

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 – Terry Brodof



Chai Everyone.

I was recently away from Shul on a Shabbat attending a Bar Mitzvah. My cousin's youngest son was called to the Torah. It was a sweet Shabbat with my *other family*. We had relatives and friends in from all over and it was the first time many of us were meeting our newest

cousin, Chaim Baruch. I bought 2 cards for the occasion. One for the bar mitzvah and one for the baby. I pulled out my checkbook and wrote two checks. I wrote the amounts of each check in denominations of Chai without blinking. I imagine to anyone other than another Jew, the gifts would look odd. Why would someone give \$54 or \$72 to someone? To our community, the numbers are steeped in tradition. We all know Chai has both a numerical meaning and a symbolic meaning. We all know *Chet* and *Yud*, together form the word *life*. They are also the 8th and the 10th letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Together, their value is 18; bringing us back to the word *life*. I'm pulling now from my Hebrew school days where I was taught Chai also connects us to *Shemoneh Esrei*, or the weekday Amidah, which is also known as the Eighteen benedictions. (There is some retired Hebrew School teacher smiling right now.) A connection and awareness to the significance of *life*, in Judaism, in our day to day routine. It is taught to all of us from a very young age.

As we mature and become adults, "*life*" takes on a different meaning. We come to understand the true meaning of joy. We recognize the feeling of pride and comfort as we watch the continuation of traditions. We appreciate the importance of community and the gift of family. We understand both sympathy and empathy. The expectations in Judaism and the teachings of Torah demand us as a community act morally and ethically in everything we do. Principles such as kindness, sharing, giving, and selflessness, are ingrained in our teaching and upbringing, so that they are as natural to us, as is writing a check for a denomination of *chai* for life cycle events. We understand the concept of *tzedakah*; doing what is right and just, and moreover, how it is connected to our basic principles. We inherently connect to community. We understand it is important to recognize and celebrate with others within our community; sharing joys and sharing sorrows.

Our congregational family thankfully openly shares these values and principles. They are ingrained in the value system that connected us when our journey together began. At the Annual meeting last month, Russ Rosen shared, via his report to the congregation, that when he hears of life cycle events within our community, he immediately says to himself, I want to make a donation.

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He shared with us that his intentions are always good. His memory at the end of a busy day, like many of us, is not always as good.

I understand exactly how it happens. We are all busy. Each of us has a long 'I will get to that list'. The items grow and grown and unfortunately, some items just fall off the radar. Honestly, we are in a world where going home at the end of the day and writing checks is becoming obsolete. Sending a check, via snail mail, is a last resort to me. The process of recognizing simchas, steeped in old world tradition, has become "old world". I, like many of us, have become used to instant gratification. Press a button and it is done. Send an email, and it is received. Instagram and you send something to everyone you know. Facebook a thought, and it is shared by hundreds around the world by the next day.

At the annual meeting I also had the opportunity to address the congregation and I added a teaser promising the roll out of an upcoming program. You see, we share the thoughts and conversations we hear as feedback from our congregants at board meetings. We've heard a lot about making donations and forgetting to make donations. Not just donations for getting *aliyot* or honors, but donations for life cycle events. The donation discussion was recently addressed at both our finance and Exco board meetings.

Synagogues depend on dues and donations to thrive. In fact, the amount congregants pay in dues should be approximately equal to the amount they donate during the same year. It has been that formula for years. Our traditions are still alive and well but our way of doing day to day routine things, like making a phone call or reading and sending mail, in the year 2019, no longer resembles anything from our past. Technology and its ease has changed the way we do many things. The discussion was brought before the Board of Directors as we realized our dues and donations balance was off. The board felt we needed a way to tap into the world we live in today; a world of ease and instant gratification. So, we have.

Here it is. The board is working on a program where you will be able to simply send in one donation for the year, which will cover all the simchas and Mazel Tovs' and life cycle events within our community, that you would like to recognize. Yes, we will have a program that you can opt into, where you give up front and a card will be sent to any synagogue friend for simchas and condolences you ask us to recognize.

This allows you to bypass the writing and the delivering and the mailing steps so that we all can send notes with ease. It is not a mandatory program, if you prefer to continue to recognize life cycle events as you have always done, you of course can choose not to opt in. We have created this program to answer some of the feedback we have received concerning the donation process. This congregational family is warm and caring. We welcome the stranger and we open our doors and hearts to the community. The process for caring for one another should never be a deterrent.

I will share a moment with you. Following the annual meeting where the congregation accepted via vote, the slate of incoming board members and officers, our board met and they, then, also approved the slate of officers. The first thing we heard following the words of congratulations and the applause was ok...everyone send in a donation! I am pleased to officially announce and to welcome Carol Friedman to our board and congratulate Dr. Howard Saal as he moves up into his new board position, VP of congregation Etz Chaim. Both Lynne Haber and Barry Joffe elected to remain on the board for one more term. The next term begins in July.

As President, on behalf of the board of Directors, I extend a heartfelt congratulations to our 2019-2020 Board of Directors. I would also like to thank both Steve Segerman and Mark Rogoff whose terms will end in July. Steve Segerman has served as our recording Secretary and sat on the Executive Board. Steve also was Immediate Past President, an advisory position to the President, for the past two years. Mark Rogoff served on the board as a representative of Men's Club and was instrumental in the Horizon Strategic Planning initiative. Both Steve and Mark made a great impact on CEC's first board of directors. Gentlemen, Kol ha' Kavod.

Guess what....I sent in a donation. (It was a denomination of Chai.)

-Terry Brodof



Ritual Matters

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

Did you miss us? Perhaps you didn't notice, or perhaps you did, but there was no Ritual Matters in the May bulletin. Instead, the bulletin was chock full of great pictures – from one or some great photographers! Well, we're back now to give you some news from the Ritual Committee (the RITCOM) corner.

To recap a few May events: Saturday, May 4 was Sisterhood Shabbat, always a wonderful and annual Shabbat. On Friday May 10 we had another lovely Shabbat service followed by dinner and a visit from the Cincinnati Shaliach, Amnom Maggid. On May 18 we had Choir Shabbat, another nice service which highlighted our two in-house choirs. And don't forget all of the requested yahrzeit minyan services, weekly Thursday morning minyan services and weekly Friday and Saturday Shabbat services that have been and will continue to be held.

Now that we have Purim and Passover under our 2019 belts as well, the next holiday that we look forward to is Shavuot, which begins the evening of Saturday, June 8. Shavuot services, starting at 9:30 each morning, will be on Sunday, June 9 and Monday, June 10. We'll have cheesecake! (and other goodies for you)

Our minyan committee continues its work arranging yahrzeit minyanim as they are requested by you, our congregants. We are proud of our 100% success rate in arranging for a minyan so that the congregant can say Kaddish for their loved one. Keep up the good work, all you Minyanaires!

Looking past June and July, we'll soon be commemorating Tisha b'Av in August, then moving into the month of Elul. The High Holy Days (HHDs) are later this year, as Selichot is celebrated on Saturday, September 21 and Rosh Hashanah does not begin until Sunday, September 29. The HHDs will be discussed in greater length in the August bulletin.

As we've stated before, the RITCOM exists to support Etz Chaim and all of you as congregants. Do you have an issue to bring up? Contact one of us and we'll see that it gets onto our agenda for discussion.

Barbara and Barry





Friends, Food & Fun
Etz Chaim Congregational

PICNIC



Sunday, June 23, 2019
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
(Raffle tickets enclosed)



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

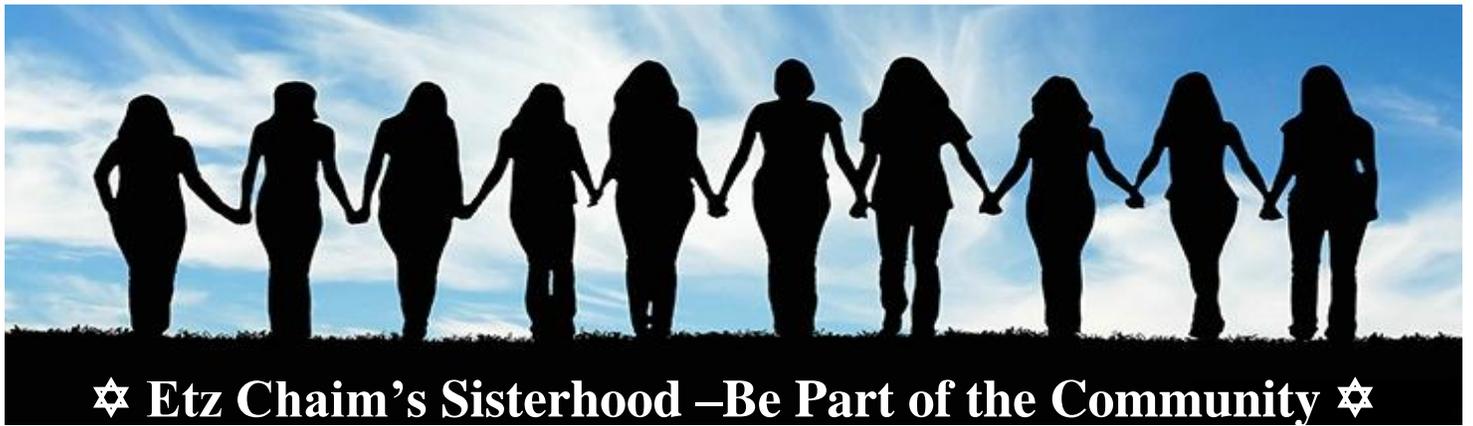
2nd place - \$150

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!

Tickets have been mailed and more are available in the office
Call the office for more details! 513-489-3399





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



S.O.S

SAVE our STUFF

Congregants- start saving, saving, saving.

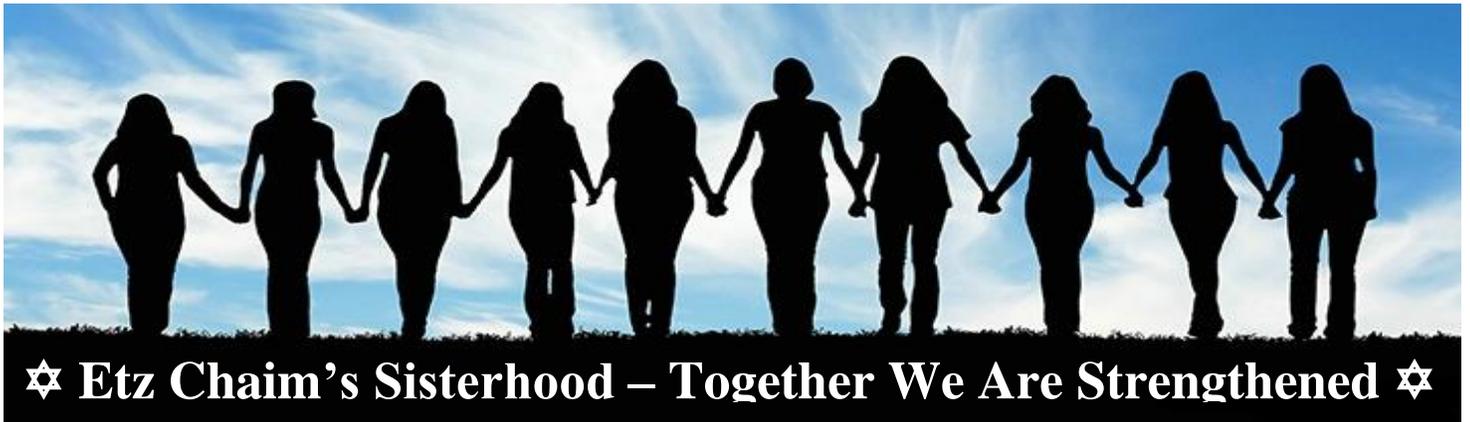
Your junk will be someone's treasures.

You may start to bring your "treasures" to CEC daily

Tuesday- Friday 9:30-4pm AFTER JUNE 6

Please note it is best to call first.

If you need other times, please call
Stephany Schechtman-[513-677-0446](tel:513-677-0446)



☆ Etz Chaim's Sisterhood – Together We Are Strengthened ☆

HUGE SALE

1000's of items at bargain prices

THURS, Aug 1 (4-9 pm)

FRI, Aug 2 (9-3)

Closed Saturday

SUN, Aug 4 (9-3)

furniture

appliances

jewelry & collectibles

household items, kitchenware & dishes

decorative items

toys & arts and crafts

sports gear

bathroom items

and much, much more

Congregants- start saving, saving, saving. Your junk will be someone's treasures. You may start to bring your "treasures" to CEC daily Tuesday- Friday 9:30-4pm - Please note it is best to call first since the office is operating on summer hours.

If you need other times, please call
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Thank you to those who attended the Jewish War Memorial Day Service On Sunday, May 26th We were pleased to once again have the largest Synagogue representation.

We are extremely grateful to Leah Cohen and Jack Landman For their service and Participation in this event.

Kol Hakavod CEC
You made us proud!

We are pleased to announce the return of our

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 the fenced area in the backyard, close to where our Sukkah is built.

We have several sponsorship and naming opportunities for the 2019 season which are:

The Vegetable Garden

\$65 Sponsorship

The Tomato Garden

\$65 Sponsorship

The Fruit Box

\$65 Sponsorship

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





We were invited to spend Tikkun Leyl Shavuot with Temple Sholom at their Evening of learning.

This event was planned by them and we are guests attending.

All are welcome to attend. There will be no services that evening. Join us at CEC on Shavuot Day I and II at 9:30am, that's Sunday, June 9th and Monday June 10th.

This Shavuot, join us for a night of study, stories and conversation on whether individual actions actually make a difference in our ability to make an impact on society. We will be honoring confirmation student Daniel Goldfeder and hearing stories of impact from several members of our community.

June 8 @ 6:00 PM
Temple Sholom

Do you
MATTER?

**Come for the Buzzed Bull Creamery Ice cream,
stay for the ethics conversation! Event is Free!**

Please consider bringing travel packs of individual hand-wipes and small bottles of small hand sanitizers. These will be used for individual care packages for immigrants.

RSVP to: <https://templesholom.shulcloud.com/form/shavuot-june-8-2019.html> by June 3rd.



CREATE YOUR JEWISH LEGACY ARTICLE FOR JUNE 2019 BULLETIN

The Etz Chaim Create Your Jewish Legacy Team consisting of Sandy Baden, Russ Rosen, Randy Slovin, and Steve Segerman would like to say...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Over the past two years our Team has been part of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati's program designed to increase awareness about legacy giving and endowments. It's an opportunity to include local Jewish organizations in one's will, trust, insurance policy, IRA, etc. which would enable continued support for this synagogue family and other local Jewish non-profits after one has passed away. Remember, you can't take it with you, but you sure as heck can make a difference after you've passed, and your generosity will continue to be part of your legacy.

The Etz Chaim CYJL Team has successfully obtained 47 Letters of Intent (LOI) from our existing congregational membership, or from those that had been congregants and made a point of leaving money for us after they passed away. The dollars pledged total over \$745,000, and we've already received more than \$285,000 of that total. Our Team goal is to raise at least \$1 million in commitments for our congregational family's future.

As a result of our success in reaching incentives set forth by the Jewish Federation, Etz Chaim has received \$30,000 over that two-year period via a grant that the Federation received from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Life & Legacy Program. Our Team embraced and understood the meaning of Legacy Giving right off the bat and understood what that concept meant to our synagogue. It's fantastic to see how many of our congregants feel the same way. Simply put, Legacy Giving is critical to the lifeblood of any non-profit, no more so than our synagogue. In year 3 of the program, CEC is eligible to receive another \$8,000 if we reach certain incentives laid out by the Federation, which include obtaining another seven LOI before the end of 2019. Please help us attain those incentive dollars by completing a LOI and / or getting the word out about the program.

Currently we're in the process of lining up a local Tax / Estate attorney who would speak at our synagogue and explain tax implications and opportunities that show how giving back to Etz Chaim and other charitable organizations can assist you in avoiding possible tax penalties. We'll send out more details after all of the logistics are set.

Our Team would also like to thank our Board of Directors who have been active, involved, and supportive of our efforts.

Finally, if you are interested in being a part of this amazing Team, please reach out to one of us and we'd be happy to discuss your involvement.

Thanks again,

By creating my Jewish legacy, I confirm my commitment to support the Jewish organization(s) that have been important to me in my life, to help them endure and thrive for future generations.

Legacy Gift Plan

My legacy gift to Cincinnati's Jewish community will be in the approximate amount of \$ _____ or ____ % of one or more of the following:

- Estate (bequest in will or trust)
- IRA or other retirement plan
- Charitable trust or philanthropic fund
- Life insurance policy
- Other: _____

I plan to make this gift to the following organization(s):

- | | % or Amount
(Optional) |
|--|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adath Israel Congregation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Livingston | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Village Foundation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati Community Kollel | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati Hebrew Day School | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati Hillel | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation Beth Adam | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation Etz Chaim | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation Sha'arei Torah | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation Zichron Eliezer | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halom House | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillel at Miami University | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holocaust and Humanity Center | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JEEP! Jewish Education for Every Person | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Family Service | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Federation of Cincinnati | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JVS Career Services | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K.K. Bene Israel/Rockdale Temple | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayerson JCC | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Hills Synagogue | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rockwern Academy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temple Sholom | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Valley Temple | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | _____ |

Recognition

We would like to publicly recognize you for your generosity (amounts or percentages will not be disclosed):

Name(s) for formal recognition:

- No thanks, I prefer not to be recognized.
The designated organization(s) will be notified.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address(es): _____

- I will formalize and document my Legacy Gift Plan within ____ months of signing this Letter of Intent.
- I have already formalized and documented my Legacy Gift Plan.

I understand this Letter of Intent is not a legally binding agreement and I may amend or modify it at any time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to or contact:

Congregation Etz Chaim / 513.489.3399
8100 Cornell Road / Cincinnati, OH 45249



CREATE YOUR JEWISH
LEGACY

Create Your Jewish Legacy is a collaborative effort of the following area agencies, congregations, and day schools:



Other local Jewish agencies and congregations:

Agencies: Cincinnati Community Mikvah, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Plum Street Temple Historic Preservation Fund

Congregations: Beth Israel Congregation, Congregation Beit Chaverim, Golf Manor Synagogue, Isaac M. Wise Temple

For more information, please contact your organization or:

Create Your Jewish Legacy

Jewish Federation of Cincinnati
8499 Ridge Road
Cincinnati, OH 45236

Debra Steinbuch, Planned Giving and
Endowment Manager
513.985.1593 / dsteinbuch@fedcin.org
CreateYourJewishLegacy.org



Letter of Intent

What will your legacy be?

Our Vision

Congregation Etz Chaim is an intimate, Conservative congregation that values membership engagement, participation, and leadership. We have a warm and welcoming synagogue family that provides an opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment.

Our Core Values—community, education, spirituality, innovation, creativity, and participation—revolve around building a vibrant and successful community for future generations.

The CEC Legacy Endowment program will enable us to ensure that our 180+ year old family will remain together for generations to come, by ensuring our longevity through support towards our congregational programs, our religious events, and our beautiful home.

Please join us!

Strengthening Jewish Cincinnati



Medical Marijuana: A “Healthy, not High” Approach

Please join us for a Shabbat Speaker program on Saturday, June 15, when Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem and Bonnie Rabin will discuss the use of medical marijuana as part of a medical treatment plan. The presentation will include a basic understanding of the science and recent research. They will explain different forms and ways to administer MMJ (you don't have to inhale!), plus medical benefits and concerns. Specific applications of MMJ to the 21 currently state-approved qualifying diagnoses will also be discussed. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

Bios for our Two Speakers:

Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem received her MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She has over 23 years of Emergency Room experience, later transitioning to Urgent Care until 2018. She became interested in MMJ (medical marijuana) after a family member with chronic pain was able to end 20 years of opioid use by using MMJ. Dr. Glaser-Zakem has dedicated her current practice exclusively to those who may benefit from MMJ

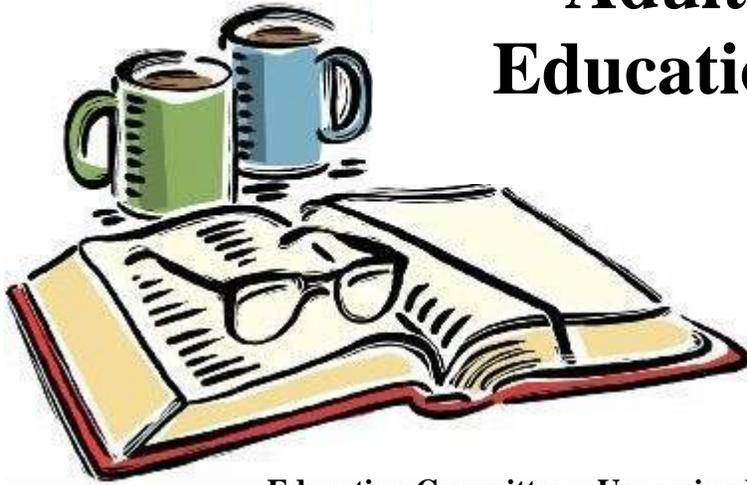


Bonnie Rabin, MSW and Certified Budtender, is skilled in helping our patients find the right medications for their conditions. She keeps our patients up to date with local dispensary locations, product advice, equipment tips, dosage tracking, research info, lifestyle news and much more.

P.S. It's a sponsored kiddush and we hear the Sisterhood Ladies will be making brownies....



Adult Education



Education Committee – Upcoming Programs **“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”**

I write this in the after-glow of our wonderful celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, in which we hosted Cincinnati's shaliach/emissary from Israel, Amnon Maggid. After our usual ruach-filled Friday night services, more than 60 people gathered in the lobby for a scrumptious Israeli-themed Shabbat dinner. The shakshuka was so wonderful that Amnon even asked for the recipe! Following the dinner, we crowded into the chapel for a fascinating and insightful presentation on Israel-American relations. Coming shortly after the Israeli elections, the topic was particularly timely. Stay tuned for more Israel-related programming in the future.

On Saturday, June 15, Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem will present a program on medical marijuana as part of our ongoing Shabbat Speaker Series. Following services and a kiddish lunch, Dr. Glaser-Zakem will discuss recent research on the use of medical marijuana, and will address medical benefits and concerns. Please plan to join us for this timely and interesting presentation.

Many thanks to our committee members: Israella Ginsburg, Candy Kwiatek, Penny Manes, and Diane Marcus. They have contributed their time, energy, and creative ideas to help turn possibilities into successful programs. If you have ideas for future educational programs that you would like to see included, please contact one of the committee co-chairs. New committee members are always welcome!

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, Education Committee Co-Chairs



Our new Tree of Life has
been installed in the lobby.

leaves are available to commemorate simchat,
yahrzeits, honor friends or loved ones
or recognize special milestones.

Leaves are \$ 126 each---
contact the shul office
if you are interested.

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 (Iyar- Sivan) we remember:

June 1 - Iyar 27

Risa Gail Cohen*
Goldie Funk*
Charles Gabbour*
Virginia Gordon*
Nettie Levine*
Jacob Rauchman*
Fannie Zelcer*

June 2 - Iyar 28

Esther Brant*
Arthur Raffel*
Leonard Zakem*

June 3- Iyar 29

Anna Shapiro*

June 4 - Sivan 1

Simon Feldman*
Leslie Fox*
Bernard Goldstone
Sophia Jarsky*
Fay Krauss*
Sam Metz*
Gordon Schilmeister*

June 5 - Sivan 2

Samuel Einhorn*
William Korelitz*
William Okrent
Leah Rauchman*
Randy Skurow
Jeanie Uzick
Fanny Young*

June 6—Sivan 3

Louis Barg*
Mary Fesman*
Louis Goldsmith*
Else Kahn
Kaete Lichtenstein
Ralph Polin

June 7—Sivan 4

Samuel Borstein*
Jack Cohen*
Abe Levine*
Robert Levine*
George Rosen
Louis Tessel*

June 8—Sivan 5

Fred Beller
Anne Butchkes*
Harry Donny*
Sylvia Herman*

June 9—Sivan 6

Charles Albert*
Myra Levine*
Dorothy Rae Miller*
Jennie Praeger*

June 10—Sivan 7

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

June 11—Sivan 8

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

June 12—Sivan 9

Helen Bloom
Rose Skurow*

June 13—Sivan 10

Anna Einhorn
Bessie Sacolick*

June 14—Sivan 11

David Bershinsky*
Benjamin Goldfarb*
Joseph Jarsky*
Sarah Lederman*
Carl Lerer

June 15—Sivan 12

Aaron Breit*
Shaina Litwack*
Charles Weber*

June 16—Sivan 13

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

June 17- Sivan 14

Ruth Bayliss
Sarah Bongard*
Yehuda Covitch
Kurt Lichtenstein
Herman Neumann

June 18- Sivan 15

Milton Emden*
Harry Freeman*
Fred Goldstein
Janet Linder*

June 19- Sivan 16

Louis Favish
Sidney Kohn*
Jacob Koorland*
Max Sirkin*
Jake Skurow*

June 20- Sivan 17

Jacob Hoodin*
Abraham Wacksman*

June 21- Sivan 18

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

June 22- Sivan 19

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

June 23 - Sivan 20

Matthew Abravaya
Gershom Bassin
Joseph Himelfarb*
Saul Polinsky
Murice Siegel
Marlene Tulch*
Rose Zigler*

June 24 - Sivan 21

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

June 25 - Sivan 22

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

June 26 - Sivan 23

Ben Klayman*

June 27 - Sivan 24

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

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June 28 - Sivan 25

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

June 29- Sivan 26

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

June 30 - Sivan 27

Kathy Davidoff
Howard Ehrlich
Jack Ostin*

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.

Of Blessed Memory
ז'כרוןם לברכה

** 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 email our Minyan Committee at CECMinyan@gmail.com or call 513-373-1552 and leave a message.

A member of our Minyan Committee will work on arranging your minyan. If you would like to request a minyan please do so ten (10) days in advance of the date you will need the minyan. When a minyan is requested a member of the committee 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 Barbara Taggart Milberg or Barry Joffe and ask 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.



PAUSE FOR OUR PAWS PET FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019
9 AM - 3 PM**

Hosted by CEC
8100 Cornell Rd, Cincinnati 45249



Congregants – Share this info with your friends, family and neighbors!

Attention pets and their humans – come to the one-day Pause for our Paws Pet Festival on Sunday, June 2 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at 8100 Cornell Road in Montgomery. It's free to attend and there is something for everyone – we have a rocking DJ, food, arts and crafts, a bounce house and face painting for the kids, over 40 vendors and tasty treats for sale for both humans and their furry friends, as well as raffles and hourly door prizes and giveaways.

Proceeds will purchase safety equipment for the Hamilton Country Sheriff's Office K9 division. We ask that all pets are on a leash. There will be several rescue organizations represented to spread their message and raise awareness, but there will be no live adoptions. Come join us for a fun-filled day, celebrating our pets and the people who love them.

P.S. If you are volunteering that day please park across the street in order to save spots for our visitors – drop offs in the driveway are allowed but the entire left side will be blocked from both Cornell and Gideon!

Pause for Our Paws Pet Festival would not have been possible without our generous sponsors:

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsors:



Thank You to Our Veterinarians Sponsors:

Cincinnati Animal Medical Center
Dr. Ellen Warm of Warm Animal Hospital
Dr. Steven Sawdai, Mt. Pleasant Animal Hospital
Loveland Animal Hospital
Dr. Les Polasky, Lewis Animal Hospital
Dr. Sanders, DVM
Dr. Jeremy Zola, from PetCare Animal Hospital

Many more thank yous to come in our July Edition...

Now it's up to you to come out and support this exciting endeavor – by volunteering, shopping and spending a fun filled day at CEC!



Both Pri Yadeiha and Ruach Etz Chaim (Ruach) sang their way through May -- Pri Yadeiha at Sisterhood Shabbat on May 4 and at Choir Shabbat on May 18, and Ruach at the Choir Shabbat. We are now *on break* until late June, when we start gearing up for the High Holy Days (HHDs) and we become – ta da, the High Holy Day Choir!

Our first HHD rehearsal will be on June 30. The HHDs are later this year so that gives us some more time to practice! Our rehearsal schedule for the summer through fall has been set and we look forward to singing for you again on Selichot, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

We will add at least one new song to our repertoire and better solidify the other melodies we sing at HHDs. We have no other plans right now other than to take our break and then proceed full steam ahead as the High Holy Day choir.

As always, we invite you to join the choir and lend us your voice. The only prerequisite is that you be able to carry a tune and no audition is required.

Enjoy the late spring and early summer months.

Musically Yours,

Barbara and Emmy

Attic Sale (August 1, 2 & 4)

It is time to start planning for our annual Attic Sale. Please check around your home for items.

Furniture, jewelry, household items, tools, dishes and most everything else you no longer need. (please note we do not take books, clothing or old electronics)

If you have something large and cannot deliver it to Etz Chaim, call Russ Rosen, 513-490-8511.

Watch future E-blasts for specific drop off dates and times. Of course, donations are essential, so is volunteering. Watch your email for sign up opportunities.



JUNE

Synagogue Happenings

We wish a speedy recovery to:

Paul Nidich
Adele Nagler
Diane Marcus
Sara Gati
Phyllis Mellman

Mazel Tov to:

Ron and Paige Shapiro on the
birth of their grandson
Brooks Michael Shapiro

Mazel Tov to David and Chie Weil
on the marriage of their
daughter Sara to Joe Rice

Welcome to our Newest Members:

Howard Suid

and

Shirley Nathan

SATURDAY KIDDUSH LUNCH ONLY HAPPENS BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU!

Check the calendar and your weekly
e-blast to find out which Thursday
nights we'll be cooking.
Then – show up at 6pm
All skill levels welcome.

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!

IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

Special Thank You to:

Thank you to the Sisterhood for sponsoring the kiddush on Saturday, May 4 in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat

Thank you to Jeffrey Gabbour for sponsoring the kiddush on Saturday, May, 18 in honor of his father z"l

Thank you to Marty Ruben for sponsoring the kiddush on Saturday, May 25 on the occasion of the naming of his great-granddaughter Charly Ellis Ross.

Happy Anniversary to:

15	William & Marsha Berger
16	Dana Kolovson & Barbara T-M
18	Sanford & Toby Franklin
18	Kim & Candy Kwiatek
18	Russ & Arlene Rosen
18	Herbert & Eleanor Segal
21	Daniel & Susan Littman
24	George & Sara Gati
27	Irv & Donna Fox

Congratulations to all our June Birthdays!

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



We look forward to celebrating with you at our
June Simcha Shabbat!

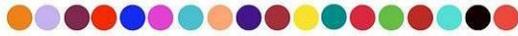
Friday Night, June 14, 2019

Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at
7pm we'll have cake in honor of all our
June Simchas! 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>JUNE 2019</h1>						1 9:30am Shabbat Services
2 Pause for Our Paws Pet Festival 9am to 3pm Everyone welcome! Volunteer positions are still open 😊	3 The office is closed	4	5	6 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	7 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	8 9:30am Shabbat Services Shavuot Learning at Temple Sholom 6pm
9 Shavuot Services Day I 9:30am	10 Shavuot Services Day II 9:30am	11	12 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm	13 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast Kitchen Helpers wanted to help prepare shabbat kiddush	14 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & celebratory cake!	15 9:30am Shabbat Services Followed by Kiddush luncheon and Adult Ed Speaker on Marijuana
16 Happy Father's Day!	17 The office is closed	18	19	20 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	21 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	22 9:30am Shabbat Services
23 Congregational Picnic & Raffle 5pm 30	24 The office is closed	25	26	27 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	29 9:30am Shabbat Services

COMING SOON



Save these Important July/August Dates:

July Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, July 12 – 6PM

Join us for cake following services

Attic Sale

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

Erev Tisha B'Av

Saturday Night, August 10

CEC 5th Annual Car Show

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8am to 3pm

Upcoming Events: June

Pause for Our Paws

Sunday, June 2, 2019

9am to 3pm

Come out to this great event
Shop, eat, socialize, and lend a paw!

Adult Ed Shabbat

Saturday, June 15, 2019 – 9:30am

Following Shabbat Services

Stay for a sponsored kiddush luncheon
and talk from Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem
on the topic of Medical Marijuana

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – 7:30pm

June Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, June 14 – 6PM

Join us for birthday cake following our
one-hour Friday night service.

Congregational Picnic & Raffle

Sunday, June 23, 2019

5pm in the backyard – cornhole,
Swimming for the little ones, food, music
and a rocking good time.

Make sure to let us know you'll be
coming and be sure to purchase your
raffle tickets – you just might win!

Congregation

ETZ CHAIM



Etz Chaim isn't just a synagogue... it's a home...



*Enjoy all the more
"leisurely activities"
at Etz Chaim this summer.*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399