

Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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*Congregation Etz Chaim's Mission Statement is:
Passionate and participatory,
our supportive Jewish community engages each individual in a life-long Jewish journey. We embrace diverse experiences that span both traditional and contemporary ideas while learning and pursuing spiritual growth.*

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Message from your President – Simon Newman



In a few short weeks, G-d willing and the creek don't rise, we will close on the selling of the Kugler Mill building to the Legacy Pointe Church, thereby divesting the former BTZ of all its assets. Thus, we finally will be able to establish Congregation Etz Chaim as an official non-profit (501(c3)) organization.

Currently, many of us have been in leadership positions for over four years, stretching back to the establishment of the original steering committee. This committee worked for two years to promote the successful merger of Congregations B'nai Tzedek and Ohav Shalom to form Congregation Etz Chaim (CEC), a name chosen by our combined congregations. Most of the members of that steering committee remained on the committee to nurture the evolution of CEC as a new synagogue community. Personally, I contend their effort has been immensely successful.

However, it must be remembered that the individuals on the steering committee are volunteers who were willing to devote their time and talents to build our new community. None of us were actually elected by you, our congregants.

Now, that process is about to change, as it is time to organize a formal Board of Trustees with elected officers who will comprise the Executive Board. These individuals will be elected to the Board by our congregants.

At this time, some of us on the steering committee, including myself for obvious reasons, are ready to step down to let new individuals continue to move CEC forward, and nurture its growth. WE NEED YOU DEAR READER TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE CEC BOARD OF TRUSTEES! We need new voices to generate new perspectives and ideas to keep our religious community active and engaged.

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Elsewhere inside this month's bulletin you will find a volunteer form for potential new Board members. I am encouraging you to insure CEC's future vitality by completing the form and sending it to the office. All forms submitted will be reviewed by the nominating committee made up of Randy Slovin, Terry Brodof, Russ Rosen and myself. Our intent is to have twelve Board members in addition to four officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please consider donating you time and expertise to your synagogue. I can promise that you will find it a rewarding and worthwhile experience.

Lest you decide that you do not have time to donate to your synagogue, and that "someone else" will step up and do it, the following story is apropos. This story consists of four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job do be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did anything. Somebody got mad about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

I'm directly asking Everybody!

In closing, I want to offer a quick observation regarding our Lag B'Omer celebration and bonfire. The warmth exuded that night was derived not from the bonfire, but from the camaraderie of the attendees. Once again, we had the privilege of enjoying a delightful program integrating education and pure fun.

FoodieCards Deal Out Over \$540 in Savings when you dine at the best Cincinnati Area Restaurants!



FoodieCard Update

Effective immediately- the 2017 FoodieCard Decks are now \$20 each. They expire December 31, 2017.

Now it simply requires 2 restaurant visits to break even. Since many of you eat out with your friends, let them know about FoodieCards.

Contact Russ Rosen, [513-490-8511](tel:513-490-8511) or Russell.rosen@gmail.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATION FORM

This form can be used by any member of the Congregation to nominate individuals to serve on the Board of Trustees. Please return the completed form to
Congregation Etz Chaim, Attn: Randy Slovin

Check one:

Date: _____

☐ Self-nominated

☐ Nominated by

If nominating someone else, are they aware that you are nominating them? ☐ yes ☐ no

Personal Information:

Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____ Email: _____

Areas of Interest

Describe the specific areas/activities of the synagogue or synagogue life in which you are particularly interested or care deeply about. _____

Professional Skills

List any professional skills you have that may be useful as a Board Member. _____

Community Service and/or Participation on other Boards

List prior and current community service involvement or other community Board positions you held or have held.

Congregational Service or Involvement

List any involvement you have had in this Congregation. _____

Ritual Matters

Ritual Committee members: Co-Chairs: Barry Joffe & Barbara Taggart-Milberg; Members: Alex Cohen, Emmy Friedenberg, Lynne Haber, Candy Kwiatek, Hank Lerer, Steve Segerman, Chava Vidal, Robyn Wolfe

As you receive this newsletter, you are about to be taken on a journey through the summer months with the RITCOM's newly designed and creative Summer Shabbatot series. Grab your last month's bulletin or other pertinent information to refresh your memory about the descriptions and dates for each of the four (4) styles of services. We request that you attend every service possible and give us your feedback on them. It is only through your comments and appraisals that we can adapt to make things the best they can be for our shul and most importantly for you, our congregants and community. Only time – and your feedback! – will tell...

We hope congregants have accepted the compromise reached in the use of BOTH Sanctuary and Chapel for Shabbat services. Each month the RITCOM reviews the calendar and decides which services will be held where, striking a balance between the two venues. We know that there are pros and cons to both places and we are still working out any challenges which have arisen. To those who are strongly in favor of one venue over the other, we appreciate your willingness to be flexible and accepting of the other way.

Moving on to Holidays and Holy Days...

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning of, and the participation in, the Holiday of Shavuot. We offered a Tikkun Leyl discussion, multiple services, themed studies and Kiddushes – all designed to appeal to the many faces of our wonderful Etz Chaim community.

It will soon be time for the RITCOM to begin planning for the High Holy Days 5778. Starting in early July, we brush off the cobwebs from last year's plans, taking cues from what worked (a lot) and what didn't (just a little). As mentioned last month, Cantor Lubin will again be joining us for the 5778 High Holy Days come this fall. We will have more details to impart in coming bulletins.

The RITCOM welcomes and appreciate all of your thoughts, criticisms, comments and suggestions. We value any feedback that you send us and will do our best to address your concerns in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

-Barry & Barbara

Different branches but all part of the same tree...

We are made up of different age demographics, with different levels of Hebrew, different levels of engagement, different levels of participation, with different customs and desires.

So, we are excited to announce the roll out of our new Summer Services.

We have created four separate Shabbat Morning Services.

Each Shabbat will be held three times during the summer months on a rotating basis.

The Four Shabbatot Are:

Shabbat Simcha
Traditional Shabbat
Mayim Chaim Shabbat
Neshama Shel Shabbat

Full descriptions of each service can be found on the next two pages of the bulletin. We encourage you to find a service that fits your style and perhaps to use this summer to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new.

Different branches but all part of the same tree...



Watch for our mailer in May that will include additional information about this innovative approach to Shabbat Morning Services.

Shabbat Simcha

Simcha means joy. This service will be coordinated by Hank and Chava. We have been working to create a service that brings to light the happiness and joy that is inherent in our religion. We have survived generations of persecution and still kept our yiddish neshama, our Jewish soul. We believe that's due to a love of our faith and an innate desire to feel joy. Shabbat can be this island of simcha in a busy week. This high energy two-hour service is designed to fill your needs and send you on your way. It will feature the basic framework of a traditional Shabbat morning service but will be abridged to teach new tunes, include English and boost the ruach. This service will have regular Torah Reading with interactive Torah trivia to encourage congregants to read along in English. In lieu of a Haftorah this service will offer a component entitled "Torah in Today's World," a take home idea that can be applied to everyday life. It's a two-hour commitment of time out of your week that is full of learning and simcha.

Time Frame: 10am to 12pm

Location: The Chapel

Shabbat, June 3

Shabbat, July 1

Shabbat, July 29

Traditional Shabbat

This is the Shabbat morning service you think of when you remember coming as a child to shul or that your Zeide would attend. Traditional Shabbat will feature well-known tunes, the full service and a full Haftorah. It will also feature an insightful d'var torah. This service will revive the familiar and classic concept of "Shabbat morning services." In Judaism, the way to refer to someone who leads the prayers is "Shaliach Tzibbur" meaning "messenger on behalf of the congregation." We will be their kehillah, their community. When they lead, we will follow; when they say V'imru we'll say Amen. This service will evoke memories of days gone by and yet create pathways between our modern lives and our relationship with Hashem (God).

Time Frame: 9:30am to 12pm

Location: The Sanctuary

Shabbat, June 10

Shabbat, July 8

Shabbat, August 5

Mayim Chaim Shabbat

The name Mayim Chaim means “water of life.” We used this title to convey the key concept behind this Shabbat, making Torah part of our everyday lives. We cannot survive three days without water, so too as Jews we cannot go three days without Torah. This Shabbat will be centered around the Torah reading and include thematic elements from the weekly parsha in the d’var, Kiddush menu and centerpieces. We will bring the biblical stories to life through food and other creative storytelling methods. This Shabbat will showcase our large group of lay leaders. It will feature an abridged Haftorah and davener’s choice of tunes. Both amidahs will be heicha kedushas. Dip your toe in the water at our Mayim Chaim Shabbat.

Time Frame: 9:30am to 12pm

Location: The Sanctuary

Shabbat, June 17

Shabbat, July 15

Shabbat, August 12

Neshama Shel Shabbat

The service will be coordinated by Lynne and Candy. It will include lots of singing, and a bit more English than the traditional service. “Kavvanot” will weave teachings into the structure of the service itself, to facilitate a deeper understanding and connection to our liturgy. The service will include all the key elements and structure of the service, but will focus more on the *kavvanah* (the feeling behind the prayer) than the *kevah* (fixed structure). The Torah service will be abbreviated (with 3 aliyot according to the custom of some liberal streams of Judaism), and musaf will be highly abbreviated, in order to allow time for an extended Torah discussion. This service is designed for people who are looking for a more informal service, with lots of singing. We will help deepen each other’s connection to the liturgy and engage in the service from multiple emotional, intellectual, and spiritual perspectives.

Time Frame: 10am to 12pm

Location: The Chapel

Shabbat, June 24

Shabbat, July 22

Shabbat, August 19

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Synagogue Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Synagogue Summer Raffle. Proceeds from this raffle will help us fund our Synagogue events and summer expenses.

Our Raffle Winners will be drawn during the Congregational Picnic. You need not be present to win but it does make winning that much sweeter. The tickets are only \$25 a piece or 4 for \$100

😊 – Hey, it's to help the shul so do a mitzvah and buy a few.

The prizes are:

1st place - \$250

2nd place - \$150

3rd place - \$100

4th place, well you don't get cold hard cash but you do get a premium parking place – a reserved spot in our lot with your name on it!

Call the office for more details! 513-489-3399





Friends, Food & Fun **Etz Chaim Congregational**



Sunday, June 25, 2017
5pm – 7pm

We'll grill up a delicious dinner with all the fixin's
Then join us for fun, games and socializing.
Join us at this relaxed event, catch up with old
friends and make new ones. Everyone welcome!

We'll play cornhole and other backyard games, eat,
drink and shoomoze but that's not all. The event will
culminate with the drawing of our annual raffle
winners. You need not be present to win, but it does
make winning that much sweeter. Information on the
raffle tickets can be found on the opposite page. We
thank you in advance for supporting your Shul!

The backyard area at Congregation Etz Chaim
8100 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249
Only \$8 to attend – RSVPs appreciated
Call the office and RSVP today # 513-489-3399



WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

By: Terry Brodof

So you keep reading in the e-blast that”

“VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON THURSDAY EVENINGS in the kitchen.”

You haven’t come because you are not certain what kind of help they need.

Questions?

Is there a skill-set needed? Is it just for Sisterhood members or women?

Will I have to cook?

Nope. Nope. ... And Nope.

It takes a lot of hands to put together a Kiddush luncheon.

While the Sisterhood and volunteers that enjoy cooking are at work,

Volunteers – with no kitchen skills help in a number of ways.

There are sitting jobs like peeling, folding napkins or lining baskets.

Volunteers are also needed to –

* set up the tables in the lobby or the social hall.

* set” the place settings on the tables – the tablecloths, napkins, spoons, forks, cups etc...

* run the dishwasher.

In fact, there are quite a number of jobs the Sisterhood needs help with.

Our goal – get everything done and enjoy everyone’s company.

Like most Jewish homes ... the kitchen is the gathering place.

It is where family gets together and helps.

Please considering joining us by volunteering.

At our synagogue the only volunteer hands that are not appreciated...

are those hands that we needed and didn’t get.

We are pleased to announce that we are creating a

SYNAGOGUE GARDEN

We received a grant to “seed” the project but we still need help from you, our congregants, to really make it “blossom”

There will be 4 raised garden boxes in a newly fenced area in the backyard, close to where our Sukkah is built.

We have several sponsorship and naming opportunities which are as follows:

The Vegetable Garden

\$65 Sponsorship

The Tomato Garden

\$65 Sponsorship

The Spice Garden

\$65 Sponsorship

The Fruit Box

\$65 Sponsorship

*Each box sponsorship at the \$65 level includes (\$40 for topsoil and \$25 for plants)

To have the Entire Garden Area named after you for the 2017-2018 Planting season
A donation of \$120 will cover the fence, gate, and various other planting supplies.

These sponsorship opportunities are first come first serve so call the office today. In addition to your name in the garden, you will be listed as a garden patron on all garden publicity & will be honored at our “Garden Shabbat Friday Night Dinner” at the end of the summer

We are also in need of gardeners—
To help tend to our crops.
Anyone with a green thumb
is welcome to come cultivate our harvest.

Call or Email Chava for more details:

513-489-3399

chavaniceday@gmail.com





Legacy Team Members

*Sandy Baden
Russell Rosen
Steven N. Segerman
Randy T. Slovin*

*Please remember the
Jewish community with
a gift in your will, trust, IRA,
or life insurance policy.*



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Welcome to June and hopefully more consistent and warmer (but not too hot) weather, because as I write this month's article in early May, it's 42°! Hopefully as you read this article about CEC's Create Your Jewish Legacy, you've already started to think about the legacy that you'd like to leave behind to your congregational family, as well as the Greater Cincinnati Jewish Community. As reminder, CYJL is the localized collaborative effort of Cincinnati area agencies, congregations, and day schools, and it is being facilitated by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati.

At its most basic level, CYJL is simply legacy gift planning, and an opportunity for those in the Jewish Community to take care of their own, and plan future gift giving to those organizations that they've had strong ties to. It's also an opportunity for you to show your children and grandchildren that you are a believer in this Synagogue or other Jewish organizations within Greater Cincinnati. With a legacy gift, your impact can continue beyond your lifetime, and you are certainly welcome to give to multiple organizations.

Last month, our CEC CYJL team, which consists of Sandy Baden, Russ Rosen, Steve Segerman and Randy Slovin, made our very first presentation, which was to the Steering Committee of our synagogue. The four of us are very excited and committed to this project, and that enthusiasm came across. The Steering Committee was very welcoming and our Team immediately began receiving Letters of Intent (agreement to take part in the process). We've also received legacy gifts from non-Steering Committee members, which is amazing, since we've not rolled out this program to the greater CEC congregation. More Letters of Intent (LOI) continue to roll in, but we've already received LOI's from the following individuals:

<i>Russ & Arlene Rosen</i>	<i>Terry Brodof</i>	<i>Lynne Haber</i>
<i>Sue & Steve Segerman</i>	<i>Hank Lerer</i>	<i>Randy Slovin</i>
<i>Barbara Taggart-Milberg</i>	<i>Matt Brodof</i>	<i>Chava Vidal</i>
<i>Richard & Sara Behrman</i>		

Additionally, prior to their passing, Robert & Marlene Tulch, long standing congregants, and pillars within our congregational community, considered what they wanted their legacy to be, and made a sizeable gift commitment. We will always be grateful to their consideration.

...and on behalf of the entire CYJL team, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Your commitment to our synagogue and other agencies or schools in Cincinnati are appreciated.

In the coming months, our CYJL team will be contacting both individuals and groups within our CEC family to make further presentations. In the meantime, perhaps you can begin thinking about what you want your legacy to be.

Plastic Bag Collection



Please drop your plastic grocery bags in the bin in the lobby!



Do you have a bag full of plastic grocery bags? If you don't, please start saving them for Etz Chaim Sisterhood. We will soon begin a community service project that involves using plastic grocery bags to make "plarn," (plastic yarn) that will be knit or crocheted to make sleeping mats for the homeless. Members of Sisterhood will do all the folding, cutting and creating, we just ask that everyone start collecting the plastic bags. It takes hundreds of bags to make one mat. We thank you in advance for helping us help others with this project.





☆ Etz Chaim's Sisterhood –Be Part of the Community ☆

If you were not at shul last Saturday, you missed it! The women of Sisterhood shone as they led us in all aspects of worship and celebration of Shabbat:

- A: Ark opening and closing
- B: Blessings over the bread and wine
- C: Choir-led song
- D: D'var
- E: English Readings
- F: Fellowship
- G: Greeters
- H: Haftorah
- I: Instantaneous Choir
- J: Jews
- K: Kiddush Luncheon (and it was DELICIOUS)
- L: Lovely Ladies!
- M: Musaf
- N: Not your grandmother's Shabbat Service
- O: Opening and Closing Torah Service
- P: P'sukei D'Zimra
- Q: Quintessential Kiddush
- R: Remarks from the Co-Directors
- S: Shachrit
- T: Torah Reading
- U: Unbelievable Ladies!
- V: Virtual presentation of the Sisterhood Pledge Check (no money can change hands on Shabbat. The Sisterhood exceeded its annual pledge by an additional 50%.)
- W: Wrapping the Torah
- X: Xcellent Service!
- Y: Yummy food!
- Z: Zis was the best Shabbat ever!

Thank you all who participated and attended.

The Sisterhood continues to be the Heart of the Synagogue.

With Undying Love for Etz Chaim,

Sandy and Laura

Start saving
your "stuff" for
our annual attic
sale.

Watch for more
details in the
July Bulletin.

Your old
possessions
could be
someone else's
treasures!

Want to get
involved?

Contact
Stephany for
more details!

Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

Spice is the variety of life. I know, usually the phrase is "Variety is the spice of Life" but work with me..

The original phrase comes from a 1785 poem written by William Cowper titled "the Task". The full line is: "Variety is the very spice of life, That gives it all its flavor." End of poetry lesson.

I am going to take a bit of liberty in order to ramble more on the Spice part.

When I talk about food as being spicy, I don't mean hot. That "burn your face off hot" that for some reason restaurants try to outdo each other. I think of spicy as flavorful. I want my food to have flavor, not melt my tongue.

I realized this years ago when I used to make my own cinnamon toothpicks. I would go the pharmacy and buy little bottles of cinnamon oil and put them in a pill bottle with some round toothpicks and let them soak for days. Those things were so hot, anybody who ate one had to break them in to pieces and hold them between their teeth. It was fun for about 2 days.

A month or so back at the Passover seder we partook charoset (delicious chopped fruit and nut mixture combined with wine and spices) to symbolize the mortar between the bricks that the Jews slaves were forced to make and build with. The spice most common used: cinnamon.

Recently at our Lag B'Omer bonfire, we said a farewell to Shabbat with Havdalah. The Rabbi's have taught that Jews are given an extra soul on Shabbat and it is during Havdalah that it is relinquished. Smelling of aromatic spices during Havdalah is thought to calm the soul as it prepares for the week and the loss of the Sabbath. Any sweet-smelling spice, typically cloves, can be used.

Bring out your Spices!

During our shul's recent visit to the food pantry at the Barbash Family Vital Support Center to help sort and shelve our food donations, it was mentioned that spices are always in short supply. How about the next time you are at Kroger, Meijer, Trader Joes, Wal Mart, Target even the dollar store, pick up a tin or two or three and drop them off in the lobby.

Think they are too expensive? Nah, they aren't cuz I am not talking saffron, which by the way is the most expensive spice in the world, costing between \$1600 and \$5000 a pound. How about salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, garlic and onion powder. A tin of Ol' Bay is nice and they have a few different blends. Pick one, pick em all, or some other favorite of yours.

Variety is the spice of life and just as smelling the sweet spices at Havdalah calms your soul, so too does your soul enjoy the spice of life by helping others!

Look for the collection display in the lobby and start bringing in those spices!



MEN'S CLUB

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WE ARE HEADING OUT TO
GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK

Tuesday Night, June 6, 2017

Come see the Cincinnati Reds battle the St. Louis Cardinals

Game Starts at 7:15pm

With a pre-game dinner at Moerlein House

Game Tickets cost \$28 per person

Call Aaron Schechtman to reserve your seat!

Seats are limited call today - 513-544-8474

Tikkun Olam Corner

Barbash Family Vital Support Center

Congregation Etz Chaim is proud to announce that the month of August is our Synagogues' month of commitment to the Barbash Family Vital Support Center. While we are involved with this worthy cause year-round, this special month includes trips down to the pantry to restock the shelves, collection drives and raising awareness both within our congregation and the surrounding community.

THIS YEAR OUR COLLECTION DRIVE FOCUS IS: SPICES – SO SPICE UP YOUR LIFE AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL MITZVAH – WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS

Collection Drives throughout the Year

Be it collecting bottles of oil around Chanukah, cans of cat food and feline treats for our Kats Purim Celebration, cans at our Passover Second Seder, or personal hygiene items for blessing bags, our Synagogue is committed to year-round service.

So here are the items we are currently collecting:

Spices – The display is located in the lobby. While people donate many food items, spices are often forgotten needs. Can you imagine making a recipe without a dash of this or a pinch of that?

Plastic Grocery Bags – The bin is located in the lobby. These are used to make “plarn” plastic yarn which is then used to create waterproof mats for people in need.

Soda pop-tabs – The canister is located in the office. These are donated to the Ronald McDonald House

Printer Cartridges – The bin is located in the office. Your Cyan, Yellow and Magenta cartridges help the synagogue purchase printer paper.

Pill Bottles – The basket is located in the office. These are donated to Matthew 25 Ministries where they are able to sterilize the bottles and use them in developing countries.



Yahrzeits

This list represents yahrzeits for this month as listed in the Synagogue Database. If we have missed a name, please call the synagogue office at 489-3399 and let us know so we can update our records.

This June (Sivan-Tammuz) we remember:

June 1—Sivan 7

Alex Brodof*
Brana Dubinsky*
Melvin Edlin*
Elizabeth Karp*
Charles Meyer*
Irving Novick*
Minnie Pinsky*

June 2—Sivan 8

Isadore Freid*
Leah Schiff
Dorothy Shostack
Gilbert Skurow*
Louis Weinstein
Hirsh Zeigman*

June 3—Sivan 9

Helen Bloom
Benjamin Horn
Rose Skurow*

June 4—Sivan 10

Gerald Blank
Anna Einhorn
Bessie Sacolick*

June 5—Sivan 11

David Bershadsky*
Benjamin Cohan
Benjamin Goldfarb*
Joseph Jarsky*
Sarah Lederman*
Benjamin Lemlich
Carl Lerer

June 6—Sivan 12

Aaron Breit*
Shaina Litwack*
Fae Stoll
Charles Weber*

June 7—Sivan 13

Celia Bell*
Evelyn Harris*
Benjamin Pilder*
Henry Rosin*
Henrietta Singer*

June 8- Sivan 14

Ruth Bayliss
Sarah Bongard*
Yehuda Covitch
Kurt Lichtenstein
Herman Neumann

June 9— Sivan 15

Milton Emden*
Harry Freeman*
Fred Goldstein
Janet Linder*
David Mason

June 10- Sivan 16

Louis Favish
Phyllis Karp
Rae Katz
Sidney Kohn*
Jacob Koorland*
Max Sirkin*
Jake Skurow*

June 11- Sivan 17

Jacob Hoodin*
Abraham Nemchonok
Abraham Wacksman*

June 12- Sivan 18

Marcus Kluber*
Audrey Kolker
May Meyer
Leon Rosin*
Louis Shenk*
Nathan Wasserman*
Gail Wolkoff*

June 13- Sivan 19

Gilbert Bein*
Jennie Braunstein*
Miriam Goldstein
Eli Mahler*
Samuel Saul*
Clara Schneider
Esther Simon*
Joel Solomon

June 14 - Sivan 20

Matthew Abravaya
Louis Harris
Joseph Himelfarb*
Saul Polinsky
Marlene Tulch*
Rose Zigler*

June 15 - Sivan 21

Rudolph Funk*
Sidney Katz*
Sol Krumbein*
Louis Wollin*
Sam Zigler*
Bette Ruth Zuber
Sara Zuchowicki

June 16 - Sivan 22

Joy Cohen
Julius Fialco*
Esther Freid*
Maurice Golding
Isaac Goldstein*
Adolph Jacobson
Samuel Levine*
Morris Lutzky
Pauline "Pepi" Weiner*

June 17 - Sivan 23

Ben Klayman*

June 18 - Sivan 24

Leonard Kaplan*
Nellie Lepsky*
Perry Liberman
Alvin White*
Emil Winkler*

June 19 - Sivan 25

Henry Forman*
Reuben Frisch*
David Lewengood*
Theodore Lisner*
Bertha Nadelman*
Fannie Tulch*
Abraham Zeidman*

June 20- Sivan 26

Sylvain Baroukh*
Gerson Kuhr*
Samuel Rotkin*
Sarah Shernofsky*
John Stillpass*

June 21 - Sivan 27

Howard Ehrlich
Jack Ostin*

June 22 - Sivan 28

Hyman Barsman*
Sadie Barsman*
Mitchell Meyer*
Clara Petricoff*
Annie Resnick*
Harry Schneider*
Aaron Slapin*
Reva Smilansky

June 23 - Sivan 29

Mae Borden*
Leonard Cohen*
Betty Gendelman
Albert Klayman*
Rose Wiener
Leah Winkler*

June 24- Sivan 30

Benny Friling
Abraham Meyers
Freda Ruben*
Sura Schenker*
Celia Weitzman*

June 25 - Tammuz 1

Miriam Abrams*
Joseph Bowman, Sr.
Ida Einhorn*
Kate Fingerhut*
Bess Newburger
Esther Reiner
Sylvia Shor

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June 26 - Tammuz 2

Margaret Guttman
Valerie Kutnicki
Joseph Levine*
Doris Moskowitz*
Estelle Rosen
Fenie Schneider*

June 27 - Tammuz 3

Lottie Feldman*
Theresa Goldfarb
Sue Kuhr
Mollie Pinsky*
Myron Plotkin*
Samuel Weiner*

June 28 - Tammuz 4

Izchak Fried*
Sara Horzon
Thelma Novick*

June 29 - Tammuz 5

Max Baverman
Abe Dorfman*
Harry Franklin*
Morris Goldberg*
Abe Joffe
Ross Kichler

June 30 - Tammuz 6

Morris Berman*
Benjamin Drucker*
William Gold*
Joseph Greenblatt*
Dorothy Segal

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

Congregation Etz Chaim is proud to offer minyanim upon request. If you would like to observe the Yahrzeit of a loved one and it occurs on a date that we do not have services scheduled, please call or email Julie Kaufman at jsk9998@gmail.com or call 793-6354 and leave a message.

Julie is our dedicated volunteer who helps to coordinate yahrzeit minyanim. If you would like to request a minyan please do so at least one week in advance.

When a minyan is requested Julie will send out an email to people who have signed up to help us ensure we always have ten people in attendance. If you would like to sign up to help us ensure minyanim please contact Julie and ask her to add your name to the list.

We are a community and we are strengthened by each other. Thank you in advance for helping us perform and fulfill these good deeds.

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרון מברכה

Yahrzeit - Begins the evening before the date listed above. Kaddish should be recited the evening before the above listed date, and the following day at both morning and afternoon services.

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

Please call, mail or e-mail your contributions to Stephany Schechtman.

Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit

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Isadore Fox, Brother-in-Law
Sharyn Fox

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Herb & Eleanor Segal

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Carol Friedman

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Manual Cohen, Uncle
Gerlad M. Lerer, Husband
Hatsy Lerer

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Bob Dreyer

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Jack Landman

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Thelma Lipsky, Grandmother
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Idele Haimes, Cousin
Steven, Sasha & Rachel Cohn

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Harriet Kuhr

Elaine Ninio, Wife
Sami Ninio

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Lynne Haber

Morris & Rosa Nagler, Parents
Tillie Long, Sister-in-Law
Helen Freeman, Sister
Sylvia Kabakoff, Sister
Rae Alter, Sister-in-Law
Adele Nagler

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Rose Meister, Mother
William Meister

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Dayva A. Green

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Leah Cohen
Ann Klein

Helene Zwerdling, Sister-in-Law
Esther Zwerdling

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Robert & Emmy Friedenberg

Nellie Hanna Russo, Sister
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Terry Brodof

Gustav Linder, Brother
Nelson Linder

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Nelson Linder

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Eddie, Ellen, Meyer, Gabriel & Sophie Lerer

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Grandmother
Terry Brodof
Matt & Lauren Brodof

Arnold Stein, Father
John Stein

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Abraham Fleischman, Grandfather
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Ruth Meyer Schraeder, Aunt
Abe Cohen, Grandfather
Hatsy Lerer

Linda Gayle Klein, Daughter
Ann Klein

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Emmy & Bob Friedenberg

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Esther Zwerdling

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Reenie & Stanley Kravetz

Fannie Zelcer, Sister
Shirley & Martin Ruben

Eudice Landman, Wife
Jack Landman

Lynelle Pepper, Sister
Larry, Betty, David & Harlan Dannenberg

Irv Greenfield, Brother
Marilyn Diamond

**A Generous Donation Was Received for
the Yahrzeit of**

Aaron Schilmeister, Uncle
Howard Mayers

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To the Behrman Family

IMO Lyrice

From Fred Goldfarb

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Cindy & Oscar Jarnicki

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David Weil
Hank Lerer
Simon & Pam Newman
Beth Mindlin

To the Slovin Family
IMO Sylvia
From Pam & Simon Newman
Eleanor & Herb Segal
Diane Slovin
Michelle Fesman & Stan Timmer
Marty & Shirley Ruben

A Very Generous Donation Was Received

IMO Don Shear, Father
From Ronna DuBro

Honor

To Bennett & Joyce Grad
IHO Anniversary
From Marianne & Paul Nidich

To Phyllis Mellman
In appreciation and thanks
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

To Beverly Saeks
IHO New Great Grandchild
From Ann Klein
Leah Cohen

A Generous Donation Was Received

IHO Marissa Rogoff, Accepting Position as
a Transitional Care Pharmacist in Tampa,
FL
From Mark Rogoff

Recovery

To Richard Pinsky
From Eleanor & Herb Segal

To Ed Drill
From Eleanor & Herb Segal

Aliyot

Elliot Chandler & Diane Marcus

A Generous Donation Was Received

From Barb Rosen

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Yahrzeit

Rachel Panigel, Mother

Jacques Haim Panigel, Father
Mellia Mimi Ninio

Nora Siegel, Grandmother
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Margaret Klein Panigel, Sister
Mellia Ninio

Memory

2 Prayer Books Have been dedicated
IMO Lyrice Behrman
IMO Sylvia Slovin
From Steve & Sue Segerman

Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

Yahrzeit

Meyer Siegel, Father
Leah Cohen

Minnette Goldstein, Mother
Barry Goldstein

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**A Generous Donation Was Received for
the Yahrzeit of**

Samuel S. Rockwern, Uncle
Stephanie Rockwern Amlung

Irvin & Sylvia Rauchman Youth Fund

Yahrzeit

Mary Rose, Mother
Evelyn Feldman

Marilyn Barnett, Wife
Jacob Rauchman, Father-in-Law
Robert Barnet

June

Synagogue Happenings

We Wish Mazel Tov to:

The Mazel Tov to Marissa Rogoff, daughter of Mark Rogoff on her new position as a Transitional Care Pharmacist with BayCare in Tampa, Florida

MAZEL TOV TO ALL OUR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES CLASS OF 2017

Mazel Tov to Stan Timmer, Michelle Fesman and their entire family on their wedding May 28, 2017. We are so happy for you both. May you continue to share simchat!



SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Your participation and leadership in our services - weekday and Shabbat - is encouraged. Please volunteer to assist in leading services, reading Torah or chanting Haftarah. If you would like to learn the skills, please contact Hank Lerer at the office, or via e-mail at: hlerer@fuse.net.

MISHEBERACH

It is customary to recite a Misheberach, a prayer requesting blessing and healing, for those who are sick. These prayers are recited on Monday and Thursday mornings and on Shabbat. If you would like a Misheberach recited for a friend or loved one, please call the synagogue office.

ANISH/OKRENT

REMEMBRANCE WALL

The Anish/Okrent Remembrance Wall is dedicated in memory of:

**Harry & Ethel Anish
and
Joseph & Ida Okrent**

whose bequests provided for the purchase of the Cornell Road property. Bricks of Remembrance are available for purchase. Have your significant events and dedications permanently inscribed and made a part of ETZ CHAIM Bricks on the Remembrance Wall are available for \$250 each. Please contact the office if interested at 489-3399.

Shabbat Kiddush Opportunities

Kiddush Sponsorships are available for any occasion. Many menu choices are available and Sisterhood will accommodate special requests. Our catering kitchen crew is delighted to be cooking for larger Shabbat kiddush lunches.

The price to sponsor a basic kiddush lunch will now be \$118. This will consist of 1 salad, a protein dish, bread & a dessert.

The standard enhanced dairy Kiddush will be \$225.

To add smoked salmon and the accompaniments or to add special requests, the additional enhancements will raise the costs slightly to \$300.

To sponsor a meat kiddush the cost will be \$450.

Please contact the office to book your Kiddush and share your simchat with your synagogue family.

Kitchen Volunteers are always welcome! Check your eblast for weekly cooking dates. It's a pretty safe assumption if we have a sponsored kiddush or Friday Night Dinner we'll be cooking the Thursday before the event from 6pm on!

Upcoming Events:
June

June Birthday Minyan
Friday Night, June 2 – 6PM

If you were born in the month of June we want to celebrate with you! Join us for birthday cake following our one hour Friday night service

Reds Baseball Game
Tuesday Night, June 6, 2017

7:10pm against the Cardinals
At Great American Ball Park
Tickets are \$28 and are limited
Call Aaron for more details

Steering Committee Meeting
Wed. June 14, 2017 – 7:30pm

Congregational Picnic & Raffle
Sunday, June 25, 2017
5pm – 7pm

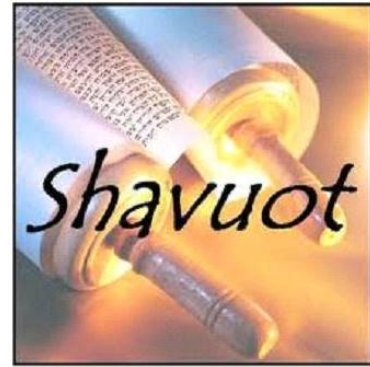
We'll grill up a delicious dinner with all the fixin's. Then join us for fun, games, socializing and the Raffle drawing! \$8 to attend RSVP to the office and purchase those tickets!

Trivia Night at Cedar Village
Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30pm

All are welcome to help with this mitzvah opportunity!

SHAVUOT - 5777

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
9:30AM Service
Biblical Themed Lunch
following Services
Come join us for a spiritual,
educational and interactive
Shavuot Service & Lunch



Thursday, June 1, 2017
9:30AM Service
11AM Yizkor (approximate
time) Biblical Themed
Lunch following Services
Come join us for a spiritual,
educational and interactive
Shavuot Service & Lunch



After a lengthy break, Ruach Etz Chaim (Ruach) and Pri Yadeiha (PY) choirs are back with song. We had a few rehearsals and one or two small ‘gigs’ under our belts and soon enough we will begin practicing for the High Holy Day season. Our latest ‘gig’ involved participating in the recent May 27 service celebrating Michelle and Stan’s aufruf, singing at times with the congregation and at times solo. Michelle is a valued member of our choirs and we all appreciated the opportunity to honor both her and Stan.

So we mentioned High Holy Days (HHD) in the above paragraph. Yes, that time is coming. We’re needing to break in June, for scheduling reasons, but starting in early July we begin practicing for the multiple High Holy Day services. Our summer practice schedule will soon be set, so that the HHD choir is good and ready come mid-September when those services begin.

Want to join the High Holy Day choir for 5778? C’mon, what’s stopping you? The only prerequisite is that you be able to carry a tune and no audition is required. Contact Emmy or Barbara for more information.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve – and sing for -- Etz Chaim.

Musically Yours,

Barbara and Emmy

We are delighted to welcome back Cantor Abraham Lubin
who will spend the 5778 High Holidays with us...

Cantor Lubin and his wife Sandy have become family and we are delighted to once
again welcome them back to Congregation Etz Chaim.

IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAM



Share a simcha with your synagogue family – call the office today to schedule a sponsored Kiddush! Thank you to the many kitchen volunteers who make these kiddushim possible!

Special Thank You to:

The ladies of Sisterhood for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 6, 2017 in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat

Thank you to Stan and Michelle for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 27, 2017 in honor of their Aufruf
MAZEL TOV!

Congratulations to all our June Birthdays!

2	Caryn Duvall	15	Elaine Skurow
4	Leah Cohen	18	Dale Forman
5	Carol Friedman	21	Steven Segerman
6	Pamela Newman	23	Matthew Brodof
8	Carney Sotto	24	Russ Goldner
9	Erika Gordon	26	Philip Edlin
9	Mordechai Higgins	30	David Weil
9	Melanie Pettis		
10	Jane Cohen		
10	Robyn Wolfe		
11	Zion Moskowitz		
12	Howard Yasgur		
14	Aaron Schechtman		
14	Fred Zeifman		
15	Randy Sandow		

Happy Anniversary to:

3	Marc & Harriet Feigenblatt
15	William & Marsha Berger
16	Dana Kolovson & Barbara Taggart-Milberg
18	Sanford & Toby Franklin
18	Kim & Candy Kwiatek
18	Russ & Arlene Rosen
18	Herbert & Eleanor Segal
21	Daniel & Susan Littman
21	Alan & Diane Sirkin
21	Ronn & Leslie Sokol
24	George & Sara Gati
27	Charles & Debbie Pettis



We look forward to celebrating with you at our June Birthday Minyan!

Friday Night,
June 2, 2017

Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll have cake in honor of all our June Birthdays!
We'll see you there!

** If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not listed above, please call the office so we can put it in our database.

June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>We look forward to seeing you at events and services. For more information please feel free to call the office. Remember to check your weekly e-blast which is sent out every Wednesday. If you are not receiving the e-blast please call the office and we'll add you to the list.</p>				1 Shavuot Day II 9:30am Yizkor Biblical Lunch	2 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm & Birthday Minyan with Cake	3 Shabbat Simcha Shabbat Services 10:00am – 12pm **Note the time Change
4 10am Sisterhood Meeting	5 The office is closed	6	7 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm	8 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by Shots, lox & blocks	9 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	10 Traditional Service Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am – 12pm
11	12 The office is closed	13	14 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm	15 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, Lox & blocks	16 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	17 Mayim Chaim Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am -12pm Followed by Biblical Themed Kiddush
18 Happy Father's Day!	19 The office is closed	20	21 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm	22 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	23 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	24 Neshama Shel Shabbat Services at 10:00am – 12pm **Note the time Change
25 Congregational Picnic & Raffle Drawing 5pm to 7pm	26 The office is closed	27	28 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm	29 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	30 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	



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