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Message from your President – Terry Brodof



As I begin putting pencil to paper today, it is still early February. I noticed that my calendar has a notation that it is Rosh Chodesh Adar I. It is no secret that the approach of the month of Adar is a busy time of year. A time for looking forward and beginning to think about preparation ... for the big upcoming holiday with a capital P... Passover. But I never quite look that far. for I love the anticipation of the 14th of Adar. PURIM! Everyone has a favorite holiday. I have always loved Purim. We are already in week 4 of our Purim Shpiel rehearsals. You'd think I'd know my lines by now. (NOPE!)

But wait! 5779 is a leap year. We all know that about every 2-3 or so years, our calendar contains not one but 2 months called Adar. We have a very creative Jewish way of denoting the different months of Adar. We've named them Adar I and Adar II. This of course means that in a leap year, there are technically two 14th's of Adar. So, which one do we celebrate Purim during?

The ruling in the Talmud is that Purim should be celebrated in Adar II. That's where my knowledge stops. Nope, I don't know why. I do know that we do not ignore the 14th of Adar I. It is a day called Shushan Purim Kattan meaning the day is a *minor* Shushan Purim. I have also heard it referred to as 'little Purim'. On Adar I, 14th, we do not read meghilla nor are we required to give gifts or send food to the needy. Even though we have no special observances on this day, we still increase our joy and try to increase our festivity.

There are a number of things going on in Shul during Adar I and Adar II that are worth celebrating. We have just paid off the mortgage on our building. A true noteworthy moment and reason to celebrate and give thanks. For those of us who don't know, we were left an endowment by one of our congregants a number of years ago. His name, Lou Barg z"l, along with his wife's name Judy Barg z"l, appear over our Sanctuary doors. Their legacy gift to our congregation enabled us to draw from their monetary gift on a monthly basis in order to pay off our mortgage. Their legacy gift has brought an abundance of joy and security to all that have shared memories and moments together in this building. Their gift has touched us all.

Recently, we were also recipients of another notable legacy gift. Gail Costantini and Ted Kantor established the Ray Kantor Cantorial Memorial Fund in memory of their father, Ray Kantor z"l. The fund will be used to help supplement our annual HHD cantor fund appeal. I have smiled a number of times when I have read the emails back and forth between our CYJL members and our Ritual committee members addressing the **Kantor Cantor-ial** fund. How fun and appropriate.

I want to thank all of our members that *have looked forward* and have contributed to creating their Jewish legacy through our Create Your Jewish Legacy program (CYJL). We met our goal for the year, which was established by the Cincinnati Jewish Federation. That means we will be receiving an additional \$13,000 from their CYJL Initiative. Todah Rabah.

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Speaking of looking forward, our Board of Directors has just begun working on a 3 year horizon plan. We are looking ahead and building a framework to concurrently manage our current and future opportunities for growth. The preparation by the Horizon Committee Chairs has begun for our first meeting which will be held just about the time you receive this bulletin.

So, keeping in the spirit of looking forward, I extend wishes for a Happy Anniversary to the congregation. This month we will celebrate our secular 4 year wedding anniversary. We were officially married the 9th day of the month of Nissan in the year 5775, making us all members of the newly formed Congregation Etz Chaim. It corresponded to March 29th in 2015.

I recently took a moment to re-read our Ketubah in preparation for our first 3 year horizon meeting this month, As I read it again, I thought I'd like to share its content and message once again with everyone. Please take a moment and re-read its words.

** On the 9th day of the month of Nisan in the year 5775, corresponding to March 29, 2015, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Congregation B'nai Tzedek and Congregation Ohav Shalom herein enter into a covenant in accordance with the traditions of Torah and the people Israel.*

We approach this ketubah as two communities, but shall leave it joined together as one. With deep gratitude to the Source of Life who has inspired us and given us the values that will bind us together, on this day we become one community to be known henceforth as Congregation Etz Chaim.

Surrounded by family and friends, we affirm our commitment to this union. We are thankful for the gifts of history, traditions, and values that our founding congregations have given us. We promise to honor our ancestors and families, and we will treasure the past that we have inherited by finding creative ways to celebrate it and build on it for the future.

As we dedicate ourselves to community, education, spirituality, innovation and creativity, and participation...

We pledge to each other our mutual trust and respect...

We promise to act with integrity, forgiveness, and compassion as we seek out new challenges and opportunities to grow...

We pledge to seek ways to maintain open channels of communication and create safe spaces for sharing thoughts, feelings, and experiences so that we can build our relationship on open communication, honesty, and loyalty...

We promise to seek partnership and friendship as we embark on a new phase of our Jewish journeys...

We pledge to cherish the uniqueness of each of our members, to trust in our values and insights, and to comfort and challenge one another...

We promise to offer support and encouragement for personal growth and the fulfillment of shared dreams, to celebrate the beauty and happiness of life, and to comfort each other in times of sorrow.

We affirm our willingness to share our time, use our talents, and learn new skills for the benefit of our community and its undertakings...

Joining together, we aim to enhance the foundations of our greater community by offering new opportunities to engage in Torah - Jewish learning, to come together for Avodah – Jewish worship and celebration, and to engage in Gemilut Hasadim – acts of loving kindness for tikkun olam – repair of the world.

Together we will create a congregational home filled with laughter, wisdom, generosity, and compassion, a home with open doors for those seeking their Jewish place among the people Israel. Aware that life is ever changing, we walk joyously into the future. With our community of family and friends as witness, we move forward in our life as Etz Chaim.

The words ring truer to me today than perhaps on the day I first read them and vowed to do my best to live them. Our marriage was a time of faith and a little uncertainty. We made some errors along the way but we worked through changes and made a number of adaptations. Our marriage and commitment were strong enough to grow into the community we are today.

We have learned to live the words so eloquently scribed in the ketubah. We cherish the uniqueness of our members. We have supported one another and shared our celebrations and sorrows. Together, we have created a home filled with worship and Gemilut Hasadim, the most fundamental of all Jewish social values; the bestowal of loving kindness. The Ketubah ends with some very poignant words. "...Aware that life is ever changing, we walk joyously into the future. We have so much to celebrate. Not only in Adar I or Adar II but throughout the year. We continue as a congregation, to celebrate together and to look forward into the future.

I hope you are planning to share Purim and its joys with your fellow congregants. The giving of mishloach manot and to charity, listening to the Megillah, and in this community, a wonderful dinner followed by our Purim Schpiel, make this a special holiday within our congregation. We have a basket filled with sweets and hamantaschen here with your name on it. So much is heaped into the 14th of Adar and we have saved a seat for you. Come help us celebrate!

Terry Brodof, President



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

February brought more exciting events to CEC. A couple of highlights:

Wow, another great Kallah retreat weekend had by all who attended! Ok, it was a little cold, but that's to be expected on a winter weekend in February. Thank you to Hank, Chava, Stephany, Sara, Sandy and all others who worked so hard on making this Shabbaton such an enjoyable experience. As in our other two years past, we've been able to hear ten (a minyan of ten!) Torah readers lehn both the Saturday morning and the Saturday afternoon's Parashot. Mazel Tov to all who participated in our services – which means everyone present - because we all received honors!

Last February 23, as part of Education's ongoing Shabbat series speakers' program, Candy Kwiatek gave us part two of her always phenomenal story telling sessions. We appreciate the ritual aspect to all of the scheduled programs and it has been noted that there may be increased service attendance on these days because some people choose to come just because there is a speaker.

And now we move on to the present:

Our monthly Simcha Shabbat on Friday, March 8th, when we celebrate your birthday or anniversary with cake!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Purim is coming! Wednesday evening, March 20th - mark this in your calendars if you haven't already! Megillah readers are busy preparing to relate to you that everlasting Esther story and following the service we'll have our wonderful dinner and following that – “The Schpiel”!

It's getting closer and it's not too soon to think about – Pesach begins Friday evening, April 19th and we celebrate this holiday through Saturday, April 27th. This year Pesach stretches over two Shabbat weekends – makes for even more Hallel, singing and celebrating together. More details to come in next month's bulletin. Our yahrzeit minyan services enjoy a 100% success rate (for getting the minyan and more), thanks to many of you who attend them as they are scheduled. Your support for your fellow congregants is a mitzvah and is so appreciated. If anyone who is not in our database (is not receiving email notices of these services as they occur) would like to be notified, please let Barbara or Barry know and we can add you in!

We've heard from some congregants about a myriad of things and we appreciate your comments. Rest assured that all congregant suggestions or issue are discussed thoroughly at our RITCOM meetings and given our full consideration.

We look forward to and wish you all a Chag Purim Sameach!

Barbara and Barry



What went on in Madison Indiana did not stay in Madison Indiana.

If you were with us on our recent synagogue retreat to Clifty Falls, located in Madison Indiana, you might not have passed a synagogue in the town but if you ventured off the route and took a drive through the town, you might have noted a Subway restaurant. It was once owned by Henry and Benjamin Lotz better known as Hen and Ben the shoe men. It is believed, as reported in an article from the Madison Courier.com, that before the building was a shoe store, it was a Kosher butcher Shop, once owned by W.M. Hoffstadt. It is also believed that a small Jewish congregation, to be later recognized as Congregation Adath Israel, held its services on the second floor. (I am guessing deli meat from downstairs was regular fare at Onegs and Kiddushim.) The information you will read in this article, was obtained through an article published In the Madison Courier.com, dated Saturday, April 19th, 2017. There was no Byline information in the article but I did learn some very interesting Jewish history about the Indiana town on the Ohio. I took a drive through the town before the retreat. If you have a summer day with nothing to do, Madison might be a nice destination for you.

The article in the Courier was about a group from Congregation Adath Israel Brith Shalom, located in Louisville, led by then Senior Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport, in 2017. It documented a trip they took to visit historic Madison Indiana. It was as he described it in an article, a pilgrimage of sorts, to visit the historic sites of a sister Adath Israel from Jewish Madison past. They documented their entire trip and described what is believed to be some very interesting early Jewish Midwest historical roots. The group boarded the Madison Trolley and began a tour of the city. They noted stopping at the lone entirely Jewish cemetery where they held a memorial service and headed to a small brick building on the alley at the back of the Subway Building. Rabbi Rapport said it was once the city's mikvah.

Rapport then explained that when the small congregation out grew the 2nd floor, of the building, it moved its services to the Masonic Lodge nearby. The small congregation eventually bought their own building located at 113 E. third Street which is now a doll museum. The building served as a synagogue for close to 80 years.

After touring the town and the remnants of the historical sites, the Louisville group joined some members of *Historic Madison* and *The Jefferson County Historical Society*. They all listened to a presentation about the Jewish history given by Rabbi Rapport Entitled -The Jews of Madison: Cradle of Jewish Life in the Midwest. Rapport explained Jews came to the Ohio Valley and to Madison Indiana in about 1840. Madison's Jewish community was a mix of traditions as members came from varying backgrounds, European, German, Austrian, Czech and a group of Sephardic Jews from the Netherlands.

In fact, the mix ranged from 'spiritual rebellious types', as Rapport noted, such as "the Brandeis family", to Orthodox and the extreme Sephardim orthodox. Rather than setting up separate synagogues, they somehow figured out how to accept one another and share a synagogue with 3 congregations. There were few ordained Rabbis at the time. The first of Madison's lay readers, was Joseph Dinkelspiel, who according to the article, traveled back and forth to Louisville and Madison. In 1843, Congregation Adath Israel in Louisville was founded and in 1853, the Madison Adath Israel was officially founded. At that time, there were only about 3 ordained Rabbis according the article.

By 1919, the Jewish population was reported to be around 70 according to the Directory of Jewish Local Organizations in the US. Rapport noted as he ended his commentary that "there hasn't been a Jewish Community in Madison for a long time." If you were on the retreat, you saw how beautiful the area was. It is situated along the Ohio river. It was once the home of Jewish Scholars and Politicians, and many other influential notable figures in American History. Madison is the largest city located along the Ohio between Louisville and Cincinnati. The greater part of Madison's downtown was designated the largest contiguous National Historic Landmark in the US. Its Downtown area is known as the Madison Historic Landmark District. Madison is also one of Indiana's first railroad towns.

I'm glad that Madison was host to another Jewish Community for a few days in February 2019; Etz Chaim. It was our hope to speak a few minutes about the city on Sunday before we headed home. Unfortunately, a winter weather snowstorm began early Sunday morning and we cancelled our morning plans and encouraged everyone to head home and to drive safely. I learned in our 4-team trivia game during the retreat, that the largest restaurant chain in the world is Subway. I'm glad the Subway, located in downtown Madison Indiana, is housed in a location with such a special history.



Congregation Etz Chaim * Kallah/Retreat * February 8-9-10



Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

Retreat – withdraw from enemy forces, move back or withdraw, withdraw to a quiet or secluded place

Over the weekend of February 8, Congregation Etz Chaim retreated once again for our third Kallah weekend. Taking a light liberty with the words of Willie Nelson, we were “On the road again. We just couldn’t wait to get On the Road again” as we set out this time for Clifty Falls State Park in Indiana, a leisurely trek about 92 miles southwest of home (CEC).

Upon arrival, participants were greeted with snacks, drinks and the third craft in the series: making a custom kiddish wine cup to complete the Havdalah set that began with Kallah 1. Remember the spice set and Kallah 2 with the twisted candles? Pretty cool how the dots all connect, eh?

After a little hospitality/relaxation time, the choir members ushered us into services by singing henai matov followed by candle lighting and a rousing rendition of our traditional kabbalat shabbat service. We shared a delicious shabbat dinner with table decorations connected to our theme of “disconnect to reconnect” The evening ended with mixers, swimming/relaxing and more fun and games in the hospitality suite.

Saturday services were preceded by continental breakfast and followed by shabbat lunch. Before you think all we did was eat, you should know this was pretty close to a “sing for your supper” weekend. We had 10 different Torah readers, many different service leaders and everyone that attended participated in services in one fashion or another. Something for everybody. Just like a home.

After lunch, the unplugged atmosphere continued as Shabbat afternoon brought Raptors and Nature, both Spiritually and physically ala a Nature walk, Maj & Jewish monopoly complete with giant dice. The afternoon wrapped up with a panel discussion on Jewish life in other countries. Thanks to Sara and George Gati, Jenny Lichtenstein, Barry and Melanie Joffe. It was fascinating to hear their stories.

The panel discussion was followed by Mincha, dinner, Maariv, Havdalah and the time-honored tradition: Triviaaaaaaaaa!!! There were the usual questions on Sports (SPORTS !!!), Geography (we love geography), Science, Fast food, Musicals and of course the Synagogue. Congratulations to team #1 on their victory. The evening did not end here. Oh no. Despite the very cold temps, we still had a fire pit and songs with our piano master Mitch. Just had to relocate indoors. Despite being out of the way down a long hall, we welcomed a few other guests who didn’t realize we were a private group. See, we make friends wherever we go. Thanks to everybody who helped clean up and rearrange the furniture back the way we found it. The evening wound down with the hospitality suite.

On Sunday morning as if to jolt us back to reality we were greeted to lovely snow showers. So, after breakfast, pictures of all kinds, packing the vehicles (this reminds of our ski trips to Colorado), we wrapped up and carefully returned home. I would be remiss not to mention the fantastic D’vei Torah delivered by: Robyn Wolfe (yes, she’s my wife!) Stan Timmer, Dr. Michael Taplits, Ethan Berger and Matt Brodof. Each one had such unique insight and shared a topic so personal and important to them you couldn’t help but feel inspired.

Did you have a good time and want to retreat again? Missed the retreat and really want there to be a Kallah IV so you can join in the fun? Contact the committee chairs (Sandy, Stephanie and Sara), and let them know.



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Kallah 2019



Thank you to the 43 participants who attended and made this weekend so special with their smiles!





Thanks to all participants who attended the kallah weekends the past three years!

Our synagogue community has benefited from these weekends and help solidified the CEC we know and love.





I am writing this article as I am sitting at home reminiscing about the Kallah weekend. A smile is on my face and a warm glow in my heart. I am thinking about all the wonderful friends that shared in the spiritual, social, educational and exciting musical event of the weekend. Although we were all acquaintances when we arrived, we all left with renewed friendships and the sense of community that will carry us back to Etz Chaim for years to come. It was truly an amazing weekend with all the ruach which our synagogue is known for.

We want to thank all the people that put many many hours into preparing for this weekend. It could not have happened without all their hard work. The retreat was a wonderful place to share with friends and come away with renewed bonds of spiritual feelings and great friendships. A special thanks to Kallah Project for recognizing how special our Synagogue truly is and awarding us the grant that allowed this to happen.

Stephany Schechtman
Sandy Baden
Sara Gati



Purim is on the Horizon!

March is here and that means the Purim Shpiel can't be far off! We're back at it again with another award-winning Purim Shpiel. We have laughter and drama, comedy and romance and did we mention a delicious meal that surpasses La Comedia!

Our Etz Chaim Purim shpiels are like a favorite recipe for hamantaschen: take a cast of 26, add flavoring, knead well, allow to rise over 8 weeks of rehearsals and poof we have our Purim treat! This year we have seven numbers for your listening (and looking!) enjoyment and several surprises up our collective sleeves.

Our Purim shpiel began (as always!) with a dream and became reality with a fun-loving group of singers and dancers, a narrator and musicians, tech support and behind the stage wizards. Oh, and we hope you're planning to come in costume...and we look forward to showing you ours!

So, make your reservations! Bring boxes of **Spanish rice** to use for groggers and then we'll donate your groggers to the Barbash Family Vital Support Center.

Winter is ending. It's time for fun!!! Wednesday night, March 20

So, here's the plan for that day: Wednesday, March 20th

- *Megillah* reading at 6:00pm
- Dinner at 7:00pm
- Purim *Shpiel* "Haman of LaMancha" at 8:00pm

Reminders:

- Make your reservations! (operators are standing by!)
- This year, bring boxes of **Spanish rice** to be used as groggers (then donated)
- Join the holiday fun by coming in costume!



HaMan of LaMancha

SAVE THE DATE C.E.C. Purim

Wednesday, March 20, 2019



Act I: Scene: The Sanctuary
Megillah Reading6:00 pm

Act II: Scene: The Social Hall
Dinner.....7:00 pm
Cash Bar available

Act III: Scene: The Stage
"Haman of LaMancha"8:00 pm



Please RSVP to the office by Friday, March 1
Dinner is \$15/adults and \$7.50/children under 13

Costumes STRONGLY encouraged!

Bring boxes of **Spanish Rice** to use as groggers,
then we'll donate them to the
Barbash Family Vital Support Center

PURIM 5779

Dear Members of Congregation Etz Chaim,

As our community continues to grow and new friendships are made, we, the Sisterhood of Etz Chaim, would like to suggest the perfect opportunity to reach out to fellow congregants while at the same time performing the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, the giving of gifts at Purim.

Last year our Mishloach Manot project was a success. In addition to helping people fulfill the mitzvah of giving gifts for Purim, all congregants benefited on the receiving end. It is our hope that you enjoyed the Mishloach Manot that you picked up after the Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel or that was delivered to your home. This year, we hope to increase the number of participants to make this an even greater success.

For \$100 you can send Mishloach Manot to every member of Congregation Etz Chaim. If you would prefer to send only to particular individuals or families, you have that option as well. Please refer to the order form for pricing on the various options of giving.

The Mishloach Manot bags will be filled with delicious, homemade hamantaschen, candy, fruit and so much more. Additionally, orders for these hamantaschen, made by the ladies of Sisterhood, will be available for sale, by advance order only. **THE DEADLINE FOR PLACING ORDERS IS MARCH 8, 2019; ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT IN FULL.**

Please help us make this project more successful than ever by expressing your friendship to fellow congregants with a gift of Mishloach Manot.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP

Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. to Package the Mishloach Manot bags –This is always a good time. Filling the bags with all kinds of goodies. The more people who help out, the faster it gets done. Please contact Sandy Baden if you can help.

Thursday, March 21 at your convenience, help deliver the bags that were not picked up after the Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel on March 20. When possible, we assign drivers to routes near their homes. The more volunteers we have, the fewer deliveries each driver will have to make. Please sign up with Sandy Baden or Julie Kaufman.

MISHLOACH MANOT



One of the nicest traditions on Purim is that of giving a gift of food to friends, *Mishloach Manot*, the sending of gifts. According to Jewish law, one should give a gift of two different types of food, one of which is cooked or baked, to at least one person.

The Sisterhood of Congregation Etz Chaim would like to help you fulfill this lovely mitzvah by creating *Mishloach Manot* baskets (bag) for each congregant. Those who attend the Purim dinner and Shpiel on Wednesday evening, March 20, will pick up their baskets after the Shpiel. The remaining baskets will be delivered (GREATER CINCINNATI ONLY) on Purim Day Thursday, March 21.

On the back of this order form is a list of Etz Chaim & Sisterhood-Only members—**OR** you can give to the **whole congregation for only \$100 (less than the price of 13 baskets!)**; see instructions below. Upon completion, send the **order form, along with your check**, payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood, to:

Etz Chaim Sisterhood
Attn: *Mishloach Manot*
8100 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

ORDER FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 8.

One basket will be delivered to each recipient, regardless of how many are ordered for that person. A card with each sender's name(s) will be included with the basket.

YOUR NAME: _____

Option A: FOR \$100 YOU CAN SEND A BASKET TO ALL LOCAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM, & SISTERHOOD-ONLY MEMBERS.

Option B: SEND A BASKET TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM OR SISTERHOOD (check names listed on the back)

\$8 per basket

of baskets ordered _____ x \$8 = Total \$ _____

Option C: SEND BASKETS WITH RECIPROCITY INSURANCE – With the purchase of 4 or more baskets for Etz Chaim Congregants and Sisterhood-Only members, you are eligible to purchase “reciprocity insurance.” This means that if someone sends you a basket but you have not ordered for him or her, we will automatically add your name to that person’s gift card.

\$8 for each basket

of baskets (minimum of 4) _____ x \$8 = Total for baskets \$ _____

+ \$18 reciprocity insurance = \$ _____

YOUR NAME: _____

To send a basket, put an X to the LEFT of the recipient's name.

Arenstein, Hal & Jan	Goldfarb, Fred	Neman, David	SISTERHOOD ONLY
Austern, Barry & Susan	Goldner, Russ & Gale	Nemoff, Ethel	Fox, Sonia
Baden, Sandy	Goldstein, Allan & Melissa	Nidich, Paul & Marianne	Germain, Lois
Barnett, Robert	Goldstein, Barry	Ninio, Sami	Goldfarb, Audrey
Behrman, Richard & Sara	Goldstein, Sara & Isaama Stoll	Peerless, Rona	Goldfarb, Shirley
Beraha, Bernie & Judy	Greenberger, Mark & Ellen	Plotkin, Alice	Goldman, Bernice
Berger, Stephen & Linda	Greenfield, Margie	Plotnick, Harry & Rona	Gutbezahl, Rachel
Berger, William & Marsha	Haber, Lynne	Pywen, Richard & Sandi	Handler, Leslie
Bingman, Bernice	Harris, Cheryl	Rachovitsky, Rachel	Klayman, Dottie
Borden, Aaron	Harris, Shelley	Rogoff, Mark	Marks, Shirley
Borden, Jean	Higgins, Mordechai & Phyllis	Ronis-Tobin, Vic & Audrey	Nathan, Shirley
Borger, Claudio & Angela	Hurst, Chris	Rosen, Barbara	Rothchild, Frances
Bransford, Cindy & Neal	Jablonsky, Atarah	Rosen, Edee	Ruben, Terry
Brodof, Matt	Jarnicki, Oscar & Cindy	Rosen, Russ & Arlene	Schear, Vivian
Brodof, Terry	Joffe, Barry & Melanie	Ruben, Marty	Shook, Jean
Chandler, Elliot & Diane	Katz, Mitch & Casey	Rubinstein, Aaron	Winkler, Bobbie
Cohen, Harvey & Jane	Kaufman, Julie	Saal, Howard & Cara	
Cohen, Jon	Klein, Ann	Sandow, Randy & Fabiana	
Cohen, Leah	Kluger, Brian & Carrie	(Sawdai, Albert & Karen--FL)	
Cohen, Ruth	Knudsen, Elisa & Jeff	Schechtman, Aaron & Stephany	
Cohen, William & Harlene	Kolovson, Dana & Barbara Taggart-Milberg	Schneider, Cindy	
Cohn, Steve	Kravetz, Stanley & Reenie	Schulman, Ed & Nancy	
Dannenber, Larry & Betty	Krimins, Ethan & Trish	Segal, Andrew & Orly	
Diamond, Richard	Kuhr, Harriet	Segal, Herb & Eleanor	
Diamond, Stanley & Marilyn	Kwiatek, Kim & Candy	Segerman, Steve & Susan	
Dorfman, Alvin & Nancy	Landman, Jack	Selavan, Batya	
Dreyer, Bob & Shirley	Lerer, Hank	Shapiro, Ron & Paige	
Edelstein, Elliot & Kim	Lerer, Hatsy	Sherwat, Shaney	
Edlin, Jory	Lerner, Monica	Slovin, Randy	
Edlin, Phil & Rita	Lieberman, Joyce	Solomon, Paul & Arlene	
Evers, Michael	Lieberman, Mitch	Stein, John	
Evers, Paul & Tsila	Lichtenstein, Jenny & Jose R.	Taplits, Bryan	
Finkelstein, Steve & Leslie	Linder, Nelson	Tepper, Bernie	
Forman, Dale & Kimberly	Lipp, Lori	Tessel, David	
Fox, Sharyn	Littman, Dan & Susan	Timmer, Stan & Michelle Fesman	
Frankel, Judy	Litz, Stan & Karen	Towler, Vance & Haguit	
Franklin, Dan	Malowitz, Jule & Shari	Rubinstein-Towler	
Franklin, Stanford & Toby	Manes, Penny	Vidal, Chava	
Friedenberg, Bob & Emmy	Martin, Audrey	Weil, David & Chie	
Friedman, Carol	Maxwell, Andy & Laura	Weiner, Pat	
Gabbour Jeff & Qing	Meister, Bill	Weisberg, Ophra	
Gabbour, Richard & Michelle	Mellman, Phyllis	Weiss, Sharyn	
Gallop, Eddie & Lana	Mendelson, Laura	Wolfe, Bryan & Robyn	
Ganulin, Mary	Mindlin, Beth	Yasgur, Howard & Diane	
Gati, George & Sara	Mitman, Kenneth & Diane	Zeidman, Marjorie	
Ginsberg, Eudice	Moskowitz, Joel & Susan	Zeifman, Fred & Gail	
Ginsburg, Israella	Moskowitz, Mike & Miki		
Goldberg, Brian & Robin	Nadel, Sam & Gloria		
Goldberg, Joyce	Nagler, Adele		
Goldenberg, Neil & Georgeann	Nathan, Margot		
Goldey, Bobbie	Neman, Beth		



Just a few of the 2019 Hammentashen Crew



**Have you placed your order?
What are you waiting for?!?
Get 'em while their hot!**





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

In February, we had another popular Game Night in conjunction with Men's Club, that was well attended and enjoyed by all!

Our Hamentashen baking has been in full swing and will continue into March. We hope to do more baking on these dates—Thursday, February 28, 9-3, and Wednesday, March 6, 11-4. If you can help out, please contact Sandy. We need YOU!

Hamentashen orders are being taken now until Friday, March 8, so get your orders in ASAP. There is an order form in last month's and this month's bulletins, or you can pick one up in the office. We're offering them with our special filling or strawberry, apricot, chocolate or poppyseed. You can also order logs, and both the Hamentashen and logs freeze well so that they can be used all year round.

Mishloach Manot orders are also due in by March 8, and the order form is again repeated in this bulletin. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge your friends and all the people you care about. The baskets will be distributed on March 20 at the Purim dinner and Shpiel to those in attendance, but we need help delivering them on March 21 to those members who were not able to attend. If you can help us that day, please contact the office or Sandy.

On Sunday, March 17, from 10 to 12, we will be distributing Hamentashen orders. After 12, we need help to put our Mishloach Manot together, so please join us.

Mark Your Calendars! - Sunday, April 14, 12-3 PM

Tour of the brand-new Holocaust & Humanity Center at the Cincinnati Museum Center at the newly renovated Union Terminal. The cost is \$10 per person, and we must have a final count by Friday, March 29.

The tour will include a tour of the Holocaust Museum, the new interactive museum that incorporates media, artifacts and art to share this history and its lessons; and a visit to the Humanity Gallery where you will see examples of individuals who have worked toward making positive changes in their communities. Two of our synagogue congregants, Stephany Schechtman and Sandy Baden, are exhibit interpreters and will lead this tour.

The tour will take approximately 2 hours, and there will be a speaker following it, provided by the Center.

We will carpool from the synagogue parking lot, meeting there at 11:15 AM.
Please call, text or email Sandy Baden if you'd like to attend.

With undying love for Etz Chaim,
Sandy & Laura

Sandy Baden sbaden@cinci.rr.com 513-470-6428

Laura Maxwell Lauramaxwell1313@gmail.com 513-368-2465



HAMENTASCHEN 2019



It's that time... Move over Girl Scouts the Sisterhood Ladies
are baking up their original world famous hamentaschen
& the time to order is now!!!



Limited quantities available!
We will take orders until Friday, March 8, 2019
or until we run out, whichever happens first.
Yes, they freeze well so stock up
for year-round noshing!

\$15/DOZEN

\$8/HALF DOZEN

\$15/LOG

This year we will also be offering 4 other filling options —strawberry, apricot,
poppyseed and chocolate, but only in groups of 6 or 12. If not specified, the order
will be filled with the original Sisterhood filling.

Orders Can be picked up at Congregation Etz Chaim
on Sunday, March 17 from 10am to 12pm

Name _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

TYPE	PRICE/ UNIT	NUMBER	FILLING	TOTAL
Dozen Hamentaschen	\$15.00			
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dozen Hamentaschen	\$8.00			
Log (dozen equivalent)	\$15.00			
*Please note the original flavor contain nuts			Total :	

Order Forms are also in the office. Please Make Checks
Payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood and mail to CEC 8100 Cornell
Road Cincinnati, OH 45249 - Attn: Sandy



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.

Just a few weeks ago our synagogue held a wonderful dinner to celebrate 7 consecutive years of Friday evening Kabbalat Shabbat services. The delicious 7-course dinner, was made possible by the vision of our irreplaceable Executive Director, Hank Lerer, planned by our creative Program Director, Chava Vidal, prepared by our chef extraordinaire Brian Wolfe, and executed by a group of reliable and steadfast volunteers, was enjoyed by 130 people! Our Friday night regulars consist of about 30-40 people, but those who attended the dinner did so because they appreciate the commitment of those who regularly attend and, of course, because they knew they would get a great meal, see friends and family, and usher in a most enjoyable Shabbat.

This is part of what our CYJL is about—making certain that we can provide for such events for our next generations and carry on the legacy of our rich past. If you believe that such traditions should continue, it's so easy. Talk to Steve, Randy, Russ or me, fill out a Letter of Intent (available in our lobby), and turn it in to the synagogue office. If your plans change in the future, there is nothing binding that you cannot change. But if TODAY you want to show your support of our synagogue family, your commitment to the future of Judaism and Congregation Etz Chaim, you can do so with a few simple steps.

We hope to hear from you soon, if you're not already one of those listed below!

Sandy Baden

LETTERS OF INTENT RECEIVED THROUGH YEAR 1 & 2 AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019:

Bob & Marlene Tulch*	Terry Brodof	Russ & Arlene Rosen	Lynne Haber
Randy Slovin	Chava Vidal	Sue & Steve Segerman	Hank Lerer
Richard & Sara Behrman	Matt Brodof	Barbara Taggart-Milberg	Sandy Baden
Simon & Pam Newman	Michael Taplits	Barry & Melanie Joffe	Robert Lemlich*
Children of Debbie Fox*	Steven Cohn	Aaron & Stephany Schechtman	Philip B. Friedman*
Kim & Candy Kwiatek	Lauren Brodof	Bob & Emmy Friedenber	Harvey & Jane Cohen
Samantha Segerman	Penny Manes	Mike & Miki Moskowitz	Howard & Cara Saal
Paul & Marianne Nidich	Ray Kantor*	Ben & Bonnie Silverstein	David & Chie Weil
Carol Friedman	Barb Rosen	Mark Rogoff	

* Left in will or donated by a love one in their name.



Continuing & Adult Education

“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”

Members of the Education Committee met in recent weeks to plan several interesting and stimulating programs for March.

Howard Saal will join us on Saturday, March 2, following services and kiddish lunch, as our next presenter in our ongoing Shabbat Speaker Series. Howard will explore the topic: “Are We Our DNA?” He will be discussing issues around current uses of DNA in science and medicine, and in studying our ancestors and learning more about our history and heritage.

On Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 AM, the Education Committee will welcome Rabbi Chaim Heinemann, Associate Director of the Cincinnati Kollel, who will speak on: Chesed/Kindness: Its Purpose and Power. A light brunch will be served. Rabbi Heinemann will address questions such as:

- Is there anything we can do to protect ourselves from the dangerous world we presently live in?
- Is just doing an act of kindness enough or is there more?
- Who is the primary beneficiary of the Chesed that we do?
- Some basic rules to keep in mind before engaging in helping others.

The Education Committee is also looking forward to a wonderful educational opportunity sponsored by the Sisterhood in April. Sisterhood is organizing a visit to the new Holocaust museum on April 14.

Many thanks to our committee members Israela Ginsburg, Penny Manes, Diane Marcus, and Candy Kwiatek for their time and involvement in planning and implementing programs. We are always happy to welcome new committee members. Please contact one of the committee co-chairs if you are interested in joining us, or if you have ideas or suggestions for Shabbat or weekday educational programs

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, cochairs

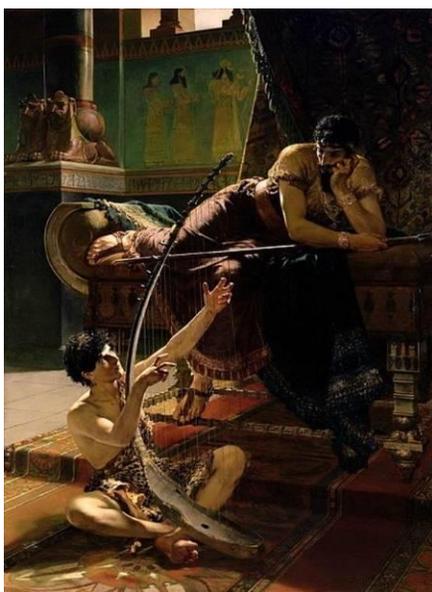
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **Congregation Etz Chaim**

The Annual Congregational meeting
will take place on
Sunday morning, April 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Saul the Warrior, David the Shepherd

The story of Saul is partly soap opera, with some gory military history, and a dash of the twilight zone thrown in! Although he is initially victorious in battle, Saul disobeys God when engaging in battle with Israel's long-lived arch enemy. Any idea what nation that is? (Hint: It's not the Philistines. But it IS related to a Purim character.) Because of his disobedience, Samuel prophesies that the kingdom will be torn from him.

At this point Saul becomes increasingly troubled by evil spirits, so he invites a young shepherd to soothe him with his renowned harp music. Unknown to Saul, David the shepherd harpist has already been anointed as the future king in his stead...



What can we learn today from Saul's saga? Why does he disobey God's command? What is the symbolism of the evil spirits? Is there something unexpected to note about David, the shepherd harpist, who calms Saul, the troubled warrior?

Join us for learning, laughter, and conversation. Each March & April session we'll explore a selection from the First Book of Samuel and also get some insight into the weekly Torah portion in preparation for Shabbat.

No Hebrew is necessary, but please bring a Tanakh – a Bible – to use.

Wisdom on Wednesday at Bronte Bistro

*Inside Joseph Beth Books @ Rookwood 3:00-4:30pm
followed by optional dinner & conversation*

March 6, 13 & April 3, 10

To receive email updates including last minute changes or cancellation notices, contact Candy at KITANDCABOODLE@GMAIL.COM

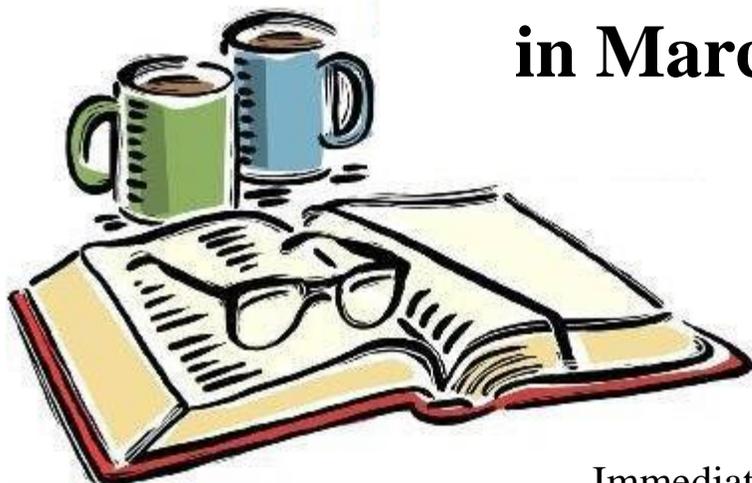


Our new Tree of Life has been installed in the lobby.

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.

Adult Education in March



Are We Our DNA?

March 2, 2019

Immediately following the Kiddush

Human beings are made up of trillions of cells, each organized in organ systems which work together. There is over six feet of DNA in each cell, which guides us in our prenatal development up through maintaining our health throughout life.

Although the genes which all humans have function in similar manners, the code of the DNA, made up of specific arrangement of four nucleotides, is unique for each of the 7.5 billion individuals on the earth.

We can use these DNA sequences to diagnose diseases, identify family members, and convict criminals. The preservation of certain DNA sequences can even be used to study our ancestors and learn more about our heritage.

Come join us for a fascinating program as our speaker Howard Saal helps us expand our knowledge of how DNA can be used for science, medicine, and finding our heritage.

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 10:00 AM

Rabbi Chaim Heinemann of the Cincinnati Kollel will share thoughts on Chesed/Kindness: Its Purpose and Power

How do we protect ourselves in our current world?
Who is the primary beneficiary of kindness?
Is it enough to just do an act of kindness?
A light brunch will be served.

Rabbi Heinemann is the Associate Director of the Cincinnati Kollel. His job responsibilities include creating ways for the community to benefit from the Kollel. He teaches an entertaining and informative monthly Sunday Torah class and brunch for people of all backgrounds. He is Cincinnati's Certified Mohel, a trained shochet, and he holds ordination from several of Jerusalem's leading rabbis. In addition, Rabbi Heinemann founded an early morning study group, Kollel Yisgaber K'ari, and he is Secretary of the Cincinnati Beit Din.



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 March (II Adar - Nisan) we remember:

March 1 – I Adar 24

Harry Freid*
Ida Goldberg*
Paul Levin
Jacob Newmark*
Elliot Segerman*
Sylvia Shapiro*

March 2—I Adar 25

Lyrice Behrman*
Edith Brownstein*
Abe Farb*
Helen Freeman
Jacob Jacobs*
Ralph Sax

March 3—I Adar 26

George Camins*
David Cohn*
Belle Kuhr*
Anna Lerer*
Ida Malinsky*
Aaron Mandell*
Yocheved Waldman*
Geraldine Yarmush

March 4—I Adar 27

David Kaufman*
Hyman Sobol*
Isaac Spievack*
Phillip Zakem*

March 5—I Adar 28

Emma Chemha Perez
Belhassen
Albert Caplan*
Stanley Shapiro
Mary Wasserman*

March 6—I Adar 29

Betty Harris
Moshe Herszage
Edward Malkis*
Millie Prager*
Mary Rose*

March 7—I Adar 30

Robert Baden*
Marvin Skurow

March 8—II Adar 1

Joseph Leventhal*
Fannie Max*
Paul Nathan

March 9—II Adar 2

Steven Cohen
Anna Fleischman
Gerson Marks
Benjamin Torf

March 10—II Adar 3

Rose Wasserman*
Jurek Werthaiser

March 11—II Adar 4

Hyman Goldfarb
Henry Goldstein*

March 12—II Adar 5

Esther Spitzer*
Erna Weissman*
Bertha Zimmerman*

March 13—II Adar 6

Samuel Holbrook*

March 14—II Adar 7

Sheila Flint
Blanche Frederick
James Shmalo*
Samuel Sunshein

March 15—II Adar 8

Leah Friedman*
David Frieman*
Bess Hammer
Alvin Pflaster*
David Rose*
Harry Tobin
Mary Zappin

March 16—II Adar 9

Beila Metz*

March 17—II Adar 10

Marcelle Castiglione
Adele Katz
Maurice Levine*
May Wolpa*

March 18—II Adar 11

Jeffrey Blatt*
Max Fox*
Rose Halpern*

March 19—II Adar 12

Elizabeth Cohen*
Arthur Feldstein
Gerald Plotkin
Elaine Weesen

March 20—II Adar 13

Rosa Mendel*
Donald Shear

March 21—II Adar 14

June Francis*
Arthur Kaplan
Irving Troy*

March 22—II Adar 15

March 23—II Adar 16

Bertha Baneth*
Rose Scheen*
Hyman Schneider*
Jacob Wiener

March 24—II Adar 17

March 25—II Adar 18

Jennie Karp*

March 26—II Adar 19

Sonia Kitain
Anna Serotkin*

March 27—II Adar 20

Ida Feldman*
David Gordon*
Ruth Kahler*

March 28—II Adar 21

Ben Schilmeister*

March 29—II Adar 22

Sarah Herman*
Esther Hoodin*

March 30—II Adar 23

Rose Bell*
Louis Schechtman
Elaine Sorenson*

March 31—II Adar 24

Annette Kusel*
Harvey Ornstein
Arthur Richards

** Names are on
the Sanctuary*

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרון לברכה

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.



Healthy Jew . Healthy You .

Congregation Etz Chaim – Healthy Living Initiative 2019

Healthy Jew. Healthy You. Event at CEC

Sunday, March 31 - 3pm to 4pm

We are delighted to welcome Dave Wernick, Certified Personal Trainer and Exercise Physiologist from the Cincinnati area for a lesson in home exercise routines, healthy living and making every day count. There is no charge for the event but we would like to have rsvps as we will be providing Healthy Snacks.

Free of charge. - Open to all synagogue members and friends. You do not need to be part of the HJHY initiative to attend this event. Please RSVP to Chava by emailing her at chavaniceday@gmail.com



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.

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

Ben Krauss, Father
Joel Krauss

William B. Cyrkin, Husband & Father
Miriam L. Cyrkin

Helen Klein, Sister
Leah Cohen

Ben Schneider, Grandfather
Bob & Alberta Schneider

Isaac Kravetz, Father
Shaney Sherwat

Max Udow, Grandfather
Donna Kabakoff

Harriet Wren Brisker, Sister
Sylvia Nathan

Ben Roth, Father
Michael Rosen, Son
Edith Rosen

Sofie Stein, Mother
John Stein

Morris Nagler, Father-in-Law
Tillie Long, Sister-in-Law
Rosa Nagler, Mother-in-Law
Adele Nagler

Samuel Gutterman, Father
Joyce Liberman

Gertrude Kirzner, Mother
Evelyn Lipsky, Cousin
Harry Fiermark, Grandfather
Harold & Helene Kirzner

Jenny Kwiatek, Grandmother
William Kibbel, Father
Kim & Candy Kwiatek

Max Schoemann, Father
Carol Friedman

Morris Kizner, Grandfather
Judith Carsch, Sister
Gail & Fred Zeifman

Max Leon Kusel, Father
Albert & Karen Sawdai

Theodore Lipsky, Father
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Diana Lee Hinkel, Niece
Charles Karl Jacob Heilmann, Husband
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

**Generous Donations Were Received for
Yahrzeits of**

Hazel Ginsburg, Aunt
Marlene Stambach Ricanati

Dr. Sol Taplits, Father
Michael & Bryan Taplits

Memory

To Penny Manes
IMO Mother
From Diane & Elliot Chandler
Marcia & Howard Spike

To the Family of Estelle Gud
IMO Estelle
From Terry Brodof
Steve & Susan Segerman

To Pamela Novick
IMO Mother
From Robert Goldfarb
Audrey & Debra Goldfarb
The Nadel Family

Honor

To Margo Nathan
IHO Birthday
From Phyllis Mellman
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Diane & Elliot Chandler

To Shirley Dreyer
IHO Birthday
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Harry & Rona Plotnick

To Paul & Marianne Nidich
IHO Grandson's Bar Mitzvah
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

To Howard & Cara Saal
IHO New Grandson
From Diane & Elliot Chandler

To Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
IHO New Granddaughter
From Diane & Elliot Chandler

To Kim & Candy Kwiatek
IHO New Grandchild
From Diane & Elliot Chandler

To Marty Ruben
IHO New Great-Grandchild
From Shirley & Bob Dreyer

SIMCHAS ✦ REMEMBRANCES ✦ CONGRATULATIONS

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

A Very Generous Donation Was Received
IHO 7 years of Friday Night Minyanim
From Jim & Carol Nathanson

Recovery
To Simon Newman
From Barb Rosen

To Ron Shapiro
From Terry Brodof

To Elliot Chandler
From Terry Brodof

To Shari Malowitz
From Terry Brodof

To Nelson Linder
From Terry Brodof

Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

Yahrzeit
Sophie Silverstein, Mother
Ethel Nemoff



We welcome back Amanda Goldner to our choir! Amanda sings alto and this gives a good boost to our alto section.

Those of us who attended our recent Kallah retreat– a solid majority of the choir membership! – were given the opportunity to welcome congregants with song for our Friday night and Saturday morning services as well as providing song support for the entire services. We also appreciated singing Debbie Friedman’s melody to the Ahavat Olam Friday night prayer. Our hope is that another opportunity will arise in the not so distant future where we can again sing Ahavat Olam at Etz Chaim.

We are in the process now of re-rehearsing 6 of Meir Ovadia’s songs in preparation for another recording session that he wants us to participate in on March 10. March rehearsals are scheduled for March 3 and March 10.

We are on occasion refamiliarizing ourselves with the High Holy Day (HHD) songs that we sing. Reviewing these early, before HHD rehearsals start in earnest, is a good way to practice.

Once again, we appreciate and enjoy any and all opportunities given to us to sing at Etz Chaim. Won’t you join us? No audition required 😊

Musically Yours,
Barbara and Emmy



Our Next Fundraising Event:

Join us for a one-day pet festival on Sunday, June 2, 2019. The event will run from 9am to 3pm and will be fun for everyone. We are opening this event to the larger Cincinnati area (Jews and Non-Jews, Cats and Dogs, furry friends and their animals!) We have an awesome DJ, food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, photo ops, merchandise, vendors, raffles, hourly door prizes, and we welcome everything fur to this fun filled day. This event is open to pets and their people. (Leashes please!)

Please note we won't have live adoptions at the festival (because we'd want to keep them all) but there will be several rescue organizations present that day.

Our Goal:

Host a one-day pet festival to celebrate everything fur and to party with like-minded pet people!!! Since this is our inaugural year – we are making this event as user friendly as possible. We want this to be an annual celebration that grows each year.

Where YOU Come In:

We're looking for people to lend a hand pre-during-and-post event for all sorts of tasks large and small. Like making calls? Affixing labels, making goodie bags, cutting out signs, talking to congregants and other community members, crafting with kids, helping in booths, prepping food, petting furry animals, setting up tables and tents, lending us tents, selling raffle tickets, hanging flyers, walking dogs, and so so so so much more. We literally have every task imaginable as an option. Why not get involved – as much or as little as you'd like. We promise to be grateful for any and all help you can give us. We just positively (or should we say pawsitively) can't do it without you!

Contact Hank or Chava for more information about how you can help!

March

Synagogue Happenings

We wish Speedy Recoveries to:

Pat Weiner
Herb Segal
Arlene Rosen
Barb Rosen

We extend condolences to:

Cindy Schneider and family on the loss of their mother Edi Shear z"l

A New Leaf:

Was purchased by Neil and Georgeann Goldenberg in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary! Mazel Tov!

SATURDAY KIDDUSH LUNCH **ONLY HAPPENS** **BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS!**

Check the calendar and your weekly e-blast to find out which Thursday nights we'll be cooking.
Then – show up!
It's that simple.

We'll find a job for you....
Cooking,
Chopping,
Sautéing,
Cleaning,
Setting up Tables,
Unwrapping,
Washing Veggies,
Seriously folks – something for everyone. 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 simchot 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:

Our Anonymous donors for sponsoring the
February 16th kiddush

Paul Nidich for sponsoring the kiddush on
Saturday, February 23 in honor of Marianne's
birthday – Yom Huledet Sameach.



Happy Anniversary to:

March 4 Alex & Sally Cohen
March 13 Barry & Melanie Joffe
March 15 Edward & Lana Gallop
March 20 Albert & Karen Sawdai
March 27 Harvey & Jane Cohen
March 28 Fred & Gail Zeifman

Congratulations to all our March Birthdays!

4 Ruth Cohen	23 Nelson Linder
4 Monica Lerner	23 David Neman
8 Bernie Beraha	23 Chie Weil
8 Sasha Cohn	26 Shia Edelstein
13 Gloria Nadel	29 Steven Cohn
16 Sara Gati	29 Sam Krimins
17 Jory Edlin	31 Karen Barnes
17 Sterling Segal	
17 Ron Shapiro	
18 Bernard Tepper	
19 Sanford Franklin	
19 Haguit Rubinstein-Towler	
22 Susan Segerman	



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

Friday Night, March 8, 2019
Kabbalat Shabbat services start at
6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll
have cake in honor of all our
March 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>MARCH 2019</h1>					1 Kabbalat Shabat Services 6pm	2 9:30am Shabbat Services & Kiddush sponsored by Rona Peerless. Followed by Dr. Saal presenting for Adult Ed!
3 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal 2pm Offsite Board Meeting	4 The office is closed	5	6 Hammentashen Baking 11am Wisdom on Wednesday at 3pm	7 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	8 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake!	9 9:30am Shabbat Services
10 Day Light Savings Time Starts 10am Shpiel Rehearsal 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 The office is closed	12	13 Wisdom on Wednesday at 3pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm	14 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	16 9:30am Shabbat Services & kiddush lunch sponsored by Barry & Melanie Joffe
17 10am Shpiel Rehearsal 10-12 Hammentashen Order Pick Up 1pm Kitchen Volunteers Needed!	18 The office is closed	19	20 <u>PURIM CELEBRATION</u> 6pm Megillah 7pm Dinner 8pm Shpiel "HaMan of Lamancha"	21 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	23 9:30am Shabbat Services
24 Shpiel at Cedar Village 10am adult ed 2pm 3pm HJHY 31	25 The office is closed	26	27 Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm with Hank	28 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen	29	30 9:30am Shabbat Services & kiddush lunch sponsored by Paul & Tsila Evers

COMING SOON



Save these Important April Dates:

April Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, April 5 – 6PM

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

Volunteer at the

Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Contact Matt Brodof for more details

Kashering the Kitchen- We need you!

Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 6pm

Sisterhood trip to the Holocaust and Humanities Center at Union Terminal

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Congregational Second Seder

Saturday Night, April 20 – 6:30pm

Upcoming Events: March

March Adult Ed Program

Saturday Shabbat Speaker Series

Saturday, March 2 following kiddush

Dr. Howard Saal will present on the Topic “Our we our DNA”

March Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, March 8 – 6PM

If you were born in the month of March have an anniversary or joyful occasion we want to celebrate with you! Join us for cake following our one-hour Friday night service

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – 7:30pm

Congregational Purim Celebration

Wednesday Night, March 20

Megillah Reading - 6pm

Purim Seudah (meal) -7pm

Musical Shpiel – 8pm

RSVP required

Cedar Village Trivia

Wednesday, March 27 – 6:30pm

March Adult Ed Program

Sunday, March 31 – 10am

Rabbi Chaim Heinemann will share thoughts on Chesed/Kindness: Its Purpose and Power

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Congregation

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