the military found the ambulance Karin had been sheltering beside was hit by a rocket.

I can continue about the work and labor of love and the wonderful fellow volunteers I met; however that is not what I want you to remember.

When the news talks about the number of dead, the number of hostages, please remember they are not a number. Every person has a name, a story, a family. It is up to us to remember. NEVER AGAIN. Am Yisrael Chai.

#### Neda Gayle



Yahrzeit candles at site of Nova Music Festival.





Donate to the Torah Fund today. See page 8 for more information.



### Torah Study with the Rabbi

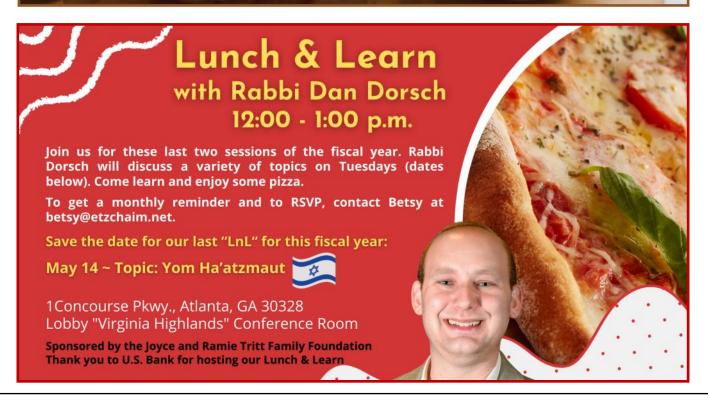
Join us in person or via Zoom for a stimulating conversation with the Rabbi.

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

May 2 & 9

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





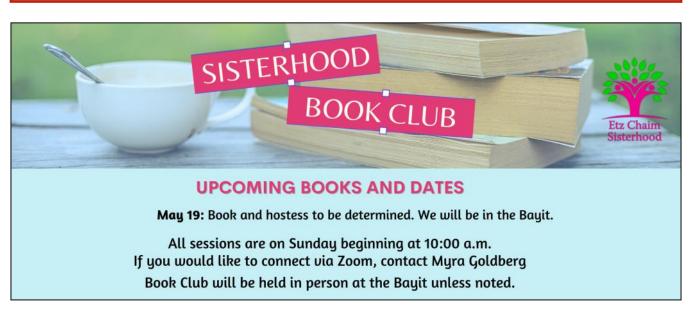


All are welcome to join Rabbi Lewis in a lively discussion on the book.

"NOT IN GOD'S NAME" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. All sessions 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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

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





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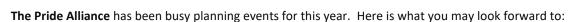


Special ticket package of \$65 per person includes:
Pre-game party at Coca-Cola Roxy (suitable for all ages)
from 5:20 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.
Braves Pride T-shirt

Seats in the Home Run Porch section Limited Parking Spaces (Lot 25) at \$27 each

Please RSVP by April 19 (Sorry, no refunds)

www.etzchaim.net/event/bravespride



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

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



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Need help enrolling?
Contact the Synagogue office



Did you know that Congregation Etz Chaim is the only progressive shul in East Cobb that offers daily morning and evening minyans?

We need your help, especially for our evening minyans. Minyan is less than thirty minutes from start to finish.

Why is minyan so important? In Jewish tradition, the concept of minyan holds profound significance, serving as the cornerstone of communal prayer and spiritual connection. The practice of at least ten Jews coming together for minyan encapsulates the values of solidarity, continuity, and devotion, fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose that Etz Chaim is known for.

Minyan can mark moments of simcha - like celebrating a b'nai mitzvah, a bris, or naming a baby. During moments of sorrow, such as mourning or illness, the minyan provides solace and strength through collective prayer and consolation. Within the Etz Chaim community, attending minyan transcends mere religious obligation; it embodies the essence of unity, support, and collective devotion to our members who are saying Kaddish after the death of a beloved family member. In this way, attending minyan fosters a culture of compassion, empathy, and mutual care within the Etz Chaim community, ensuring that no member ever feels alone in their journey.

We know that committing to minyan can be tough - it adds another "thing" to your long list of daily tasks. But if you commit to just one minyan a month, you will be performing a mitzvah of the highest order. Bring a friend, bring your kids, go out to dinner afterward, or spend some time catching up in the chapel.

Minyan is held Monday—Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. and Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Evening minyans are Monday—Thursday, and Sundays at 6:30p. Please feel free to reach out to us, Religion Co-VPs, if you need more information about attending: rabbiamandaflaks@gmail.com and joshvexler@gmail.com.



# Bereavement Services Offered to Congregants

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

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

#### Please contact:

Lisa Flagel - 678-591-7950

#### Your cooperation please!

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

# Family Member In the Hospital?

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

#### **May Yahrzeits**

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

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

1-May	Barbara Davison		Nisan	13-May	Robert Schultz	5	lyar
1-May	Esther Mehlman	23	Nisan	13-May	Sheldon Martin	5	lyar
*1-May	Herman Weitz	23	Nisan	14-May	Ann Schwarzman	6	lyar
1-May	Maxine Sisselman	23	Nisan	14-May	Elaine M. Sackett	6	lyar
1-May	Smiley Nelson	23	Nisan	14-May	Florence R. Glancz	6	lyar
*2-May	Ellen Coltman	24	Nisan	*15-May	Arnold Balser	7	lyar
2-May	Evelyn Weiss	24	Nisan	*15-May	David Taratoot	7	lyar
2-May	Helen Shelkoff	24	Nisan	15-May	Paul Goodman	7	lyar
2-May	Jo Ann Leder	24	Nisan	16-May	Carol Gordon	8	lyar
2-May	Leona Rothstein	24	Nisan	16-May	Georgette Gerendasi	8	lyar
*3-May	Irving Mark	25	Nisan	16-May	Harvey Breit	8	lyar
*3-May	Phillip Silverman	25	Nisan	16-May	Joseph Klein Sara Goldstein	8	lyar
3-May	Stephen Frohlich	25	Nisan	16-May		8	lyar
4-May	Howard Stiller	26	Nisan	16-May	Suzanne Shochet	8	lyar
4-May	Isak Kanner	26	Nisan	*17-May	Abraham Block	9 9	lyar
5-May	George Shapiro	27	Nisan	17-May	Kenneth Wise		lyar
*5-May	Joseph J. Alperin	27	Nisan	17-May	Lou Moskowitz	9	lyar
*5-May	Melvin Groskind	27	Nisan	17-May	Louis Olens	9	lyar
5-May	Mollie Rosner	27	Nisan	18-May	Aaron Levine Allyn P. Udell	10	lyar
5-May	Stephen Parolisi	27	Nisan	18-May	,	10	lyar
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6-May	Libby Yonks	28	Nisan	19-May	Isadore Epstein	11	lyar
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7-May	Becky Whetstone	29	Nisan	20-May *21-May	Irwin Miller	12	lyar
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*8-May	Henry Saffran	30	Nisan	21-May	Sheldon Wittenstein	13	lyar
8-May	Joseph Bejerano	30	Nisan	22-May	Abraham Besser	14	lyar
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Sharon Lightstone, spricelight32@gmail.com



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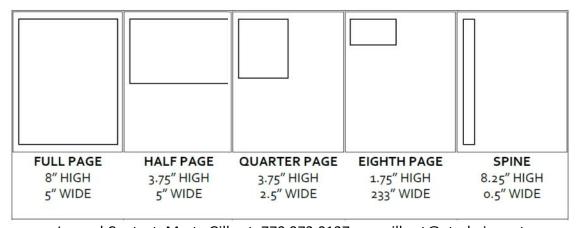
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Did you know that 1 in 6 children in Georgia is food insecure?

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.

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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 <a href="mailto:fosterrob@comcast.net">fosterrob@comcast.net</a>.

#### 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:

<u>savtaesther5@gmail.com</u>. See you on <u>Zoom</u>. Meeting ID: 815 1837 7077

#### 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 <a href="mailto:hleedle@gmail.com">hleedle@gmail.com</a> 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** Each month, members of the Etz Chaim community come together for lunch and a birthday celebration. For more information and to get on the email list, **Laurie Lavinsky** or **Malka Riesenberg**.

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

**Canasta/Mah Jongg Group** Join our group which meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Hammer—Tritt Social Hall. Sponsored by AgeWell. For more information, contact the synagogue office.

#### Art for a Mitzvah

Do you have a creative side? Art for a Mitzvah is a group that comes together quarterly to make a different unique craft for yourself or purchased by a congregant. The proceeds from the sale of these handcrafted items are divided between a worthy non-profit organization and the other half is used to purchase supplies for the next project. For more information and to hear about upcoming programs contact Lynne Johannesen.

### **New Chavurot Forming!!**

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



Your chavurah will gather regularly throughout the year to enrich your lives by socializing, learning, and celebrating Jewish life together. Chavurah members plan activities of their own choosing.

If you are interested, please complete the form at:

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#### **OUTSTANDING ISRAEL AND HOLOCAUST BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

In May we will be observing Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day) and celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day).

Why not check out some of the great Israel and Holocaust books we have in Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim for children and adults? Check out a book from our library anytime. Just follow the check-out directions on the library's circulation desk.

The section for Holocaust books in nonfiction is the 940's, and for Israel is the 950's. The children's section is in the carpeted area of the library on the far wall and also along the wall nearest the library door. The section with nonfiction and fiction books for adults is in the uncarpeted area with tables. You can browse our online catalog for titles at <a href="https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com/">https://etzchaimlibrary.follettdestiny.com/</a>

Here are just a few sample titles that will be out on display in May:

#### **FOR ADULTS**

Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth by Noa Tishby. Tishby writes with wit and authority. This is a fascinating—and very moving—book. (950 TIS)

The Deadly Scrolls: The Jerusalem Mysteries, Book 1 by Ellen Frankel. Set in modern Jerusalem and among the desert ruins of Qumran, this desperate hunt for an ancient treasure scroll pits a female Israeli intelligence agent against a religious fanatic in this exciting mystery. (F FRA)

One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank. Winner of several book awards, this memoir is the remarkable story of ninety-nine-year-old Stella Levi whose conversations with the writer Michael Frank over the course of six years bring to life the vibrant world of Jewish Rhodes, the deportation to Auschwitz, and the resilience and wisdom of the woman who lived to tell the tale. (B LEV)

And for Children (on display on the children's bookshelves near the library entrance)

#### For Grades 3-5:

The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt her Town in Stories and Photographs by Chana Stiefel. Winner of the Sydney Taylor Award for best picture book. There are many picture books about the Holocaust, but this one stands out with Gal's beautiful watercolor pictures and the true account of one woman's goal that her community never be forgotten. (J 940.4 STI)

#### For Pre-K-Grade 3:

Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam by Fawzia Gilani-Williams. Beautiful book about the friendship between a Jewish and a Muslim woman in Israel. (J 950 GIL)

#### ON THE WEB

For news from Israel check out the Jerusalem Post <a href="www.jpost.com/israel-news">www.jpost.com/israel-news</a> Have your kids journey to Israel with the characters from Rehov Sumsum (Sesame Street)</a> <a href="www.shalomsesame.org">www.shalomsesame.org</a>

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#### Tzedakah • צדקה

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#### **GERTRUDE AND JOE WILENSKY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

#### In memory of:

Larry Scopp, brother of Barbara Wilensky **Judy and Stan Fineman** 

#### JOAN H. RABIN **MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT**

#### In loving memory of:

Gloria Schancupp, who instilled Jewish values in her family that we endeavor to continue

#### **Judy and Joel Schancupp**

#### In memory of:

Herb Ray, beloved father of Ellen Ray Balser **Ellen and Billy Balser** 

Lizzy Arkin

#### **Daniel Rabin**

Miri Moyal, mother of Gilad Moyal and mother-in-law of Stephanie Rabin Moyal Linda and H. Cleveland

#### PHILLIP MICHAEL SILVERMAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

#### In loving memory of:

Lizzy Arkin. We are so saddened by the loss of your truly loved sister, Lizzy. We're holding you close to our hearts and know Lizzy's memory will truly be a blessing.

#### **Bonnie and Alan Silverman**

Lizzy Arkin, Ellen Balser's sister Linda S. Diamond

Liz Arkin, sister of Ellen Balser **Gail and Mark Rudel** 

#### In memory of:

Mary Elkan. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the Knauer family. I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a joy to know. Her smile brightened everyone's day. **Bobbi Shams** 

#### **RADOW YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

#### In loving memory of:

**Beverly Radow** 

#### **Ellen and Billy Balser**

Beverly Radow, mother of Norman Radow. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Ian and Roni Robbins

Beverly Radow, beloved mother of Norman (Lindy) Radow. May the wonderful memories Linda and Steve Citron you have of your loving mother remain a constant source of strength for you during this difficult time. May her memory be a blessing.

#### **Sharon and Marc Seltman**

Beverly Radow, beloved mother of Norman (Lindy) Radow. May her memory be a blessing.

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#### In memory of:

**Beverly Radow** Lisa and Sam Olens

#### **RABBI LEWIS ENDOWMENT**

#### In honor of:

JR Shaw

**David and Elyse Shaw** 

#### In memory of:

Sherwin Jay (Steve) Kayne **Melanie and Josh Levs** 

#### **RABBI DORSCH DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch. No words to express my deep appreciation to you and the staff for always being there for me when I need you most. Your care, support, and love that you so generously share with me is making a huge difference in my life. With love and Hashem's blessings to all of you and your loved ones, a lot of joy, and success.

#### **Galina Barshay**

Jordan Nathan's Bat Mitzvah. Thank you for a wonderful day!

#### **Mathew and Leigh Nathan**

#### In honor of:

Rabbi Dorsch. We have great appreciation and deep gratitude for you leading my mom's memorial service. Your words and time provided comfort and solace during a tough time. Thank you for your compassion and kindness. Warm regards,

#### Lisa Windholtz

Leonard Goldberg **Robin McGrath** 

#### In loving memory of:

my wonderful husband, Jeff Unger, who is golfing in the sky. In loving memory of both of my older brothers Alan and Marc Goldsmith, Rest in Peace.

#### Alisa Unger

**Daniel Kleinman** 

Dr. Daniel Kleinman. Julie, Michael, Danit, and Jonathan, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We miss Danny every single day! With much love,

#### **Marcy and Rick Williams**

#### In memory of:

Trudy Knauer on her yahrzeit Jeffrey and Stephanie Knauer

Elyse Shaw's father

#### **Sherry Adams**

David Bodenstein on his yahrzeit

Steven Bodenstein

#### Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Philip Goldstein Jeff Frankel

#### **RABBI ADLER DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### In celebration of:

Rabbi Adler officially being part of the family. Sheri and I look forward to many years of learning, laughing, enjoying, etc. with you! **Bob and Sheri Frohlich** 

#### RABBI LEWIS DISCRETIONARY FUND

#### In memory of:

the passing of your dad, Steve Kayne. May his memory be a blessing. We are so sorry for your loss.

Jayne and Andy Becker

#### **BACKPACK BUDDIES FUND**

#### In loving memory of:

my mom, Shirley Jassen, on her vahrzeit. Your love lives on in all your family and your hamantaschen too! With eternal love,

#### Karen and Hank Needle

my mother, Rose D. Etscovitz **Richard and Janice Etscovitz** 

#### In memory of:

Bob Hiller, father of Elyse Shaw. We are so sorry for your loss.

#### **Ronni and David Beker**

Lizzy Arkin. We are so greatly saddened to learn of your sister's tragedy. We are sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your whole family during this very difficult time. May her memory always be a blessing.

#### Sharon and Marc Seltman

#### Tzedakah בדקה

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#### **BOB GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### In celebration of:

Richard Smith's 80th birthday. Wishing you many more birthdays to enjoy with family and friends.

**Judy and Joel Schancupp** 

#### **GENERAL FUND**

#### Jo Katz-Worley

#### In loving memory of:

Theodore Shapiro, my father James Bauer and Susan McCarthy

Liz Arkin

#### Mindy and Michael Grossman

Popeye Hiller. What a wonderful man.

#### **Sharon and Alan Lightstone**

#### In memory of:

Mary Elkan, mother of Stephanie Knauer and a lovely woman whose High Holiday greetings were always warm and welcomed.

#### **Cheryl and David Eppsteiner**

Lizzy Arkin. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers. Love,

#### Fred and Vicki Steine

Sean Black on his yahrzeit

#### **Helen Rosental**

Lizzy Arkin, sister of Ellen Ray Balser. We are very sorry for your loss and hope your memories of your sister Lizzy will remain strong and bring you comfort to overcome your sadness.

#### **Jeffrey and Amy Samuels**

**Bob Hiller** 

#### Judy and Joel Schancupp

Lizzy Arkin, sister of Ellen Balser Julie Kleinman

Steve Kayne

#### Lizzy Arkin Lisa and Sam Olens

Roni Robbins' father, Steve Kayne Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Lizzy Arkin

#### **Russell Colton**

Barbara Rabhan, mother of Abby Vines and Mindy Kandel

#### **Sharon and Alan Lightstone**

Lizzy Arkin, beloved sister of Ellen (Billy) Balser. Ellen, Billy, and family, we are thinking of you during this very sad and tragic time for you. May Lizzy's memory forever be a blessing.

**Sharon and Marc Seltman** 

your beloved sister, Lizzy Arkin Staci and Maury Shapiro

#### Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Philip Goldstein, Richard, and Sandy Smith. Refuah Shleimah.

Judy and Don Kaye

#### **KITCHEN FUND**

#### In loving memory of:

Phoebe Birch

Steve and Jill Birch

#### LINDA H. WEINROTH EDUCATION FUND

#### In loving memory of:

my father, Lawrence Pearlberg

my husband, Leonard Dinin

#### **Ronnie Dinin**

#### In memory of:

Steve Kayne, father of Roni Robbins. Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your father and Seth and Lena's grandfather. May his memory be for a blessing, now and always. Love,

#### Arlene and Glenn La Vine

my mother, Arline Rosenfeld, on her yahrzeit **Kent and Julia Goodman** 

Steve Kayne, beloved father of Roni (Ian) Robbins and grandfather of Seth and Lena. Our sincere condolences on your loss.

#### Sandy Rosenberg and Daniel Pransky

Zelda Zlotin. You are missed every day. Love, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The Feldberg and Planer Families

#### MORRIS FRANK SACRED TEXT FUND

your loving father, Bob Hiller **Toby and Dave Fagin** 

In honor of:

Richard Smith's milestone birthday

#### Dana and Ari Greenberg

#### In memory of:

Steve Kayne, father of Roni Robbins. May his memory be a blessing.

Mary Elkan, mother of Stephanie Knauer

Lizzy Arkin, sister of Ellen Balser

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

#### **PHILLIP'S LIBRARY FUND**

#### In memory of:

Steve Kayne, father of Roni Robbins Iris Bachenheimer Lizzy Arkin, sister of Ellen Balser. We are so sorry for your loss.

#### Jayne and Andy Becker

Jacob Cohen

**Lawrence Cohen** 

#### ROBERT KLEIN MEMORIAL CHESED FUND

#### In honor of:

the 27th yahrzeit of Manny Fineman **Judy and Stan Fineman** 

#### In loving memory of:

Mary Elkan, mother of Stephanie Knauer. What an incredible life she has lived! What a remarkable lady she was! We are so sorry for your loss.

#### **Jayne and Andy Becker**

Steve Kayne, father of Roni Kayne Robbins, father-in-law of Ian Robbins, and grandfather of Seth Robbins and Lena Robbins. May he continue to be a powerful and inspiring force in the lives of those who knew him.

#### Roni, Ian. Seth. and Lena Robbins

Ovadia Aghajani, our beloved father and grandfather, on his yahrzeit. You are always in our hearts and our minds. My mom Zarin Aghajani. Love and miss you dearly. Monavar Nooromid and Mehdy Nooromid, on their yahrzeit. You are always in our hearts and our minds.

#### Safa and Shahrokh Nooromid

#### In memory of:

Lizzy Arkin, beloved mother of Zachary Arkin, and sister of Ellen Balser. The Frohlichs were saddened to hear of your loss. We trust the memories are sweet.

Steve Kayne, beloved father of Roni Robbins. Sheri and I are sorry for your loss. We trust the memories are sweet.

#### **Bob and Sheri Frohlich**

Mary Elkan, Stephanie Knauer's mother. Our condolences to Stephanie and the Knauer family on their loss.

#### **Grace and Ken Graiser**

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Marty Gilbert Rabbi Adler

**Judy and Stan Fineman** 

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#### **SOCIAL ACTION FUND**

#### In memory of:

my parents Steve and Sue Frohlich. Still thinking of you.

**Robert Scot Frohlich** 

#### STEVEN KRODMAN MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### In celebration of:

Richard Smith's 80th birthday. Wishing him many more happy, healthy birthdays. **Jayne and Andy Becker** 

#### **YOUTH FUND**

Richard Smith's 80th birthday. Eighty years young.

Sam and Bonnie Roth

#### In honor of:

Jayden Cohen being accepted to the Atlanta Maccabiah baseball team.

Judy and Stan Fineman

#### YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### In loving memory of:

Jerome Mellman, loving father and grandfather

**Bruce and Bernice Mellman** 

#### In memory of:

Estelle Mellman, loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother **Bruce and Bernice Mellman** 

Leonard Klein

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#### PHOTOS FROM EVENTS THIS PAST MONTH AT ETZ CHAIM



#### Kitah Ziyan—A Year of Learning, Activities and Mitzvot







#### **Explanation for Kitah Ziyan Photos:**

1. Raised \$300 for Special Olympics at our bake sale.

Chalutzim after Hamantashen

- 2. Created Sukkot, Chanukah and Pesach programs for younger students.
- 3. Planted over 200 daffodil bulbs at the Leo Frank Memorial.
- Cooked dinner for Rebecca's Tent and volunteered at Backpack Buddies.

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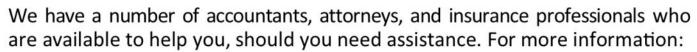


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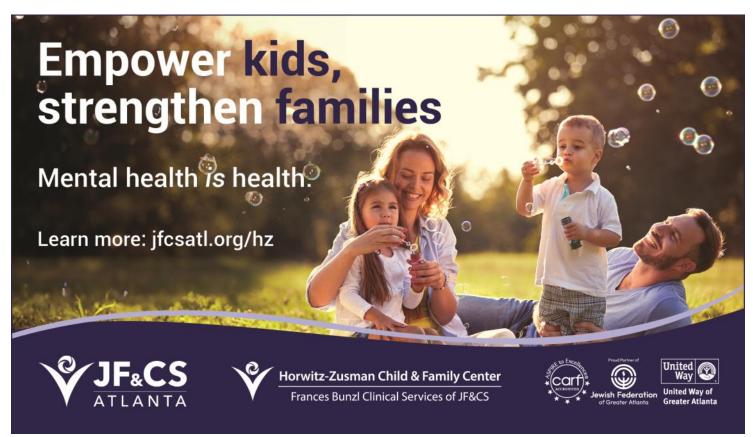
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