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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 – Terry Brodof



Happy December. Happy Kislev.

Doesn't it seem like the time between Rosh Hashanah and Hanukkah just zooms by?

I hope everyone was able to share time with family and friends last week and that we all enjoyed a meaningful and warm Thanksgiving.

As the month of Kislev approaches technically, we are still in autumn. Yet, I think we all begin to think about the inclement weather that is quickly approaching. Ok, not all of us see it in the same light. Some of us are seeing visions of skiing, and snowboarding, sled rides, hot chocolate and sufganiyot lying next to our favorite coffees and teas. AND the arrival of *mystery Maccabee* during our Thursday morning minyan Chanukah celebration. We all see the world shining in different ways. My world shines brightest on a warm beach.

I didn't look up the meaning of Kislev nor did I look up its root but to me it's meaning is clear. As I turn my desk calendar to December, I silently think to myself here we go ... *Winter is near.*

Kislev is actually referred to as *The Autumn Month*. It usually occurs in November-December. I prefer referring to Kislev by another name that is also widely associated with Kislev; *the month of dreams*. Perhaps it got that name as it occurs most often during the calendar month with the shortest days and the longest nights, when we may sleep longer, coinciding with the winter solstice. OR, maybe it is called the *month of dreams* because we are still reading the book of Genesis and the Torah portions, we are about to read contain a lot of references to dreams. Including, the dreams of Joseph, Jacob, the Pharaoh and his council.

I believe some of our greatest heroes, authors, inventors and scholars must have been incredible dreamers. Dreamers that not only recognized their visions but nurtured their dream until they gave it life.

Edgar Allan Poe wrote - *The ninety and nine are with dreams, content but the hope of the world made new, is the hundredth man who is grimly bent on making those dreams come true.* The world moves forward when we chose to act on our dreams in an attempt to make a difference.

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There is a Midrash that says *the buds of prophecy are dreams*. I love the picture that paints. The metaphor. A beautiful tree or flower begins as a simple bud. If it is nurtured and cared for, season after season, it will grow into the beautiful flower or tree we believe that it will be. I often think of our congregation in that way. We had a dream, a vision. We nurtured it and we fed it through winters and summers and it blossomed, into us; Etz Chaim. A beautiful tree of life. We must recognize it will grow and change with time as long as we continue to nurture the vision, and allow it to create new buds along the way. It can then bud again and again, creating something beautiful filled with the fragrance of renewed life.

Speaking of fragrance, Chanukah and the smells of oil frying and candles burning is just around the corner. Kislev brings us to Chanukah. The festival of Lights. Our men's club will be frying latkes, our menorahs will be burning bring added light into the darkness of our winter night. The secular world will also be celebrating with sentiments of joy, hope and yes...dreams. Hopefully, the majority of us will reach out to those less fortunate during Kislev and create a universal call for Tikkun Olam. Repairing the world so that it reflects a place where everyone's dreams of joy, good health and happiness abound.

To my synagogue family,
Happy Kislev and Happy Chanukah.
May we all dream of making each day better for someone in some small way.

-Terry Brodof

8 Degrees of Separation

Joseph, Hanukkah, and You



The expression "6 degrees of separation" is the idea that any person on the planet can be connected to any other through a chain of 5 or fewer acquaintances. So what are "8 Degrees of separation"?



Join in an interactive session with Candy Kwiatek to discover the chain (of a different sort) that links the biblical Joseph to Hanukkah's Maccabees ...and YOU personally to them both! You're closer than you think!

December 28, 2019 - *Shabbat Miketz*
Following the Kiddush luncheon



Calling all kitchen maven, latke lovers, potato peelers, onion dicers and more to help Men's Club prepare our delicious latkes.

Monday, December 23, 2019 10am to 2pm

Contact Aaron Schechtman 513-677-0446 to let him know you can help.

This year we can't wait to partner with the Brotherhood of Temple Sholom.

Make sure to let Aaron know you're coming so we can save you an apron!



This year CEC will once again partner with the Sisterhood and Ethel M. Taylor Academy to provide holiday gifts and clothes to those less fortunate than us in the Cincinnati area. "Children" are available for "adoption" right now. Remember we need all gifts to be returned by Monday, December 16. If you can't shop but still want to help with this Mitzvah – please let Stephany Schechtman know by calling 513-677-0446 – we have different ways you can help!

Thursday Morning Minyan

Mystery Macabee Gift Exchange - 2019

Join the Thursday Morning Minyanaires On Thursday, December 26th for a fun filled service, delicious breakfast and then the moment we've been waiting for 365 days.... The Mystery Macabee Gift Exchange. Want to participant? Just attend services and bring a gift valued at \$10 or less. Be sure it's wrapped and be ready to smile at the creativity of these wacky gifts. Contact David Weil the Thursday Morning Minyan Captain for more details

**Mystery
Maccabee**





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.*

What's in Your Wallet? – Capital One

Your Congregation Etz Chaim CYJL Team doesn't care about that question, and we will never ask that question to any congregant.

What Will Your Legacy Be? – Congregation Etz Chaim CYJL Team

That's the question that we put forth to each congregant, young or old, single or married.

The whole concept of Create Your Jewish Legacy is based on your interest in giving back to those organizations within the greater Cincinnati Jewish Community that have been important to you, and have been there for you. But not one penny needs to be paid out until after you have passed away. What you have in your wallet now is unimportant to legacy planning. In order to be a participant in the CYJL program, you must have that spirit inside of you to give back, and the intent to give \$1,000 or more to a designated Jewish organization.

Our synagogue has been fortunate to have many participants join the CYJL program over the first 2+ years, and we would like to see every congregant take part. Together we can show solidarity in the belief of our congregation, and our congregational family. On Saturday, December 14th, we will hold our annual CYJL Recognition Shabbat, and take time to recognize each and every participant in the Etz Chaim CYJL program, and specifically honor those participants who have joined since our 2018 Recognition Shabbat. Below is a list of those who have made the commitment since the 2018 Event, with three additional participants requesting anonymity. Will you join that list and allow us to recognize you at the 2020 event? Won't you please take a couple of hours on December 14th to say 'Thank You' to those who have made a commitment to our synagogue?

Barry & Susan Austern	Carol Friedman	Barb Rosen
Matt Slovin	Alec Baden	Ray Kantor
Rochelle Steele	David & Chie Weil	Lauren Brodof
Penny Manes	Aaron Slovin	<i>Anonymous</i> (3)
Steve Cohn	Mark Rogoff	Joey Slovin
	Michelle & Stan Cohen-Fessman-Timmer	

One final question for you...***Will you help us help you?*** If we reach certain thresholds set forth by the Jewish Federation's CYJL Program, we can bring in additional funds to our synagogue. It's really like taking part in a fundraising event. Over the first two years of the program our Etz Chaim participants have helped bring in \$26,000 from the Federation to our synagogue. This is a huge sum for our synagogue, and by adding just four (4) more participants in 2019 we will reach the threshold for obtaining this year's financial incentives. Please consider helping us to help you!

Shabbat to Honor CYJL

(Create Your Jewish Legacy) Donors

Saturday, December 14, 2019

On Saturday, December 14, Congregation Etz Chaim will be hosting a Shabbat to honor all donors who have committed to the future of our synagogue, with a special Shabbat and luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Bill Freedman, a longtime Jewish Federation CYJL advocate.

CYJL, or Create Your Jewish Legacy, is a program hosted by Jewish Federation and funded by both Federation and Jewish Foundation, to ensure that all local Jewish institutions including synagogues, prepare for their future, by encouraging members and friends of such institutions to leave a legacy gift, such as a bequest in your will, in honor of that beneficiary organization.

The CYJL planning for Congregation Etz Chaim is concluding year three, with many of you having already committed to leaving legacy gifts to assist with the future of our shul. We will recognize all program participants, and particularly honor those who've joined the program over the past year, with a special Shabbat program and amazing luncheon. Please mark the date on your calendar, so you can join us in this celebration of our donors. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to make a legacy contribution or learn more about this program please contact our CYJL team: Sandy Baden, Russ Rosen, Steve Segerman and Randy Slovin.



What will your legacy be?



At first, I was bummed to hear that we didn't have photos to include from the 2019 Spaghetti raffle dinner, but then I realized that a picture just wouldn't have been able to capture the evening. Instead I will share with you my reflections of the night. If you attended, enjoy reminiscing with me as I reflect on last night. If you missed the night – please consider coming to a future event and you too will be able to feel the warmth of Congregation Etz Chaim.

Even though I was sitting at a small card table in the back of the room feverishly working on the invitations for the Chanukah Hoedown (Mon. Dec 23 ☺) I have no doubt I had the best seat in the house. As people shuffled in from the cold weather outside, I watched them warm up both physically and emotionally. People displayed a willingness to share of themselves and what was going on in their lives. The Goldners told me about the beautiful Basilica they sang in earlier in the day, Mitch Liberman told me he couldn't wait for the upcoming retreat and Howard Suid and I couldn't help but laugh when he realized that every time people from CEC talk to him, they rope him into another event. (P.S. Howard, don't forget we need you as a musician for Purim)

The evening ran so well that for the first time in my 9 years at CEC, Sisterhood actually turned away helpers for kitchen duty. Who doesn't love a meal of spaghetti, veggies and bread on a chilly winter night? But the taste buds were not the only sense to be dazzled that evening. The music of the New Horizon Swing Band was simply fantastic. If you turned around you would have caught me bopping along with the rousing swing melodies – yes... my mind is already thinking about planning a swing night for CEC.

My delight at the music was only matched by Chrissy Heldman who experienced such joy from the melodies that you couldn't help but feel awe when you watched her rhythmically moving in time with the tempo. Watching her was by far one of my favorite parts of the night – she was the embodiment of the phrase “dance like no one is watching” – it was sheer pleasure. Of course, there were other special moments, seeing Sharyn Fox at her first synagogue outing after an illness and hugging her tightly whispering “welcome home.” Or the moment that Marianne Nidich's eyes grew big when Russ announced her and Paul's name as one of the raffle winners.

There are so many other memories to share and smiles exchanged throughout the evening forgive me for only choosing these few.

It was so appropriate that Julie had out the gift shop tables silently reminding us that Chanukah is growing ever closer. Make the commitment to come to our Chanukah dinner and form your own beautiful Synagogue memories. We'll see you there!

-Chava Vidal
Youth and Family Program Director

Congregation Etz Chaim & Temple Sholom
are delighted to bring you a

Chanukah

Hoe-down

Dust off your cowboy hat and cowgirl boots
and come to a Hoe-down for Chanukah!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
8100 Cornell Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45249

We will have delicious homemade Latkas brought to you
by Etz Chaim Men's Club and the Brotherhood of Temple Sholom.

Plus, a salad bar, vegetarian chili with all the fixin's,
sufganiyot (jelly donuts) for dessert and a western saloon!
Don't worry partner, we've got something for everyone!

Learn to Square Dance with Professional Caller Jack Pladdys.

No experience or partner required.

Did we mention the Lasso Throwing Contest?

BYOM - Bring Your Own Menorah for a menorah lighting.

RSVP to chavaniceday@gmail.com by December 13th.

Pay at the door \$12 or \$30 family rate.
Western Attire is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!**

Provide a "Helping Hand" please donate items
such as hand warmers, mini hand sanitizers
gloves and socks for those in need





Congregation Etz Chaim * Kallah/Retreat * February 7-8-9

Congregation Etz Chaim wants **you!**

Thanks to Michael Taplits' generosity to cover retreat costs and helping to subsidize this weekend we are pleased to offer this special member rate.

The cost will be subsidized for each adult* member in the amount of \$25.00

Your total cost (after subsidy) is:
\$200. Per adult, double occupancy, meals included.
\$350. Per adult, single occupancy, meals included.

*To show you how much we love our youth and the future of our Synagogue all children under 18 are subsidized entirely – that means free!

**Call the office for more details
& to make your Reservation!**

Interested in helping other congregants come to the retreat? Consider forgoing some or all of your subsidy - Talk to Chava for more information on this and other mitzvah opportunities.



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults: _____ # of Children _____

We require a room with special accommodations: _____

Deposit (50%) _____

Make check payable to:
Congregation Etz Chaim

RSVP by: December 5, 2019

Friday, February 7, 2020

- ✧Arrival/Check-In from 3:00pm
- ✧Enjoy Coffee and Hot Chocolate bar as you welcome your friends
- ✧Check out our hospitality suite (stocked with kosher noshes, of course!)
- ✧Shop the quaint gift items in the lobby (last chance before Shabbat!)
- ✧Candle lighting & Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm
- ✧Shabbat Dinner at 7pm
- ✧After Dinner: Activity Session
- ✧Swim Party or Hospitality Suite



Shabbat, February 8, 2020

- ✧Continental breakfast from 8am to 9:15am starts your day.
- ✧Shabbat Service at 9:30AM in the Valley Room (traditional prayers with retreat ruach)
- ✧Noon luncheon in the Fireplace Parlor Room
- ✧Free time from 1:30 to 4:00PM
Indoor Swim, Outdoor Hikes, perhaps you prefer a snooze? The lobby is a great place for a bridge game or reading a book!
- ✧Optional sessions 3:00-4:00 on our special retreat theme
- ✧Study session 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- ✧Mincha 5:00pm – 5:30pm
- ✧Maariv & Havdalah 5:30- 6:00pm
- ✧Travel a ¼ mile to Hard Truth Distilling Co. 6:00pm – they'll provide a delicious dinner-alcoholic drinks available for purchase.
- ✧Dinner, Fun, Games and Socializing – we'll laugh together and create memories!



Some Reminders:

- We want **EVERYONE!!!**
Adults, teens, children and grandchildren.
- We will have gourmet dairy/vegetarian meals .
- Dress will be casual...
leave your ties and suit jackets at home.
- Each room has 2 double beds (alternative child-friendly layouts available)
- Each room has a refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer and iron.
(Yes there is a TV but consider reconnecting with Shabbat and unplugging for awhile)



Sunday, February 9, 2020

- ✧Shacharit at 8:00am
- ✧Leisurely Breakfast Buffet including homemade biscuits with apple butter, scrambled eggs, savory potatoes, fresh sliced fruit, coffee and juices
- ✧ 10am - Time to say goodbye, checkout by noon enjoy shopping and exploring the town or the nearby State Park





Ritual Matters

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

Last month was void of any Festivals –after having so many of them in October – but we can once again look forward to a holiday celebration later this month. And it's a good one – CHANUKAH!

You'll hear more about Chanukah later in this article. Right now, let's focus on the following reminders from the Ritual Committee. (The RITCOM):

- 1) we remind all women that they are expected to wear a kippah or other head covering any time they are called to the Bimah or participate in services on the Bimah. In the Chapel, this includes the Reading Table. Wearing tallesim is encouraged, but remains optional.
- 2) we remind everyone that no cell phones or other electronic devices are to be used in the building on Shabbat and holidays. If you must use the phone for an urgent situation, please take your call outside the building.
- 3) we ask that when you arrive for services you enter the sanctuary or chapel promptly after you have gathered your books to help assure a minyan, particularly in the early morning to recite Kaddish and for the Bar'chu.
- 4) we also encourage congregants to participate in the Kiddush blessings at the conclusion of services as one community prior to partaking in Kiddush.

Thank you to those of you who gave us feedback from our 5780 High Holy Day services. We discussed your comments at last month's meeting and will take them into consideration for next year's 5781 services.

Last November 16th we offered a Healing Service to congregants and friends alike. We hope that those who attended received additional solace and comfort from this type of service. Thank you to Lynne Haber for the planning and prep for this service.

Etz Chaim is celebrating a couple of special Shabbatot in December. December 14th is Create Your Jewish Legacy (CYJL) Recognition Shabbat and December 28th is Shabbat Chanukah.

And this leads us back to our Chanukah discussion. Chanukah begins at sundown on Sunday, December 22nd and continues until sunset on Monday, December 30th.

The RITCOM will next meet on December 15th. If you have any ritual matter to address with us, please contact us and we will consider your issue along with other agenda items.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish you an early Happy Chanukah!

-Barry & Barbara



Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

I need a new chair in my office. I work from home, spend a lot of time in my chair, and want my chair to be comfortable. I need my chair to be comfortable. What's wrong with my chair? Glad you asked. First the "coating", ie the "fake leather", has been coming off for a while, making a mess on the floor. Second, it rocks ... from side to side ... just a little, but enough to be annoying unless you can hold perfectly still. I decided I want a new chair and I set out to get one. Sounds simple right? Ha.

If you think about, there aren't very many places to get an office chair for the home. There is Office Depot. Staples. And? That is all I came up with, besides Amazon, but I gotta try it out. Roll around, wiggle in to make sure that it is solid and doesn't rock side to side.

I happened to be at my favorite electronics retailer (Microcenter) and noticed they had "gaming" chairs and thought that was a great idea. If gamers can sit in front of their screens for hours at a time shooting and blowing things up, how is that different than my sitting for hours on end "working", I mean working.

I knew they had about 4 different chairs since we could clearly see them, hanging about 20 feet off the floor with no discernable means for getting to them. I tracked down someone and inquired about the chairs. I was assured they had chairs. Plenty of them at it turns out, "way more" than what was visibly hanging. I explained that my interest was not in the quantity of variety, but the ability to test them out and see which one I wanted to purchase.

Manager: "No problem. We have a 30-day return policy"

Me: "What am I supposed to do take a few of them home, assemble them, and bring back the ones I don't want?"

Manager: "We have a 30-day return policy"

We had a few more rounds of this before I realized the process was broken. I can't tell you how close I came to purchasing one of every chair they had, assembling them, and returning them all on day 27. Sometimes the only answer for stupidity is more stupidity, but since it was going to require an investment of time and money, I figured it was over.

As luck would have it, a couple of week later I was at Costco and what do you suppose they had? Office chairs. Three of them. And they were assembled and ready for a test drive. I bought one. It's blue.

Sometimes the world makes life more difficult than it needs to be. A task that should be simple can turn out to feel insurmountable. At CEC we combat that by finding ways to work together to strengthen each other and our community. We have events, services and meals that all come pre-assembled for you to try – you need only show up and sit down. Yes of course you can stand up to lend a hand! But sitting down in a comfy chair can be enjoyable too.



MEN'S CLUB



CEC Men's Club December to Remember

Men's Club and CYJL are proud to bring you
a Sunday morning brunch with guest speaker
Bill Freedman

Sunday, December 15 at 10am

Presentation on tax benefits and legacy planning

We'll see you there – it's breakfast, good friends and good information –
and it's FREE what more could you possibly ask for!

STOP THE SPREAD OF THE FLU



Adults 65+ are at a higher risk of
serious complications from the flu

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU.

- + Get your flu shot
- + Clean your hands often
- + Cough and sneeze into the bend of your arm,
not your hand
- + Stay home if you are sick

Shalom Dear Members,

We care for each of you and want to remind you that as members of our Kehillah Kedosha – our Holy Community we have an obligation to keep ourselves and our fellow members free from illness.

Don't get us wrong – we **LOVE** when you come to shul – but please if you have fever, are coughing/sneezing or if you're feeling under the weather – just stay home. (Heck if you call us and let us know we'll even send soup!)

Wishing you all a safe and healthy winter season.



Fun

Food

Friends

Hank's Trivia Night

*It's fun for the entire family
and congregants of all ages.*

*You need not be a genius or even be good at
trivia to have a good time.*

*This is team based and everyone has
something to contribute - each question is a
different topic like Broadway musicals,
history, pop culture, music, sports, movies
and more...*

*It's modeled after bar style trivia and we will
provide snacks and a light supper to those
that RSVP.*

*Sign up as an individual or as a team of 6 –
prizes to the winners each session.*

Sunday, December 8 – 6pm

Sunday, January 26 – 6pm

Sunday, February 23 – 6pm

*You can come to one session or all – we
know once you try it though – you'll be
hooked! Just imagine the bragging rights
that come with winning trivia!*

*Need a ride we can arrange it!
Don't sit home alone this winter
Come out and be part of a fun filled evening.*

*Side door entrance and you'll arrive at the
CEC trivia lounge (aka the lobby)*

*RSVP to Hank or Chava
Try it once – we guarantee you'll like it!*



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

Chestnuts may be roasting on an open fire...
But our minds are already turning to Hammantashen.

And we need your help:

Please bring in jars (check for "hechshures") of fruit preserves
and bags of nuts for your annual Hamentashen baking and sale.
Purim will be here before you know it!



It's time for the 2020 Mah Jongg card!

Our Sisterhood is once again providing you the opportunity to purchase your card through us. It will be sent directly to your home. It will cost the same as if you purchased it from the Mah Jongg League, but our Sisterhood will receive a rebate. The cost is \$8.00 for the standard size and \$9.00 for the large print.

All you need to do is send a check to Sandy Baden, 4135 Fox Hollow Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45241, with the following information, or drop your check and info off at the Etz Chaim office. Call with any questions: 513-554-1649 or 513-470-6428.

We need your name, address, choice of card size and check. In late March you will receive your new card directly from the Mah Jongg League.

Please pass this information on to your friends, your Mahj group, and anyone you know who plays the game. **Please note that I need a name and address for each card ordered. I cannot order multiple cards for a group and send them to one address.** The deadline for orders is January 10, so please get your orders in as soon as possible.



Sisterhood held its annual paid-up membership event on November 3, and enjoyed an excellent presentation by HUC Professor and Rabbi Haim Rechnitzer who discussed “Singing Mystical Piyyot as a Way of Bridging Socio-Ethnic Divides in Israeli Society.” The Etz Chaim Education Committee co-sponsored the event by securing the speaker. All who attended found it to be most interesting and educational.

Also, in November, a group of Etz Chaim Sisterhood members went to Matthew 25 Ministries to volunteer some time to package basic supplies for people in need throughout the world. Afterwards, the group went to dinner to enjoy some “social time.”

A few reminders:

Please order your Mahj Jongg cards through our Sisterhood again this year. They are the same price as in past years: \$8.00 for the standard size, and \$9.00 for the large size. Please send your orders to Sandy Baden, 4135 Fox Hollow Dr., Cincinnati, OH 4521. If you have any questions, please call Sandy.

We will begin making Hamentashen soon after the first of the year. We need all members to bring in preserves and nuts for our “special” filling. Make sure the preserves are marked “Kosher.”

We will begin taking orders for Mishloach Manot gifts and Hamentashen next month.

A schedule for baking Hamentashen will be in the January bulletin, so please watch for it as we need all the help we can get!

Sandy Baden, 513-554-1649 (home); 513-470-6428 (cell)

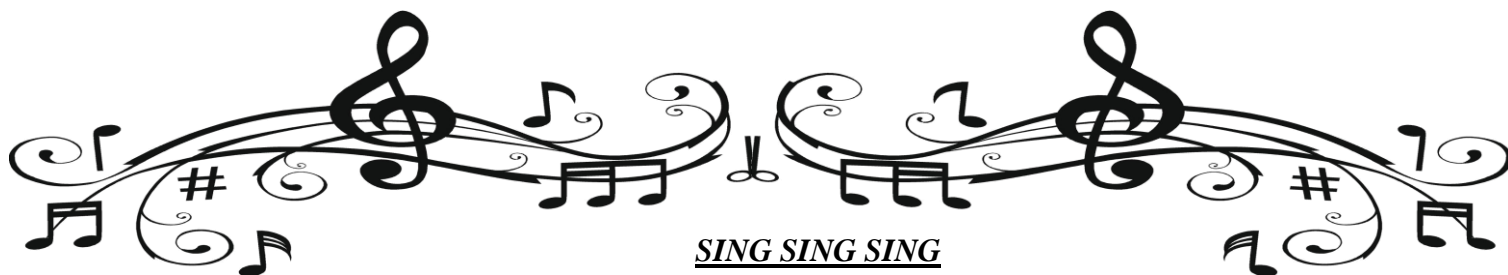
Barb Rosen, 513-489-4009 (home); 513-256-2279 (cell)

Will you be our friend?



Did you know that Congregation Etz Chaim has its own Facebook Page? Check it out at

<https://www.facebook.com/etzchaimcincinnati/?fref=ts> “Friend” the page and “like” event notifications, photos or videos that are posted there. The more traffic our page gets, the greater the likelihood is that other people will be drawn to it. Don’t ask how, that’s just how Facebook works. It’s a way to get people outside of the Etz Chaim Community to learn that we are a vibrant and active congregation.



Our choir enjoyed a much needed break after our High Holy Days (HHD) participation but we reconvened on November 17th to both discuss feedback received from congregants, and rehearse a couple of non-HHD tunes.

Due to some traveling schedules, we won't meet again until January, 2020 but beginning that month we intend to resume our twice a month practice schedule and prepare to sing for you at a to-be-determined Choir Shabbat.

We additionally plan to sing at the upcoming Etz Chaim retreat during the February 7-9 weekend. Plans include singing both Friday night and Saturday morning songs at Shabbat services. After all, the parasha that weekend is Shabbat Shira – Song of Songs – so it is appropriate that there be a more than usual focus on song.

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to many Chanukah celebrations later this month.

Musically Yours - Barbara and Emmy



LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU

Calling All Acts for

Etz Chaim's one-of-a-kind Variety Show
featuring that proverbial plant as your mascot...

Mr. Lettucehead

LUEY, as this show is affectionately called, will run on
Saturday evening, January 11, 2020

So get your Act together.

(suggested length of 5-7 minutes)

Contact Barbara Taggart-Milberg *today* to reserve for this special show.



“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”

The Education Committee is looking forward to resuming our Shabbat Speaker series with a study session led by Candy Kwiatek following Shabbat services and a kiddush luncheon on Saturday, December 28. The topic of the study session will be “8 Degrees of Separation: Joseph, Hanukkah, and You”. Candy will be exploring the connections between the Biblical story of Joseph as recounted in several Torah portions read during the month of December, and the Maccabees of the Hanukkah story. We hope you will join us for a fascinating look at how these familiar figures from Jewish history are related to each other and to each of us.

Members of the Etz Chaim Sisterhood joined with the Education Committee to welcome Rabbi Dr. Haim Rechnitzer, Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at HUC, as our speaker at the annual paid-up Sisterhood Brunch on November 3. Following a delicious brunch prepared by Sisterhood members, we had the pleasure of hearing Professor Rechnitzer introduce us to the art form of singing piyyut, or religious hymns, and learning about how the recent surge of interest in this area of music has engaged both religious and secular Jews in Israel. Most of us were totally unfamiliar with this form of Jewish music, and although the sounds of the music were somewhat foreign to our “Western” ears, the video clips that Professor Rechnitzer shared provided a fascinating glimpse into this popular current trend in Israeli culture.

We are still planning a continuation of our Book Club venture, begun in September with our discussion of Yossi Klein Halevi’s book *Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor*. This will be a joint project with the Education Committee and Sisterhood. We have received a number of suggestions for further books to focus on (thank you to all who responded) and will soon be publicizing the title of our next selection.

Many thanks to members of the Education Committee—Paul Evers, Israella Ginsberg, Candy Kwiatek, Penny Manes, and Diane Marcus—for all their help in planning and implementing both past and upcoming programs. We also appreciate the opportunity to work together with Sisterhood on joint programs. Many heads and hands are better than fewer! Please feel free to contact Lynne or Marianne with any program suggestions or if you would like to become involved!

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, Education Committee Co-Chairs



Social Action Project: Provide a “Helping Hand”
Please donate items such as hand warmers, mini hand sanitizers, gloves and socks for those in need. Bring these items with you to the Chanukah Hoe-Down on December 23, 2019

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 December (Kislev-Tevet) we remember:

December 1 – Kislev 3

Sam Borden*
Minnie Glassman
Rachel Hantman*
Cecelia Hoffman*
Fannie Kessler*
Goldene Kolstein*
Harry Lepsky*
Ross Levin
Nathan Mitman*
Sarah Rosen*
Isidore Wasserman*

December 2 – Kislev 4

Sarah Kadetz*
Malka Mellman*
Sarah Schneider

December 3 – Kislev 5

Simon Bartel*
Max Becker*
Jacob Morovchik*
Bertha Noiman

December 4 – Kislev 6

Morris Becker*
Pearl Eggherman*
Samuel Eurove*
Paula Forman*
Dolores Fox*
Max Goldfarb*
Sonia Haber
Bessie Licht
Ben Skurow*
Mary Skurow*
Sarah (Ollie) Tunick*

December 5 – Kislev 7

Elaine Cohen*
Sarah Davis*
Samuel Klein*
Marvin Kolstein*
Ethel Lande*
Sarah Neuerman
Sylvia Saul*
David Tessel*

December 6 – Kislev 8

James Phalo Belhassen
Mary Brown*
Ernest Ince*
Edith Levine
Rebecca Okrent*
Melvin Sandow
Ira Schneider
Wilbur Zimmerman

December 7 – Kislev 9

Daniel Dannenberg*
Fannie Goldstein*
Jack Kwiatek

Atsuko Yoshida
Fred Young*

December 8 - Kislev 10

Esther Lea Rose*
Louis Samelson*

December 9 – Kislev 11

Sadie Fogel*
Esther Rose Levine*
Ben Polasky*
Joseph Rogoff

December 10 – Kislev 12

Phyllis Cohn
Sara Lee Goldstein
Sam Greenbaum*
Frances Nidich
Morris Sudman*
Carl Wasserman*

December 11 – Kislev 13

Aaron Brown*
Aaron Levine*
Eva Linn*
James Martin
Jeanette Newman
Joseph Rosen*
Ida Schneider
Albert Segal

December 12 – Kislev 14

Henry Bartel*
Harry Halpern*
Morris Karp*
Marian Schraeder*
Irene Weiner*

December 13—Kislev 15

Phillip Bayliss*
Joe Gordon
Evelyn Neuerman
Adele Prager*
Hedwig West
Estelle Zakem*

December 14 – Kislev 16

Steven Bernstein
Max Cyrkin*
Charles Favish
Rosalind Key*
Philip Moskowitz*
Esther Waxman

December 15 – Kislev 17

Samuel Brown*
Betty Finkelstein*
Jack Goldberg*
Jozsef Guttman
Ben Hochhauser*
Max Krasnitzky*
Lena Plotnick
Sarah Polakoff*

December 16 –Kislev 18

Sam Dubin*
Mary Glickman*
Pearl Himelfarb*
Louis Schneider
Bertha Troy*

December 17 – Kislev 19

Sarah Edlin
Sol Feldman*
Ben Karp*
Mary Simpson*
Bertha Singer*

December 18 – Kislev 20

Abraham Frank*
Sophia Greenblatt*
Fannie Hoodin*
Susan Timmer
Nathan Weiser*

December 19 – Kislev 21

Harry Brown*
Harry Cirkin
Rose Cohen*
Mildred Gurian*
Molly Levenson*
Joseph Levine*
Stanley Mandell*
Dorothy Okrent
Elisha Rachovitsky
Sara Ross
Heskel Sawdai*
Jack Segal
Esther Weinberg

December 20 – Kislev 22

Joseph Feldman*
Ida Fink*
Baila Kirzner*
Lillie Kosofsky*
Albert Michelson
Esther Neuer
Benjamin Rubinstein
Nathan Weiner*
Frank Wolpa*
Esther Zelien*

December 21 – Kislev 23

David Gordon
Lillian Klayman*
Fanny Kuhr*
Rose Levenson*

December 22 – Kislev 24

Allen Nagler*
Debbie Stewart

December 23 – Kislev 25

Ina Fletcher*
Harold Goldstein*
Mark Greenburg

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December 23 – Kislev 25

Mildred Lerman
Samuel Pinsky*
Rita Pywen
Hershel Statman

December 24 – Kislev 26

Clara Blatt*
Frieda Ettin*
Esther Evers
Ben Feldman*
Jerome Gabel
Sonia Haber
Harold Holbrook
Lillian Kluber*
Abe Korelitz*
Harry Lerer*
Joseph Okrent*
George Rosen*
Abe Skurow

Bertha Steinberg*
Mary Steinberg*

December 25 – Kislev 27

Diana Gelburd*
Harry Gordon*
Meyer Newmark*
Morris Streicher

December 26 – Kislev 28

Esther Durham
Morris Faust*
Florence Frisch*
Paul Kahler*
Rose Miller
Angel Mordechai Perez
Eli Rohrberger*
Aaron Strikman
Claire Turner

December 27 – Kislev 29

Rose Rosenberg*

December 28 – Kislev 30

Aaron Charkins*
Celia Cohen
Max Meyer

December 29—Tevet 1

Melva Case*
Deann Cohen*
Harry Flax*
Charles Glicklich*
Ann Greenblatt*
John Greenblatt*
Eugene Hammer
Sarah Lutzky
Carl Mass*
Isadore Metz*
Samuel Minster
Morris Sunshein*
Isaac Yanofsky*

December 30—Tevet 2

Ralph Schneider*
Marian Skurow

December 31 – Tevet 3

Terry Barnett
Anna Chaskin*
Louis Fingerhut*
Hyman Goldberg*
Sarah Isralsky*
Minette Mandell
Thelma Mellman*
Revella Meyers*

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרונם אברכה

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.

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.

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit

Hortense Metz, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother & Mother
The Metz Family
David E. Lefton

Albert & Helen Levine, Parents
Michael Levine

Maxine Landman, Wife
Jack Landman

Shirley Ruben, Mother
Linda & Steve Steiner

Jeffrey Lipsky, Brother
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Albert Schneider, Father
Nancy & Ed Schulman

Florence Mitman Rubin, Mother
Ken & Diane Mitman

Meyer Fand, Father & Grandfather
Chaya & Chava Vidal

Perry Liberman, Father
Mardee Gutterman, Grandmother
Mitch Liberman

Frank Ruben, Father
Ed & Judi Ruben

Sandy Manheimer, Sister
Dorothy Manheimer, Mother
Sally & Alex Cohen

Shirley Sudman, Mother
Harry Sudman

Gertrude Goldfarb, Mother
Fred Goldfarb

Jean Cohen, Mother
Alice Plotkin

Edith Rogoff, Mother
Mark Rogoff

Mayme Machnovitz, Aunt
Tillie Lerer, Mother
Hatsy Lerer

Scott Kabakoff, Son
Donna Kabakoff

Jay Herman, Brother
Scott Herman

Rhoda Lanes Weiss, Mother
Sandi Pywen

Gertrude Roth, Mother
Simon Rosen, Husband
Edith Rosen

Edith Lipsky, Mother
Robert & Sheila Lipsky

Miriam Schilmeister, Aunt
Howard Mayers

Meta Schoemann, Mother
Carol Friedman

Kay Dreyer, Wife
Bob Dreyer

Daniel Sax, Father
Drew Sax

Milton Landman, Father
Jack Landman

Max Machnovitz, Uncle
Hulda Meyer, Grandmother
Hatsy Lerer

Milton Zeifman, Father
Pete Simmons, Father
Tom Carsch, Brother-in-Law
Fred & Gail Zeifman

Charles Ornstein, Father
Esther Zwerdling

Margaret Skurow, Mother
Anna Schorr, Grandmother
Aaron Skurow, Son
Selma Donny, Mother
David Schorr, Grandfather
Hershel Donny, Brother
Marc & Elaine Skurow

Irene Osborne, Aunt
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

Marty Rogoff, Brother
Mark Rogoff

Rose Gati, Step-Mother
Sara & George Gati

Rose & Simon Schneider, Parents
Bob & Alberta Schneider

Rose Neuer, Mother
Ann Neuer
Dayva Green

Jacob Ruben, Father
Martin Ruben

Bessie Bassin, Grandmother
Diane Marcus Chandler

Harry & Annette Bassin, Parents
Diane Marcus Chandler

SIMCHAS ★ REMEMBRANCES ★ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Sue Ann Burch, Aunt
Harold & Helene Kirzner

Harold Winkler, Husband
Bernice Winkler

David Timmer, Father
Stan Timmer

Herman Weiner, Grandfather
Ethel Spiegel Bartel, Grandmother
Adela Weiner, Aunt
Harold Winkler, Uncle
Terry Brodof

Selma Meyer Licht, Mother
Hatsy Lerer

Eva Zeifman, Mother
Gail & Fred Zeifman

Jack Cyrkin, Grandfather
The Cyrkin Family

Ben Ettin, Father
Shirley Brown Dreyer

Max Rose, Grandfather
Cheryl Harris

Billy Chalom Perez, Cousin
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Jack Louis Kabakoff, Husband, Father,
Grandfather
Donna Kabakoff

Betty Polinsky, Mother
Harriet Kuhr

Josephine Camins, Mother
Sharon & Larry Dugan

Ruben Kirzner, Grandfather
Harold & Helene Kirzner

Max Rose, Father
Ronald Rose

Dr. Louis Kreindler, Uncle
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Irving Meister, Father
William Meister

Eva Brown, Mother
Shirley Berman

Charles Weiner, Brother
Bernice Winkler

Idele Haimes, Cousin
Steven, Sasha & Rachel Cohn

Sanford Cohn, Father & Grandfather
Steven, Sasha & Rachel Cohn

Charles Weiner, Father
Terryf Brodof

Ben Silverstein, Father
David Silverstein

Anna Linder, Mother
Nelson Linder

Ernst Kahn, Father
Emmy & Bob Friedenberg

Florence Friedenberg, Mother
Emmy & Bob Friedenberg

**Generous Donations Were Received for
Yahrzeits of**

Harold Mindlin, Father
Beth Mindlin

Bea Merdinger, Mother
Barbara Rosen

Memory

To the Family of Elaine Maller
IMO Elaine
From the Dreyers

To Jill Hartford
IMO Father
From Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

To Carol Friedman
IMO Brother
From Mitch Liberman
Diane & Elliott Chandler

To Linda Whitman & Family
IMO Husband
From Hatsy Lerer

To the Family of Rose Mazer
IMO Rose
From the Dreyers

To Dr. Debra Kaplan
IMO Husband Kerry
From the Dreyers

To the Family of Erika Gordon
IMO Erika
From Terry Brodof

To Cathy & Mark Mayer
IMO Father Irv Silverstein
From Hatsy Lerer

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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Generous Donations Were Received for

IMO Jeannette "Kate" Yasgur
From Howard & Diane Yasgur

Honor

To Sandy Baden
IHO Son's Wedding
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

To Barbara Taggart-Milberg
Happy Birthday!
From Paul & Marianne Nidich
Howard & Cara Saal

To Howard Saal
Happy Birthday!
From Paul & Marianne Nidich

To Judy Frankel
Happy Birthday!
From Paul & Marianne Nidich

To Dana Kolovson
Happy Birthday!
From Paul & Marianne Nidich

To Lois & Ken Germain
IHO 50th Anniversary
From Rona Peerless

To Audrey Martin
IHO Birthday
From Phyllis Mellman
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Marianne & Paul Nidich

To Richard Behrman
IHO CYJL remarks on the holidays
From Steve Segerman

To Hank Lerer
IHO leading Shachrit in my absence on the
holidays
From Steve Segerman

To Robyn Wolfe, Daniel Ronis-Tobin, David
Weil, Laura Maxwell, Lynne Haber
IHO great job of Shofar blowing on the holidays
From Steve Segerman

To Barry & Melanie Joffe
In their Honor
From Rianne & John Melmed

IHO Our 3rd Anniversary
From Elliot & Diane Marcus Chandler

IHO Congregation Etz Chaim
From Captain Rick Plagge

Generous Donations Were Received

IHO Birkat HaGomel
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

IHO Chaya & Chava Vidal
From Allan & Linda Katz

IHO Congregation Etz Chaim
From Sara & Isaama Goldstein-Stoll

IHO Congregation Etz Chaim
From Michael & Jackie Cohen

IMO Shirley Ruben &
IHO Challah Bake
From Cheryl Vogel

Recovery

To Sharyn Fox
From Adele Nagler
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Russ & Arlene Rosen
Hatsy Lerer
Diane & Elliott Chandler

To Audrey Martin
From Marianne & Paul Nidich

Aliyot

Fred Zeifman
Richard Behrman
Michael Evers

A Very Generous Donation for Aliyot

Barbara Rosen

Misheberach Prayers

Aaron Schechtman

Lily and Frank Friedman

Prayer Book Fund

Yahrzeit

Dennis Neil McClung, Husband
Gerard Melech Castiglione, Nephew
Sydney Makhoulf Perez, Cousin
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Jacob Silverstein, Father
Ethel Nemoff

Achille Chalom Belhassen, Father
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Ida Martin, Sister
Ethel Nemoff

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Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

Yahrzeit

Bertha Fox, Mother
Sylvia Sears

Jeanette L. Cohen, Mother
Phyllis C. Mellman

Robert Mellman, Father-in-Law
Phyllis C. Mellman

Jerry Mellman, Husband
Phyllis C. Mellman

Rebecca Davidson, Niece
Audrey Martin

Rose Mark, Aunt
Myra Schiff

Harry Germain, Father
William Bell, Father
Ken & Lois Germain

Ben Ettin, Father
Ed Ettin

Linda Mellman, Daughter
Phyllis C. Mellman

Israel R. Cohen, Father
Phyllis C. Mellman

Morris H. Nemoff, Husband
Ethel Nemoff

Jeannette Peerless Zimov, Mother
Roz Richards

Max Skurow, Father
Marc & Elaine Skurow

Benjamin Donny, Father
Marc & Elaine Skurow

Generous Donations Were Received for Yahrzeits of

Harry Rockwern Father
Sarah Rockwern, Grandmother
Stephanie Rockwern Amlung

Irvin & Sylvia Rauchman Youth Fund

Yahrzeit

Morris Berman, Father
Tamar & Myron Moskowitz

Hyman Ganulin, Husband
Mary Ganulin

Leo Herman, Father
Scott Herman

Rene Makhoulf Perez, Grandfather
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Pearl Skurow, Grandmother
Marc & Elaine Skurow

Celia Berman, Mother
Myron & Tamar Moskowitz

A Generous Donation Was Received for the Yahrzeit of

Dr. Joseph Ginsberg, Uncle
Marlene Starnbach Ricanati



Our new Tree of Life is growing
roots in our 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.



VOLUNTEER WITH CEC AT THE
OVER-THE-RHINE SOUP KITCHEN
HERE ARE OUR UPCOMING
2020 DATES:

JANUARY 19

MAY 31

SEPTEMBER 13

DECEMBER 13

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED OUT
AT OUR NOVEMBER 11, SOUP KITCHEN. WE WISH TO
EXTEND A HEARTY YASHER KOACH TO ALL OUR
MEMBERS WHO HELPED THROUGHOUT 2019.

PURIM SHPIEL

You know you've been
thinking about it...

You know you want to be a
part of the action....

Join us at the open

casting call on

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10AM in the Social Hall



December
Synagogue Happenings

We wish Speedy Recoveries to:

Audrey Martin
Sara Gati
Steve Cohn

Condolences to:

Margot Nathan on the passing of
her sister Else Gerstle z”l

To the family of
Bernie Weller z”l

We Extend a Congratulations to:

Our Spaghetti Dinner
Raffle Winners:

1. Bobbie Goldey
2. Officer Lee Edwards
3. Michelle & Stan Timmer
4. Paul & Marianne Nidich
5. Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

and to

Jenny Lichtenstein for winning
the early bird registration
drawing for the 2020 Kallah

We Welcome our Newest Member:

Lisa Tessel

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 \$250.

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:

Pat Weiner and family for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, November 2, 2019 in memory of Chuck Wiener z"l

Audrey Martin for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, November 9, 2019 in honor of her birthday

Jerome Manigan for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, November 16, 2019 in honor of Atarah Jablonsky's birthday and the Wednesday Torah Class

Karen Barnes for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, November 23, 2019 in memory of her brother Mitchell Barnes z"l

Share a simcha with your synagogue family – call the office today to schedule a sponsored Kiddush!

Congratulations to all our December Birthdays!

1	Daniel Fox	16	Michelle Gabbour
2	Judy Beraha	18	George Gati
2	Mary Ganulin	18	Marjorie Zeidman
2	Beth Neman	27	Linda Berger
4	Allan Goldstein	29	Rachel Rachovitsky
8	Avi Edelstein	29	Esther Zwerdling
9	Georgeann Goldenberg	30	Brian Kluger
10	Harriet Kuhr	30	Candace Kwiatak
11	Donna Fox		
14	Ellen Fox		
14	Ellen Greenberger		
14	Lynne Haber		
15	Sandi Pywen		
15	Audrey Ronis-Tobin		

Happy Anniversary to:

27	Richard and Michelle Gabbour
29	Neil and Georgeann Goldenberg



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

Friday Night, December 6, 2019
Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll
have cake in honor of all our November 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
1	2 The office is closed	3	4	5 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	6 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake	7 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
8 Trivia Night 6pm	9 The office is closed	10 Board of Directors Meeting 7pm *Note the date change	11	12 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Kitchen Volunteers needed to help Sisterhood	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	14 CYJL Shabbat Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Kiddush Luncheon sponsored CYJL
15 10am Men's Club Brunch with speaker Bill Freedman 12pm Choir Rehearsal	16 Deadline to return the "adopt a child" gifts	17 Marketing Meeting at 6pm	18	19 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	21 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
22 First Night of Chanukah	23 10am -2pm Men's Club Latke Making 6pm Chanukah Hoe-down! Come in western attire & BYOM	24	25	26 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast & Mystery Macabee Gift Exchange Volunteers needed to help 6pm	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	28 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by the Kwiateks & Chandlers with education program
29 10am Purim Shpiel Cast Call	30 The office is closed	31	December 2019			

COMING SOON



Save these Important January Dates:

January Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, January 6 – 6PM

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

LUEY Talent Show

Saturday Night, January 11 – 6pm

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, January 19

Contact Matt Brodof if you can help

Purim Shpiel Rehearsals

January 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 10am

Trivia Night at CEC

Sunday, January 26 – 6pm

Upcoming Events: December

December Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, December 6 – 6PM

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

Trivia Night at CEC

Sunday, December 8 – 6pm

Come as an individual or make a team of
six – you'll laugh, enjoy nosh and
compete in team trivia. See Hank or
Chava for more details.

CYJL Recognition Shabbat

Saturday December 14 – 9:30am

Men's Club Brunch

Sunday, December 15 – 10am

Let's Talk Taxes with guest speaker
Bill Freedman
Free to Attend

Adopt a Holiday Child Gift Program

Remember: Monday, December 16
is the firm deadline to bring back toys &
gifts for the children so we can ensure
they have them for the holiday season.

Men's Club Latke Making

Monday, December 23

10am to 2pm

RSVP to Aaron and get a
Special 2019 Chanukah Apron

Chanukah Hoedown

Monday Night, December 23 - 6pm

Yee-Haw Partner

Come on down in your western attire
and BYOM for this fun filled evening.

Purim Shpiel Cast Call

Sunday, December 29th – 10am

Come one come all – you've watched
others do it – why not join in the fun?

Congregation

ETZ CHAIM



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



*The days march forward and each
one takes us closer to our goals. Let's
find ways to help each other and our
community in 2020.*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399