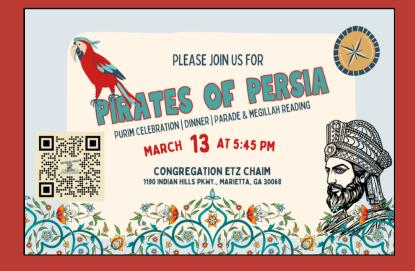
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Daily Minyan Times

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) etzchaim.net/facebook-livestream

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Dan Dorsch Rabbi

No one ever reads the last three chapters of the Book of Esther. Maybe it's because by that point in the evening we've had so much to drink that we can no longer tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai. But I actually believe that fundamentally there's something else at play.

The last three chapters of the Book of Esther make us uncomfortable because they are part of a literary genre known as "revenge fantasy." In chapter 8, the lews have been vindicated. Haman and his children will soon be impaled on spikes. Only there is still the issue of the proclamation of the King that has gone out commanding people to kill the Jews. The King informs Esther that there is no "unsend" mechanism. So instead, the King issues a second edict enabling the Jews to organize militias in their communities to defend themselves.

No longer sitting ducks, on the thirteenth of Shushan the Jews successfully kill and destroy anti-Semites throughout the kingdom. They are so successful that Esther begs the King to enable more time to slaughter (really?). The next day, Jews kill 75,000 of their foes. They then celebrate Purim the following day.

Did this brutal revenge happen the way that it is described in the Megillah? Maybe. I'm not sure that it matters. What I tell my students when it comes to any story in the Torah is that what matters is if it is true to you.

Quentin Tarantino's masterful movie, Inglorious Basterds, was shown to a crowd of Holocaust survivors in Los Angeles in 2010. It's entirely a work of fiction. The end of the movie features the Nazi leadership being burnt alive in a fire in a locked movie theatre. The main protagonist shows a prerecorded movie of herself on the screen inviting the Nazi High Command to look into the face of the Jew who will now be responsible for their demise.

How did the crowd receive the movie? With tears of joy and a standing ovation.

Many of us were raised on the midrash where God reprimands the angels in heaven for celebrating after the Jews have crossed the Red Sea. How could angels celebrate as God's children, the Egyptians, drowned in the sea? What about the humanity on the other side?

I get it. We cannot lose our humanity. I don't say this tongue-in-cheek: those people living in Shushan had hopes, dreams, lives, and families.

But I have also perhaps, in my old age, come to terms with the reality that there is nothing wrong with celebrating the downfall of the wicked.

Purim reminds us that God gives all human beings the gift of life. It is a tragedy that not all of us choose to live that life responsibly and in a way that makes our world a better place.

Haman did not. Neither does Hamas. In both instances, we may rejoice at their downfall.

Purim Seudah with Dr. Yizhar Hess

Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization

Friday, March 14, 8:00 a.m. at Etz Chaim

WZO elections begin on March 10!

Come vote in the WZO election and join us for breakfast, hamantashen and discussion with Dr. Hess.

FREE with your confirmation of your vote.

Congregation **ETZ CHAIM**

(print out your vote confirmation or show us on your phone) Or, vote here in the morning and join us for the seudah.

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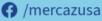
Voting is a simple, online process that takes just five minutes and five dollars.



Scan the QR, or visit mercazusa.org/votemercaz2025 where you can click to sign up for a reminder to vote from your community's MERCAZ captain - make sure to enter your community code, 402.



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Elliot Okrent President

"See the light as it shines on the sea, it's blinding, but no one knows, how deep it goes. And it seems like it's calling out to me, so come find me, and let me know, what's beyond that line, will I cross that line? See the line where the sky meets the sea, it calls me, and no one knows, how far it goes. If the wind in my sail on the sea stays behind me, one day, I'll know, how far I'll go..." ~Moana

Ahoy, mateys! This Purim, we set sail for adventure as Congregation Etz Chaim celebrates with our Pirates of Persia Purim Carnival and Pirates of Purim festivities. There will be costumes, singing, hamantashen, and, of course, groggers to drown out the name of...nope, not going to say it!

Purim is a time when we step outside our usual roles—sometimes quite literally, thanks to our costumes! The lines blur between kings and commoners, heroes and villains, the serious and the silly. In the spirit of the holiday, we embrace the idea that everyone has a place in our story, no matter their background or what they bring to the table.

And speaking of tales and legends, what would a pirate adventure be without some famous swashbucklers? From Captain Hook, whose elaborate plans were always foiled, to Jack Sparrow, whose charm and cunning kept him afloat, pirates have long captured our imaginations. Even the mischievous Dread Pirate Roberts from The Princess Bride reminds us that sometimes, appearances can be deceiving—just like in the Purim story itself.

But did you know that history holds tales of real Jewish pirates? Some Jewish sailors, escaping persecution centuries ago, found freedom on the high seas, forming tight-knit crews who looked out for one another and sought justice in their own way. While we may not be navigating Caribbean waters, we are navigating life together as a community—one that thrives when we lift each other up, celebrate together, and ensure that no one sails alone.

So, don your pirate hats, grab your groggers, and get ready for a Purim filled with laughter, adventure, and connection. Because whether in Shushan, the Caribbean, or right here at Congregation Etz Chaim, we are strongest when we sail forward together.

Chag Purim Sameach! And may your hamantashen always be filled with treasure!

Aargh!



Marty Gilbert Executive Director

"The old game waits under the white, Deeper than frozen grass. Down at the frost line it waits To return when the birds return. It starts to wake in the South, Where it's never quite stopped. Where winter is a doze of hibernation, The game wakes gradually, Fathering vigor into itself. As the days lengthen in late February
And grow warmer, old muscles grow limber.
Young arms grow strong and wild,
Clogged vein systems, in veteran oak and left fielders both,
Unstop themselves,
Putting forth leaves and line drives in Florida's March.
Migrating North with the swallows,
Baseball and the grasses' first green,
Enter Cleveland, Kansas City, Boston." ~Donald Hall

"Life begins on Opening Day," according to Thomas Boswell.

I kind of agree with that. I like football and basketball, but baseball is the game that I have always loved. It's yearly beginning coincides with my birthday and Purim, my favorite holiday. Years ago, the baseball season didn't officially start for me until my parents would take me to Sears so I could get my new Met hat. New Era didn't exist then, so I had to settle for a Mets hat that had a NY patch sewed onto the front of it. I would crease the bill in half and stuff it into my back pocket when I wasn't allowed to wear it: in the house, in school, in synagogue; and then pull it out anytime I was outside.

Eventually, the patch stitching would start to give way and by World Series time it was barely on. It didn't matter most of the time because by then the Mets season was over, and the players were off working their second jobs. Yes, in those days players didn't make that much money. They had to work second jobs.

Finally, in 1969 the Mets not only got to the World Series, but they won it. That hat still sits at the bottom of my nightstand table drawer, 56 years later.

There is a permeance about the game. A sense of continuity. Through steroid use, strike-shortened seasons, bad trades, bad umpire calls, etc. The players are no longer just from the United States but from all over the world. It saddens me when I see the players I grew up watching move from box scores to the obituary pages, but then I delight in the new players who grace the game. The game survives, as we survive to see another day.

"It ain't over 'till it's over." ~ Yogi Berra



Lauren Chernau Preschool Director



Purim is a fun, festive holiday for everyone. It is a time to dress up in costumes, make loud noises, play pretend, talk about good guys and bad guys, and eat yummy cookies. But how do we find deeper meaning within the holiday and then relate that meaning to our preschoolers?

Young children in preschool are just beginning to discover the world around them. Their curiosity and wonderment lead them to many discoveries and at times, moments of risk taking, stepping out of their comfort zone and feeling a sense of bravery. It is said that being brave means you may be scared to try something, but you do it anyway. We teach children to have an inner dialogue that says, "I am going to try" instead of "I can't".

The Purim story has wonderful lessons of bravery and courage. Queen Vashti did not want to perform for the King and his party. She knows the consequences. Nevertheless, she bravely stands up for herself and accepts her fate. We read about Uncle Mordechai, who stands up to Haman and refuses to bow down to him. And, of course, Queen Esther, who makes so many brave choices throughout the story.

Bravery comes from a place of confidence. It is born from a feeling of self-worth and the ability to know the difference between right and wrong. In preschool, we work so hard to guide children in a way that also allows them to trust their own instincts and take risks.

The Purim story gives us the opportunity to ask the children to revisit skills they have mastered, times that they too have used their "Important Voice", problems they have solved and times they may have been scared to try something new. But in the end, they found their brayery.



Babysitting on Shabbat Morning

Saturdays, March 1, 8, and 15 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, March 7, 6:00 p.m. Service/6:30 p.m. Dinner

Join us for a fun-filled family Shabbat service in Phillip's Library with a dairy dinner to follow in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall. The 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

Saturday, March 29 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.



Shabbat Flowers Preschool Fundraiser

Fridays in front of the Education Office

Each Friday, our Preschool will have a Flower Cart with beautiful fresh flowers you can take for a small donation to brighten up your Shabbat table.



Etz Chaim Preschool Web Page





Registration Now Open



2025-2026 **Preschool Registration** Now Open!



Preschool Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 7, M&M Shabbat Monday, March 11, Lost and Found Day at Preschool Saturday, March 15, Kids Night Out 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 29, Sing-a-long Shabbat Monday, March 24, Mom's Event

ASP Classes for Puppies and Cool Cats:

ASP Cooking: Monday, March 10

ASP Rhythm & Movement: Tuesday, March 11

ASP Art: Wednesday, March 12

ASP Yoga: Thursday, March 13 (No ASP on April 17) **ASP Drama:** Friday, March 14 (No ASP on April 18)

Preschool Photo Gallery

From Playball to playing house, these preschoolers really know how to have fun!



























Religious School News

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming



Enjoying big moments together...

Belonging to this Etz Chaim community is a gift beyond measure. We are fortunate to be surrounded by people who stand by us through both good and challenging times. And while the day-to-day time we spend together is important, it's the big moments with our Etz Chaim community that seem to be most impactful.

We have the absolute joy of experiencing a baby naming and a brit milah with our tiniest members. We witness our 3rd graders getting their own siddur for the first time during Haggigat HaSiddur. Our communal celebrations of B'nai Mitzvah on Shabbat morning epitomize the idea that important milestones should be shared with everyone. Weddings often take place with our closest Etz Chaim friends in attendance and are performed by one of our beloved rabbis. And with the death of a loved one comes an incredible outpouring of love and support by those who have been with us from the start. Throw in our big Etz Chaim moments, such as rabbi installations and a 50th anniversary celebration and you will have to believe that our biggest, most impactful moments are spent together.

I'm not sure if this aspect of your own life is something you have had a chance to reflect on, but I came to this realization when planning out my very busy month. Except for a bris, all of the above applies to our family. While Gary and I were married in Maryland, we'll experience an Etz Chaim wedding when Eric and Lin walk down the aisle of the sanctuary in a ceremony officiated by Rabbi Dorsch at the end of this month. Since the moment we became members in 1995, Gary and I have both celebrated and mourned our biggest moments with our Etz Chaim community. It is a gift we don't take for granted and one we hope everyone will experience.

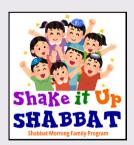


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Shake it Up Shabbat

(formerly Team Shabbat)

Saturday, March 22 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 and Rabbi Adler's Learners' Minyan replaces last year's Team Shabbat. We look forward to seeing all of our families.



Religious School Web Page

Mark your calendars for the following events this month:

Sunday, March 2 - Kitah Dalet, 4th Grade Family Workshop on Torah and Haftarah

Sunday, March 2 - Family Purim Activity

Sunday, March 9 - Pirates of Persia Purim Carnival at noon

Thursday, March 13 - Purim Festivities - Dinner, Parade, and Megillah reading

Saturday, March 22 - Shake it up Shabbat

Sunday, March 23 - Kitah Bet, 2nd Grade Family Workshop

Sunday, March 30 - Kitah Vav, 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Coffee and Questions

Youth Department

Debbie Deutsch

Director, Religious School and Youth Programming















Youth Department

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.

Upcoming March Programming:



Chalutzim (K-2nd GR) March 23 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Let's gather to make sensory bags for the Clinical Services Department of JF&CS. RSVP by March 19.



Chaverim (3rd-5th GR) March 30 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Join us for a Purim-themed activity with PJ Library. RSVP by March 19.



Gesher (6th-8th GR) May 4 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Are you ready to party and wrap up this awesome year? This is the event for you! Join us for our end of the year party with Chaverim and Chalutzim. RSVP by April 30.



Sababa USY (9th-12th GR)
Wacky Wednesdays,

March 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.











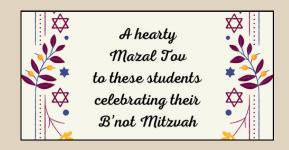


Did you leave something behind at the Synagogue?

"Orphaned" items will be displayed in the Gelernter Family Lobby. Coats will be closets in the hallway leading to Phillip's Library.

Come by between Friday, March 7 and Sunday, March 9.
Items not picked up will be donated.

B'nai Mitzvah



The Voice features information on upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. If your child has a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the coming months, we would like to feature your child's:

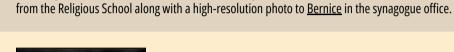
To have your child's simcha included in the Voice, please email the Bio form which is included in the B'nai Mitzvah Handbook

- Biographical information
- School information
- Photo

- D'var Torah Quote
- Mitzvah Project



B'nai Mitzvah



Sophia Mielnikowski will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah the afternoon of March 1, 2025 - 1 Adar 5785. She is the daughter of Mindy and Jason Mielnikowski. Sophia's Bat Mitzvah Parsha is Tetzaveh. She is an eighth grader at Dickerson Middle School. Her hobbies and interests are soccer, running, and hanging out with friends.

Sophia's D'var Torah quote is "How we do things really matters". For her mitzvah project, Sophia is volunteering with The Sandwich Project.



Ella Needle will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on March 15, 2025 - 15 Adar 5785. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Mark Needle. Ella's Bat Mitzvah Parsha is Ki Tissa. She is an seventh grader at Hightower Middle School and has been a student in our Religious School for eight years. Ella's hobbies and interests are cheering with the Pope High School Jr. program, gymnastics, singing, and being with friends and family.

Ella's D'var Torah quote is "My D'var is about Moses going up Mt. Sinai to get the ten commandments. I am looking forward to sharing my interpretation and how I will learn from these lessons in my everyday life". For her mitzvah project, Ella wanted to give back to the community, the Jewish value of Gemilut Chasadim is the value of giving loving-kindness. I am sending letters to the 933rd Nahal Bregade, one of the IDF combat brigades, as well as raising funds to support the rehabilitation after the war.



College Connection



Did your college student recently graduate or move to a new apartment? Please let us know!

If your student has moved into a new living arrangement, please share their address with us.

Do you have a college student in the family?

Etz Chaim's College Connection lets our undergraduate students know we are thinking about them. Our last College Connection "care package" to go out to our college students for this school year celebrates Purim. All we need is the details on how to mail their care packages, and we'll do the rest!

Send us your student's information for Care Packages:

<u>Click here</u> 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, <u>click here</u>. (https://www.etzchaim.net/get-involved/college-connection/)

For more information regarding College Connection, contact our co-chairs, Edye Mahaffey and Beth Walter.



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
- Ushering for High Holidays
- Supporting 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

President: Mathew Nathan, VP: Clifford Martin

Greetings and Happy 2025 Etz Chaim Congregants,

Men's Club brought lunch to our local first responders at the end of January. We prepared chili, coleslaw, cornbread, and chocolate chip cookies for the Police and Fire Departments off Lower Roswell Road. Our efforts were well appreciated and we are looking for more opportunities to give back to our community.

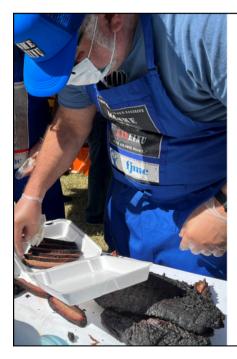
Men's Club will prepare lunch to be sold at the Purim Carnival on March 9. This is a great event for our Education Department and is fun for the whole family. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Save the date for Men's Club Shabbat on March 8. Where our members will lead the entire service.

Etz Chaim was well represented at the Men's Club Retreat at Camp Ramah Darom. We had a great group of old and new attendees. Everyone had a great time and came home with new friends and lasting memories.

March Madness Brackets are returning this year. You don't have to know anything about basketball to participate and based on past years, knowledge hasn't led to winning.

We are actively looking to engage more members to socialize with us. If you have any questions, please reach out to <u>Mathew Nathan</u>, (mattynathan@gmail.com) or <u>Clifford Martin</u>, (cliffordwmartin@gmail.com).



Men's Club Beef Brisket Sale Kosher for Passover

Pre-order now through March 31.

It's time to place your order for Men's Club's famous smoked or traditional beef brisket! Net proceeds from this fundraiser will support the Steven Krodman Men's Club Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance for our members attending the Men's Club Retreats and FJMC convention.

- Cost is \$30.00 per pound
- Kashrut under the supervision of Rabbi Dorsch
- Can be used for your Seder or anytime freezes great!
- Place orders early to ensure availability
- Deadline is March 31.
- Pick up dates are Tuesday & Wednesday, April 8 and 9.

Place your order at:

etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/form/brisket2025

Save the dates for these upcoming programs:

- Yom HaShoah Thursday, April 24
- Men's Club L'Etz Go Braves outing at the ballpark Sunday, May 4

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:

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 <u>Lauren Gray</u> for information giftshop@etzchaim.net.

INF Trees for Israel:

Honor someone special by purchasing a tree in the Etz Chaim Sisterhood Grove in Israel. For more information, contact <u>Sandy Bailey</u> or the <u>Gift Shop</u>.

Want to know more about Sisterhood?

Please contact <u>Helaine Mark</u> at (404) 353-4589 or <u>Dani Oren</u> 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 <u>Gift Shop</u> for more information.



Sisterhood WhatsApp:

Torah Fund - Support Women's League Torah Fund supports scholarships and programs in the Conservative Institutes of Higher Jewish Learning. This year's pin, *Am Yisrael Chai* (The People of Israel Live), is a statement of solidarity for our Jewish nation and the continuity of our people. For information on donations and giving levels, contact Sandy Bailey at (770) 490-7874 or by email at jbsandy10@gmail.com.

Chag Purim Sameach! Sisterhood has been having a great time in 2025!

The fun continues through Spring. Opportunities abound for you to get involved. Please join us in having some fun, all while learning together and doing some good for our community.

Mishloach Manot – Deliveries of Mishloach Manot - the tradition and mitzvah of Purim will be happening very soon! Please be in touch with Allison Saffran and Shari Judenberg at etzmm1@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer to pack the Mishloach Manot bags or help to deliver them.

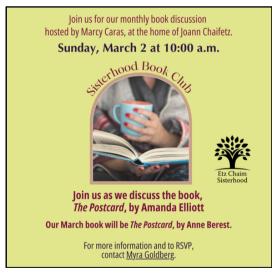
Upcoming: Sisterhood Board Installation in May!

Get involved in Sisterhood! We'd love for you to get involved!! Please contact us at etzchaimsisterhood@gmail.com. There are some wonderful opportunities to volunteer or lead programs and event, as well as opportunities to join our board!

Helaine Mark and Dani Oren Co-Presidents



Shalom in the Shul is back. For dates and times, see page 12. WLCJ Southern Region Conference March 23-25 in Birmingham, AL







Etz Chaim

Sisterhood Presents:
Sisters and Brothers for Israel
Why Christians support Israel and the Jewish People

Tuesday, March 25 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



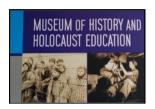
Be a part of this fascinating evening as we discuss our common connections to Israel with Rabbi Dan Dorsch and Cheryl Morrison, board member of JNF Atlanta and a member of Christians United for Israel. This event is open to the entire congregation. Q & A followed by light refreshments.

RSVP by March 18 at etzchaimatl.shulcloud.com/event/supportisrael

Lilmode: Adult Education

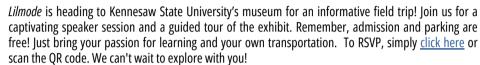


Our goal is to offer programs and classes that provide our congregants with an array of Jewish learning opportunities. We have purposefully chosen a variety of enriching experiences so every member can benefit from courses, classes, and lectures. If you have a class idea for *Lilmode*, please feel free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



Save One Life: Resistance in the Holocaust

at the KSU Museum of History and Holocaust Education 3333 Busbee Drive, NW, Kennesaw Sunday, March 23, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.







Mocha Monday with Rabbi Dorsch

Monthly Coffee and Breakfast

Monday, March 17, after morning minyan, approximately 8:00 a.m. in Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

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



Shalom in the Shul with Rabbi Shalom Lewis

Survey and Review of Jewish Law from Biblical to Modern Times
Mondays March 3, 10 and 17, in Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

All are welcome to join Rabbi Lewis for a lively discussion. This program is sponsored by Sisterhood. To RSVP, click here.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Dorsch Monthly Discussion and Pizza

Tuesday at noon

March 4, at The Zalik Foundation, 6120 Powers Ferry Road, Atlanta, 30339

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.



Weekly Torah Study with the Rabbi

Thursdays 10:00 a.m., Hammer-Tritt Social Hall February 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join us in person or via Zoom for a stimulating conversation with the Rabbi. To RSVP, contact Betsy.



Monthly Torah Study at Huntcliff

Thursday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to attend the monthly Torah Study hosted by Huntcliff Summit I - Independent Living, located on 8592 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, 30350

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 lewish 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/Social Action 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 <u>Sharon Lightstone</u>, chair.



Backpack Buddies 2025

As a congregation, this is 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 <u>Amazon Wish List</u> here or purchase items yourself from our <u>list of requested items</u> and drop them off in the bin in the Etz Chaim lobby.

If you have any questions, please reach out to <u>Angela Nothdurft</u>, or (240) 476-5758.







SUNDAY, MARCH 9 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at The Home Depot Backyard

For more information and to join or sponsor Etz Chaim's Team, go to www.tinyurl.com/hungerwalk2025, scan the QR code or contact our Team Captain, Bob Frohlich, at chisakid@bellsouth.net.



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 <u>Karen Chauvin</u> in the synagogue office or call her at (770) 973-0137.



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



Golden Anniversary Celebration



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, <u>Bob Bachrach</u> and <u>Barney Epstein</u>.

We are currently seeking items for our silent auction.

Substantial items such as art, vacation homes, airline mileage, professional services, etc., for our silent auction are wanted. If you or a friend or relative have a local business or a service to be auctioned, any help with these type of donations would be appreciated!





Check out some of these great silent auction items that will be available at the Celebration in the Gelernter Lobby.



Invitations for the celebration will be going out in the mail soon. Skip the wait and RSVP today by scanning the QR code to the left or go to tinyurl.com/goldenannivrsvp.



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Condolences and Yahrzeits



Our Condolences

- We mourn the loss of Dr. S. Perry Brickman, beloved father of Lori Freeman
- We mourn the loss of Mel Goldin, beloved father of Bethany Levee

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 <u>Betsy Fitzwater</u>.
- An Asterisk (*) denotes a memorial plaque in our sanctuary to be lit on the day of the yahrzeit and on all Yizkor holidays.

March Yahrzeits

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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 V'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 III)

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.

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.



Koffee & Kibbitz

Sponsored by AgeWell and Etz Chaim

Tuesday, March 25

10:30 a.m. Have some koffee and kibbitz

11:00 a.m. "People of the Cookbook" with Rabbi Judith Beiner

Join Rabbi Beiner, the community chaplain at JF&CS for an interactive program about food! Food plays a big part in our lives as Jews. In this session, we'll look at some of the many reccipes and cookbooks which demonstrate the diversity of tastes and traditions of our people. If you have a special cookbook or recipe to share, please bring it with you. To RSVP, click here.

*This program will be a potluck for us to share our favorite culture/traditional foods. Please bring a dairy dish to share with approximately 15 people.



HAVDALAH AND SING-ALONG

Gaturday, March 8

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hammer Pavilion (rain plan ~ Phillip's Library)



Join the Prime Timers For a camp-style Havdalah and sing-along.

- Firepit
- 9'mores
- Light Snacks
- Hot Chocolate & Hot Apple Cider
- · Sing-along to great tunes



Congregation Etz Chaim | 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy. | Marietta, GA 30068



Our Etz Chaim Community



Have News You'd Like to Share?

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

Welcome to our Etz Chaim Family

Shira Wilensky and Ben Josephson shirafsu@gmail.com | cell: 704-724-3282 i30bankin@yahoo.com | cell: 404-754-1940

Mazal Tov Wishes

- To Rosalie Agrow for being installed as the 2025 Hadassah Ketura Group president, and to the newly installed Board members, Gail Vanovitch, Ellen Weinberger, Leora Wollner, Gerry Taratoot, Susan Adair, and Dale Millman
- Reba Bachrach, who received the 2025 Light of Torah Award from Women's League of Conservative Judaism
- Dana Greenberg, for being named Etz Chaim Sisterhood Volunteer of the Year
- Mazal Tov to Miriam and Robert Rosenbaum on the engagement of their daughter, Shira to Ryan Workman
- Karen Shepherd on the marriage of her daughter, Charli Cohen

Shout Outs

- Thank you to Michael Karp for delivering our food donations to JF&CS each month.
- Thank you to our office volunteers: Ron Judenberg and Linda Weinroth
- Thank you to the "office recycling team" for their weekly collection of paper

Email Updates

David Weinberger | consumerinsights.com@gmail.com Esther Low | chai2all@gmail.com

Shabbat Honors Reminders

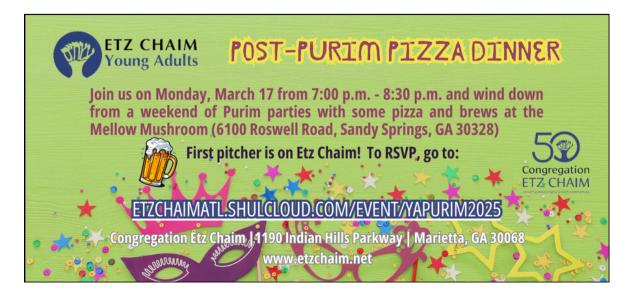
- Do you have a milestone birthday, anniversary, or another significant life event? Observing a yahrzeit?
- Being called to the Torah is a great way to commemorate the occasion whether honoring a simcha or honoring the memory of a loved one.
- We also honor those who have volunteered at the synagogue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

Young Adults

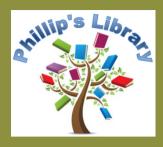
Congregation Etz Chaim's Young Adults Group is open to Jews in their 20's and 30's. Synagogue membership is not necessary; however, a reduced membership is offered and includes a High Holiday ticket. Programs vary from social events, holiday programs and social action opportunities. Events take place 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 <u>Anne Still</u>.

Follow us on Facebook.



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 <u>available online</u>. 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.

Stop by Phillip's Library and browse our wide selection of books for children, teenagers and adults.

Be Happy - It's Adar: Purim will be here soon. Enjoy some books for the holiday!

Here are a few entertaining children's books at our library for this kid-friendly holiday. Look for them on display in Phillip's Library.

To read to younger children:

Esther Didn't Dream of Being Queen, by Allison Ofanansky. Queen Esther finds the courage to save the Jewish people from Haman in this lively retelling of the Purim story with very colorful illustrations. (For grades K-3) J 244.3 OFA

For younger children who read themselves: *The Royal Recipe: A Purim Story* by Elana Rubinstein Stein. A fun early reader chapter book where ten-year-old Saralee Siegal accidentally summons Haman with her hamantashen recipe. (For Grades 2-4) JF RUB

For older children: The Book of Elsie by Joanne Levy. This is a middle-grade engaging, fast-paced story that will grab any child's attention. It is about an incident of hate-inspired vandalism that threatens not only their Purim party but Elsie's synagogue too. Elsie, like Queen Esther, takes action to bring her entire community together to solve the problem. (For Grades 4-7) JF LEV

An amazing Purim Book for Adults: *Megillat Esther*, by JT Waldman: Commonly referred to as the Book of Esther, there is nothing common about Waldman's interpretation of this Biblical story. In what may be the world's first religious, scholarly comic book, Waldman tells the epic tale of exile and redemption in graphic form. This vibrant, edgy retelling of a Biblical tale is sure to amaze and intrigue. 244.3 WAL

Here's some websites you can try as well:

For Adults: Purim Archives - My Jewish Learning My Jewish Learning is always a good website to learn more about Judaism and the Jewish holidays.

For Children: Find some great activities and more information on Purim for families here at the PJ Library website. PJ Library's Purim Hub | PJ Library

For Children and Adults: Jacob Richman has a lot of interesting things at his website-you can learn Hebrew, play Jewish games, find holiday websites, etc.

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.



Etz Chaim

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 chitchat, 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!

To join the conversation, please contact **Esther Shultz** or call her at (678) 462-2373 for the Zoom link.

Holiday Information



Purim 5785/2025

Sunday, March 9, 12:00 p.m.

Purim Carnival

Thursday, March 13

Pirates of Persia Purim Celebration

5:45 p.m. Dinner | 6:15 p.m. Purim Parade | 6:30 p.m. Chanting of Megillat Esther

Friday, March 14, 8:00 a.m.

Purim Seudah with Dr. Yizhar Hess, Vice Chairman of the WZO

Pesach/Passover 5785/2025

Sunday, April 13

Second Night Community Seder led by Rabbi Adler 6:00 p.m. Hammer-Tritt Social Hall

Monday, April 14

10:00 a.m. Pesach Services (Synagogue offices closed)

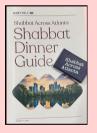
Sunday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Pesach & Yizkor Services (Synagogue office closed)

A look back at our recent programs in 2025!









Second Night Community Passover Seder Congregation ETZ CHAIM Join Rabbi Jonathon Adler in the Hammer-Tritt Social Hall for a meaningful Passover seder and meal. Sunday, April 13 6:00 p.m. 1190 Indian Hills Parkway Marietta, GA 30068 RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/2ndNightSeder2025 Www.etzdhaim.net













Cynthia R. Freeman Memorial Endowment

In loving memory of:

my father, Alex Freeman Lisa and Alan Freeman

Lisa allu Alali Fi Cellia

In memory of:

our dad, Alex Freeman, on the 5th anniversary of his yahrzeit

Debbie and Kevin Robbins

my father, Alex Freeman, beloved husband, father and grandfather

Lori and Joe Freeman

Lori Freeman's father, Perry Brickman, a sweet and wonderful man. He will be missed by many.

Lisa and Alan Freeman

Perry Brickman, father of Lori Freeman, father-in-law of Joe Freeman

Roni and Ian Robbins

<u>Gertrude and Joe Wilensky</u> <u>Memorial Endowment</u>

In celebration of:

Grant Chernau. Happy Birthday! Frank and Barbara Wilensky

In loving memory of:

our mother, Gertrude Wilensky our father, Sam Scopp

Joan King

Barbara and Frank Wilensky

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Adler

Frank and Barbara Wilensky

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Madelyn Chernau and Noah Medwed Frank and Barbara Wilensky

<u>Joan H. Rabin</u> Memorial Endowment

Kelly Chartash Mark Benjamin Ricky Manne

In loving memory of:

Ioan Rabin

Brian, Miki, Alexandra, David

Joan Rabin on the 10-year anniversary of her yahrzeit. Her love, lessons, and guidance live with us every day.

Dan Rabin, Sarah Rabin Nourparvar, Hooman, Josh and Noah, Michelle Manne, David, Jonah and Lila, Stephanie Moyal, Gilad, Jake and Maya

<u>Joan H. Rabin</u> <u>Memorial Endowment</u>

Joan H. Rabin

David and Carol

Kathy and Richard Dunberg

Rachel Miller, David and Asher Truong

Joan H. Rabin who raised three wonderful daughters and was a loving wife to Dan. I am grateful to Dan for this opportunity to donate to Joan's synagogue.

Fran Kurtis

Joan Rabin. We miss you and think lovingly of you often. Your memory has been a blessing to us all.

Jonathan, Jodi, Elizabeth and Evan Kurtis

Joan - I miss her daily.

Judith Swartz

oan King

Eydie and Steven Koonin

In memory of:

Joan H. Rabin

Linda and H. Cleveland Robert and Miriam Rosenbaum Shannon and Chris Anderson

Reba and Bob Bachrach Education Endowment

In loving memory of:

Joan King, a very special friend our brother, Richard Bachrach our mother, Hermine Bachrach our father, Harry May

Reba and Bob Bachrach

In memory of:

Anita Freedman, mother of Kathy Schwartz **Reba and Bob Bachrach**

Sisterhood Endowment Fund

In loving memory of:

my mother, Ruth Lutzky. Missing you always. Love, **Paula L. Coplon**

In appreciation of:

Neda Gayle. Sisterhood Shabbat was beautiful because of all your hard work, dedication, organization, decorations and choreography. You are an amazing committee of one. Thank you.

Cindee Sapoznik

Staff Appreciation Fund

In honor of:

Elyse and David Shaw on their daughter, Bekah's engagement to Shane Quinonez.

Suzanne Rivchun and David Lieberman

In loving memory of:

Joan King and your lives together Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

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Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

Frederick and Judie Taylor Michael Barber

In appreciation of:

Lori and Marty. Thank you for your constant support and your cherished friendship. Love,

"my" Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for your love, caring and friendship and all of your Mi Shebeirachs during one of life's many obstacles.

Cindee and Alberto Sapoznik

Rabbi Dorsch. Thank you for your kind wishes for our 45th anniversary. The Shabbat service and postponed Kiddush turned out a bit differently than was expected, but your meaningful words made the occasion very special for us. Besides, how often would we have another "Snowversary"?

Lynne and Jerry Johannesen

Pam Ziskend. Thank you for stepping in when we needed it the most. Thank You! Thank You!

Wendy and Ron Feinberg and Lauren and Josh Levetan

In loving memory of:

my mother, Barbara Rabhan **Abby and Daniel Vines**

my mother, Sylvia Berman gone 42 years, and my sister, Lory Katz gone one year. Both missed every day. One by cancer, the other Alzheimer's. Try to keep the chatter down. Dad and Ira are watching TV.

Alan Berman

Leon Kroungold Amy L. Mittelberg

my grandmother, Miriam Befeler

Gail Vanovitch

Rose Bernknopf, beloved mother and grandmother on her yahrzeit

Linda and Stan Bernknopf

Joan King

Simone and Norman Marinoff In memory of:

Rose Mittelberg on her yahrzeit Amy and Rickey Mittelberg

Joan King. So sorry for your loss. Condolences and hugs.

Malka and Barry Riesenberg

Ioan King

Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Anita Freedman

Iris and Jerry Silver

my mother, Belle Lessans, on her yahrzeit **Betsy and Jay Lessans**

Debby (Slater) Cohen. Hope that you continue to rest in peace. Love,

Cindee, Al, Eric, Brett Sapoznik

Rabbi Dorsch Discretionary Fund

Caren Greenberg Arlene William

Carl Zager

Sandra Rowitz

Lee and Deborah Elfenbein

Joan King, wife of Dr. Stephen King. May your memories always be sweet, comforting, and a blessing. Our condolences.

Lynne Goldman Johannesen

my sister, Maxine Small

Richard and Fern Hartnig

In memory of:

my father, William Galin

Arlene and Mitch Manning

Rabbi Adler Discretionary Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Adler. Sheri and I were delighted to hear your good news and hope that the rest of the recovery goes as well as it has been thus far.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Rabbi Adler, "To Life, To Life, L'Chaim"! What a wonderful gift you have been given! Your new birthday is January 18, 2025. A CHAI Day most certainly. I am so happy for you. Can't wait to see you back in action.

Esther Shultz

Rabbi Adler

Judy Lebow

Rabbi Adler

Julia and Kent Goodman

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Rabbi Adler on his new kidney

Marsha and Chuck Bernstein

Rabbi Lewis Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of:

"my" Rabbi Lewis. Thank you for your love, caring and friendship and all of your Mi Shebeirachs during one of life's many obstacles.

Cindee and Al Sapoznik

In memory of:

Sylvia Cohen

Eileen and Douglas Cohen

Anita Freedman

Elizabeth and Moritz Pila

Backpack Buddies Fund

In loving memory of:

Harry Phillips on your yahrzeit. You are missed. **Elaine, Jay, Josh and Rachel Schwartz**

Backpack Buddies Fund

In loving memory of:

Harry Phillips on your yahrzeit. You are missed.

Elaine, Jay, Josh and Rachel Schwartz

Joan King - Joanie truly was a beautiful woman both inside and out. We feel fortunate to have known her and have wonderful memories.

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Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Adleı

Sally Greenstein

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Marvin and Barbara Fellner. Happy Anniversary! Here's to many, many more years together.

Jackie and Steve Pierce

Bob Goldman Scholarship Fund

In memory of:

my brother, Irvan Pearlberg Ronnie Dinin

Building Enhancement Fund

In memory of:

Joan King

Susan and Sidney Tourial

Figur Family Outdoor Classroom

In memory of:

Joan King

Adrienne and Randy Figur

General Fund

Sherry Adams

In celebration of:

Patti Bloom's birthday!

Ron and Karen Feibel

In honor of:

Ruth Heinemann's 100th birthday.

Barbara Shapiro

In loving memory of:

Anita Freedman

Carol and Robert Chanin

Anita Freedman

Debbie and Andy Shuping

Dr. Harvey J. Cohen

Jeremy Cohen

Stanley Katz. May his memory always be a blessing.

Lauri and Ken Winkler

Gertrude Olens

Lisa and Sam Olens

In memory of:

Anita Freedman, an incredibly sweet, caring and loving woman. May her memory be a blessing. With love.

Andrea and Steve Krasnoff

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General Fund

Anita Freedman. She was a sweet lady and a good friend

Anne Schwartz, Sara and Brian and Family, Samantha and Jacob and Family

Anita Freedman

Jeanne W. Guidetti

Joan King, beloved wife and mother

Judy Lebow

Anita Freedman

Lila and Steven Fair

Ioan King

Lisa and Sam Olens

Leona Weiner, beloved sister and aunt

Lou Rosengarten

Anita Freedman. She was a special person, and she will be missed.

Sally Pinsker and Alice Arogeti

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Martine Bookman. With all of our love. Linda Levenheck, Frank, Mom, Dad

Joan z"l and Stephen King Fund

In loving memory of:

Joan King

Alan and Sheryl Cohn

Joan King

Andy and Julie Andrews

Joanie King. We, as well as the entire shul, were saddened to hear of your loss. We trust the memories continue to be sweet.

Bob and Sheri Frohlich

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Bob and Sheri Frohlich

Ioan Kins

Dana, Ari, Ilyse and Sam Greenberg

May Joan's memory be for a blessing. Love, Elizabeth, Steve, Matt, Suzanne, Brandon, and Alec Jaffe

Joan King. Our condolences to Stephen and Family. Joan was a very special lady who will he missed

Ellen and Steven Perlow

Joan King

Ina and Harold Enoch

Joan King - Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Your mother truly made a difference for so many.

Jackie and Steve Pierce

Joan King, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Jerry and Elaine Blumenthal

Joan z'l and Stephen King Fund

Joan King

John and Jean Holloway

Joanie King...devoted wife, loving mother, doting Uma, and all-around remarkable human

Julie and Jon Worly

Joanie King

Myrna and David Garron

Joan King. Love,

Paul Tinkelman and Cindi Connell

Joan King

Wendy and Dale Bearman

In memory of:

Joan King

Linda and Stan Bernknopf
Irving and Linda Briks
Michael and Kim Dinerman
Linda and Michael Friedman
Marty and Judy Kogon
Ann Pomerantz
Elaine Rubin
Harvey and Vicki Siegel
Iris and Jerry Silver
Allen and Judy Soden
The Professional staff at the Atlanta
Jewish Foundation

Joan King. Steve, our thoughts are with you and your family on the loss of Joan. She was a very special person and will always be the FIRST LADY of Etz Chaim in our hearts. She will truly be missed.

Eileen and Ken Schlenker

Joan King. May her memory always be a blessing.

Lauri and Ken Winkler

Joan King. My heartfelt sympathy from a longstanding friend.

Marilyň Shubin

Joan King, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend

Penny Budow

Joan King. Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Ron and Karen Feibel

Lilmode - Adult Education Fund

In honor of:

Joseph Rothenberg

Robert Gordon

In loving memory of:

Perry Brickman, husband of Shirley Brickman and father of Lori Freeman

Berna and Noah Levine

Linda H. Weinroth Education Fund

In celebration of:

the Bar Mitzvah of Hudson Wollner, grandson of Leora and Herb Wollner

Linda and Stan Bernknopf

In memory of:

my father, James Vines

Abby and Daniel Vines

Anita Freedman

Andrew and Helaine Lasky

Morris Sacred Text Fund

In loving memory of:

Joan King

Anita Freedman

Candy Frank

In memory of:

Anita Freedman. She was a wonderful person and meant the world to me.

Ellen Williams

Joan King

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Jill Birch

Wendy and Ron Feinberg

Phillip's Library Fund

In loving memory of:

your father, Stanley Katz

Cindee Sapoznik and your 2myPlace family

Jerome Angster

Neda Gayle

Preschool Fund

In appreciation of:

Joe Ziskend. Thanks for the 3D printing!

Aram Blankenship

In celebration of:

Ruth Heinemann's 100th birthday. Mazel Tov and warm wishes for continued good health and happiness on your special birthday.

Ron and Karen Feibel

In memory of:

Mel Goldin

Amy L. Mittelberg

Joan King, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Sending our condolences to Stephen King and Family. May her memory be for a blessing, now and always. We are so sorry for your loss. Sincerely.

Arlene and Glenn La Vine

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Rabbi Adler. Wishing a Refuah Shelaima. We pray that your recovery will be speedy and complete, and that you will experience only good health from now on. Best wishes, always.

Arlene and Glenn La Vine

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Joshua Johnson and his family on his Bar Mitzvah! Karen, Ron, Lori, and Gavin Feibel

Robert Klein Memorial Chesed Fund

In appreciation of:

Lisa and John Flagel

Richard Louis

In loving memory of:

Joan King, who with her kindness and dedication to her family, Judaism, and our shul, exemplified chesed in every way

Grace and Ken Graiser

my father, Ira Altfeder, on his 8th yahrzeit. He is terribly missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him.

Joan King. Joanie was a true friend - always the kindest, funniest, genuine person. To know Joanie was to love her. She is missed by all. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Judy and Stan Fineman

In memory of:

Joan King

Anita Freedman

Barry and Joyce Teitelman

my brother, Leo Altfeder, on his 70th yahrzeit. I wish I had grown up with you, Leo.

Judy Fineman

Joan King

Marcy Graiser

Joanie King

Sue and Alan Rothstein

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Irwin and Ava Weitz on the birth of their grandson

Barry and Joyce Teitelman

Sisterhood Fund

In loving memory of:

my mother, Rae Weiss. You are always in my heart.

Barbara and Jerold Mayer

In honor of:

Sisterhood Shabbat Fabulous Ladies. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, spirit, kindness, and love. Saturday was beautiful. **Cindee Sapoznik**

Social Action Fund

In honor of:

Joanne Chaifetz. Your smile continues to fill the room. Our prayers and hope surround you always.

Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik

In loving memory of:

Anita Freedman

Beth and Edward Sugarman Jill N. Cohen

Joan King

Sharon and Alan Lightstone

Social Action Fund

In memory of:

Sarah Klemes Yucht. You are forever cherished by family and friends.

Ionathan and Maxine Schein

Wishing a speedy recovery to:

Janis Greenfield. Our prayers and hope surround you always.

Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik

Wishing Mazal Tov to:

Dana Greenberg on your Volunteer Award. We are so proud of your volunteerism with Sisterhood.

Reba Bachrach on your WLCJ Light of Torah Award. Thank you for everything you do for Sisterhood and the synagogue.

Alan and Sharon Lightstone

Social Action Fund

Joe Ziskend. Happy birthday to a wonderful man and friend.

Dani and Amir Oren and Lynne and Jerry Johannesen. Happy anniversary and many more years of love and understanding to our friends. **Cindee and Al Sapoznik**

<u>Steven Krodman Men's Club</u> <u>Scholarship Fund</u>

In memory of:

my wonderful mom, Selda K. Slater. Mom, every day we honor you. I appreciated all that you did and how you lived. Your memory is always our blessing.

Alberto and Cindee Sapoznik

Jack Agrow

Barton and Rosalie Agrow

Youth Fund

Neda Gayle

In memory of:

Anita Freedman

Mark Eliot Kamensky

Mazal Tov wishes to:

Karen Shepherd on the marriage of her daughter, Charli Cohen

Reba and Bob Bachrach

Youth Scholarship Fund

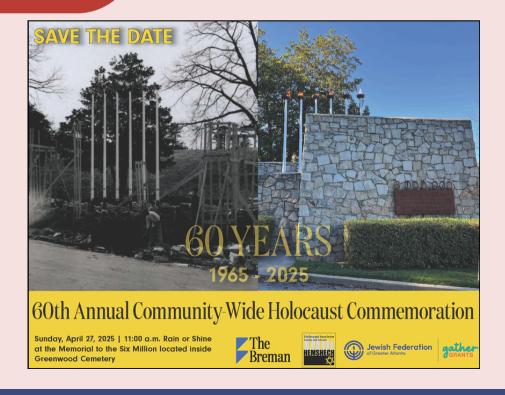
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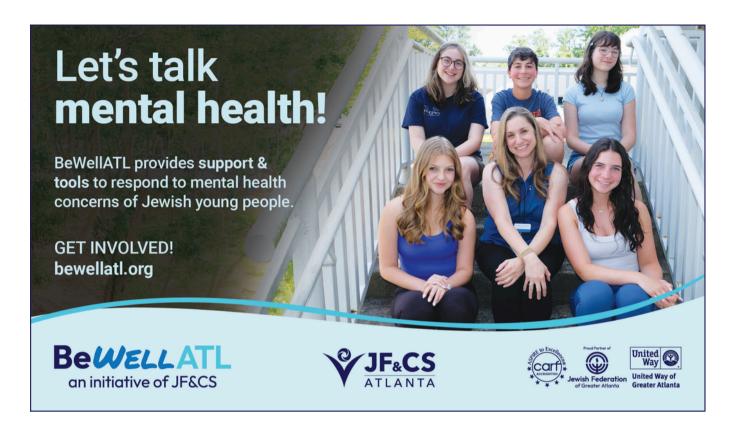
Joanie King, wife of Stephen King and mother of Lisa and Traci

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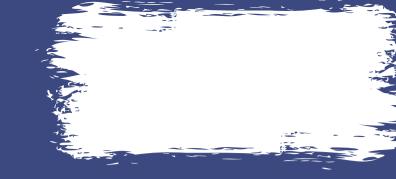
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"As my ancestors planted before us, so must we plant for our children." - Talmud



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