

# Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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

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## Message from your President – Simon Newman



Wow! Over **two hundred** individuals attended our Purim program on Saturday night, March 11<sup>th</sup>. They were treated to a rollicking and ruach filled rendition of the reading of the Megillah – the whole Megillah. Then, we had a sumptuous shpiel themed dinner (tilapia) followed by our annual Purim Shpiel: “Kats, a Purr...sian Purim Tail.” The evening received rave reviews. I extend many

thanks to all who participated, both in front of and behind the scenes and worked tirelessly to make Etz Chaim's Purim celebration so special. KOL HAKOVOD!

Now, just as we catch our breath from Purim, Passover will be upon us. Yes, that eight-day holiday celebrating the Jews' exodus from Egypt will soon be here. Make your plans now to attend our Second Seder, Tuesday, April 11. This event, too, will be a fun filled evening as we re-enact the story of Moses leading the Hebrews out of Egypt to freedom.

At this time, I think that you have heard that Pam and I will be moving to Florida. I have always planned on moving back to Florida when I retired, and we feel that now the timing is right to do so. We will put our Cincinnati home for sale some time after Passover. Obviously, we don't know how long it will take for us to sell our house, but the sale will dictate when we actually move. Most likely it will not be until June, as I will need to attend the closing for the sale of the Kugler Mill building which is scheduled for May 31, 2017, at the absolute latest.

However, we already know that we will be back in Cincinnati in late June and mid-August. The latter date is when I will be working as a volunteer at the Western and Southern Open tennis tournament.

Certainly, we will come to services when we are in town so we can visit with our Etz Chaim friends. We will miss you, and guarantee that we will never forget you. These past two years serving as your President has been both a privilege and an honor. Although it has been a journey I never expected to take, it has been most worthwhile and rewarding. I feel I have grown tremendously from the experience. I want to thank all of you for your support and for your efforts to help build Etz Chaim into such a successful synagogue.

Pam and I wish you all continued success as you embrace the future.

# Membership Matters

*You – our membership – matter!*

This month we continue the intermittent series of building community by sharing information about our members.

## **Bernie Tepper**

Bernie Tepper joined Etz Chaim last year, and celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 18 of this year.

He grew up in Pittsburgh, and served for 3 years in the army in World War II, as part of the combat engineers. His father was a partner in the second largest bakery in Pittsburgh, and Bernie followed his father into the family business. They had the largest kosher for Passover bakery in the city, baking macaroons and kichel for Manischewitz and Streit's. Bernie lived an active life, walking 5 miles every day before going to work at 4:00 AM. Age may have slowed Bernie a little bit, but he still walks a mile every day.

Bernie had two children, Arlene and David with his first wife, Betty, who passed away after 24 years of marriage. Bernie met his second wife, Tootsie (Marcella) when he was working for her brother, and they were married for 40 years. After Tootsie passed away of a stroke, Bernie moved to Cincinnati in 2011 to be near his daughter Arlene and her husband Ron Shuller. Bernie is proud of his two grandchildren. Granddaughter Betsy Shuller was a producer at the Barbara Walters Specials, and grandson Josh is a top-notch bill collector.

Bernie grew up orthodox, but became secular during his time in the army. He likes the egalitarian nature of our community, with active lay leaders and the knowledgeable and friendly community.

Bernie shared his birthday celebration with his partner Shirley Needleman, who is celebrating 70 years of membership at Ohav Shalom, and now Etz Chaim. Shirley has devoted many years of service to our community, including two terms as Sisterhood president and being in charge of Sisterhood catering for years.



## **Ritual Matters**

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

**What's 'NU' with Services:** As mentioned in recent eblasts, the Ritual Committee (The RITCOM) has been considering ways to enhance Shabbat morning services. Our recently held services in the Chapel is an example of trying new practices to uplift the overall Shabbat experience through spiritual and physical closeness. We appreciate the congregant feedback – both those for and those against using the Chapel for Shabbat morning services. Our overall goal is to find ways to enhance our Shabbat morning services. We have listened to the feedback from congregants and in an effort to respond as broadly as possible, RITCOM resolved to hold Saturday services in BOTH venues, Chapel and Sanctuary, on an alternating basis, selecting the venue that best fits the events of any given Shabbat. We will take into consideration when we have special kiddushim, holidays or special Shabbatot and special events at our shul. We will also be experimenting with seating arrangements in both the Chapel and Sanctuary and progressively introduce other enhancements to the service. So for the month of March, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> services were in the Chapel; the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> were in the Sanctuary. The RITCOM will review the Synagogue calendar and decide each month which Shabbatot will be located in which venue. We do hope that this approach pleases the majority of congregants, as RITCOM aims to be responsive to our members. Please continue to share your thoughts with any one of the Ritual Committee members.

**Purim:** Purim celebrations on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> were wonderful - always a fun time. We thank our service and Megillah readers and our Shpiel director and cast who have spent many hours in preparation as well as our catering team with what proved to be a delicious experience!

**Passover:** Passover begins with First Seder on Monday, April 10. Passover services will be held in the Chapel the next Tuesday and Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m., as well as on the following Monday and Tuesday mornings, again starting at 9:30 a.m. Our second Seder will be on Tuesday night, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

The RITCOM serves and responds to the Etz Chaim community and we welcome and appreciate all of your thoughts, comments, suggestions, criticisms and the like. Please don't hesitate to give us your feedback, which helps us address the multiple issues that come before this committee.

B'Shalom,

Barry and Barbara





# Purr...im 5777

By: Terry Brodof

If you walked into the synagogue on March 11<sup>th</sup>, you walked into a synagogue full of life, joy, and a buzz of activity that went well into the night. It was a 3 part evening. No one course was less delightful than the course of the celebration it followed.

We all met in the lobby and kvelled at the costumes, and the creativity and the amount of people we were mulling through, as we said our hellos. We had 198 reservations for the evening, as well as guests who dropped in simply from word of mouth. Our Purim celebrations are a word of mouth sensation.

We first went into the Sanctuary to fulfill the mitzvah of the reading of the megillah. The theatre version our readers presented, was spectacular! They read as if they themselves had become, Esther, Haman, King Ahashverous, Mordechai and Vashti. Each of our reader's interpretation of the characters was joyful. I think Lynne Haber's "Haman" will remain in our memories for quite some time. Groggers and Boos filled the synagogue upon hearing Haman's name and both our children and our 50 and better crowd, all enjoyed each of the 10 chapters. A special thanks to Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Audrey & Vic Ronis-Tobin, Lynne Haber, Hank Lerer and Chava Vidal, who brought the megillah reading to life.

The Havdallah service was led by Hank along with the help of 4 young adult volunteers, Serah and Caryn Duvall, Aasia Gabbour and Miss Terry, and with the sizzle of the Havdallah candle, ending Shabbat, the party began.

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Over 200 people funneled into the Social Hall. Our very own *Alley cat catering crew*, led by Brian Wolfe, served a dinner fit for a Persian King! It began with Persian New Year's soup, tilapia and wild rice, accompanied with steamed garlic zucchini sticks followed by Queen Esther's Hamantaschen baked exclusively by the Etz Chaim Sisterhood. A special shout out of thanks to our soup crew Ally Cat volunteers, Sandy and Vivi, Lauren and Abby, Sara & George, Diane & Sophia as well as guests who jumped up to help. They rolled out the carts and poured over 200 bowls of soup in 10 minutes.

The Cast of our Purim Shpiel quickly left the room to dawn makeup and costumes while everyone enjoyed their dinner. The play this year was "Kats". It included the music from the hit Broadway musical "Cats". Our band of musicians, led by Mitch included Dana Kolovson and Ernie Ambrosius as the guest drummer, who kept the cast in tune and on beat. OK...on beat! The players entered the social hall as Cats in stage makeup following dinner, and in cat costumes, the Purim Pursian Tale was told in song. We had cats, in barrels, cats on stage, cats in hats and even cats in cages. The shpiel was full of fun and spoof. It re-told the story of Esther beautifully and the words set to the music so *perrrfectly* told the *tail*. The play was written by Chaya Vidal who watched its premier performance with us as well. Chaya has written the past 5 Shpiels we have performed in our building and 3 others still to come! A special thanks goes out to Chaya, to all of the members of the cast, the set builders, the make-up artists, the costume designers and the audience. Every member made the evening so enjoyable. As is our custom, the cast gave a second performance the following Sunday at Cedar Village so that they could share the joy with our members in residence there as well as all the other residents.

Purim this year WAS the Cat's Meow!!



**MORE PHOTOS TO COME IN OUR MAY BULLETIN – OR LOG ON TO VIEW OUR PURIM ALBUM ON FACEBOOK!**



## **IMPORTANT** **PASSOVER DATES 5777:**

### **Fast of the First Born**

Monday, April 10 – 7AM Minyan

Learn about the Mitzvah of  
“Bedikat Chametz”

“Searching for Leavened item”

At our First Friday Learning Session

April 7 – 9am at Scrambler Maries

RSVPs appreciated!

### **Sell Your Chametz by:**

10am on Monday, April 10

First Seder at home – April 10

If you are in need of a host family, please  
contact the membership committee

### **Pesach Day 1**

Tuesday, April 11 – 9:30AM Services

### **Second Seder at Etz Chaim**

Tuesday, April 11 – 6:30pm

RSVPs are required – Save your spot today!

### **Pesach Day 2**

Wednesday, April 12 – 9:30AM Services

*The office and building will be closed  
During the Week of Passover except for services.*

### **Morning Minyan**

Thursday, April 13 – 7AM Services

### **Friday Night – April 14**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Passover Twist  
6:00pm

### **Pesach Day 7**

Monday, April 17 – 9:30AM Services

### **Pesach Day 8**

Tuesday, April 18 – 9:30AM Services  
Yizkor will be at approximately 10:45AM

### **Passover Ends**

**Tuesday, April 18 - 9:00pm**



# Passover Second Seder



**This seder is made possible by  
funding from the  
Revella & Sidney Meyers  
Pesach Fund**

On the second night of Passover  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Our Family Friendly Seder  
will start at 6:30 pm

Spend seder with your Etz Chaim family, read the haggadah & watch it come to life, share your traditions, recount the miracles, sing the familiar songs and enjoy a delicious meal catered by Bernstein's Kosher Catering.

Don't miss the exodus as only  
Etz Chaim can tell it...

Cost: \$26.00\* per person  
RSVP to the Office 489-3399

**FIRM DEADLINE**  
**of March 30, 2017**

\*Please bring 2 canned food items with you that night to be donated to the Barbash Vital Support Center



## Sale of Chametz

The heart of Pesach preparations focuses on the removal of 1) ownership, 2) benefit and 3) eating of 'chametz' (leaven products). This term refers to food prepared from five species of grain-wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye that has been allowed to leaven or 'rise'. Any food on Pesach that is mixed with the above grains is also considered chametz and cannot be eaten. What differentiates 'chametz' from matzah? Matzah is *unleavened* bread made from the five grains, but customarily made from wheat flour that is kept dry and therefore not allowed to rise. (The term chametz also refers to all dishes and utensils in which foods are prepared or served during the year.)

Accordingly, the following foods are prohibited during Pesach: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Ashkenazic authorities also prohibit the following legumes (kitniyot): i.e. rice, corn, millet, beans and peas, peanuts, sunflower seeds etc. (String beans are permitted). This prohibition also applies to corn sweeteners, corn oil and soy oil. To fulfill the halachic (Jewish legal) requirements regarding chametz, one is required to sell chametz (m'chirat chametz), search for chametz the night before Pesach (b'dikat chametz), nullify the chametz (bitul chametz-the wording is found at the beginning of the Hagaddah) and burn the chametz (biur chametz).

On Pesach we are not permitted to 'own' chametz. Both at home and in business, this could result in a financial loss. Therefore, to prevent such economic loss, one may 'sell' ownership of all leaven through the legal, monetary transaction of 'm'chirat chametz'. There is a person who serves as a 'shaliach', an agent who sells the chametz to a non-Jew who is not required to observe the laws of Pesach.

(Even if a person will be away during Pesach, one is still required to sell chametz).

### **CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHAMEITZ (M'CHIRAT CHAMEITZ)**

I, (We)\*\* the undersigned, fully empower and permit Hank Lerer to act in my (Our) behalf to sell all chametz possessed by me (us)-knowingly and unknowingly-as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein chametz owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect beginning Monday, April 10, 2017 and continues up to the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

And to this I hereby affix my signature(s) on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2017.



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Husband and Wife, specify names

Complete and return to Hank Lerer no later than 10 AM on Monday, April 10, 2017.

It is customary, prior to Pesach, to provide Tzedakah (Ma-ot Chittim-wheat money) for the needy in our community. Etz Chaim joins in a citywide project aiding those in need. Please write your checks to: Etz Chaim-Ma-ot Chittim Fund.



# Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

By the time you are reading this, Purim is in our rear-view mirror and fading into the distance. I don't mean forgotten, just behind us. What a shpiel, right? Did you miss it? Hope not. I did warn you. Ok. I strongly suggested that you don't want to miss Purim. And 200 of you heeded my words and didn't miss it and it was fabulous.

Well, if we are past Purim, it can mean only one thing: Passover is just around the corner and there are so many things to do to prepare. There is house cleaning to do, chametz to eat, and of course the four questions that we ask every year:

- 1) Matza balls: Sinkers or floaters?
- 2) Gefelte fish: red or white horseradish?
- 3) Brisket or chicken?
- 4) Does bourbon and leftover hamentashen make a good breakfast?

You thought I was going to mention the OTHER four questions, didn't you? You can get the answers to all the important questions on Tuesday, April 11 as Etz Chaim once again hosts our larger than life Second Sedar. Come re-enact the exodus from Egypt, hear "The Rest of the Story", eat some great food and have a great time. Slavery to freedom and a full belly in under two hours. Amazing.

Speaking of slavery, here is a shameless plug: Kitchen cleaning and kashering is coming. Watch your eblast for date and time. We clean, we eat, we drink, then we clean some more. It takes a small army to prepare our kitchen and we have a good time. I promise this year that taskmaster Terry will leave the whips and chains at home, but not the rope, tape and blow torch. Come see what we do with it. This shameless plug has received a PG rating from SKCOA "Shul Kitchen Cleaners of America".

## **RSVPs are required.**

They are essential to our planning.

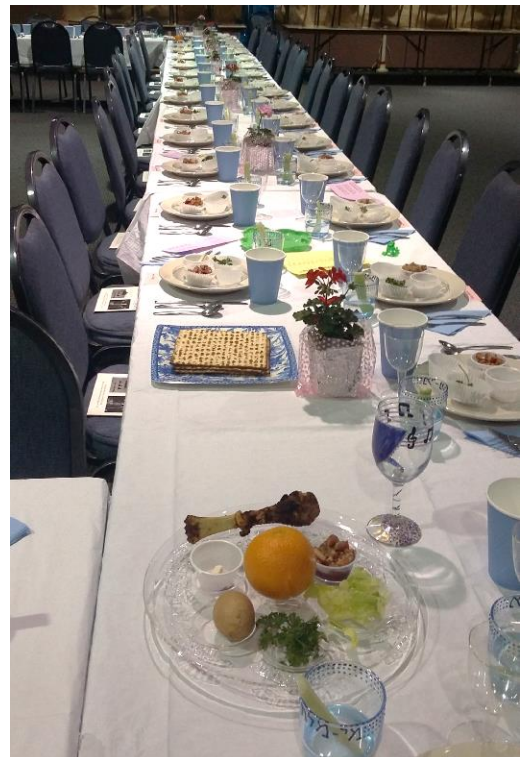
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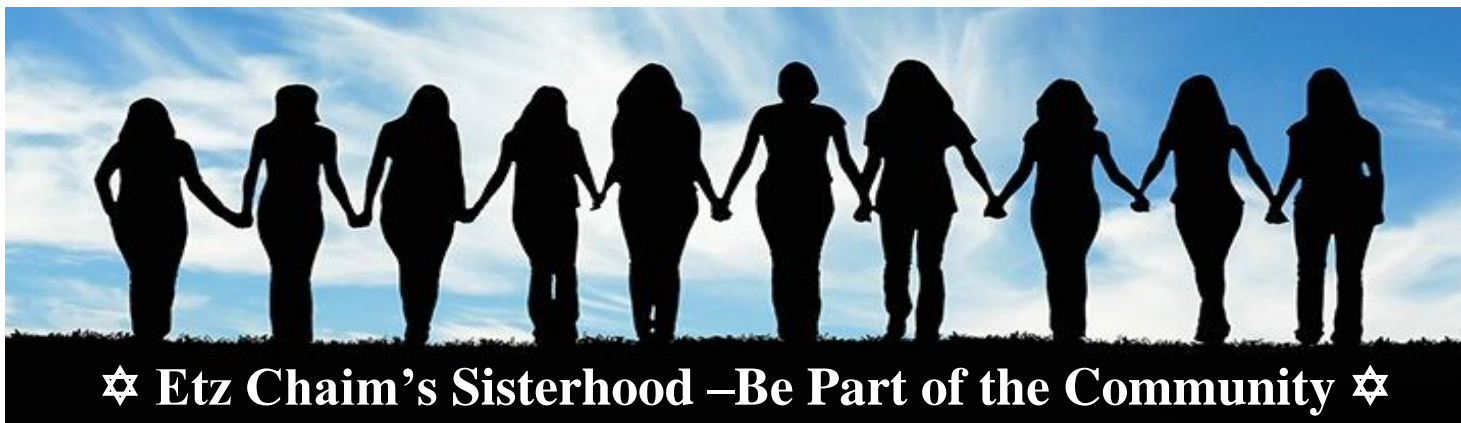
ready for a good time by calling ahead.

Don't get left behind in Egypt.

Join us at Etz Chaim.

We hope to see you on the journey!





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



## MISHLOACH MANOT

Thanks to **YOU**, the Sisterhood's Mishloach Manot Project was a big success. Thanks to everyone who supported our efforts by ordering Mishloach Manot for friends and fellow congregants. Thank you also to the women and men who helped purchase, assemble and deliver Mishloach Manot, as well as to our hamantaschen bakers. So many people helped in this project that I am reluctant to list names as I'm sure that I would inadvertently leave someone off the list. A special thank you to Julie Kaufman, who, among many other things, kept track of all the paper work involved and who created the delivery routes. This was truly a group effort and I thank everyone for their support and help in making it a success.

*Emmy Friedenber, Mishloach Manot chair*



Shalom Congregants:

We have a project that needs your help

**Please give us your gift cards!!!**

You know the one that's been sitting in your wallet for months now. Or the kind you see when you check out at Kroger. All gift cards are welcome, all stores, all restaurants, all types, all denominations. No card is too large or too small. You can drop off your donations to the synagogue office – Thank you in advance – from your Fundraising Committee



# Adult Education

*Congregation Etz Chaim – Offering Learning for Life*



## WISDOM ON WEDNESDAYS

Exploring Torah with others is even better than listening or reading alone, because everyone together brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to the discussion.

Join in as we continue to “unpack” Deuteronomy – you’re guaranteed an “aha” moment or two along with the lively conversation! Come when your schedule allows or every week – there’s plenty of room!

**NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME – NO TEXT STUDY EXPERIENCE OR HEBREW NECESSARY.**

*Wednesdays at Bronte Bistro*

*(Joseph Beth Books @ Rookwood)*

*3:00-4:30pm followed by dinner, if you choose to stay!*

**Classes will be held on April 19 & 26**

*To receive email reminders and change or cancellation notices, contact Candy at [KITANDCABOODLE@gmail.com](mailto:KITANDCABOODLE@gmail.com)*

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## Dual Heritage Study Breakfast

**TAX DAY / TAXES, TITHES, TZEDAKAH**

**April 15, 2017**

**9:00-9:30am; continuation during noon kiddush**



What does Polish history have to do with tax evasion?

By paying taxes, are we fulfilling our obligation to tithe?

What about our obligation to tzedakah? Where does the word “tithe” come from, and why? Can a tithe be something other than money? When is an ATM machine like a tzedakah box? Why do mystical works caution against giving tzedakah at night? Is a pauper exempt from philanthropy or not, and why? How are envelopes related to tzedakah? Join in a lively learning and discussion session on the timely topic of taxes, tithes, and tzedakah – and discover some unexpected monetary surprises!





# **ETZ CHAIM 2017 KALLAH – DEER CREEK RESORT**







The weekend of February 10-12 at Deer Creek Lodge was an absolute amazing bonding experience for 56 Etz Chaim congregants. To be able to pray together, eat, laugh, sing and enjoy new friends and old during leisure time together reached the heart of all who participated. There were so many memorable moments to share, for even the doubting few, that no one could leave Sunday morning without saying "this truly was a great event...let's do it again!"

The grant that Etz Chaim received from The Kallah Project, that allowed us to hold this retreat, is a gift that will continue to give, as we begin planning our next exciting Kallah. Be part of the fun of planning, get involved!

Stephany and Sara  
(co-chairs 2017)



# Tikkun Olam Corner

Once again Etz Chaim has stepped up to prepare and serve meals at the Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen in 2017.

The following dates are the Sundays we are assigned to work the soup kitchen. Please consider volunteering and reserve one of these dates on your calendar.

**April 16, 2017**

May 21, 2017

October 15, 2017

November 26, 2017

Matthew Brodof

Etz Chaim Soup Kitchen Chairperson

Please contact me if you would like to be a volunteer on any of the above dates in 2017.

513-373-6925 or [mb371607@gmail.com](mailto:mb371607@gmail.com)

This endeavor is made possible by the Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund


## Mitzvah Opportunity:

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz,  
I wonder where our volunteers is?

There you are, reading this!  to  
help at Cedar Village with planting



on April 30 at 2pm. Watching

the resident's  with having  
visitors and something different to do  
is very rewarding. Join us and see for  
yourself.

By: Barb Rosen



## Cedar Village

*Senior Care & Community*







# Pesach 5777

## MATZAH FUND

### PESACH DELIVERY PROJECT



Every year at this time, we ask your help in providing funds so that those less able can afford to have a kosher, meaningful Pesach. We ask that you send a special contribution to our Matzah Fund. The monies will be used for two things. First, we will use the money so that Etz Chaim can participate in the Cincinnati Pesach Delivery Project. This award-winning program provides Pesach food and Seder supplies to needy families in the Cincinnati Jewish Community. Second, the monies will be used to meet the special requests for assistance which are received during this special time of the year. Please send your contributions to:

Matzah Fund  
Congregation Etz Chaim  
8100 Cornell Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

### Important Passover Details & Dates to Remember!

This year the first Seder will be Monday Night, April 10, 2017  
If you are in need of a Seder OR can host congregants at your Seder, please let the membership committee know – no one should be without a place!

Etz Chaim is proud to once again host the Second Seder on  
Tuesday Night, April 11, 2017 – 6:30pm  
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY APRIL 1, 2017  
WE ARE BRINGING IN A CATERER SO THE DEADLINE IS FIRM

**We will be Cleaning & Kashering our Kitchen for Passover on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. If you can spare an hour or two it really helps to lighten the stress and make the evening go by quickly – Contact Hank if you can help!**

Matzah, Marror & Macaroons – HERE WE COME!



## 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 April (Nissan-Iyar) we remember:**

#### **April 1 - Nissan 5**

Jacob Dreyer  
Gilbert Hemsley  
Abraham Levy\*  
Reizel Linn\*  
Hyman Skurow  
Joseph Spitzer\*  
Dorothy Turteltaub\*

#### **April 2 - Nissan 6**

Yetta Baverman  
Ann Freiden\*  
Chaya Gersensfish\*  
Reva Jacobs\*  
Michael Nogen\*  
Joseph Stoller\*  
Ben Weitzman\*

#### **April 3 - Nissan 7**

Aaron Friedenberg  
Aaron Gurfine\*  
Binim Linn\*

#### **April 4 - Nissan 8**

Sadie Gittelman  
Thelma Lipsky\*  
Esther Saal  
Eva Skurow\*  
David Tunick\*

#### **April 5 - Nissan 9**

Anna Dorfman\*  
Sam Funk\*  
Harry Kruke\*  
Stanley Shapiro  
Nathan Steinberg\*

#### **April 6 - Nissan 10**

Allen Brown  
Manual Cohen  
Gertrude Dannenberg\*  
Reva Epstein  
Stella Glicklich\*  
Devorah Kean  
Marlene Kraus  
Naomi Kraus\*  
Louis Nogen\*  
Henry Rolnick\*  
Fanny Singer\*  
Nicholas Weiner\*

#### **April 7 - Nissan 11**

Rae Alter  
Betty Chandler  
William Jaeger\*  
Lillian Mellman  
Mary Parkin\*  
Shirley Ruth Plotnick  
Ivy Sawdai\*  
David Youngerman\*

#### **April 8 - Nissan 12**

Albert Baneth\*  
Rebecca Golding  
Rachel Lipsky\*  
Clara Rosen

#### **April 9 - Nissan 13**

Rebecca Aronoff  
Fay Klug  
Kathryn Miller  
Sarah Shechtman

#### **April 10 - Nissan 14**

Morris Kauffman\*  
Clara Kuresman\*  
Rachel Lerer\*  
Jacob Nedelman  
Louis Rothchild  
Florence Shokler

#### **April 11 - Nissan 15**

Ruth Goldhoff  
Donald Kuhr  
Frances Landman  
Sol Rosenbaum\*  
Harry Simkin\*  
Harry Stoller\*

#### **April 12 - Nissan 16**

Abraham Fleischman  
Herb Haber  
Elaine Ninio  
Samuel Prager\*  
Rebecca Rosen\*  
Helene Zwerdling

#### **April 13 - Nissan 17**

Tillie Fleisher  
Marlene Glicklich\*  
Jeanette Grossman\*  
Rose Meister  
Jack Pinsky\*

#### **April 14—Nissan 18**

Max Barg\*  
Sadie Grossman\*  
Gene Kichler\*  
Marvin Linder\*  
Mary Lee Ratner\*  
Nellie Russo  
Harry Schiff

#### **April 15—Nissan 19**

Samuel Gendelman\*  
Sadie Katz\*  
William West  
Henrietta Wolfson  
Lester Wolpa

#### **April 16--Nissan 20**

Edith Binik\*  
Israel Meyer\*  
Rebecca Schatz\*

Morris Stuhlbarg\*

#### **April 17—Nissan 21**

Johanna Bernstein  
Harriet Chodash\*  
Bessie Feldman\*  
Gilbert Fingerman\*  
Lois Fried\*  
Isadore Greenland\*  
Rick Porter  
Jennie Robfogel\*

#### **April 18—Nissan 22**

Edward Berman\*  
Bezalel Goren\*  
Gustav Linder\*  
Boris Sacks

#### **April 19 - Nissan 23**

Ralph Franklin\*  
Beila Hershkwitz\*  
Melvin Shapiro\*

#### **April 20 - Nissan 24**

Helen Barnett\*  
Marlene Fox  
Rebecca Lehrner  
Robert Litwin\*  
Bessie Malkis\*  
Arthur Neuer  
Melvin Neuerman  
Maurice Ninio

#### **April 21 - Nissan 25**

Leonard Borden\*  
Edward Chaikin\*  
Jack Kessler\*  
Louis Kestin\*  
Gerald Lerer\*  
Ida Mell\*  
Harry Revelson\*  
Sol Rosenblatt\*  
Arnold Stein

#### **April 22 - Nissan 26**

Meyer Greenbaum\*  
Aaron Katz\*  
Jack Krauss\*  
Lottie Kwiatek  
Yetta Mandell\*  
Harry Okrent\*  
Henry Sacolick\*  
Sam Skurow\*  
Ruth Sokol\*  
Jerry Wolkoff\*

#### **April 23 - Nissan 27**

Samuel Binik\*  
William Einhorn\*  
Gitla Kantor  
Shlomo Kantor  
Tuvia Kantor



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David Kryman  
Ephraim Kryman  
Yocheved Kryman  
Chava Prejzerowicz  
Samuel Schneider\*

**April 24 - Nissan 28**

Roslyn Gildenblatt\*  
John Katz\*  
Ida Levy\*  
Fannie Siegel\*

**April 25 - Nissan 29**

Max Appel\*  
Lillian Crigger  
Besie Levin\*  
Max Mitman  
Charles Pilder\*  
Anna Rosenblatt\*  
Harry Zuber\*

**April 26 - Nissan 30**

Ida Okrent\*  
Selma Rosenthal\*  
Louis Present\*  
Daniel Sax

**April 27 - Iyar 1**

Pinkus Fingerhut\*  
Chaim Krayterman  
Ruth Kropveld  
Frieda Price  
Esther Schechter\*

**April 28 - Iyar 2**

Irving Goldstein  
Bertha Gordon\*  
Betty Heisler\*  
Rubin Schertz  
Samuel Weiner\*

**April 29 - Iyar 3**

Matilda Favish  
Nathan Feinhor\*  
Bertha Goldstein\*  
Harry Seltzer\*  
Samuel Stammer\*  
Jeffrey Tessel\*

**April 30 - Iyar 4**

Samuel Fried\*  
Robert Lemlich  
Yetta Littman  
Harriet Plaut  
Jacob Ross  
Brocho Weiner\*  
Joseph Weiner\*

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

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

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

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

*Of Blessed Memory*  
*זיכרונם לברכה*

\* Names are on  
the Sanctuary  
Yahrzeit Panels

**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.

## April

### Synagogue Happenings

#### **We extend our condolences to:**

To the family of Ben Krauss z"l

Israel & Dov Ginsburg on the  
passing of Israel's Mother, z"l

Candy & Kim Kwiatek on the  
passing of Candy's Father, z"l

And to the Slovin Family  
on the passing of Randy's Mother  
Sylvia Slovin, z"l

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#### **We wish a speedy recovery to:**

Gail Zeifman  
Adele Nagler  
Dan Franklin

#### **We Wish Mazel Tov to:**

2016 APSE Contest Winner Matt Slovin  
investigative writing from the Associated Press  
Sports Editors, The Tennessean

Andy Segerman for making the  
Freshman Baseball team for Mason High School

Lauren Brodof for being accepted into  
a dual Masters Programs at OU

#### **SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP**

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

#### **MISHEBERACH**

It is customary to recite a Misheberach, a prayer  
requesting blessing and healing, for those who  
are sick. These prayers are recited on Monday  
and Thursday mornings and on Shabbat. If you

## **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!

#### **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.

## **Upcoming Events:** **April**

### **Cleaning & Kashering our Kitchen for Passover**

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

6pm and on – many hands make for  
light work – let Hank know if you can  
help with this mitzvah!

### **First Friday at Scrambler Marie's**

Friday, April 7, 2017 – 9am

4006 Hauck Road - Sharonville

Breakfast & Learning

with Hank and Chava – Please RSVP

**Pesach is Coming!**

**Be sure to sell your Hametz by  
10am - Monday, April 10**

**Order forms can be found in this  
bulletin or in the office!**

### **Congregation Etz Chaim Second Seder**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 -6:30 pm

Be part of the magic and watch  
as the seder comes to life.

Details on Flyer located in this  
bulletin, firm deadline so  
RSVP to the Office - ASAP!

**For Service Time and Information  
about various Passover Offerings  
please consult the Passover Pages of  
this Bulletin**

**Duel Heritage Study Breakfast  
Shabbat Morning – April 15  
Led by Candy Kwiatek**

### **Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen**

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Contact Matt Brodof for more details.

Thank you to the Sandor Kutas Fund  
for making this endeavor possible

### **Steering Committee Meeting**

Wed. April 19, 2017 – 7:30pm

### **April Birthday Minyan**

#### **Friday Night, April 21 – 6PM**

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

### **Trivia Night at Cedar Village**

#### **Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30pm**

All are welcome to help with this  
mitzvah opportunity!

### **Cedar Village**

#### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Sunday, April 30 – 2pm

Join us as we bring sunshine and  
smiles to the residents of  
Cedar Village

With a special spring time craft and  
planting project. All helpers are  
welcome and appreciated!



## **Julie Kaufman, the model Etz Chaim volunteer**

We read that the value of volunteering is much deeper, much more fulfilling and much more important in contributing to a healthy and vibrant community than money can ever measure.

I first met Julie in August of 2013 at our first “marriage” steering committee meeting. She was and still is a dedicated volunteer focused in helping our community fulfill our social and spiritual aspirations. Julie touches all of us in so many wonderful ways and is a role model for those who want to serve our community. Some of the ways that Julie volunteers include:



- Organize yahrzeit minyans
- Manage the Sisterhood gift shop
- Works in the office at a minimum of Tues. and Wed. from 1-4 pm., answering phones, Shabbat flyer, mailings, answer the phone, and serve as the receptionist.
- Works on special projects and supports Hank and Chava.
- Sets tables for the Thursday morning minyan
- Runs the Jewelry booth at the Attic Sale
- Oversees many aspects of Mishloach Manot
- Talented writer of many Divrei Torahs
- And much more

Beyond merely answering the phone, Julie performs other routine functions such as taking reservations and answering questions that do not require Hank's specialized knowledge. (But if no one is available to answer the phone, leave a voicemail message and Hank will normally get back to you by the next business day.)

Julie, we thank you for ALL you do and may you continue to inspire others of our family to walk in your footsteps.

Submitted by one of Julie's admirers,  
Russ Rosen





## *SING SING SING*

Ruach Etz Chaim sang during our retreat in February  
And we've been rehearsing in past weeks on a number of song  
In order to sing at some service - Chapel or Sanctuary  
But Pri Yadeiha chorus has been quiet for too long

So Pri Yadeiha hopes to sing at a service in May  
The 6th is Sisterhood Shabbat so that day the women rule  
We hope to enhance the service on that day  
As PY and Ruach exist to serve our shul!

But right now we're on break until April sometime  
And when we start back we'll get our voices in tune  
Both choirs are anxious to sing for Etz Chaim  
We're giving our voices a rest, but we'll be back soon.

**Musically yours,  
Barbara and Emmy**



Congregation  
Etz Chaim  
Graduates:

Adam Behrman  
Jesse Gallop  
Samantha Segerman

Mazel Tov to our Mercaz Graduates  
and the entire 2017 Graduating Class.

We are so proud of you!

*Mazel Tov*  
מזל טוב

# IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

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

## Special Thank You to:

Bernie Tepper for sponsoring Kiddush on March 18,  
in honor of his 92nd Birthday and in honor of Shirley Nedelman's  
70 years of membership and commitment to Etz Chaim.

Men's Club for Sponsoring on March 25, 2017  
in honor of their "Shabbat Speaker Series" and Dr. Gary Smith's  
Presentation on Inclusion & Keruv



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

- 6 Simon & Pam Newman
- 11 David & Chie Weil
- 13 Andrew & Laura Maxwell
- 20 Bennet & Joyce Grad
- 21 Lawrence & Betty Dannenberg

## **Congratulations to all our April Birthdays!**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Michael Evers      | 27 Cindy Schneider    |
| 1 Bernie Weller      | 27 Eleanor Segal      |
| 2 Jonathan Cohen     | 28 Ruth Skurow        |
| 4 Charles Pettis     | 29 Eszter Kutas       |
| 5 Julie Kaufman      | 29 Bonnie Silverstein |
| 9 Lyrice Behrman     | 29 Diane Sirkin       |
| 9 Susan Littman      | 30 Orly Segal         |
| 11 Hal Arenstein     |                       |
| 12 Rachel Cohn       |                       |
| 12 Daniel Franklin   |                       |
| 12 Oscar Jarnicki    |                       |
| 14 Melissa Goldstein |                       |
| 17 Karen Sawdai      |                       |
| 18 William Meister   |                       |
| 18 Adele Nagler      |                       |
| 19 Mitch Katz        |                       |
| 22 Rachel Immerman   |                       |
| 22 Joyce Liberman    |                       |
| 23 Edith Rosen       |                       |
| 23 Diane Yasgur      |                       |
| 24 Debbie Pettis     |                       |



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

Friday Night,  
April 21, 2017

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

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

# April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>We look forward to seeing you at events and services. For more information please feel free to call the office. Remember to check your weekly e-blast which is sent out every Wednesday. <b>If you are not receiving the e-blast please call the office and we'll add you to the list.</b></p>						<b>1</b> Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  The office is closed	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Morning Minyan 7AM	<b>7</b>  First Friday Breakfast 9am at Scrambler Maries  Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm	<b>8</b>  Shabbat Hagadol Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
<b>9</b>  Search for Chametz*  *If you'd like to learn about this special tradition attend our First Friday learning session!	<b>10</b>  7am Fast of the First Born Service  Office Closed  Happy Pesach!	<b>11</b>  9:30am Pesach Day 1 Services Office Closed  6:30pm Second Seder With Your Etz Chaim Family	<b>12</b>  9:30am Pesach Day 2 Services  Office Closed	<b>13</b>  Minyan 7AM followed by matza brei & macaroons  Office Closed  Chol Hamoad Pesach	<b>14</b>  Chol Hamoad Pesach  Office Closed  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>15</b>  Duel Heritage Study Breakfast 9-9:30am  Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
<b>16</b>  Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen  Chol Hamoad Pesach	<b>17</b>  Pesach Services begin At 9:30am  Office Closed	<b>18</b>  Pesach Services begin At 9:30am & include Yizkor  Office Closed	<b>19</b>  Office Closed  Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm  Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm	<b>20</b>  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks  Kitchen Volunteers Needed 6pm	<b>21</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & Birthday Minyan with Cake	<b>22</b>  Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Yom Hashoah  The office is closed	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm  Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm	<b>27</b>  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	<b>28</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>29</b>  Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
<b>30</b> Spring Activity & volunteering at Cedar Village 2pm						



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



Simon Newman

*Wishing you and yours a Kosher and  
Happy Passover. Hope to see you at our  
Second Night Seder or one of our other  
exciting spring events!*

**Contact the office at 513-489-3399**

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