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Scholar-in-Residence Shabbat with Rabbi Elan Babchuck

Executive Vice President, CLAL
National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership

January 24 and 25



We welcome Rabbi Babchuck, our Scholar-in-Residence in conjunction with Shabbat Across Atlanta on Friday evening. We will begin with services, followed by a Shabbat Dinner and program featuring Rabbi Babchuck.

Friday, January 24, Shabbat Service at 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Dinner and program 7:15 p.m., by reservation

Cost is \$ 40 per person

Saturday, January 25, Shabbat Service 9:30 a.m.



RSVP: www.etzchaim.net/events/SIR2025

Thank you to the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation for their continued sponsorship of this program.

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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.

Please note:

Morning Minyan for Federal Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Services:

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

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

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Dan Dorsch Rabbi

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks defines faith as “the ability to live with delay without losing trust in the promise; to experience disappointment without losing hope, to know that the road between the real and the ideal is long and yet be willing to undertake the journey.”

Siz Shver Zol Zayn a Yid. It’s a hard time to be a Jew. There are moments where it feels like the deck is constantly stacked up against us. No one says anything to our faces, but they whisper behind our backs. When it comes to Israel, we are the only people who the world assumes does not know “what is good for us,” and so they spend their time telling us when and if we have the right to defend ourselves.

Reflecting on this past election, I find it remarkable how each side found ways to exploit our insecurities. The message was the same. “Vote for me,” each of the candidates said. “I will restore your fortunes and those of Israel and the Jewish people.”

I get our obsession with political promises. It’s easy to want to place our faith in a human messiah to fix our problems. Yet, in reality, what I have learned over the years is that with the exception of a few, truly loving allies, there is no one we can place trust in to fix our problems than in our God and in us. The Book of Psalms teaches us *Kol Adam Kozev*, that human beings are fallible, and that “all humans disappoint.” Believing in us is the only thing that has ever truly worked.

When I was a young and impressionable *Rosh Edah* at Ramah in the Poconos, Camp Director Todd Zeff told us a story about his journey. Upon graduating college, he had been offered his dream corporate job working for Sony. The opportunities for growth were good. The pay Sony offered was excellent. He was tempted to take it. That’s when a mentor told him: “You can take that job. But remember, there will always be someone else to sell records. There may not be someone else to step into your place as a rabbi.”

Is it hard to keep faith when delayed results are part of the journey? You bet.

There is no delay when it comes to selling records.

Yet, as Rabbi Sacks points out, patience in the face of disappointment is the hallmark of what it means to be a Jew.

We’ve just been through an exhausting election season. Daylight hours are getting shorter. The weather is growing colder.

As a person of faith, I have not lost trust in the promise of a better future for the Jewish people. As the rabbi of our community, I have not lost faith in us. I am so glad we get to take this journey together.



Jonathon Adler Assistant Rabbi

The word “luck” was constantly repeated throughout the course of my Installation weekend. Just about everyone kept saying how lucky the congregation is that I’m now the assistant rabbi. I’m so glad you feel that way, but I have to look at it from a different point of view. From where I’m sitting, I’m the lucky one. For me, getting to work here is a dream come true.

First of all, I can’t imagine a better welcome than the one I received from all of you, both when I got here for the first time in 2023, as well as during my installation weekend. My family also noted how friendly everyone was and how welcomed they were all made to feel.

Secondly, I get to work in this amazing building with wonderful colleagues, an incredible support team, a rich history, and perhaps most of all, a vibrant and dynamic congregation.

I’m so grateful to Lisa Olens for the hard work she put in organizing the weekend, as well as to Rabbis Dorsch and Lewis for the beautiful words they spoke during the service.

Most of all, I’m grateful to the members of our Etz Chaim community. I’ve been teaching my sixth-grade Religious School students about the structure of the prayer, Ashrei, which is an alphabetical acrostic. We wrote our own acrostics this past week, and I’d like to offer one now for all of you:

E xceptional love for Judaism	C olorful stained-glass windows
T ransformative prayer experiences	H eimish folks everywhere you look
Z estful community gatherings	A mazingly skilled lay leaders
	I like it here and hope for
	M any wonderful years together

I count my lucky stars that I get to work here, and I look forward to getting to know you better. Please reach out to schedule a meeting in my office or a coffee date.

Also, note that I’m going to start a drop-in session on the first and third Fridays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in local coffee shops. The sessions will be known as **Java Nagilah**. We’ll meet the first Sunday of the month at Mzizi Coffee Roaster, and the third, at Land of a Thousand Hills in Roswell. Look for the ad on page 12 of this edition of the Voice of Chaim for more details. I hope to see you all there.

Again, thank you all so much.



Elliot Okrent President

“You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am, I’ll come running, a-running, yeah, yeah, to see you again...Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you have to do is call, and I’ll be there, yes I will (oh, yes I will), you’ve got a friend.” – Carole King

Our 50th Anniversary year has arrived, and what an exciting time it is for Congregation Etz Chaim! As we reflect on five decades of community, growth, and purpose, we have so much to be grateful for—and so many reasons to give back. That’s why I am thrilled to share our latest initiative that truly embodies our values of kindness, generosity, and connection. It’s called Etz Chaim Gives Back: 50 Ways to Support Our Community.

This initiative is more than a program; it’s an invitation to each of us to weave acts of service and kindness into the fabric of our daily lives. Imagine the impact we can create together by embracing this opportunity to support both our congregation and the broader community. We’ve thoughtfully compiled a list of 50 ways to give back, providing opportunities for everyone—from children to adults, individuals to families. These include acts of tzedakah and mitzvot that reflect the very heart of who we are.

Whether you choose to volunteer with local shelters, tutor young learners, plant trees, or participate in mitzvah projects right here at Etz Chaim, each act of kindness will help us build a stronger community. It’s a chance to show our gratitude, support our neighbors, and honor the values that have sustained us for 50 years.

In this month’s Voice of Chaim, you’ll find eight categories to help guide your choice of giving back:

- Acts of Gratitude & Encouragement
- Helping Neighbors & Friends
- Supporting Local Charities & Causes
- Acts of Kindness for Strangers
- Donating Food & Essentials
- Sharing Skills & Teaching Others
- Supporting our Environment & Community
- Thoughtful Gifts & Surprises

The full list can be found on **page 15**. In a world that often feels divided, let us make a conscious effort to create Chesed—loving-kindness and goodwill. Every positive action, no matter how small, has the power to uplift and transform, bringing hope and connection to those around us.

And this is just the beginning! There’s so much more to come as we celebrate our Golden Anniversary. Mark your calendars for the Golden Anniversary Celebration and Silent Auction on April 27. This will be a night to remember, with a chance to support Congregation Etz Chaim through our silent auction. If you have something to donate, or know someone who does, please let us know—we’d love to have your support.

From my family to yours, and on behalf of Congregation Etz Chaim, I wish you all a Hanukkah Sameach and a Happy New Year. May this season of light inspire us to shine even brighter as we step into the next 50 years together.



Marty Gilbert Executive Director

Since 1900, the first night of Chanukah has fallen on Christmas Day four times, this year will be the fifth time and Christmas Eve four times, 2016 being the last time. With eight total occurrences in 117 years, Chanukah starts on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day roughly once every 15 years. Welcome to one of those years.

It will be interesting to see how the online and retail worlds react to this calendar anomaly. Will the sales come early or late? Will the discounts escalate as December 25 gets closer? My father-in-law, who spent 30 years in retail, would tell you to find the sales reports from the last time the holidays broke out this way and compare the trends. The sales numbers might be different, but the sales trend should be similar. Of course, this was long before Amazon, the internet and the demise of most of the retail chains. If you are a procrastinator, this should be one of your favorite years. You can wait to buy all your gifts until the very last minute.

My biggest concern is not what to buy, but how crowded will the Chinese restaurants be on Christmas Day? It seems like people of all faiths have realized Chinese Food is the way to go.

This year we are providing an interesting alternative. Join us for a **Chanukah lighting at East Cobb Park at 5:55 p.m. on December 25**. Immediately following, we will head back to **Etz Chaim for Chinese food from Harmony Vegetarian**.

Bring the entire mishpacha! It will be fun to be together and sing songs, play dreidel, light your Chanukah and just remember...

“you won’t shoot your eye out kid.”



Chanukah is not Jewish Christmas. However, this time of year, we make it hard for young children to understand that. With all the bright lights, decorations, treats, Christmas cheer, and this year Chanukah falling on Christmas, it is quite confusing for young children to understand how different the holidays are. So how do we celebrate Chanukah in preschool?

We start long before the holiday, talking about how everyone is different. How we all have a light inside of us that shines brightly. That we can make our own light shine every day. The Chanukah story is about bravery and resilience. It is about hope and pride. It is a story of strength and conviction. We tell the story of the brave Maccabees and the strength of the Jewish people. We share how even though the Temple is destroyed, the Jewish people work together to build it again. It is a story of miracles and trust.

So, how do we address the holiday this year with our young children? I believe that there are ways to celebrate the beauty of Chanukah that will feel meaningful and relevant to everyone. When my own children were little, we created themes for each night. Maybe one night is a "Give to others" night. Another night could be a "Work together to complete a task" night. Or "Game Night" where the whole family spends time together playing games. If your family is used to receiving gifts each night, maybe the gifts themselves can be a theme. Book night, game night, favorite team night, etc. The truth is, Chanukah does not have to be a gluttony of gifts and meaningless trinkets.

We can find meaning in the holiday, remember that it has nothing to do with the Christmas season, and celebrate in a way that is meaningful to our own families. This year, as we light the shamash on our Menorahs, let us also remember to illuminate the light that is inside of each of us and show our young children the specialness and uniqueness of our own holiday. Chag Samaech!



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning

Saturdays, December 7, 21 & 28 and January 4, 18 & 25

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.



M&M Shabbat

Friday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. Service/6:30 p.m. Dinner

Join us for a fun, Chanukah-themed family Shabbat service in Phillip's Library and a dairy dinner in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. Feel free to wear your Chanukah pajamas and bring one pair to donate! Cost is \$18 per member family (immediate family) and \$36 for guest families. [Click here](#) to RSVP or scan the QR code.



Sing-a-long Shabbat on Shabbat Morning

Saturdays, 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.



Tot Shabbat on Shabbat Evening

Friday, December 20 and January 24

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.



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Preschool Dates to Remember:

Monday, December 19, School-wide Family Chanukah Festivities
Friday, December 20, Tot Shabbat: 5:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat
Saturday, December 21, Kids Night Out
Monday - Friday, December 23 - January 3, School Closed for Winter Break
Wednesday, December 25, First Night of Chanukah at Sunset

ASP Classes for Puppies and Cool Cats:
 ASP Cooking: Mondays, December 2, 9 and 16
 ASP Rhythm & Movement: Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17
 ASP Art: Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18

Preschool Photo Gallery



FALLING into fun with our Preschoolers!



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GOAL and DOR notify you of approved tax credit amount and payment deadline
- 4 Make Payment** (Mid-March 2025)
Pay GOAL by check, ACH transfer or credit card within 60 days of approval notification
- 5 Take the Credit** (When you file your 2025 tax return in 2026)
GOAL sends you a tax receipt in May 2025 for claiming the credit on your return

TAX CREDIT LIMITS BASED ON FILING STATUS

Tax Filing Status	Tax Credit Limit
Single Filer	\$2,500
Married Separate Filer	\$2,500
Married Joint Filer	\$5,000
Individual Pass-Through Owner	\$25,000
C Corp, Trust, or Electing Pass-Through	75% of annual tax liability

For Business Owners: Consult your tax advisor about this powerful and popular tax credit program, as depending on how you will pay your 2025 taxes, there are two opportunities for pass-through businesses to make a substantial impact on our community through GOAL while simultaneously receiving a state income tax credit and possible federal income tax deduction.

Youth Department



Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



Youth
Department



The Youth Department had a fun and successful November! Both our Chalutzim and Chaverim groups baked cookies or ziti for first responders and we were delighted to see the smiles on the faces of the fire fighters when our goodies were delivered. Thanks to those parents who delivered the food.

Our Gesher group spent their time in games and challenges that were fun and funny! Altogether, 35 kids participated in the three events and it could only have been better if more children were there!

Join us in December as we continue our theme of giving/doing with and for others. Chalutzim will be having an intergenerational event with grandparents/seniors on the December 8 – if your child doesn't have a grandparent in town, we can pair them with someone from our Etz Chaim community. Please reach out if that is needed.

Chaverim will be playing bingo with the residents at The Solana on December 15, and Gesher will have an ice cream social after Shake It Up Shabbat on December 7. Hope to see your kids at their grade appropriate event.

Membership Information for 2024-2025

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

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.

Youth Department Registration



Upcoming December Programming



Chalutzim (K-2nd GR) - Make and Take Crafts December 8 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Bring your Bubbe and your Zayde to build a craft with us! Bring a hammer!
Please RSVP by December 1. *Save the date for our January 12 program!*



Chaverim (3rd-5th GR) - Chanukah at The Solana December 15 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon at Solana for Bingo, Chanukah songs, and candle lighting.
Please RSVP by December 8. *Save the date, January 26, for our next event!*



Gesher (6th-8th GR) - Ice Cream Social December 7 from Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Join us at the Bayit for an ice cream social after services.
Please RSVP by November 24.



Sababa USY (9th-12th GR) Wacky Wednesdays December 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join your friends and fellow congregants for evening minyan in the Allan and Vivian Levine Family Chapel, followed by Pizza in the Bayit.



Religious School News

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School
and Youth Programming



Kol Yisrael Aravim, Zeh Bazeh ~ All of Israel is responsible for each other ~ Talmud Shevuot 39a.

Teaching Religious School is many things – rewarding, satisfying, and sometimes even fun. Yet 5 hours of education a week doesn't offer much time for all the things we want our students to learn and experience. Should it be Hebrew decoding and learning prayers? Should it be Israel? Jewish history? Parshat Hashavua? So many important topics and so little time.

Our curriculum committee met over the summer and determined that Israel would be the focus for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We're delving into Israel as it relates to the ancestors we learned about in kindergarten – 2nd grade, the people who had the vision and were involved in the creation of the state of Israel, and the contributions of Israel (and Israelis) to the world today. As part of the introduction of these units, we are fortunate to have a partner in the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and their Schoenbaum Shinshinim program.

The Schoenbaum Shinshinim program brings Israel and Jewish Atlanta together. Shinshinim are 18-year-old high school graduates from all over Israel who complete a year of service in Jewish Atlanta, fostering connections to Israel for community members of all ages. They infuse Israeli culture across the community through art, song, dance, and holiday observances. The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and the Jewish Agency for Israel partner to bring these amazing teens to Atlanta each year. By sharing themselves and their personal stories with us, they make Israel real! This year, we are fortunate to be joined by Amit Ozeri, who is from Kibbutz Ramat Yohanan. Amit was with us in September so we could meet and get to know each other as he shared about his life in Israel. In October Amit taught us about how the High Holidays are celebrated in Israel.

Moving forward, Amit will be our direct connection to the map of Israel: where cities are located, the importance of certain cities, and what are they known for where our ancestors lived and died. He'll show us who are neighbors are and where they are located on the map. He'll share where he is from, where our students' families are from, where Israelis vacation, and answer questions from our students. This once-a-month experience will be a unique learning opportunity for our students to learn from Amit and we look forward to his time with us.



Shake it Up Shabbat

(formerly Team Shabbat)

Saturdays, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

Join us once a month for *Shake it Up Shabbat* morning service for **kindergarten through seventh grade** students and families. The goal of the service is for everyone to become more comfortable in the Radow Sanctuary while those children who choose to do so will lead us in parts of the service. This service, along with Rabbi Adler's Learners' Minyan, will take the place of last year's Team Shabbat. We look forward to seeing all of our families.



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Mark your calendars for the following events this month and next:

Sunday, December 15, Kitah Vav and Zayin Field Trip to The Breman Museum

Sunday, December 15, Pre-K Class in session

Sunday, December 15, **Chanukah Shuk for Students** during Religious School

All items are \$2.00 each. Please give your child some cash to spend at the Shuk!

Tuesday, December 17, Chanukah Party Celebration

Sunday to Sunday, December 22 - January 5, Religious School Closed for Winter Break

Friday, January 10, Haggigat Siddur for Kitah Gimmel

Men's Club



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

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
- Ushering for High Holidays
- Supporting the Holocaust Garden

Greetings Etz Chaim Congregants,

Fall is a great time of year to be outside and reflect on the joy it is to be alive. The Men's Club welcomes any fall cooking ideas you may have, especially of the outdoor variety. Feel Free to reach out with any suggestions.

On November 9, Men's Club hosted Veteran's Day Shabbat. I want to thank **Chuck Bernstein** for working with the Rabbis to present a very meaningful Shabbat honoring all who have served.

On November 24, the Etz Chaim Men's Club participated in a scaled-down version of the Kosher BBQ Festival put on by the Ahavath Achim Synagogue. There was a large turnout and lots of families got to enjoy some *real* good Kosher BBQ by the Etz Chaim Team, Moshe Ribeinu crew!

December is a very slow month for the Men's Club as we wind down and prepare for the holidays. It's a great time to catch up with friends and enjoy time with family. **Save the date, January 19, for the AJFF Preview and Best Breakfast in Town!** A Happy and Healthy New Year to our Etz Chaim Family!

We welcome you to get involved with the 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](#), President or [Mathew Nathan](#), Vice President.

Sisterhood Gallery

Our Pinktober Mah Jongg Mixer was a huge success!



SHALOM IN THE SHUL
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
10:00 a.m. - Noon

We've added one more session!
Join us. Click here to [RSVP](#).

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Join us for our Annual Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, February 8
10 Shevat 5785
9:30 a.m.
Radow Sanctuary

Sisterhood Scoop



Judaica and Gifts Shop:

We are open for business! Hours are:
Sundays and Mondays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Please contact Lauren Gray for information.

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.

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](#).

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.

Want to know more about Sisterhood? Please contact Helaine Mark at (404) 353-4589 or Dani Oren at (770) 630-2254.

Our theme is Celebrate Together... and we certainly are finding time to do just that! We had our annual Pinktober Mah Jongg event, which was a terrific success! More than 50 women, including women new to Etz Chaim and to our Sisterhood, as well as women from the greater East Cobb community came to celebrate and have a great time socializing and playing, all the while raising funds to help support people in our community impacted by cancer.

We've got so much more coming up, too!

Helaine Mark and Dani Oren

Co-Presidents

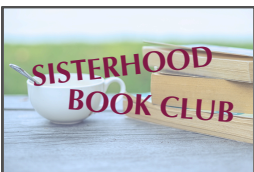


Artisans at the Etz

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Congregation Etz Chaim's Sisterhood is hosting a holiday market with local artists. There will be something for everyone! Items for sale include jewelry, fabric art, ceramics, woodwork, multi-media art, and much more! Raffle tickets will be available for purchase to win prizes supplied by our artisans. **This event is free and open to the community.** Light refreshments will be served. Net proceeds will benefit the Jewish National Fund's Bomb Shelter Beautification Project in Israel.



Sisterhood Book Club, Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 8, *The Late Comer* by Jane Hanff Korlize

(Free audio download available for this book!) Hosted by Myra Goldberg.

Join us for our monthly book discussion off-site and via Zoom. For more information, contact [Myra Goldberg](#).

Save the Date: Sunday, January 5, *Tap Dancing On Everest* by Mimi Zeman

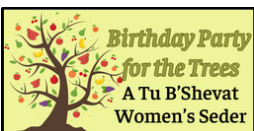
Host Iris Bachenheimer at the home of Sheri Rosenblum with Dr. Mimi Zeiman as our guest speaker. Join us for this marvelous opportunity to discuss the book with the author!



Chanukah Shuk for Religious School

Sunday, December 15, during school

Sisterhood puts on a great shuk for our students. The cost per item is \$2.00 cash. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to assist with the shuk, please contact [Stephanie Needle](#) or [Sarah Salamon](#) for more information.



Birthday Party for the Trees - A Tu B'Shevat Women's Seder

Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a special Tu B'Shevat Seder with all of your sisters. More details to come. In the meantime, save this date. You won't want to miss this celebration.



Sisterhood WhatsApp Group Sisterhood members now have a WhatsApp Community to help us stay connected! Become a community member to receive updates, chat with Sisterhood members, and join subgroups organized by topic such as Monthly Minyan and Book Club. Please complete this form to request to join our Community. Scan the QR code to the right or contact [Karen](#) in the synagogue office.



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 [Jennifer Lieberbaum](#) or [Roni Robbins](#), co-chairs.



Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Hammer-Tritt Social Hall
December 5, 19, and 26, January 9

Join us in person or via [Zoom](#) for a stimulating conversation with the Rabbi.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dorsch Monthly Discussion and Pizza

Tuesdays at noon
December 3 at U.S. Bank, and **January 7** at Etz Chaim

Come learn and enjoy some pizza with Rabbi Dorsch as he discusses a variety of topics at this monthly L&L. To get a monthly reminder and to RSVP, email betsy@etzchaim.net.

Sponsored by the Joyce and Ramie Tritt Family Foundation.

Thank you to U.S. Bank, for hosting our Lunch & Learn at 1 Concourse Pkwy., *Virginia Highlands Conference Room*

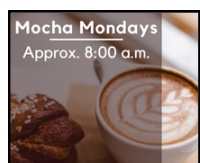


Java Nagilah with Rabbi Adler

Friday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. at Mzizi Coffee Roaster
2995 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta

Friday, December 20, 1:00 p.m. at Land of a Thousand Hills
352 South Atlanta Street, Roswell

Join Rabbi Adler for this bi-monthly coffee house “drop-in” on Friday afternoons. Grab some coffee, a nosh, and discuss the parshat of the week (parshah ha’shavua) as we prepare our souls for Shabbat.



Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch Monthly Coffee and Breakfast

Mondays after morning minyan, approximately 8:00 a.m.
December 9 and January 6

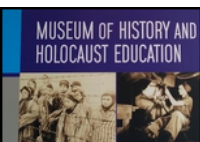
Join Rabbi Dorsch for a discussion on “The Talmud’s Greatest Hits”. All are welcome to attend.



Monthly Torah Study at Huntcliff

Thursday mornings at 11:30 a.m.
December 12

All are welcome to attend the monthly Torah Study hosted by Huntcliff Summit I - Independent Living, located on Roswell Road.



Save One Life: Resistance in the Holocaust

at the KSU Museum of History and Holocaust Education. 3333 Busbee Drive, NW, Kennesaw
Sunday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.

Lilmode is taking a field trip to Kennesaw State University’s museum. We will have a speaker and guided tour of the exhibit. You will provide your own transportation. Admission and parking are free. To RSVP, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



KSU Museum

Pride Alliance

As members of our Etz Chaim community, we celebrate and embrace our diverse community. Please join us for LGBTQ events here at our synagogue and around metro Atlanta to show our commitment to love, acceptance, and inclusion. By participating, we can bridge divides, foster understanding, and spread the message of love that transcends all boundaries. We applaud uniqueness and will be a living example of our Judaism in action. For more information, contact [Andrew Kagan](#).



Pride Shabbat Saturday, December 14, 9:30 a.m.

Words matter. A lot. Words of love and support make us feel warm, accepted, welcomed, and included.

Prayers matter. A lot. They give us hope, and let us express our fervent desire for the health, safety, and security of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow congregants.

Showing up matters. A lot. Being together to give each other love, support, and comfort presents our entire community with an opportunity to share our joys, hopes, fears, and frustrations, and brings us all closer together as a Kehilla.

The Etz Chaim Pride Alliance invites you to “show up” to celebrate our **Fourth Annual Pride Shabbat**.

We will pray, sing, and laugh together, in a spirit of love and community.

Many thanks,
Andrew



College Connection



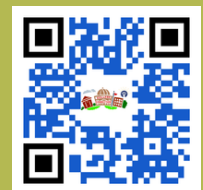
Do you have a college student in the family?

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 are the details on how to mail their care packages, and we’ll do the rest!

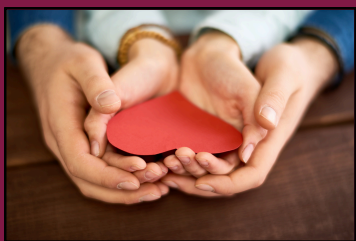
Send us your student’s information for Care Packages:

[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.



Our Caring Community



How Can We Help?

The Chesed Committee is expanding to help you navigate life's challenging times.

Shalom Baby!

שלום תינוק

Hello Baby!

Honorary Bubbes & Zaydes

Grand Mothers & Fathers

Lev El Lev

לב אל לב

Heart to Heart

Yad B'Yad

יד ביד

Hand in Hand

Bikkur Cholim

ביקור חולים

Visiting the ill

Nefesh L'Nefesh

נפש לנפש

Soul to Soul

Contact Rabbi Dorsch at (770) 973-0137 or rabbidorsch@etzchaim.net to see how the Chesed Committee can help YOU or someone in your immediate family! Confidentiality respected.

IS THERE A NEW BABY IN YOUR HOUSE?

Shalom Baby!

Once the synagogue has been notified, we're here to provide a warm welcome to the newest member of your family. We can suggest resources for a brit milah or a simchat bat, provide some nourishment for the whole family during those hectic first days and even provide your little one with some Etz Chaim "merch"!

DO YOUR CHILDREN NEED A LOCAL GRANDPARENT?

Honorary Bubbes and Zaydes (Grandmothers and Grandfathers)

Sometimes grandparents live too far away for regular visits or even visits on special occasions; even local grandparents are sometimes unavailable. If you'd like your child or children to have the special gift of connection with a local bubbe or zayde, a savta or saba, we can arrange it!

WOULD YOU WELCOME A VISIT FROM A NEW FRIEND?

Lev El Lev (Heart to Heart)

Sometimes illness, age, the death of a spouse or partner – even a new move to this area – can leave us feeling isolated and lonely. If you'd welcome the chance to meet a new friend, share a cup of coffee and maybe some life stories, we'd be happy to provide that friend for you!

DON'T FIGHT A MEDICAL BATTLE ALONE

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand)

If you're facing or battling a medical challenge, walk down that road hand-in-hand with someone who's already made that journey. A member of our congregation who has faced a similar medical issue can provide information, tips and other resources as you navigate the road ahead.

WOULD A VISIT LIFT YOUR SPIRITS?

Bikkur Cholim (Visiting the Ill)

Time in the hospital, in rehab or during recuperation at home can be very long. A visit from a member of our congregation who comes with a smile -- and maybe even a joke or two -- can help break the boredom.

HAS A LOVED ONE PASSED AWAY?

Nefesh L'Nefesh (Soul to Soul)

After the synagogue has been notified of the death of a congregant or a congregant's loved one, Nefesh L'Nefesh volunteers arrange a meal for the immediate family of the deceased after an in-town funeral. (Those congregants who observe shiva at home after an out-of-town funeral receive a fruit platter.) With our rabbis, we can also provide both short and long-term resources to help you deal with loss and grief.

Creating Chesed

Loving-kindness and Goodwill



Fifty Ways to Create Chesed - Loving-Kindness and Goodwill

by Elliot Okrent

Acts of Gratitude & Encouragement

1. Write a thank-you note to someone who made a difference in your life.
2. Leave a positive review for a local business you love.
3. Send an uplifting text or email to a friend or family member.
4. Compliment a stranger to make their day.
5. Leave a note of encouragement on a coworker's desk or in a public place.
6. Create a gratitude jar and encourage family members to add notes of thanks.
7. Write positive messages in sidewalk chalk in your neighborhood.
8. Create a "kindness calendar" with one act of kindness for each day of the month.

Helping Neighbors & Friends

9. Offer to run errands for an elderly or homebound neighbor.
10. Help a neighbor with yard work.
11. Offer to babysit for a friend or neighbor who needs a break.
12. Offer to pick up groceries for someone who cannot leave their home.
13. Organize a carpool for kids or congregants going to an event.
14. Give a ride to someone without transportation.
15. Offer to help a friend move or pack.
16. Host a virtual game night or movie night to raise funds for a cause.

Supporting Local Charities & Causes

17. Donate gently used clothing to a local charity or shelter.
18. Donate school supplies to a local school or teacher.
19. Make a small donation to a cause you care about.
20. Participate in a charity walk or run and invite friends to join.
21. Volunteer at a community event or festival.
22. Volunteer to help set up or clean up at a synagogue event.
23. Pay for a student's school lunch anonymously.
24. Send a letter or care package to a soldier overseas.

Acts of Kindness for Strangers

25. Buy a coffee for the person in line behind you.
26. Leave a generous tip for a server or delivery driver.
27. Smile and say hello to a stranger to brighten their day.
28. Hold the door open for someone.
29. Bring flowers or a plant to someone who could use a little joy.
30. Give away your parking spot to someone who seems to need it more.

Donating Food & Essentials

31. Donate pet food or supplies to a local animal shelter.
32. Donate unopened toiletries to a shelter.
33. Make sandwiches and distribute them to people experiencing homelessness.
34. Collect and recycle old electronics properly.
35. Create "blessing bags" with essentials and snacks to give to people in need.
36. Collect used towels and blankets for animal shelters.

Sharing Skills & Teaching Others

37. Read to children at a local library or after-school program.
38. Offer to teach a tech skill to someone who needs help with their devices.
39. Share a skill by offering a free workshop or lesson.
40. Organize a "Take What You Need" board with inspirational notes or small gifts.

Environmental & Community Care

41. Plant flowers or trees in a community space.
42. Make a bird feeder and hang it in your yard or a public park.
43. Bring reusable bags to the grocery store and share extras with others.
44. Collect and recycle old electronics properly.

Thoughtful Gifts & Surprises

45. Deliver homemade cookies or treats to a neighbor or friend.
46. Send a care package to someone going through a tough time.
47. Bake bread or challah and share it with someone who could use a pick-me-up.
48. Bring flowers or a plant to someone who could use a little joy.
49. Cook a meal for someone who is sick or recently had a baby.
50. Make a bird feeder and hang it in your yard or a public park.

Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

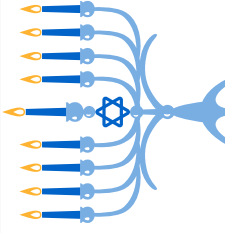
- Mark Patinkin on the passing of his beloved mother, Deborah Brandt Singerman
- Sherry Seidman on the passing of her beloved mother, Belle Brody
- Shelly Reiner on the passing of her beloved husband, Michael Reiner

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

December 2024 Yahrzeits

1-Dec Geraldine"Geri" Brick Eppsteiner 30 Cheshvan	*12-Dec Jack Zahn 11 Kislev	22-Dec Henry Siegelman 21 Kislev
2-Dec Lillian Shatzman 1 Kislev	*12-Dec Rose Weinstein 11 Kislev	22-Dec Lillian Rosengarten 21 Kislev
2-Dec Manny Rothstein 1 Kislev	13-Dec Anne Schulman 12 Kislev	*22-Dec Robert Coltman 21 Kislev
3-Dec Rose Levine 2 Kislev	13-Dec Della Eisenman 12 Kislev	23-Dec Clara Gray 22 Kislev
*3-Dec Zelda Goldstein 2 Kislev	*13-Dec Dov Sidney Cohen 12 Kislev	23-Dec Hilda Barrack 22 Kislev
4-Dec Maxwell Goldenberg 3 Kislev	13-Dec Elizabeth Nicholls 12 Kislev	23-Dec Salomon Kron 22 Kislev
*4-Dec Robert Hammer 3 Kislev	14-Dec Emmanuel Dermer 13 Kislev	24-Dec Gizella Jacoby 23 Kislev
*4-Dec Sara Goldstein Taitz 3 Kislev	*14-Dec Hana Safran Kramer 13 Kislev	*24-Dec Terry Wilson 23 Kislev
5-Dec Murial Zelman 4 Kislev	14-Dec Herbert Seltman 13 Kislev	*26-Dec Bernard Lehman 25 Kislev
*5-Dec Theodore Weinroth 4 Kislev	14-Dec Laura Scheinzeit 13 Kislev	26-Dec Leonard Berch 25 Kislev
*6-Dec Alex David 5 Kislev	*14-Dec Ruth Safran Diamond 13 Kislev	26-Dec Norma Mador 25 Kislev
6-Dec Betty Greenberg 5 Kislev	15-Dec Irving Marcus 14 Kislev	27-Dec Carl Zager 26 Kislev
*7-Dec Leon Mandel 6 Kislev	15-Dec Lila Booth 14 Kislev	27-Dec Linda Aronstein 26 Kislev
7-Dec Rufus Shelkoff 6 Kislev	15-Dec Rachel Goldstein Smith 14 Kislev	27-Dec Murray Schor 26 Kislev
7-Dec Zene Persky 6 Kislev	*16-Dec Bennett Teitelman 15 Kislev	27-Dec Ray Garron 26 Kislev
8-Dec Albert Rosengarten 7 Kislev	16-Dec Helen Kanner 15 Kislev	27-Dec Robert Rothstein 26 Kislev
8-Dec Aline Shultz 7 Kislev	16-Dec Joseph David Stock 15 Kislev	27-Dec Samuel Klemes Yucht 26 Kislev
*8-Dec Anna Deutch 7 Kislev	16-Dec Ruth Bohrer Fassberg 15 Kislev	27-Dec Sandra Weiss 26 Kislev
8-Dec Beatrice Bass 7 Kislev	17-Dec Alex Becker 16 Kislev	28-Dec Bernard Kagan 27 Kislev
8-Dec Dannie Newberry 7 Kislev	17-Dec Edward Metzker 16 Kislev	28-Dec Martin Richard Rapoport 27 Kislev
*8-Dec Sam Cheslin 7 Kislev	17-Dec John Philip Miller 16 Kislev	*28-Dec Ross Kaplowitz 27 Kislev
*9-Dec John Schwebel 8 Kislev	17-Dec Malcolm Lewis 16 Kislev	29-Dec Annette Goodman 28 Kislev
9-Dec Max Slutsky 8 Kislev	18-Dec Belle Testa 17 Kislev	29-Dec Arthur Shultz 28 Kislev
9-Dec Rowena Fox 8 Kislev	18-Dec Iris Feuer 17 Kislev	29-Dec Daniel Greenwald 28 Kislev
10-Dec Esther Gersten 9 Kislev	18-Dec Jules Scheinzeit 17 Kislev	29-Dec Elaine Waterman 28 Kislev
*10-Dec Faye Ellen Slutsky 9 Kislev	18-Dec Lois Cohn 17 Kislev	29-Dec Elayne Lite 28 Kislev
*10-Dec Frances Vexler 9 Kislev	19-Dec Sandy Moss 18 Kislev	29-Dec Irving Green 28 Kislev
10-Dec Helen Ehrlich 9 Kislev	*20-Dec Debbie Flamm 19 Kislev	*29-Dec Marion Pearlberg 28 Kislev
*10-Dec Irving Funk 9 Kislev	20-Dec Henry Ginsburg 19 Kislev	29-Dec Muriel Greenblatt 28 Kislev
10-Dec Lazaro Sapoznik 9 Kislev	20-Dec Irwin Vanovitch 19 Kislev	*29-Dec Walter Low 28 Kislev
10-Dec Nannette Walter 9 Kislev	*21-Dec David Levy 20 Kislev	30-Dec Nathan Lombrozo 29 Kislev
10-Dec Neli Bejerano 9 Kislev	21-Dec Hortense Golsen 20 Kislev	*30-Dec Zarin Aghajani 29 Kislev
11-Dec Edwin Berger 10 Kislev	21-Dec Joe Gerson 20 Kislev	31-Dec Hal Sutton 30 Kislev
*11-Dec Herbert Goldstein 10 Kislev	*21-Dec Mollye Seiden 20 Kislev	*31-Dec Hyman Goldstein 30 Kislev
11-Dec Lori Sperling 10 Kislev	21-Dec Ralph Schwab 20 Kislev	31-Dec Pearl Israelton 30 Kislev
*11-Dec Stasya Kolina 10 Kislev	*21-Dec Thelma Lehman 20 Kislev	
11-Dec Stuart Samuels 10 Kislev	22-Dec Frances Hoffenberg Schneider 21 Kislev	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (30 Cheshvan) Rosh Chodesh Kislev Annual Meeting 10a	2 (1 Kislev) Rosh Chodesh Kislev Community Canasta & Mah Jongg 10a	3 (2 Kislev) Koffee & Kibbitz/singer Hannah Zale 10:30a Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dorsch at U.S. Bank 12p	4 (3 Kislev)	5 (4 Kislev)	6 (5 Kislev) Candle Lighting 5:11p USY Convention Dec. 6-8 Java Negila 1p @ Mzizi Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	7 (6 Kislev) Vayetzai Shabbat Services 9:30a Shabbat Ends 6:19p
8 (7 Kislev) Sisterhood Artisans at the Etz 2p	9 (8 Kislev) Mocha Monday 8a Shalom in the Shul 10a	10 (9 Kislev)	11 (10 Kislev)	12 (11 Kislev)	13 (12 Kislev) Candle Lighting 5:12p M&M Shabbat Chanukah 6p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	14 (13 Kislev) Vayishlach Pride Shabbat 9:30a Sing Along Shabbat 9:30a Shabbat Ends 6:20p
15 (14 Kislev) RS Chanukah Shuk Prime Timers Game Day 2p Community Chanukah Celebration @ TKE 2p	16 (15 Kislev)	17 (16 Kislev)	18 (17 Kislev)	19 (18 Kislev)	20 (19 Kislev) Candle Lighting 5:15p Java Negila 1p @ Land of a Thousand Hills Tot Shabbat 5p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	21 (20 Kislev) Vayeshev Shabbat Services 9:30a PS Kids Night Out 5p Shabbat Ends 6:23p
22 (21 Kislev) PS FUNdraiser at The Playroom East Cobb 9a Chanukah Celebration with Ruach Singers 4p (off-site)	23 (22 Kislev)	24 (23 Kislev) Synagogue Office closes at 1p	25 (24 Kislev) Erev Chanukah Christmas Day Synagogue Office Closed Morning Minyan 9:00a Menorah Lighting at East Cobb Park 5:55p Etz Chanukah Party & Chinese Dinner 6:30pm	26 (25 Kislev) 2nd Night Chanukah	27 (26 Kislev) 3rd Night Chanukah Candle Lighting 5:19p Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30p	28 (27 Kislev) Miketz 4th Night Chanukah Shabbat Services 9:30a Shabbat Ends 6:27p
29 (28 Kislev) 5th Night Chanukah	30 (29 Kislev) 6th Night Chanukah	31 (30 Kislev) 7th Night Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet				

Etz Chaim December Events Calendar

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.



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](#).

Prime Timers Game Day
Sunday, December 15
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

\$5.00 per person - includes snacks

RSVP:
etzchaim.net/events/ptgameday2024




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Koffee & Kibbitz



AgeWell
 Atlanta
 East Cobb/Roswell
 NEIGHBORHOODS

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

Tuesday, December 3
 with Singer **Hannah Zale**

10:30 a.m. Kibbitz
 11:00 a.m. Program
 Hammer-Tritt Social Hall



Please contact Ashley Maloy at JF&CS for
 more information or suggestions at
amalay@jfcsatl.org or our Etz Chaim
 liaison, BerniceMellman@gmail.com.

RSVP: etzchaim.net/events/koffeekibbitzdec2024



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Roaring 20s in 2025



DANCE PARTY

Saturday, February 1
 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
 at the **Speakeasy**
 Congregation Etz Chaim
 Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Cost: \$44/pp by January 19; \$54 thereafter.
 Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Open Bar, Dessert & DJ

RSVP: etzchaim.net/events/roaring20s

All adults are welcome.
 Sponsored by Etz Chaim's Prime Timers.



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Our Etz Chaim Community



Have News You'd Like to Share?

Please submit community news to Bernice Isaac in the synagogue office.

Welcome New Members

- Peggy Testa
peggytesta@gmail.com | cell: (210) 818-4910
- Carole Wilson
caroleterry@gmail.com | cell: (859) 338-6629
- Marcy and Elliott Rosengarten
moss0806@aol.com | cell: (502) 641-8870
eyedoc1770@aol.com | cell: (502) 553-2889
- Jaclyn Turner
jaclynturner94@gmail.com | cell: (770) 570-9617
- Shayne and Eli Lazar
shaynebnyc@yahoo.com | cell: (917) 301-2340
lazareli@yahoo.com | cell: (631) 834-6454

Members on the Move

- Shelly Reiner | cell: (770) 544-8914
1211 Gulf of Mexico Drive, #511 | Longboat Key, FL 34228

Mazal Tov Wishes

- Esther Low on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Florie Low
- Amy and Rickey Mittelberg on the marriage of their daughter, Alissa, to Avi Cohen on November 9
- Jaffe Smith Ort on her engagement to Jeff Rosen and mazal tov to Jaffe's parents, Sandy and Richard Smith
- Rabbi Jonathon Adler on his installation as the newest member of our rabbinical staff
- Sam Olens on being named to Georgia Trend magazine, Georgia 500: The State's Most Influential Leaders. Recently, Sam received recognition as the Georgia USO (United Services Organization) Patriot of the Year.



Shout Outs

- Thank you to our office volunteers: Ron Judenberg, Michael Karp, Keith Kirshner, and Linda Weinroth
- Thank you to Reba Bachrach for all of her efforts in the redesign of the Sisterhood Judaica and Gifts Shop website.

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.



We have a new name, day and time!
Stitch 'n' Kibbitz
with Rabbi Adler

Tuesdays,
1:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon of stitching and kibbitzing! Bring your cross-stitch, needlepoint, and knitting for this weekly activity in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall.

All are welcome. No RSVP needed.

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 **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



Holiday Information



Chanukah 5785/2024

(December 25 - January 2)

Menorah Lighting at The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta, Sunday, December 22

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sing Chanukah songs with the Ruach Singers

Please contact [Rabbi Adler](#) if you would like to sing with us. There will be a rehearsal after services on Saturday, December 21.

First Night of Chanukah - Wednesday, December 25

5:55 p.m. Menorah Lighting at East Cobb Park

6:30 p.m. Chanukah Celebration Menorah Lighting and Dinner

Chanukah at The Outlet Shoppes at Atlanta with the *Ruach Singers*

December 22
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Chanukah songs, goodie bags for adults and children.

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915 Ridgewalk Parkway, Woodstock, GA 30188

Happy Chanukah ~ Chag Urim Sameach

Lighting the Candles

As you face your Chanukah (menorah), place the candles in their holders from right to left. As you light them, you light them from left to right, starting with the newest candle.

The candles should be kindled after nightfall. The menorah should be placed near the window for all to see, safely away from curtains and shades.

On the third night of Chanukah, **Friday, December 27**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **before nightfall and before the Shabbat candles**. On the fourth night of Chanukah, **Saturday, December 28**, the Chanukah candles are kindled **after Havdalah**.

Chanukah Blessings

Recite after the Shamash, the Helper candle, is lit but before the other candles are lit.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam asher kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'itzi-va-nu l'had-lik nayr shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו ואמותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam sheh' Asa ni'sim la'avotaynu ba'yamim ha'ayim ba'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this time of year.

Recite First Night Only

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch Ata Ah-do-nai Eh-lo-haynu Melech Ha'olam she-he-vey-cha-a-nu, v'kiy-manu v'hi-gi-anu lazman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this season.

East Cobb Park First Night Menorah Lighting Wednesday, December 25 at 5:55 p.m.

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Etz Chaim Chanukah Party and Kosher Chinese Dinner

by *Harmony Vegetarian Restaurant*

Wednesday, December 25

6:30 p.m. Lighting our Chanukiot at Etz Chaim followed by Dinner

Bring your Chanukiot and candles!
All are welcome to attend!
Fun for the entire mishpacha!

\$15 per adult | \$6 per child 6-12
\$36 per family | children 5 & under Free

RSVP by Tuesday, December 17.
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Upcoming Community Events

Check out these programs in the greater Atlanta Jewish Community.



**The Election & the Session:
Rabbinic Roundtable Insights into the Georgia Legislature in 2025**
Tuesday, December 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
in Sandy Springs (location provided upon RSVP)

The Atlanta Rabbinical Association presents an evening with Esther Panitch (House Rep. 51), Greg Bluestein (Atlanta Journal-Constitution), and Sam Olens (former Attorney General) to discuss how the November election informs the Georgia State legislature and what it means for our Jewish community and you.

This event is open to the public and free of charge with **RSVP**.



**Politics and History of Israel:
From Jewish Peoplehood to Israel's Next 25 Years**
Virtually and in Person (link and location given after registration)

The Center for Israel Education (CIE) invites you to attend a three-part series in December with Dr. Ken Stein, Emeritus Emory Professor of Israel Studies (in person and virtually). Dr. Stein is one of the world's leading experts on the Modern Middle East and Israel Studies and is the current President and COO of Atlanta based CIE.

The cost is \$180 per person. Registration and content details may be found by [clicking here](#).



Course dates and overview:

- December 2, Jewish Peoplehood to Sovereignty Up to 1949
- December 11, Israel Sovereignty Yields Recognition But Not Full Acceptance
- December 16, Securing Israel's Next Quarter Century - Coping with existential threats and domestic controversies

Please Join Us for our Community

CHANUKAH

Concert & Celebration!

Featuring award winning Singer-Songwriter **MICHELLE CITRIN!**

Sunday December 15th
2:00-4:00 PM
Temple Kol Emeth
1415 Old Canton Rd, Marietta, GA 30062

Register Here

Offered free to the greater community by:
Temple Kol Emeth, Congregation Eitz Chaim,
Temple Beth Tikvah & Temple Kehillat Chaim

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Rabbi Dorsch recently participated in the Atlanta Jewish Storytelling Festival alongside colleagues from the Atlanta Rabbinical Association

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
- Cooking 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 Year-End Food Drive

This is our third year as a congregation supporting Backpack Buddies by providing bags of food each week to food-insecure children. If you are looking to make a donation as a gift for Chanukah or as part of your year-end giving, please consider buying food to help fill our pantry shelves.

To view our Amazon Wish List, see our list of requested items, or sign up to volunteer, visit www.etzchaim.net/social-action. You can ship food to the address on the Amazon wish list, or drop it off in the Etz Chaim lobby in the Backpack Buddies bin (in the hall leading to the library).

Thank you for your support of this important cause!

Angela Nothdurft



Social Action - Mitzvah Opportunity

Pinch Hitters Program, December 25

Sponsored by B'nai Brith

Do a mitzvah and join us on Friday, December 25th as a volunteer! We are pleased to bring back the Pinch Hitter Program live again after a two-year hiatus because of COVID19. The Pinch Hitter Program, which is organized by B'nai Brith and chaired by Harry Lutz, provides volunteers to work in non-medical positions in area hospitals and assisted living places on Christmas Day to give employees the day off to spend with their families.

We will work in (approximately) four-hour shifts at seven hospitals and assisted living facilities this year. All volunteers MUST be currently vaccinated. Wearing masks is highly encouraged. You can sign up online by [clicking here](#). For more information, you can call Harry at (678) 485-8179 for more information.



Israel Food Rescue (IFR)

100% Grant Funded Winter Missions for volunteers aged 16-40*

Special Pricing for all ages.

Thanks to a generous grant from Jewish Federations of North America, Mosaic United, and the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism, IFR is now offering two winter missions AT NO COST for ages 16-40*. The dates available are December 22-29, and December 29 - January 5. There is a \$360 registration fee fully refundable upon completion of the mission. For more information contact [Rabbi Randy](#), or go to israelfoodrescue.com.



Rebecca's Tent Mitzvah Opportunity The Spiegel Women's Shelter at Shearith Israel

Shearith Israel Synagogue, 1180 University Drive, NE, Atlanta, 30306

February 9 - 22

Do your family, friends or affinity group want to participate in a simple mitzvah? Etz Chaim's annual meals for the Spiegel Women's Shelter is this upcoming February! Please choose a date between February 9-22 to prepare or order a meal for 12 residents of the shelter. It does not have to be kosher. You can personally deliver the meal or send through Uber Eats. If you would like to participate, please reach out to [Sharon Lightstone](#) to reserve your date at (404) 457-4543.

Golden Anniversary Celebration



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As we approach 2025, we are planning many meaningful ways to celebrate our golden anniversary as a congregation. For more information about our celebration, contact our Celebration co-chairs, Bob Bachrach and Barney Epstein.

We are currently seeking items for our silent auction.

We are looking to have donated items such as art, vacation homes, airline mileage, professional services, and more. Any help would be appreciated!



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Can You Dig It?! Time Capsule Reveal

Sunday, January 12, at Noon

followed by a picnic lunch with pizza and ice cream.



Are you in the photo?
Is this you?
Join us!



It's been 25 years and we are ready to "unlock" the past and preserve the present for a future reveal in 2050.

Join the fun and celebrate the removal of our time capsule and see what's inside from the year 2000!

RSVP: etzchaim.net/events/timecapsule

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Time Capsule RSVP

		
		
		
		
ETZ CHAIM 50		
THE ERAS TOUR		

“Casting Call” Etz Chaim ERAS Tour

Seeking congregants ages 14 and up to perform in Etz Chaim’s Golden Anniversary ERAS Tour happening on March 30, 2025.

Please contact Karen Needle or Rabbi Adler as soon as possible if interested in participating. Rehearsals will mainly be in late February and March.

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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.



Schmooze on Zoom Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to chat and make social connections with friendly, non-aggressive chit-chat, we are looking for you!

All topics are welcome, *except for politics*. Drop in any time and leave whenever you wish.

All are welcome...anyone of any age, looking to connect with others. If you are looking for some adult stimulation and conversation, are homebound, in the hospital, home with your children, or just want to schmooze with friendly faces, we are here for you!

[Click here](#) to join the Zoom (Meeting ID: 815 1837 7077 PW: 914449 or scan the QR code to the right. Questions? Contact [Esther Shultz](#), facilitator.



Zoom Link



New Chavurot Forming

A chavurah is an 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](#).



The purpose of Sar-El is to enable supporters from around the world, and at home, to contribute to the security of the State of Israel by assisting on IDF bases in a logistical support role. Sar-El is a unique volunteer experience fostering new friendships, greater understanding and the creation of a cultural exchange between Israel and the volunteers' home countries.

We welcome friends of Israel as volunteers, many of whom become "goodwill ambassadors" for our country, and are the only volunteer program that places volunteers directly on IDF bases, working side-by-side with our soldiers. For more information on how to volunteer, contact [Al Cohn](#), (ajcohn1@gmail.com) or by phone at (404) 660-0212.

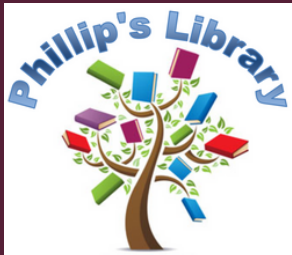


Did you know you can do all of these things online?

- 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

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

Looking for a good book to read?

Check out the great books available for adults, teenagers, and children from Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim. You can look up books anytime online in [our online](#) catalog.

Phillip's Library at Etz Chaim relies completely on donations for the money to purchase new books. Why not consider donating to the Library Fund in honor or in memory of someone for Chanukah?

To Check Out a Book

Just follow the directions on the circulation desk for self-check-out. There is also a slot at the desk for book returns.

Featured Chanukah Books for Kids, Out on Display in December

Picture Books for Ages 4-8

Hanukkah Upside Down by Elissa Brent Weissman. In this award-winning, delightful story, cousins from New York and New Zealand debate who can celebrate the best Hanukkah. (J 244.1 WEI)

Chapter Book for Grades 2-4:

A Donut in Time: A Hanukkah Story by Elana Rubenstein. This is a fun time travel story sprinkled with a little magic. (JF RUB)

For our Older Kids Ages 11-15

Dreidels on the Brain by Joel Ben Izzy. Funny, touching novel about Joel, a 12-year-old amateur magician, growing up in the suburbs of LA, hoping for a Hanukkah miracle. (YA F IZZ)



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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!



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 to 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](#).



Young Adults Chanukah Celebration and Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 27, 5:00 p.m. for those who would like to light Shabbat candles (sunset is at 5:37 p.m.), **Dinner, 6:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Chanukah and Shabbat with a dinner hosted by OneTable at the home of Anne Still, our Young Adults president. Enjoy the beauty of Shabbat and Chanukah together. The event is free of charge.

To RSVP, [click here](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



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Cynthia R. Freeman Memorial Endowment

In celebration of:

5785-wishing for a happy and healthy new year
Sarah Freeman

In memory of:

Michael Reiner, husband of Shelly Reiner, father of Mitchell (Jenny) Reiner and Matthew (Hillary) Reiner, and grandfather to Micah, Ayla, Levi and Rory
Joe and Lori Freeman

Gertrude and Joe Wilensky Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

our father, Joe Wilensky, and our mother, Sadie Belle Scopp

Frank and Barbara Wilensky

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Barbara Wilensky. We hope you will be up and feeling much better very soon

Lynn and Bob Sustak

Joan H. Rabin Memorial Endowment

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Evan Charles

Judy and Joel Schancupp

Radow Youth Scholarship Endowment

In loving memory of:

Israel Brill, father of Yaron Brill May your memories of him always bring you comfort.

Much love,

Debbie and Gary Deutsch

Reba and Bob Bachrach Education Endowment

In appreciation of:

Vivian and Allan Levine for keeping the tradition alive

Jocelyn and Stewart Levine for keeping the tradition alive

Jessica and Robbie Miller for keeping the tradition alive

Reba and Bob Bachrach

In celebration of:

Barry Gang's retirement. Congratulations!
Linda and Ken Pollock

Lou Rosengarten's 97th birthday. May you continue to enjoy life to the fullest.

Reba and Bob Bachrach

In honor of:

Reba and Bob Bachrach
Michele and Sid Gelernter

In loving memory of:

my mother, Muriel Becker. I miss you, mom.

Andrew and Jayne Becker

my father-in-law, Irving Simon

Jane Simon

In memory of:

Morris Berg

Eileen and Douglas Cohen

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Dani and Amir Oren on your recent Simchat Torah honor

Reba and Bob Bachrach

Staff Appreciation Endowment

In appreciation of:

Office and Maintenance Staff. You are the foundation of all of our success. Thank you for all that you all do!

Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

**Marcy Graiser
Robert and Stephanie Foster
Irwin and Ava Weitz**

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Dorsch helping me properly use a calendar
Alan Berman

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to the success of the expanded Chesed program and thank you for the platform to share with our congregants.

Cheryl Eppsteiner. Thank you for the hours you put into creating this outstanding Chesed Pamphlet and for your friendship.

Emma Dix. Thank you for the great design and layout of the Chesed Pamphlet. You make it look easy!

The Chesed Committee Chairs. Thank you! Without your committee to attend our monthly meetings and your thoughts, this would not have gotten off the ground! Looking forward to working with all of you! I am grateful to you all!

David Lieberman and Suzanne Rivchun

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Laurie Lavinsky and Malka Riesenber. Thank you for hosting a lovely Birthday Club gathering.

Judy Lebow

my honor at Yom Kippur services. It was very meaningful to me

Marty Gilbert...you can always be counted on to be a true mensch among mensches.

Lynne Goldman Johannesen

Thank you, Rabbi Dorsch, for your personal recognition of our 30th anniversary on Minyanaires Shabbat. Also, thanks to the minyanaires for allowing us to have an Aliyah on that date. Thankful too for my Kohen Aliyah on first day of Rosh Hashanah. I am privileged to serve as the shul's main usher on Shabbat and the High Holidays. Blessed to be part of such a warm and inclusive congregation with minyan twice a day for mourners like myself to fulfill the mitzvah of saying kaddish every day for a parent.

Roni and Ian Robbins

Rabbi Dorsch for the meaningful and beautiful High Holiday and "S" holiday services

Sally Greenstein

In celebration of:

Gary Feinberg's Birthday!!

Amy and Rickey Mittelberg

In honor of:

the meaningful High Holidays

Amy and Rickey Mittelberg

for Rabbi Dorsch's kindness

Diane and Ed Vogel

Rabbi Dorsch

Julie and Jon Worly

Rabbi Dorsch and the Etz Chaim team

Keath Blatt and Elisia Abrams

Hailee Grey's Torah reading on Yom Kippur

Mitchell Grey

In loving memory of:

my dad, Paul Berman, 23 years gone

Alan Berman

my mother, Paula Vanovitch

Gail Vanovitch

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Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

Efim Gontmakher, beloved father and grandfather, who sacrificed everything for the family that he loved unconditionally. What a blessing to have had you as a role model!!! You are missed, loved, and will always be in our hearts.

Galina Barshay, Ella and Meylakh

Abraham Schwerd, Meylakh's Godfather and amazing friend who with his loving heart and care always. You made a huge difference in our lives with the wisdom you shared with us. You are loved and missed.

Galina and Meylakh Barshay

Leonard Joel Ross. Always thought of and always missed.

Jana, Brad, Hannah, and Michael Ross and Family

Sylvia Orlikoff Schein. You have been gone for forty years but we still hold you in our hearts and minds.

Maxine and Jonathan Schein

my daughter, Jennifer Sue Cohen

Meredith Cohen

Jerome Mittelberg. We miss him greatly and are always thinking about the wonderful times we had together. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Rachel, Andrew, Bradley, and Joshua Cohen

Belle Brody, Sherry Seidman's mother. May the happy memories you shared with your mom bring you comfort at this time of sadness.

Sally Greenstein

Rabbi Dorsch. A big thank you for being there for me during my illness and hospitalization. It meant the world to me to have you visit me at home and the hospital. Much respect and love

Evan Charles

In memory of:

my mother, Margie Becker, and my father, Alex Becker

Faye B. Glancz

Keren Seagraves. Our deepest condolences to the Schein and Seagraves families.

Grace and Ken Graiser

our parents, David Testa and Sally Chaifetz on their yahrzeits

John and Joanne Chaifetz

Keren Matea Seagraves

Marcy Graiser

my loving father, Charles Katz

Margie Sonshein

my sister-in-law, Ida Wilensky, on her yahrzeit

Martin Cohen

Irwin Festinger

Nancy and David Young

Irwin H. Festinger. May the many memories you have bring you comfort.

Peri Rosner and Steve Ehrlich

Jerome Mittelberg

Rickey and Amy Mittelberg

my father, Joseph Salamon, on his yahrzeit

Robert and Diane Salamon

my brother, Robert E. Krieger. Thank you, Rabbi Dorsch, for your help and kind words regarding the passing of my brother Robert.

Robert and Nancy Krieger

Belle Brody

Marvin Shams

Simone and Norman Marinoff

In memory of Ida Silberman, Beverly Topiol, Bertha Baron and Irwin Silberman

Sydelle Silberman

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Janis Greenfield. Hope you are feeling better soon. Love,

Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Janis Greenfield

Pam and Ricky Tinter

Rabbi Adler Discretionary Fund

In celebration of:

Rabbi Adler on your installation. We look forward to growing and learning with you.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Rabbi Adler's Installation

Stan and Rabbi Judith Beiner

Rabbi Adler. Congratulations on your "official" appointment. A "re-welcome" to a good friend!

Steve Ehrlich and Peri Rosner

In honor of:

Rabbi Adler's installation

Diane and Ed Vogel

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Rabbi Adler on his installation

Leslie and David Landau

Rabbi Adler's installation

Renee Berman

Rabbi Adler's installation

Simone and Norman Marinoff

Rabbi Jonathon Adler in celebration of his installation as Assistant Rabbi. We are so proud of you and miss you as part of our CBST Community Chorus. You will always be a part of our family. Yasher Koach and much love,
The CBST Community Chorus

Rabbi Lewis Discretionary Fund

Irwin and Ava Weitz

Robert and Stephanie Foster

In appreciation of:

Rabbi Lewis and Cindy. Many thanks for your generous hospitality.

Reba and Bob Bachrach

In memory of:

Phyllis Frankel

Adele Shafman

our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ruth Silver. We miss you.

Jerry and Iris Silver

Evelyn L. Brindle

Robert and Sandra Brindle

Backpack Buddies Fund

Marcy Graiser

Robert and Miriam Rosenbaum

In celebration of:

Barry Gang's retirement! Enjoy the next act!

Nancy and Norm Miller

In honor of:

Barry Gang's Retirement

Helen and George Steinheimer

Dani and Amir Oren, our Kallat Bereshit and Chatan Torah

Sally Greenstein

In loving memory of:

Herbert Rothchild, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Love,

Florence Rothchild, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. We are inspired by your memory more and more as time goes on. Love,

Betsy, Jay, Steven, Stacey, Sophia, Charlotte and Philip Lessans

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Backpack Buddies Fund

Belle Brody, mother of Sherry Seidman. Our thoughts are with you, Brian, and Sara at this time.

Jackie and Steve Pierce

my sweet stepmom, Rosie Jassen, on her yahrzeit. Missing you always, and especially around the holidays. With love,

my brother Jef Jaisun. If there's a Rock and Roll Heaven, I'm sure you're a part of the band! Miss you!

Karen and Hank Needle

In memory of:

Irwin Festinger. Accept our condolences.

Bonnie and Art Steinfeld

Belle Brody, Sherry Seidman's mother

Lynn Reese

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Don Kaye

Lori and Allan Struletz

Bob Goldman Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of:

Sherry Seidman's mother

Esther Low

In memory of:

Belle Brody, mother of Sherry Seidman. We share your sadness. Thankfully, we all have good memories.

Steve Ehrlich and Peri Rosner

Building Enhancement Fund

In loving memory of:

Aunt Sophie Smith. Love,

Susan and Craig Adair, Paige Adair,

Cami and Cason Maddox

Figur Family Outdoor Classroom

In loving memory of:

my sister, Dale Fisher, on her yahrzeit

Randy and Adrienne Figur

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Janis Greenfield

Lynn and Bob Sustak

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Berna and Noah Levine in honor of their

granddaughter Lila's Bat Mitzvah

Lynn and Bob Sustak

General Fund

In honor of:

Dani and Amir Oren

Etz Chaim Sisterhood

Leslie and David Landau

Your Etz Chaim Family

Dani and Amir Oren being honored as Chatan Torah and Kallat Bereshit

Linda and Stan Bernknopf

the McGrath family and Sandy Goldberg, who enjoyed the Yom Tov under your roof

Sherry and Mitchell Horwich

In loving memory of:

Mimi Fagin

David and Toby Fagin

Zelda Lincoln (Mamma Z)

Josephine Diamond (Grandma Jo)

Linda, Michael, Sarah, Benjamin Diamond

Our dear father and grandfather, Manuel Bigel

Penney, Jeremy and Michelle Cohen

Gerson A. Levy

Steve and Marcy Caras

In memory of:

Keren Matea Seagraves

Esther Shultz

Sherry Seidman's mother, Belle Brody

Helen Bell

Belle Brody, mother of Sherry Seidman. We are sorry to hear of your loss.

Karen and Ron Feibel

Thelma Donner. It's been 10 years, and we miss you more than ever.

Melissa and Jeffrey Goodman

my mother, Elizabeth Bernstein

Rick and Peggy Bernstein

Michael Reiner

Shellie and Terry Jacobson

Jackie Berman

Irwin and Debbie Berman

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Barry Gang on his retirement

Linda and Michael Diamond

Kitchen Fund

In appreciation of:

my Rosh Hashana honor

Sandy Bailey

Lilmode - Adult Education Fund

In honor of:

Steve Buxbaum, refuah shalemah

Esther Shultz

In memory of:

Belle Brody, mother of Sherry Seidman. We are sorry for your loss.

Lynn and Bob Sustak

Linda H. Weinroth Education Fund

In appreciation of:

Shelly and Evan Eisenstadt. Thanks for stepping up when I needed you. You're the best!

Debbie Deutsch

In loving memory of:

my mother, Baila Pransky, on the occasion of her second yahrzeit

Daniel Pransky

Michael Reiner

Lynn and Bob Sustak

In memory of:

Mac Keller. It's been many years since you passed and you are missed.

Louis Rosengarten

Belle Brody, Sherry Seidman's mother. Our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of your mother.

Marylan and John Karp

Morris Frank Sacred Text Fund

In appreciation of:

Marty Gilbert for all he does

Renee Berman

In honor of:

Dani and Amir Oren

Candy Frank

In loving memory of:

the yahrzeits of Morry Frank, Betty Cohn, Leonard Cohn, Lena Frank and Jacob Frank.

With love,

Candy Frank

In memory of:

Sherry Seidman's mother, Belle Brody

Candy Frank

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Linda Dermer. Thinking of you.

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Violet Bolton and her family on her Bat Mitzvah

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

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Robert Klein Memorial Chesed Fund

Marcy Graiser

In memory of:

Belle Brody, beloved mother of Sherry Seidman. May her memory bring blessings to you and your family.

Helene and Phil Jacoby

Belle Brody, Sherry Seidman's mother. Condolences on the passing of your mother.

Iris and Dena Bachenheimer

my mother, Susan Hassey

Joyce and Barry Teitelman

Lori Gilbert's father, Irwin Festinger. May his memory be for a blessing.

Ken and Grace Graiser

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