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Shabbat in the Park

Join us at East Cobb Park for our signature event!

Friday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m.

- Fun and games for all
- Affinity Group Information
- Social Action Project
- Dinner made by our Men's Club Master Grillers
- Beautiful Shabbat Service



For more information and to RSVP:

www.etzchaim.net/event/sitp2024

Bring your family, friends (prospective members), picnic blankets, drinks (water provided), and chairs!

Cost: \$15 per person/\$40 per family

Day of event cost: \$20 per person/\$50 per family

Looking to volunteer? Sign up when you RSVP.

We need assistance with:

- Set-up
- Break down
- Shopping and prep

Social Action Project - We will be collecting the following items for Backpack Buddies: Boxed Mac & Cheese, Boxed Oatmeal Packets, Packs of Fruit Cups

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Tisha B'Av

Monday, August 12

6:30 p.m. Mincha

6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Learning

7:45 - 8:15 p.m. Pre-Fast Nosh

8:15 p.m. Reading of Eicha and Ma'ariv



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Tisha B'Av commemorates the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and other tragedies that befell the Jewish people.

Please join us for this meaningful evening in partnership with Temples Beth Tikvah, Emanu-El, Kehillat Chaim, Kol Emeth, Temple Sinai, and more. This evening is being hosted at Congregation Etz Chaim.

People of the Book

Sunday, August 11

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

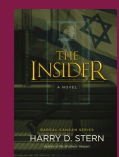
Lilmode welcomes congregant and author, Harry D. Stern, *The Insider*, and author, Alex J. Sinclair, *Perfect Enemy* (Alex will be Zooming from Israel).

This event is free and open to the community.

Books will be available for purchase at the event and are also available on Amazon.



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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*)

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Dan Dorsch

Rabbi

This past summer, as we began the process of packing Zev up for Ramah, Amy asked me if I had any spare pens at work Zev could use for writing letters.

I had to think hard about this request. I am not much of a shprintze, but I do hoard my Uni-ball onyx pens. They tend to go walking off and I don't like to share them.

However, it dawned on me that over my eight years in Atlanta I might have accrued a few "substandard pens" that I would gladly give Zev to use this summer. I decided to take a look. What I discovered was nothing short of astonishing.

It seems that every Jewish organization in the world has given me a pen. The Marcus JCC gave me a pen when I first enrolled my son for camp. I have at least two pens from the last time that I attended an AIPAC policy conference, in March of 2020. There are micro pigment ink pens leftover from ketubah signings that took place in my office.

I found a pen from the King David Hotel when I went on the Atlanta Jewish Federation's leadership trip in February. I also have a United Synagogue and Rabbinical Assembly convention pen from the biennial convention in Baltimore this past December and a "Center for Rabbinic Innovation" pen from the Atlanta Rabbinical Association retreat this past May. There is even a Westin pen in my desk that I am pretty sure I snagged off a table at Rabbi Lewis' retirement gala in 2019.

Many people collect travel tchotchkes. My parents collected mugs. The Dorsches of Marietta collect magnets. A magnet is good because it doesn't take up much room. During the summers we schlep suitcases with tens of pounds of hand-me-down clothing for my nephews and nieces and replace it with as much Canadian chocolate and Philadelphia pretzels. Magnets don't break us on the airport scale.

Amy rolls her eyes whenever I buy a magnet. But what I have discovered is that a magnet is never really a magnet: a magnet is a memory. When I see a location on a magnet like "Nashville", "Pigeon Forge", or "Winnipeg Beach", etc., for a moment I recall the joy that I experienced on the trip. That moment of joy is worth much more than the \$4.95 I spent on the magnet.

As I perused my collection of pens, I discovered something - a second collection of precious memories related to my rabbinic journey. This July marks eight years since our family moved to Georgia. As much as everyone loves to talk about the slower pace of life in the south, I have to say that it's not been all that slow. My drawer is overloaded with pens that bring me joy and a sense of satisfaction.

As we approach our 50th year as a synagogue, which has been such an interwoven part of my professional and personal journeys, I keep thinking: maybe Etz Chaim will issue a commemorative magnet? Or better yet, a special pen for Zev to use next summer.

Zev was clearly the coolest kid at Camp Ramah with his collection of Jewish community pens.

Okay. On second thought...in the end, I did include a few Uni-balls to be on the safe side.



Jonathon Adler

Assistant Rabbi

July 1st was my first official day as the Assistant Rabbi here at Congregation Etz Chaim, and as I entered this new phase of my professional life, my life as a rabbi, I'm thinking a lot about gratitude. And when I contemplate gratitude, my mind often wanders in the direction of Psalm 92. Although it's the Psalm for Shabbat, it's also just a beautiful ode to God. We are told *Tov l'Hodot l'Adonai*. It is good to show gratitude to God. The verb *l'Hodot*, though, also means to praise.

I interpret this to mean that one of the best possible ways to thank God is to praise God. And while I have so much gratitude to God for bringing me to this *Shehechyanu* moment, there are also a great number of people to whom I am incredibly grateful. The members of this community. I am grateful to all of you for the support you have given me over the past year, as I learned my way around the building, and around East Cobb. I am grateful for the help I've received during my relocation. A congregant helped me find the house where my cats and I now live. Members of the community helped me put together new furniture and recycle my moving boxes.

Perhaps most of all, though, I'm grateful for the beautiful way in which all of you have welcomed me into this community. It's funny: every synagogue that is looking for a rabbi tells them what a *heimishe* community they have. This Yiddish word means "home-y," and it has a connotation of welcoming warmth. And even though every congregation says they are, I am not convinced of that. This community, though, is incredibly *heimishe*, for which I am deeply grateful. Not only to the community for working so hard to be welcoming and homey, but to God for helping us find each other. I'm incredibly grateful. And it's good to be grateful.

One of the amazing things about gratitude is that it leads to happiness. In 2021, Harvard Medical School posted an essay online which includes this statement: "In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships." The article suggests that one of the best ways to express gratitude is to pray. I firmly agree with this.

Indeed, gratitude is an essential part of prayer. The final three blessings of the *Amidah* are known as the *Hoda'ah* section, from the same verb in Psalm 92, *l'Hodot*. No less than three times a day, we show our gratitude by praising God. Through this praise, we bring ourselves greater happiness as we bring ourselves closer to the Divine.

As I begin my full-time position here, I am grateful to God, and I praise God, but I'm also grateful to—and full of praise for—this extraordinary, *heimishe* community.



Elliot Okrent President

"Every night I lie in bed, the brightest colors fill my head, a million dreams are keeping me awake. I think of what the world could be, a vision of the one I see, a million dreams is all it's gonna take. A million dreams for the world we're gonna make!" - *The Greatest Showman*

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break – it's hard to believe we are already heading towards the Fall Holiday season.

Have you noticed something different? Welcome to the first issue of our newly redesigned Voice of Chaim newsletter! This month, we are excited to unveil our new visual identity. We've updated our logo, introduced a new color palette, designed a new website and refreshed our communications. Our new look will serve us well into the future.

In the coming months, we will also be transitioning to our new Synagogue Management System. Our new platform will be more intuitive and user-friendly, designed to simplify processes and improve your experience. More to come on that, and we'll be sure to provide some training on how to use the congregant-facing tools.

There are so many exciting things happening in the coming months, and it has taken a village to bring it all to life. Special thanks to Bernice Isaac for the amazing effort to bring our new design to life in our visual communications and to the entire office staff including Christine Bezdek, Karen Chauvin, and Betsy Fitzwater for their support in updating templates and messages. And thank you to our Education Department team of Lauren Chernau, Debbie Deutsch, and Tiana Plendl for supporting the effort as well. A huge thank you goes out to Marty Gilbert for his leadership throughout the process. On the lay-leadership side, we could not have gotten to this point without the expertise and dedication of Keith Kirschner, Clifford Martin, Ron Judenberg, and Lisa Olen.

In addition to the new look, stay tuned for updates as we've started to make plans to celebrate and recognize our 50th anniversary as a congregation next year. We have some exciting things in store for you! It's going to be great.



Marty Gilbert Executive Director

***Summer's almost over, fading like a tan
Vacation time is running out like an unplugged fan
Labor Day is coming, whet the old grindstone
For all those lazy, hazy, crazy days you must atone.***

- Loudon Wainwright III

I haven't officially gone to school in almost 50 years but the memories of the anxiety about the first day of school still linger after all these years.

I think that it's the realization that something new is starting and you must be prepared for anything.

There is so much new here at Etz Chaim as August rolls around again.

We have a new Assistant Rabbi.

We have new physical security items to be installed or soon to be installed.

We have a new brand image and website (which should be live by the time you read this article).

This is all very exciting stuff and makes me realize that we continue to grow and evolve as a congregation.

Summer will linger for a while longer and my subdivision pool won't close for another month. So I will have time to savor the month of August and know the following:

"Change is inevitable. Change is constant." — Benjamin Disraeli

Youth Department



Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



Membership Information for 2024-2025

It's time to sign your child(ren) up for this year's Youth Department age-appropriate programming!

New this year: Youth can "try-out" the events in August and September prior to becoming a youth group member. After Rosh Hashanah, you must be a Youth Department member to attend events.

Register your child(ren) on or before October 1 and receive a free Youth Department t-shirt. If family members would like a t-shirt, there will be an additional fee of \$15 each for the additional t-shirts. After October 1, if your child would a t-shirt, it will be \$15.

Costs are as follows:

Chalutzim and Chaverim \$ 80 per child for members / \$116 for non-members

Gesher \$90 per child for members / \$126 for non-members

USY \$180 per child, all-inclusive price includes Wacky dinners, Limo Lock-in, social events, and Banquet for USY members.

USY non-member price is \$216

To fill out the Youth Department Membership Form, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to go directly to the form.

ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER:
HONEY FROM THE HEART



Send a jar of kosher honey to your friends and family this high holiday season and support our Youth Department programming.

Cost is \$15 per jar. Free shipping on orders placed by August 8 with guaranteed delivery before Rosh Hashanah.

Orders can be placed until October 1, with an \$8.00 shipping charge added per jar within the United States.

The final Deadline is September 12 for guaranteed delivery.

Need assistance? Contact Marty Gilbert.

orthoney.com/ECY



Youth Department Registration



Etz Chaim Preschool



Lauren Chernau

Preschool Director

By now, Camp Ruach has concluded! This summer we had camp groups full of kids not only from our Preschool, but from our surrounding neighborhoods as well.

On any given day, you could see children happily engaged in water play at our outdoor classroom, science experiments, sensory activities under the portico, fun sports games, and creative art experiences. They made new friends, enjoyed popsicles, and sang and danced each day. Camp is such a great time to capitalize on the natural wonderment that children possess. During camp, when it rains, if there is no thunder and lightning, the children play in the rain. They were often seen splashing in puddles, reaching their arms up to the sky, and trying to catch the raindrops as they fell.

During camp, time seems to go by more slowly allowing the children to explore more, wonder a lot, and play longer. We have tried to create an atmosphere that feels different than school but still respects our philosophy and our beliefs on how children learn. Camp is such a happy place to be, filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm that seems to last all summer long! This summer we created wonderful Camp Ruach memories!



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning

Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Babysitting is available on Shabbat when there is no other Youth Shabbat programming. Please check our [website calendar](#) or in the weekly EtzBlast for updates.



Preschool Meet & Greet

Thursday, August 8

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come schmooze and have some pizza with us while you meet your teachers and visit the classroom(s). Please RSVP if you plan to eat cheese pizza with us. Don't want pizza? You are welcome to attend and bring your own dairy/pareve dinner.



Tot Shabbat on Shabbat Evening

Fridays, September 13, November 8, December 20

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Bring Your own Dinner (BYOD)

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

Questions? Contact Lauren Chernau, Preschool Director at lauren@etzchaim.net or call (770) 977-3384.



Sing-a-long Shabbat on Shabbat Morning

Saturdays, September 21, November 2, December 14

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Bring your child(ren) for a fun Shabbat morning sing-a-long. Questions? Contact Lauren Chernau, Preschool Director at lauren@etzchaim.net or call (770) 977-3384

Religious School News



Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming

Letting Go and Holding On

It's July 1, as I write my article. The first day of the new fiscal year, bringing with it all the excitement and anxiousness about a new school year. And for me, this will be a new school year unlike the previous 29. This is the first year that I won't be wondering if the 8:00 a.m. carpool is running smoothly or if I will get a text that someone is sick and can't come in. Do we have enough extra diapers, enough mats for rest time, and has everyone had CPR training are questions that will not need to be addressed in my brain (although I dare say it's hard to imagine that I won't be thinking about them). Unlike the past 13 years, this is the first year I'm not planning two sets of faculty planning days, putting together two sets of faculty binders, creating two sets of parent and faculty handbooks, and compiling two school boards and two faculties. This is the first year I can choose to sleep in (as if) because I can start my workday at 9 a.m. if I choose. This year will provide a multitude of changes. And change is hard. But change is also exciting and I am very excited about the changes that have come my way!

I love our Preschool! It has been my passion for the past 29 years and I've cherished (just about) every moment in my role as the Director of Early Childhood Education. With the addition, 13 years ago, of the Religious School, I've divided my time between both the preschool and the Religious School, and it, too, has been a labor of love. But since neither school got all of me, I was feeling like I wasn't doing my best, which wasn't a good feeling. Our leadership also agreed that it was time for me to let go of the Preschool, to turn it over to someone who was equally as passionate about early childhood education and who knew the ropes. We found that in Lauren. And as I let go of the responsibility of running our top-notch preschool, I still hold on tightly to our Religious School and youth groups. I'm excited to make our Religious School even better than it has been and I am looking forward to bringing my enthusiasm and knowledge of these kids to our youth groups. Letting go is hard, but I'm so glad I can still hold on.



Youth
Department



Religious
School



B'nai
Mitzvah



Etz Chaim
Preschool



Chai Five
Teen Learning

Dates to Remember

Preschool

Thursday, August 1

New Parent Orientation (5:30 – 7p)

Thursday, August 8

Meet & Greet (5:30p – 7p)

Friday, August 9

First Day of Preschool

Friday, August 23

Shabbat in the Park

Monday, August 26

Cool Cats, Pups, Monkeys, & Busy

Bees Parent Preview (7p – 8p)

Tuesday, August 27

Ladybugs & Butterflies Parent

Preview (7p – 8p)

Religious School

Sunday, August 4

6th & 7th Grade B'nai Mitzvah

Meeting & Breakfast

Sunday, August 18

Open House

Friday, August 23

Shabbat in the Park

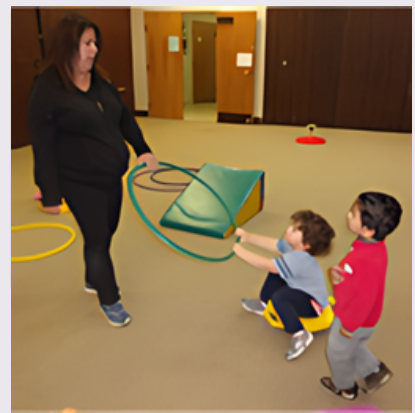
Sunday, August 25

First Day of Religious School

Preschool Photo Gallery

From a Ladybug teacher, to Assistant Director and now, Preschool Director.

Mazal Tov, Mrs. Chernau!



B'not 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.



Elisheva Miller will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on August 17, 2024 - 13 Av 5784. She is the daughter of Tziporah Gerson-Miller and Marc Miller. Elisheva's Bat Mitzvah Parasha is Va-etchanan. She is an 8th grader at Dickerson Middle School, has been in our Religious School for seven years, and attended our Preschool for two years. Elisheva's hobbies and interests are gymnastics, baking, music, and shopping.

Elisheva's D'var Torah quote is "It is important to observe and not just remember or else you will forget." For her mitzvah project, Elisheva is baking for the intellectual and developmental disabilities program at Jewish Family and Career Services (JF&CS).



Maizy and Remy Needle will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah on August 31, 2024 - 27 Av 5784. They are the daughters of Michelle and Ben Needle. Maizy and Remy's B'not Mitzvah Parasha is Re'eh. Maizy is a 9th grader at Pope High School and has been in our Religious School for eight years. Remy is a 7th grader at Dodgen Middle School and has been in our Religious School for eight years. Both Maizy and Remy attended our Preschool for three years. Their hobbies and interests include ballet and cheerleading.

Maizy and Remy's D'var Torah Quote, "The Torah challenges us to "see" (Re'eh) beyond the immediate consequence and consider the long-term impact of our actions. Our choices matter." For their mitzvah project, Maizy and Remy supported The MDE School, a private school for children with special needs. They contributed money to buy supplies for the new preschool's opening and also volunteered their time in the classrooms with the children. This is special to us because it is named in memory of our Opa, Marc Elkan.

Men's Club



Men's Club is a vital part of our congregation.

Our ongoing programs include:

- Supporting daily minyan
- Sponsoring picnics
- World Wide Wrap
- Providing scholarships
- Men's Club Shabbat
- Anshei Darom Retreat
- Synagogue Softball League
- Usher for High Holidays
- Support the 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 mailing list at: mensclub@etzchaim.net

Shalom Etz Chaim Congregants,

I hope everyone is enjoying Summer and staying 'Cool'!

This Summer, Men's Club has slowed things down a bit as we have focused our efforts on spending time with family and loved ones while also preparing for the busy Fall calendar.

On August 23, Men's Club looks forward to Shabbat in the Park and grilling for the Congregation at East Cobb Park. This is one of our favorite events as it seems to bring the entire Shul out for an evening of Fun, Food, Prayer, and Laughter. Burgers (incl. vegan burgers) chicken, and hot dogs are all on the menu! Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!!

The Etz Chaim Men's Softball teams have had outstanding seasons. The defending champion A-team is currently in second place heading into the playoffs. The B-team, which won one game last season, had a huge turnaround and is also in second place heading into the playoffs. Best of luck to both teams and special thanks to captains William Balsler and Joshua Berry for their leadership and organization of both teams.

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

Come Out and Enjoy Your Men's Club!

Bryan Coleman, President

Mathew Nathan, Vice President

Etz Chaim's Men's Club Teams A & B Synagogue Softball League



Back row left to right:

Adam Melnick, Naftali Robbins, Michael Israel, Art Cohen, Alex Corolla, Alec Rubin, Robbie Eisenman, Noah Medwed, Bryan Coleman, Robbie Miller, Justin Combs, Zack Cohen, Kevin McGrath, Adam Buxbaum

Front row left to right:

Matt Murray, Billy Balsler, Aaron Conley, Seth Yarus, Elliot Low, Jonathan Agin, Josh Berry, Brian Mittelberg

Sisterhood Scoop



Sisterhood Minyan Makers:

Join Sisterhood on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. as we help make a minyan for those saying Kaddish for a loved one.

Judaica and Gifts Shop:

Summer hours are by appointment. We will reopen on August 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please contact [Lauren Gray](#) for information.

JNF Trees for Israel:

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood Grove in Israel. For more information, contact [Sandy Bailey](#) or the [Gift Shop](#).

Want to know more about Sisterhood?

Please contact [Helaine Mark](#) at (404) 353-4589 or [Dani Oren](#) at (770) 630-2254.

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.

The funny thing about the "Sisterhood Scoop" is that it's not necessarily a "scoop" of the latest information. Typically, we have to submit the Scoop for publication in the Voice of Chaim about a month before you'll get it. That can be hard, so for more up-to-the-minute details, please be sure to open the newsletter that is emailed to Etz Chaim Sisterhood members more frequently.

All that said, Summer has been a terrific planning period. We have an exciting and interesting year ahead! Now is the time to open your calendars and put these terrific events on it.

Ongoing right now! Cover Art Contest for the High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book! Etz Chaim is blessed with incredibly talented artists of all ages. The theme is "Israel". Your design should illustrate your connection to Israel in a way that you find meaningful. **All art must be submitted online by August 12**, www.etzchaim.net/hhdartcontest2024 and winners will be announced on August 28 and showcased in the High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book.

August 4, September 1, October 6, Upcoming Book Club Dates

August's book is *One Hundred Saturdays* by Michael Frank, 10:00 a.m. in the Bayit. For more information and to RSVP, contact [Myra Goldberg](#).

September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Membership Kickoff event! It's sure to be a lot of fun and will be a great time to catch up with friends and meet new Sisterhood members! See the QR code below to RSVP.

October 20, Pinktober - our annual Mah Jongg Mixer! This is one of our most popular events. It's a great time to play for fun with new friends & old, all while raising some funds for important breast cancer organizations!

October 21, 28, November 4 and 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Save these dates for "*Shalom in the Shul*", a 4-part series with our own Rabbi Shalom Lewis. Each program is great on its own. Please come to all if you can or come to the ones that most intrigue you! This fall's topics will be: "Israel & Zionism - The Truth", "G-d - Who is He or She?", "Is the Torah True?", and "The Soul - Life after Death".

In addition to events, the Sisterhood runs our wonderful Judaica and Gifts Shop! We depend upon volunteers to help run it. You can sign up for as few (or as many) time slots as you'd like. We NEED you! Please contact Lauren Gray at lauren.gray04@gmail.com to schedule training and to sign up!

There's so much more to come! We're busily planning programming for the entire year. Please let us know if you've got ideas and want to get involved! We want you! We're here for you - women of all ages and life experiences.

There's so much more to come! So now, get to drawing for the art contest!

Helaine Mark and Dani Oren

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

BETTER TOGETHER | **MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF**

SEPTEMBER 8, 7:00PM

Broads Broadening the Broader Community

RSVP:
www.etzchaim.net/event/kickoff2024

Lilmode: Adult Education



Our goal is to offer programs and classes that provide our congregants with an array of Jewish learning opportunities. We have purposefully chosen a variety of enriching experiences so every member can benefit from courses, classes, and lectures. If you have a class idea for *Lilmode*, please feel free to contact [Jenifer Lieberbaum](#), chair.



Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, starting August 15, 10:00 a.m., at Etz Chaim

Additional August dates: 22 and 29

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



Beyond Borders - A History of the Arab Israeli Conflict

Sundays, starting August 18, 10:30 a.m. at Etz Chaim

Rabbi Dorsch will be leading the next series of Melton classes. You will delve into the complexities of the past half-century from the War of Attrition in 1967, to present tensions. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch Monthly Coffee and Breakfast

Mondays after morning minyan, approximately 8:00 a.m.

Fall dates: September 9, November 4, December 9

Join Rabbi Dorsch for a discussion on "The Talmud's Greatest Hits". All are welcome to attend.



Cheshbon Hanefesh: An Accounting of the Soul Presented by congregant Steven Birch

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. at Etz Chaim

Join us as we delve into the process of *Cheshbon Hanefesh* and discuss the practice of *Mussar*, which involves refining our spiritual traits. *Mussar* focuses on personal ethics and moral discipline which is something we can engage in every day on an ongoing basis. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Our Etz Chaim Community



Welcome New Members

- Mindy and Jason Mielnikowski
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- Laura Felson
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Shout Outs/Mazal Tov Wishes

- to Esther and Charlie Harrison on the birth of their granddaughter, Bree Rose, born on April 7, 2024, to Hilary and Matt Harrison
- thank you to our office volunteers, Keith Kirshner, Ron Judenberg, Michael Karp, Roni Robbins, Lora Sommer, and Linda Weinroth
- to Janice and Henry Levine on the birth of their second grandson, Asher Elliot, born on July 22, to Forrest Sherman and Ari Levine
- to Maxine and Jonathan Schein on the marriage of their granddaughter, Alexa Schein, to Russell D'Amico on July 15

Members On the Move

- Joshua Schwartz | 78 R Street, NW - Basement | Washington, D.C. 20001
- Bernie Slutsky | 3134 Mayflower Loop | The Villages, FL 32163

New Phone Numbers

- Nancy Lemer | cell: (404) 316-4911
- Lawrence Lemer | cell: (678) 833-8717

Have News You'd Like to Share?

- Please submit community news to [Bernice Isaac](#) in the synagogue office.

Shabbat Honors Reminders

- Do you have a milestone birthday, anniversary, or another significant life event? Observing a yahrzeit?
- Being called to the Torah is a great way to commemorate the occasion whether honoring a simcha or honoring the memory of a loved one.
- We also honor those who have volunteered at the synagogue to mark a job well done.
- Please reach out to [Glynis Okrent](#) to schedule a Shabbat honor.

College Connection



Do you have a college student in the family?

Etz Chaim's College Connection lets our undergraduate students know we are thinking about them. College Connection celebrates Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, and Purim by sending Jewish holiday "care packages" to our college students. All we need is the details on how to mail their care packages, and we'll do the rest!

[Click here](#) for a printable form and send it to the synagogue office to include your college student on our Care Package mailing list. To fill out the online form, [click here](#).

For more information regarding College Connection, [contact our co-chairs](#), Edey Mahaffey and Beth Walter.

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To avoid the expense of mailing packages to potentially outdated addresses, **we purge the list every year and start fresh**. So, even **if your student was on the list last year and their address hasn't changed, please send us their information again**. Also, please let us know if your student graduates during the school year.

To complete the online form: <https://www.etzchaim.net/college-connection>
Or, email the following information to etzchaimcollegeconnection@gmail.com:

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| ⇒ Student Name | ⇒ Student Email |
| ⇒ Student Phone Number | ⇒ Any Food Allergies |
| ⇒ Student Address | ⇒ Parents' name(s) and phone number(s) |
| ⇒ Graduation Year | ⇒ Parents' email address(es) |
| ⇒ Name of College/University Attending | |



We look forward to connecting with you!

Alternatively, complete this form and return it to the Etz Chaim office:

Student's Name: _____
Email address: _____ Phone # _____
College Address Line 1: _____
College Address Line 2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Any food allergies: _____ Graduation date: _____
Parent(s) Names/Email(s): _____

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition!

College kids love to receive packages, especially around the holidays. Voluntary contributions are always welcome and help ensure that we can keep this program up and running. Please send to: College Connection, Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068.

Donor Name: _____
Address: _____

Donation amount enclosed: \$18 \$36 \$54 \$72 Other _____

Questions? Please contact:
Edey Mahaffey or Beth Walter at etzchaimcollegeconnection@gmail.com

Young Adults



Congregation Etz Chaim's Young Adults Group is open to Jews in their 20's and 30's. Synagogue membership is not necessary, however, a reduced membership is offered and includes a High Holiday ticket. Programs vary from social events, holiday programs and social action opportunities. Events take place at Etz Chaim, as well as locations around the city of Atlanta.

If you are interested in learning more about our Young Adults Group or would like to be added to our email list, please contact [Anne Still](#).

Follow us on [Facebook](#).

Roots Groups



Have you heard about *Roots*, Etz Chaim's interest-based small groups initiative?

All you need is a volunteer leader and five committed members to form a group. You decide when and where. Have a question about joining or creating a Roots Group, contact us in the synagogue office.

This month, we are featuring our **Wednesday Golf Roots Group**



Golf Roots Group Wednesdays, at Fox Creek Golf Course

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 group, contact [Alan Silverman](#).



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. For more information, contact [Felicia Berne](#) or [Suzanne Rivchun](#). To fill out the interest form, [click here](#).

Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

- to Ricky Tinter on the passing of his beloved mother, Annette Z. Tinter Easton
- to Courtney Froy on the passing of her beloved father, Joel Kummins

We Remember

- Memorialize a loved one with a **plaque** on our Yahrzeit Wall in the Radow Sanctuary or with a **brick** in our Holocaust Memorial Garden. For more information on purchasing a plaque, contact [Betsy Fitzwater](#).
- An Asterisks (*) denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

August Yahrzeits

*1-Aug Irving Greenspon 26 Tammuz	11-Aug Rita Hoffman 7 Av	22-Aug Abe Schultz 18 Av
1-Aug Marjorie Haase 26 Tammuz	12-Aug Jerry Schneider 8 Av	22-Aug Joseph Rosenberg 18 Av
*1-Aug Sylvia Friedman 26 Tammuz	12-Aug Leslie Reicher 8 Av	*22-Aug Mary Safran 18 Av
*2-Aug Howard Levy 27 Tammuz	13-Aug Anna Rosenberg 9 Av	22-Aug Mitchell Bierman 18 Av
2-Aug Irwin Yonks 27 Tammuz	13-Aug Lois Ann Cohen 9 Av	22-Aug Sally Sencer 18 Av
2-Aug Margaret Rosenzweig 27 Tammuz	*13-Aug Phillip Kaplan 9 Av	22-Aug Seymour Sklar 18 Av
3-Aug Alvin Greenberg 28 Tammuz	*13-Aug Susan Altfeder 9 Av	*22-Aug Simon Denenberg 18 Av
*3-Aug Barbara Briks 28 Tammuz	14-Aug Arthur Ehrlich 10 Av	22-Aug Sylvia Blumenstein 18 Av
*3-Aug Frederick Miner 28 Tammuz	14-Aug Nancy Wetstone 10 Av	23-Aug Dora Weinstock 19 Av
3-Aug Harriet Kaplinsky 28 Tammuz	15-Aug Harvey Silverman 11 Av	23-Aug Elaine Pollock 19 Av
3-Aug Michael Hersh 28 Tammuz	15-Aug Max Weinstock 11 Av	23-Aug Jane Shilling 19 Av
*3-Aug Robert Fruchtman 28 Tammuz	15-Aug Mose Taffel 11 Av	24-Aug Allen Cohen 20 Av
*3-Aug Selma F. Cohen 28 Tammuz	16-Aug Anita Lichter 12 Av	24-Aug Harold Sperling 20 Av
4-Aug Aaron Epstein 29 Tammuz	16-Aug Barbara Lightstone 12 Av	24-Aug Jerome Mendel 20 Av
4-Aug Arthur Hoffman 29 Tammuz	16-Aug Edna Brown 12 Av	24-Aug Morris Potler 20 Av
4-Aug Morton Mandell 29 Tammuz	16-Aug Edward Kappelman 12 Av	24-Aug Saul Swartzman 20 Av
*5-Aug Rosalind Klein 1 Av	16-Aug Eric Jacobsen 12 Av	25-Aug Harold Cohen 21 Av
5-Aug Suzanne Levine 1 Av	16-Aug Harry Diamond 12 Av	25-Aug Morris Katz 21 Av
6-Aug Herman Peskin 2 Av	17-Aug Gertrude K. Frost 13 Av	26-Aug Leo Greenhood 22 Av
6-Aug Selma Barman 2 Av	17-Aug Hilda Kurtz 13 Av	26-Aug Lois Roth Berch 22 Av
7-Aug Maj. Alfred E. Isaac 3 Av	17-Aug Markus Spandorfer 13 Av	26-Aug Margie Becker 22 Av
7-Aug David Sabin 3 Av	17-Aug Stanley H. Levine 13 Av	26-Aug Sadie Simon 22 Av
8-Aug Charlotte Friedrich 4 Av	18-Aug Jane Cohen 14 Av	27-Aug Ethel Cohen 23 Av
8-Aug Ellen Levin Adler 4 Av	18-Aug Raymond Kahn 14 Av	27-Aug Mac Blatt 23 Av
8-Aug Susan Dermer 4 Av	*19-Aug Harry Cohen 15 Av	27-Aug Sam Goodman 23 Av
9-Aug Charlotte Kramer 5 Av	19-Aug Herman Trotz 15 Av	27-Aug Samuel Lebow 23 Av
9-Aug Dorothy Cohen 5 Av	19-Aug Marc Elkan 15 Av	27-Aug Theodore Kaplan 23 Av
*9-Aug Eleanor M. Cohen 5 Av	*19-Aug Morris Elkan 15 Av	*28-Aug Janice Hiller 24 Av
9-Aug Rosie Riesenber 5 Av	19-Aug Peggy Kaplan 15 Av	28-Aug Max Rabin 24 Av
9-Aug Ruth Epstein 5 Av	*19-Aug Rueven Wollner 15 Av	28-Aug Norman Lebedin 24 Av
*9-Aug Sylvia Pomerantz 5 Av	*20-Aug Dr. Jerome B. Cohen 16 Av	*29-Aug Adolph Kronberger 25 Av
10-Aug Alan Mark Jacobs 6 Av	20-Aug Linda Epstein 16 Av	*29-Aug Rae May 25 Av
10-Aug Issie Katz 6 Av	21-Aug Joe Brown 17 Av	*30-Aug Jacob Friedman 26 Av
11-Aug Joshua Lane 7 Av	21-Aug Patsy Printz 17 Av	30-Aug Robert Felson 26 Av
*11-Aug Pearl Stickgold 7 Av	21-Aug Samuel W. Adams 17 Av	31-Aug Frank Vitale 27 Av
		31-Aug Phillip Bass 27 Av

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 (26 Tammuz)	2 (27 Tammuz)	3 (28 Tammuz) Matot-Masei
4 (29 Tammuz)	5 (1 Av) Rosh Chodesh Av Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a	6 (2 Av)	7 (3 Av)	8 (4 Av) Torah Chanting Class 11 a.m. Stitch & Kvetch 1:30p PS Family Meet & Greet 5:30p	9 (5 Av) First Day of Preschool Candle Lighting 8:1 p	10 (6 Av) Devarim Shabbat Ends 9:19p
11 (7 Av) <i>Lilmode</i> : People of the Book with Harry Stern and Alex J. Sinclair will join us via Zoom 2p	12 (8 Av) Erev Tisha B'Av Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Tisha B'Av & Chanting of Parashat <i>Eicha</i> 6:30p	13 (9 Av) Tisha B'Av	14 (10 Av)	15 (11 Av) Torah Study with the Rabbi 10a Torah Chanting 11a Stitch & Kvetch 1:30p	16 (12 Av) Candle Lighting 8:05p	17 (13 Av) Vaetchanan Bat Mitzvah of Elisheva Miller 9:30a Babysitting 9:30am Shabbat Ends 9:11p
18 (14 Av) Melton Class 10:30a Prime Timers Welcome Brunch & Bingo 11a Leo Frank Memorial at TKE 5p	19 (15 Av) Tu B'Av Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a	20 (16 Av)	21 (17 Av)	22 (18 Av) Torah Study with the Rabbi 10a Torah Chanting 11a Stitch & Kvetch 1:30p	23 (19 Av) Shabbat in the Park at East Cobb Park 5:30p Candle Lighting 7:56p	24 (20 Av) Eikev Shabbat Ends 9:03p
25 (21 Av) First Day of Religious School Melton Class 10:30a	26 (22 Av) Community Canasta and Mah Jongg 10a Cool Cats, Puppies, Monkeys, & Busy Bees Parent Preview 7p	27 (23 Av) Koffee & Kibbitz 10:30a Ladybugs & Butterflies Parent Preview 7p	28 (24 Av)	29 (25 Av) Torah Study with the Rabbi 10a Torah Chanting 11a Stitch & Kvetch 1:30p	30 (26 Av) Candle Lighting 7:47p	31 (27 Av) Re'eh B'not Mitzvah of Maizy Needle and Remy Needle 9:30a Babysitting 9:30a Shabbat Ends 8:54p

Community Programs



Canasta and Mah Jongg Sponsored by AgeWell and Etz Chaim

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Join us for fun and games with Agewell. Free and open to the community. Questions? Contact [Bernice Mellman](#).



Justice Delayed is Justice Denied!

A memorial service for Leo Frank

Sunday, August 18, 5:00 p.m. at Temple Kol Emeth

Frank was wrongly convicted of having murdered Mary Phagan in 1913. Leo Frank, an innocent man, was lynched in 1915 a few miles from Marietta Square. His lynching was the most egregious act of anti-semitism in American history. He has never been exonerated for a crime he did not commit.

Please join Rabbi Steven Lebow and former Governor Roy Barnes to help us clear the name of an innocent man.

"There is no statute of limitations on doing the right thing!"



L'Etz Go to the Movies

Havdallah and movie featuring *Maestro* with Bradley Cooper

Saturday, September 21, 8:15 p.m., at Etz Chaim

Join us for a movie at Etz Chaim. This movie is rated "R".



THE GREEN TEAM'S MISSION COFFEE MUG



MISSION BYOM - BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE MUG

BYOM for Kiddush lunch to reduce our paper goods footprint.

- Your name will be placed on your mug (using an oil-based paint pen).
- Your mug will be washed weekly.
- Your mug will be stored in the Sunshine Kitchen for use on Shabbat.

We ask you to bring your mug to the synagogue during the week to be labeled and stored.

Have questions?
Contact Aram at the synagogue.

Etz Chaim is not responsible for any broken or lost mugs



ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD

Torah Fund

SUPPORT WOMEN'S LEAGUE



DID YOU KNOW?

Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the Conservative Institutes of Higher Jewish Learning. With the philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, we have raised nearly \$106 million in 79 years.

Am Yisrael Chai (The People of Israel Live) is a statement of solidarity for our Jewish nation and the continuity of our Jewish people. With your gift to Torah Fund, it helps strengthen Jewish education and ensures the future of our people. For more info visit www.WLCJ.org.



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Keter Kavod \$5000
Scholarship Patron \$2500
Patron \$1200
Associate Patron \$600
Guardian \$300
Benefactor \$180

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

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Holiday Information



Upcoming Holiday Services

Tisha B'Av, August 12

6:30 p.m. Mincha (see the cover for program details)

Shir Shel Selichot Musical Service, September 28

7:00 p.m. Mincha in the Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel followed by Havdallah and a nosh

8:00 p.m. Selichot Musical Service with a focus on refreshing our minds and souls with High Holiday melodies

High Holiday Information

- **Orders for the Greeting and Remembrance Book are underway**
- **Watch for the High Holiday Information via email in the next week**
- **All orders for tickets, seats, parking, babysitting, and other offerings for the holidays will be due back to the synagogue by August 30**
- **Be on the lookout for High Holiday order forms via email**

HIGH HOLIDAY ART CONTEST
ETZ CHAIM SISTERHOOD IS CALLING ALL BUDDING, ASPIRING, AND "JUST FOR FUN" ARTISTS OF ALL AGES!

Design the front and back covers for the High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book

Our theme this year is Israel.
Your design should illustrate your connection to Israel in a way you find meaningful.

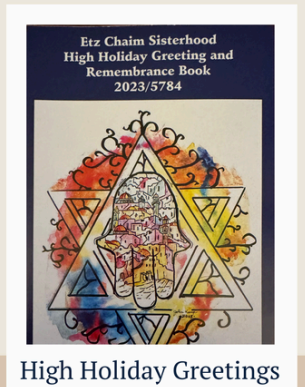
Please submit your designs by Monday, August 12th to:
www.etzchaim.net/hhdartcontest2024

- Submit a digital photo of your artwork (should be created vertically)
- Winners will be contacted to submit the original piece of art
- Please include name, phone, and email address
- For full details and rules see the link to the left.

Winners will be announced by August 28th and showcased in Etz Chaim Sisterhood's High Holiday Greeting and Remembrance Book



Click here
to submit your
2024/5785
High Holiday
greetings!



High Holiday Greetings

Please submit your High Holiday greetings and memorials before **Wednesday, August 14, 2024.** >

Questions? Contact HHetzChaim@gmail.com



QR Code to Greeting & Remembrance Book and Cover Art Contest

Tzedakah / Donations

Contributions processed from
June 1–30, 2024

Cynthia R. Freeman Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

my father, Marty Steiner. You've been gone 34 years and I miss you every day.

Lisa and Alan Freeman

Phillip Michael Silverman Memorial Endowment

In memory of:

Gary Taratoot. We are very sorry for your loss. May his memories bring you comfort. With love,

Alan Eisen. Alan will be missed and thought of often. We know that as time passes, all the memories you created together will bring you comfort. With love,

Bonnie and Alan Silverman

Rabbi Shalom J. Lewis Endowment

In loving memory of:

Lois Baer, who was my mom's Baron Hirsch friend

Alan and Sharon Lightstone

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you so much for your warm and meaningful words you shared with Jenna and Ian as they stood under the chuppah. I believe you filled everyone's hearts with so much love! Your words were heartfelt, sincere, and made the wedding so personal. Cannot thank you enough! Love,
Elyse and David Shaw and Sharon and Alan Lightstone

Rabbi Dorsch visiting Coca-Cola Global HQ
Sai Mukkamala

Rabbi Dorsch for the pre-marital counseling and loving, kind guidance to the now Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lustrin

Tammy and Jeffrey Cohen

In honor of:

Maddy and David Rothbard's 50th wedding anniversary!!

Amy and Rickey Mittelberg

Mania Gontmakher. I was so blessed to have you as my mother. Your wisdom which I am still learning and using gives me the ability, courage, and emunah to overcome any difficulties life can give. I always try to stay positive in any challenging situation. I got this from your genes. You are missed so much! With love,

Galina Barshay, Ella and Meylakh

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of:

Marc Sheinbein. You are missed and loved. May your memories be a blessing. Love,
Amy, Evan, Madelyn, Hannah and Aidan Charles

our wonderful mother, Edythe Simon

Jane Simon

my father, Joseph Shuman

Marcy Mehlman

In memory of:

my beloved mother, Barbara Goodman, on her yahrzeit

Kent and Julia Goodman

Arthur Turner

Stanley and Carole Turner

Glenda Ballew

Stephen and Bonnie Dix

Abraham Bodenstein

Steven Bodenstein

my parents, Lillian and Louis Cohen's yahrzeits

Sally Greenstein

Rabbi Adler Discretionary Fund

In honor of:

Rabbi Adler. Congratulations on becoming a rabbi and beginning your career with Congregation Etz Chaim.

Marsha Shrago

Rabbi Lewis Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of:

Lois Myrle Baer
Susan Eilenberg

In memory of:

Charlotte Berg
Douglas and Eileen Cohen

Gary Taratoot, beloved brother of Eliot Taratoot
Judy Lebow

Irving Sonshein
Margie Sonshein

Mollie Turk
Martyn and Donna Bierman

Backpack Buddies Fund

Sally Greenstein

In loving memory of:

Lois Baer. May her memory be a blessing.
Karen and Bill Keeter

Lois Baer. We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful, sweet lady. With love,

Debbi and Randy Chartash

Figur Family Outdoor Classroom

In loving memory of:

my brother, Marc Ebel

Lynn Sustak

General Fund

Sherry Adams

In honor of:

Norman and Simone Marinoff on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter

Judy Lebow

the Bermans and Harrisons for two years of leadership and transition for Prime Timers

Gail Vanovitch and Andrea Cohen for their willingness to plan, organize, and lead the Prime Timers to happy events and adventures
Marsha Shrago

In loving memory of:

our beloved Aunt, Lois Baer
Sheri and Fred Seigel

Lois Baer. May her memory be for a blessing.
Ilene and David Levin

Gary Taratoot
Jeff Katz and Ila Rosenthal

Lois Baer. We will miss your fun-loving mother. Love,
Marcia Jaffe

our cousin, Robert Krieger
Robert and Marion Behar

our mother, Marcia Sheftel Sarachek, on her yahrzeit

our dad, Gerald Sheftel, on his yahrzeit. We love and miss you.

Thomas and Myra Sheftel

In memory of:

Gary Taratoot
Brenda Winsberg

Madolyn Goldbart. We are so sorry for your loss. May you only remember the good times.

Esther and Charlie Harrison

my mother, Sonia Rosenberg
Fay Szeftel

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General Fund

Lois Myrle Baer
Jennifer Malkin and Michele Hirsh

Brenda Bookman's beloved husband, Bernie
Judy Lebow

Gary Taratoot
Lisa and Sam Olens

Reva Reiner, Pauline Kahn, Raymond Kahn,
and Oscar B. Reiner on their yearzeits
Michael and Shelly Reiner

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Ari Durst Kart on his Bar Mitzvah
Lois Englander and Family

Lilmode Adult Education Fund

In honor of:

The 50th anniversary of Bill Lieberbaum's
Bar Mitzvah
Dana and Ari Greenberg

Linda H. Weinroth Education Fund

In loving memory of:

Helen Rosengarten. She will surely be missed!
Shari and Steven Kasten

Morris Frank Sacred Text

In loving memory of:

Lois Baer
Candy Frank

In memory of:

Louis Silverberg
Herbert and Sheila Blatt

Gary Taratoot, loving husband and father.
May his memory be for a blessing.

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Nancy Krieger. Hope you have a speedy and
complete recovery. We love you.
Laura and Harold Einstein

Phillip's Library Fund

In memory of:

Gary Taratoot. Our sincere condolences. Love,
Iris and Dena Bachenheimer

Samuel Cohen
Alan Cohen
Lawrence Cohen

Preschool Fund

In memory of:

Robert Vexler. Please accept our sincere
condolences on the loss of your brother
/uncle, Bob. May your good memories of
him help you through this difficult time and
may his memory be for a blessing, now and
always. Love,
Arlene and Glenn La Vine

Robert Klein Memorial Chesed Fund

In loving memory of:

my parents, Morton and Ruth Berg
Iris Bachenheimer

Robert Krieger
Laura and Harold Einstein

Gary Taratoot
Linda and Michael Weinroth

In memory of:

Gary Taratoot
Joyce and Barry Teitelman

Sisterhood Fund

Sherry Adams

Social Action Fund

In memory of:

Hugh Cheslin, beloved brother of
Bonnie Steinfeld

Robert Krieger, beloved brother of
Martin Krieger

Gary Taratoot, dear husband of
Debbie Taratoot and beloved brother
of Bubba Taratoot

Marsha Shrago

Anita Reiter, beloved mom of Debbie Isbitts
and Saundi Shapiro

Sharon and Alan Lightstone

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Sherrie and Jordan Wetstone on becoming
grandparents

Alan and Sharon Lightstone

Marty and Lori Gilbert on the marriage of SK
and Kelly

Linda and Michael Weinroth

Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund

In memory of:

Adeline Agrow
Barton and Rosalie Agrow

Hesh Greenblatt, father of Arline Scheinzeit
Ronald and Arline Scheinzeit

Sunshine Kitchen Fund

In loving memory of:

Arthur Efenbein
Deborah and Lee Efenbein

Youth Fund

In loving memory of:

Bea Stadtler
Miriam and Robert Rosenbaum



Did you know you can do all of these things online?

- Pay your dues
- Make donations
- RSVP for programs
- Update your family profile
- Utilize the online directory for emails, phone numbers, and addresses of our congregants
- View the synagogue calendar

For assistance, contact [Karen Chauvin](#) in the synagogue office or
call her at 770-973-0137

Social Action/ Tikkun Olam

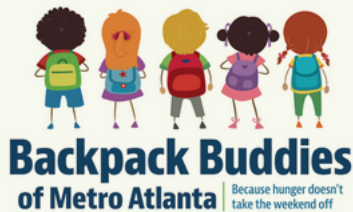


At Etz Chaim, we care about the world around us. Through a variety of opportunities within Etz Chaim and the greater Atlanta community, Tikkun Olam is one of the cornerstones of Jewish tradition.

We continue to participate in the following annual events:

- Hunger Walk benefiting the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Kosher Pantry
- Knitting scarfs with our Sisterhood to provide warmth to our friends at MUST Ministries
- Cook meals for the residents at Rebecca's Tent, a women's shelter, during the month of February
- Men's Club annual blood drive with Life South
- Monthly food drive for the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS
- Educational programs on anti-sex trafficking and protecting your child from predators.

If you have suggestions or would like to get involved in *Social Action* programs, please feel free to contact [Sharon Lightstone](#), chair.



Backpack Buddies 2024-2025

It's a new school year, which means a new year of Backpack Buddies! As a congregation, we will be kicking off our third year of this important program, supporting Eastvalley Elementary School by providing bags of food each week to food-insecure children. There are so many ways you can help this important cause!

1. Volunteer your time: If you are interested in packing bags of food, delivering bags to the school, and more, please [click here](#) to fill out the interest form.
2. Donate food: There is always a need for more nutritious food to stock our pantry shelves!

You can shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) here or purchase items yourself from our [list of requested items](#) and drop them off in the bin in the Etz Chaim lobby.

Shabbat in the Park SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT



Support **Backpack Buddies at Shabbat in the Park SITP** by bringing donations of the following boxed goods to SITP:

- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Boxed Oatmeal Packets
- Packaged Fruit Cups (no cans)

Social Action project for the children at SITP will be to create cards to go in the backpacks.

Support the **Green Team at SITP** who will be collecting gently used cleats and sneakers, to be donated to those in need, also, accepting well-loved shoes to be recycled. Also being collected, used batteries for recycling. For more information about this project, [click here](#).

JF&CS Kosher Food Pantry Collection at Etz Chaim

Please help us with our ongoing donation drive for the Kosher Food Pantry at JF&CS. The following Kosher, non-perishable items are needed:

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

- All items must be marked with a kosher symbol.



The Prime Timers



The Prime Timers are an affinity group of congregants who are 55+ in age and/or no longer have children living at home and are in the prime of their lives. They build new friendships and enjoy social and cultural events by coming together for monthly programs.

Past events have included: Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, Historical and Museum Tours, Vodka and Latkes, Brunch, Trivia Night, and Dance parties with live music.

Contact one of The Prime Timers co-chairs: [Gail Vanovitch](#) or [Andrea Cohen](#) for more information about The Prime Timers.



Prime Timers Welcome Brunch and Musical Bingo Sunday, August 18, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$18 per person

Join us for a fabulous brunch and bingo in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. Make new friends, eat, schmooze, and have a fun afternoon of musical bingo. All are welcome. [Click here](#) to RSVP and pay.



Prime Timers Shabbat Dinner Friday, September 20, 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Dinner with reservation Cost: \$36 per person in advance

Join us for Shabbat services and a beautifully catered Shabbat dinner in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. Come with your chavurah or come solo. This event is a wonderful way to make new friends, enjoy one another's company and share in the spirit of Shabbat. Please RSVP by September 10. [Click here](#) to reserve your seat today!

Stitch & Kvetch with Rabbi Adler

Thursdays
from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of stitching, schmoozing, and kvetching! Bring your cross-stitch, needlepoint, and knitting for this weekly activity in Social Hall 3.

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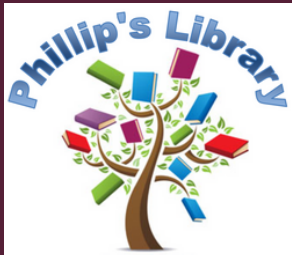
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Phillip's Library News



Phillip's Library was refreshed and dedicated in memory of Phillip Michael Silverman on September 10, 2017.

Our library catalog is [available online](#). You can look to see what books are available in our library anytime, day or night, by accessing our catalog.

There are lots of great books and DVDs available at Phillip's Library for children and adults!

Stop by the library and browse anytime except during Religious School hours. Just follow the directions on the circulation desk to self-check out books.

Book returns go in the return slot at the circulation desk.

Suggestions are welcome for new Jewish books to purchase for the library.

You can also locate the link to the online library catalog on the home page of Etz Chaim's website under the Learning tab, then, Library from the main menu bar.



Library Catalog

STAY TUNED NEXT MONTH FOR SOME GREAT BOOKS TO HELP YOU GET IN THE RIGHT MINDSET FOR THE FALL HOLIDAYS.



Volunteers Needed to help with Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim once a month on Sundays during the school year or during the week as needed. **Save the Date: Sunday, September 29, at 9:15 a.m.** Come to an organizing meeting for volunteers. Location of the meeting to be determined. If you cannot make it to the meeting, contact [Janice Levine](#) for more details.



Attention Children Ages 9 - 12: Did you know that you can sign up for [PJ Our Way](#)? Each month your child can choose a great new Jewish book that will be sent to you for free!



Sisterhood Book Club, 10:00 a.m. Sundays

Join us for our monthly book discussion at the Bayit and via Zoom (unless otherwise specified). For more information, contact [Myra Goldberg](#).

Here's a look at the great titles we will be reading this "school year":

September 1, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

October 6, *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver

November 3, *The Children of My Knee* by Len Cooper

December 8, *The Late Comer* by Jane Hanff Korlize (available for free audio download)

January 5, 2025, *Sadie On a Plate* by Amanda Elliott

February 2, *Tap Dancing on Everest* by Mimi Zeimen

March 2, *The Postcard* by Anne Berest

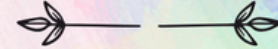
April 6, *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn

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