

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



Along with greeting the welcome relief from this summer's heat and humidity, it is time to welcome the fall season's myriad of secular and non secular holidays. These celebrations allow us to experience renewal, reflection, and gratitude. Just as the crops are at their most bountiful, and the leaves are their most radiant, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur provide the

opportunity for us to follow nature's lead and focus on our personal growth and accomplishments throughout the past year. Then, the Day of Atonement encourages us to plan and prepare so we will produce an even better outcome next fall.

Certainly, it is not coincidental that Thanksgiving arrives soon after the religious Holy Days. Traditionally, Thanksgiving was a time to show gratitude for a successful harvest. In other words, the holiday is designed to celebrate the fruits of one's labor.

Just as crops are the best illustration of the cliché, "You reap what you sow", the development of Congregation Etz Chaim also depicts that cliché. A couple years ago we spread and nurtured CEC seeds that have grown and now significantly enhance our community through religious services, exceptional educational and social programs, and tikun olum projects which benefit numerous less fortunate individuals throughout the city of Cincinnati. Our harvest is a continual source for feeding the soul.

Although it may seem unlikely, I truly am thankful for the journey I have shared with you during these last three years. In spite of never anticipating this journey, it has been one of tremendous personal growth and challenge. As the fall season unfolds, I hope you, dear congregant, will take stock of your blessings, and realize that Congregation Etz Chaim is one of them.

Pamela and I wish for you a most meaningful holiday season.

Simon



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.

The High Holy Day (HHD) season is upon us! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the planning and who is participating in the many services and programs, from Selichot through Simchat Torah. And now it is time to, as the saying goes, to reap the fruits of our labors. Once the many celebrations have ended, we would love to receive your feedback, especially critiques on what we can do to make Etz Chaim Holidays even better for next year.

Here's something else that's successful at Etz Chaim: all of our **minyanim services** but most notably our **Thursday morning minyan services**. Thursday morning services are exceptional; yes they are early but well worth the time to attend. So here are some reminders that have appeared in past Ritual Matters articles:

Whether you come every week or once a month, it's great start to your day. To top it off, the service ends with Bagels, Cream Cheese, Blocks, Shots & Lox! (Everyone takes a turn to sponsor this breakfast). David Weil, minyan captain, sends out a special email reminder to participants each week. Contact the Etz Chaim office to get your name on that list! **Special minyan services** – Any congregant wishing to have a special service to say yahrzeit for a loved one should call the office. Show your support for your fellow congregants when they ask for one.

Quarterly alternative learner's service: A part of Etz Chaim's mission statement reads: "...we embrace diverse experiences that span both traditional and contemporary ideas while learning and pursuing spiritual growth". The Ritual Committee approved an additional, alternative Shabbat morning service - running in parallel with our traditional service in the sanctuary - to be held quarterly in the chapel from 10:15am until noon, after which participants of both services will join together for a communal Kiddush. For more details, please refer to the article elsewhere in this bulletin.

We would like to remind those Shabbat morning service attendees who can, to return their Siddur and Chumash to the Shamus table after services. And if you are in a position to do so, please offer to carry books for those who cannot.

Happy New Year and may it be a sweet and healthy New Year for all!

B'Shalom,
Barry and Barbara





Join us for a delicious meal on the
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Welcome in the new year with your
Etz Chaim Family. We will sit together, dine together and
Celebrate the beautiful friendships that we have built in this special
community. The meal will be served immediately following services
\$12.00 per person ~ This is a RESERVATION ONLY EVENT
Additional Funds are available for those who would like to attend

This event is subsidized through a generous donation by
Bryan and Michael Taplits
In memory of Dr. Sol & Marie Taplits - Beloved Parents



HOLY DAY & FESTIVAL SERVICE TIMES

2016/5777

Rosh Hashanah (5777)

Erev---Sunday, October 2.....6:30 PM

First Day, Monday, October 3.....8:30 AM

Early Tashlich.... Immediately following services

Late Tashlich/Mincha/Maariv.....6:00 PM

Second Day, Tuesday, October 4.....8:30 AM

Day Two Luncheon following services



Kol Nidrei

Tuesday, October 11.....6:00 PM (Mincha)

Kol Nidrei (following Mincha Approx. 6:45 PM)



Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 12.....9:00 AM (Yizkor approx. 11:15 AM)

Mincha.....5:00 PM

Ne'elah at approximately 6:30 PM

Flashlight March to end the Holy Day meets at 7:30 PM

Break-the-Fast snack & meal in the Lobby after the holiday ends



לשנה טובה תכתבו



Sukkot

Monday, October 17, First Day.....9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 18, Second Day.....9:30 AM

Hoshana Rabbah

Sunday, October 23.....9:00 AM



Shmini Atzeret

Monday, October 24.....9:30 AM

(Yizkor approx 11 AM)



Simchat Torah

Erev - Monday, October 24.....6:30 PM

(Hakafot, Singing, Dancing & Refreshments!)

Tuesday, October 25.....9:30 AM at followed by a Simchat Torah luncheon

Membership Matters

You – our membership – matter!

I love the psychological wisdom of our Jewish tradition. As the seasons turn, our tradition guides us to look inward and reflect on our lives. We are encouraged to look at who we want to be, and where there are opportunities for growth, change and renewal so that we can be our best possible selves. This is a time to look at ourselves both as individuals, and ourselves in relationship to our families, our friends, our synagogue community, and our broader communities.

This is also a time of year when synagogue attendance spikes. We see friends whom we only see a few times a year. We also see new faces. Perhaps they are visitors to our community, looking for a warm welcome. Perhaps they are long-time members of the “other” (sister) founding congregation of Etz Chaim. Perhaps they are even regular attendees, but at a different service or type of event, and so we rarely meet. Regardless of each individual’s relationship to Etz Chaim, the High Holidays provide us an opportunity to strengthen and build our community. Introduce yourself to someone you don’t know – but don’t assume that they are new! Invite your unaffiliated friends to join us for the holidays. With the beautiful music and meaning shared by Cantor Lubin, the choir, and the many service leaders and participants, this is an ideal time to share the Etz Chaim spirit with others. Reach out to someone who is alone. And as we reflect on our lives, let us all commit to treating each other with kindness, to giving each other the benefit of the doubt and looking for the best in each other. Our tradition tells us that we are all created in the divine image. May we all look for that divine spark in each other and in everyone in our lives, so that we are inspired to speak and act with caring, warmth, compassion and kindness.

Wishing you all a shanah tovah um’tukah – a good and sweet new year.

Kol Haneshamah: A Service Giving Voice to Every Soul

We are excited to announce that Etz Chaim will be holding the first meeting of this alternative service on December 10, in the chapel. The service will be in parallel with the traditional service (which will continue to be held in the sanctuary). It will start at 10:15, and end at noon, so that all of the congregation can join together for the Kiddush. The goal is to explore ways to use the service to open our hearts and connect, and to engage with prayer in a way that we leave at a spiritually higher level than when we came in. The service will include lots of singing, and a bit more English than the traditional service. “Kavvanot” will weave teachings into the structure of the service itself, to facilitate a deeper understanding and connection to our liturgy. The service will include all the key elements and structure of the service, but will focus more on the *kavvanah* (the feeling behind the prayer) than the *kevah* (fixed structure). The Torah service will be abbreviated (with 3 aliyot according to the custom of some liberal streams of Judaism), and musaf will be highly abbreviated, in order to allow time for an extended Torah discussion. Join us as we pray, sing and learn together.

**Announcing: Kol Haneshamah:
A Service Giving Voice to Every Soul**

An Alternative/Parallel Shabbat Morning Service in the Chapel

Prayer can touch the soul, burst forth a creative celebration of the spirit, and open deep wells of gratitude, longing and praise.

Prayer can connect us to our Living Source and to each other, enfolding us in love and praise, wonder, awe and gratitude.

Jewish prayer in its essence is soul dialogue and calls us into relationship within and beyond.

-Rabbi Marcia Prager

How can we experience prayer as Rabbi Prager describes it? What do we need to bring of ourselves? How is the structure of the prayer service designed to help achieve these goals?

Come explore with us! From lively singing to deep contemplation, let's explore different modalities of Jewish prayer. Note: This service will include an abbreviated Torah service and musaf, in order to allow time for an enhanced Torah discussion.

Save the Date: December 10, 2016

Time: 10:15 – noon, followed by a congregation-wide kiddush

Theme: The Four Worlds of Kabbalah in the Morning Service

For more information, see the adjacent article or contact Lynne Haber



**The Officers, Staff
& Steering Committee of
Congregation Etz Chaim**

**Wish you and your Families
A Healthy & Happy New Year**

Study Session the Afternoon of Yom haKippurim

10th Tishrei 5777 – 12 October 2016

Guided by Charles Hart Enzer, MD



Puzzled, confused or challenged by the different Divine Names in our Hebrew Bible, the Tanakh?

Are you challenged by the different names?

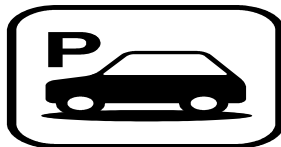
Some hold that the differing Divine Names result from poorly weaving together of many authors.

Let us study the text together:

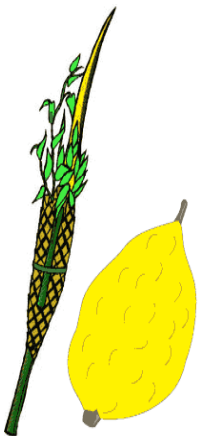
- Do these name changes have a significant meaning for the classical Hebrew Listener?
- Do the name changes have a direct message?
- Is our text drawing our attention to fundamental longings?

PARKING

Overflow parking will be available again this year in the church parking lot at the corner of Cornell and Snider.



The Office Staff
of Etz Chaim
Wish You and Your
Family a Healthy
and Sweet
New Year!



חג שמחה!

Order your Lulav & Etrog by:
October 7, 2016

Cost is \$50 (same as last year)

Please call the office (489-3399)
to place your order.



Sukkot is coming...

**Monday,
October 17, 2016
9:30 AM Service**



High Holy Days



Project Isaiah 2016

(Etz Chaim bag food drive
on Yom Kippur)

Dear Fellow Congregants:

The Etz Chaim Social Action Committee is again collecting non-perishable foods to donate to those less fortunate than us...

Please take home 1 or 2 bags on Rosh Hashanah and return them to Etz Chaim FILLED WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS on Kol Nidrei evening, Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Our young people will be available to pick up bags from your car, upon arrival that evening. These donations will help support the Barbash Vital Support Center.

"Hunger Awareness Shabbat"

On Saturday, October 8, 2016 - Shabbat Shuvah.

The money we would have spent on kiddush that week will instead be donated and doubled by Meijers. Please be advised that means there will be no food that Shabbat - for a few hours we will experience the hunger pangs that plague those less fortunate than us on a daily basis.



Congregation Etz Chaim

2016 High Holiday Happenings for families with children

EREV ROSH HASHANAH & EREV YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)

Sunday, October 2 & Tuesday, October 11

No Childcare or Youth Service

Children & Teen Schedule

1-5 Year Olds:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Day 2 & Yom Kippur

Monday, October 3, Tuesday, October 4 & Wednesday, October 12

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Childcare in the classrooms & Muscle Room



1st – 6th Graders:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Day 2 & Yom Kippur

Monday, October 3, Tuesday, October 4 & Wednesday, October 12

Until 10:30 am

In main Service with parents

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Own Service & Discussion Groups/Games

7th – 12th Graders:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Yom Kippur

Until 11:00 am

In main Service with parents

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Service & Teen Discussion Group

(Note: Rosh Hashanah, Day Two - teens are welcome to help prepare for the second day luncheon)

TASHLICH

For adults and children of all ages

Rosh Hashanah First Day

Monday, October 3 immediately following services

Or the later option which will meet at 6:00 pm at Etz Chaim

YOM KIPPUR TRIVIA GAME & HAVDALLAH

For children of all ages

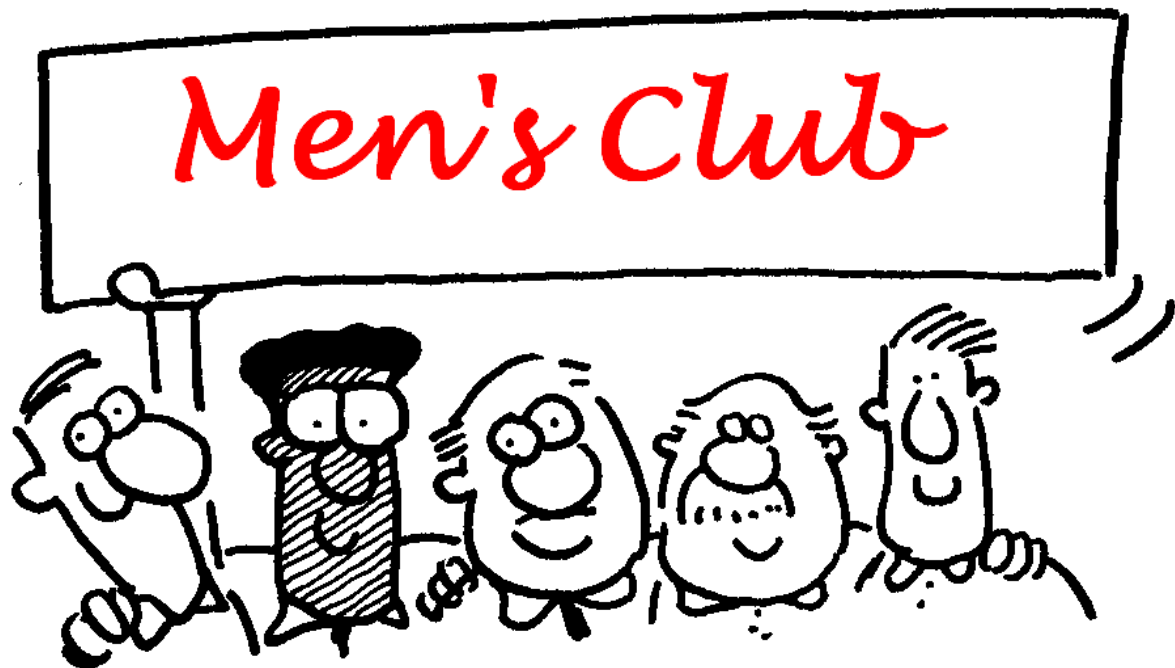
Wednesday, October 12 - 7:30pm

Trivia Game in the Board Room,

Followed by flashlight procession into the sanctuary

Dip the apple in the honey!!!





SUKKAH BUILDING BREWS & BITES

**We're in need of a
few good men...
(And women ☺)**

**Come join us as we build our Sukkah.
Capable Carpenters and Klutzes welcome!**

Sunday, October 16, 2016 - 4:30 pm

**Bring your tool belt and your good old
fashion work ethic and we'll have our
Sukkah raised in no time.**



We're in need of decorators too! If you can bend a pipe-cleaner you can help. We have lots of decorations to sort and hang. Those episodes of HGTV you've been watching can finally pay off – forget remodeling your kitchen – come decorate our Sukkah!

Sukkot Dinner Under the Stars

Join Etz Chaim
to make Sukkot a family affair!



Wednesday, October 19, 2016

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Etz Chaim Sukkah

Vegetarian Chili,
Pizza for the children
And of course: s'mores!!!
Cost \$5 per person

Sukkah Making Competition, Lulav Shaking, Bonfire,
activities and fun for the whole family!

Bring your friends and neighbors!!!



RSVP by Thursday, October 13, 2016
By calling the office at (513) 489-3399

*This event has been subsidized by Harriet Kuhr in memory of Don Kuhr z"l.
May his memory continue to serve as a blessing and as a source of inspiration to us all.*



A Very Chocolate Simchat Torah

Monday Night, October 24, 2016

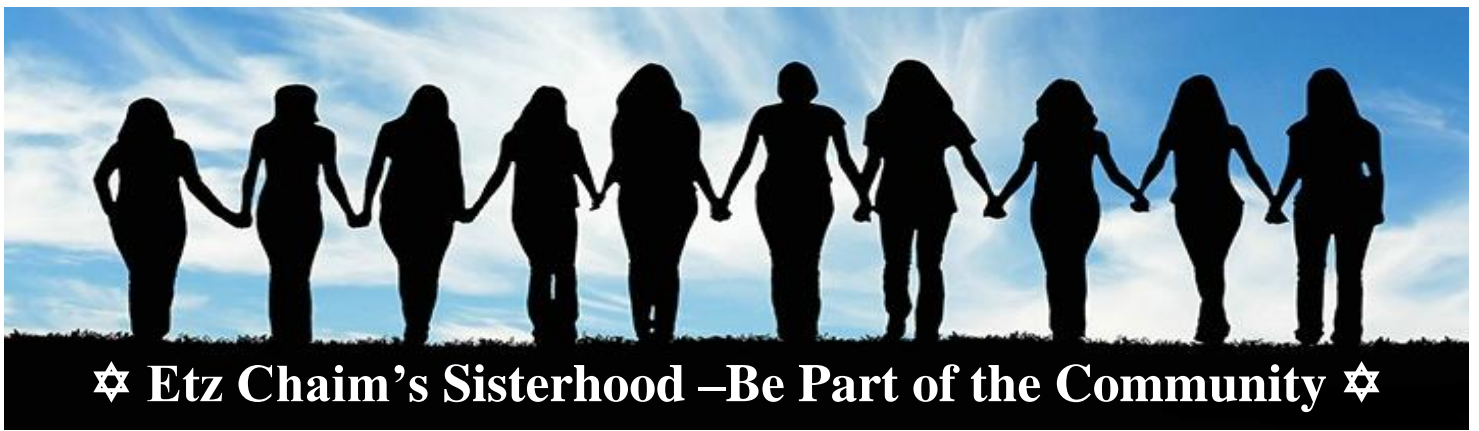
Singing ☆ Dancing ☆ Torah Reading
Refreshments and Libations
and so much more...

The Fun starts at 6:30pm
Hosted By:
Congregation Etz Chaim
8100 Cornell Road

All are Welcome ☆ Free of Charge

Come experience the “sweetness” of Judaism and share a
Simchat Torah as you’ve never tasted it before!





Sisterhood Installation

By: Laura Maxwell

The Sisterhood hosted its annual installation event on Sunday, August 28, 2016. Members of the Oversight Committee were in attendance as we thanked and congratulated outgoing president, Stephany Schechtman, for her 3 years of dedicated leadership. Stephany and her board supported the synagogue with funds from the annual Attic Sale, Hamentaschen baking and sales, and sponsored Kiddushim. In addition, Stephany led Sisterhood in participating in social action programs such as cooking meals at Ronald McDonald House and collecting shoes through Soles for Souls. Also not to be forgotten is the superb coordination of the annual Sisterhood Shabbat that showcases the many women of our Synagogue and the annual Chanukah children adoption program she instituted three years ago.

After a delicious lunch of lasagna and salad, Lynne Haber conducted the installation of the new 2016-17 board which consists of Sandy Baden and Laura Maxwell (Co-directors), Barb Rosen (Secretary), Stephany Schechtman (Immediate past president) Cindy Schneider (Special Programs Chair), Karen Bryant, Shari Malowitz, Sara Gati, Audrey Martin, Judy Beraha, Audrey Ronis-Tobin and Sharyn Fox. The Sisterhood's first event was an outing to Carillon Historic Park in Dayton on Sunday, September 18th followed by Graeter's Ice Cream.

Watch for photos and information on upcoming events.





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

Sisterhood is made up of strong, loving, inspirational women. We are a family and we are a pillar of Etz Chaim. Come to events, get involved and join our sensational group. Contact a sisterhood board member today to learn more about these extraordinary women and how you can get involved!

The 2016-17 Sisterhood year is underway!

Our first event was an outing to Carillon Historic Park in Dayton on 9/18. All were welcomed to caravan to the park and then to Graeter's Ice Cream for a sweet treat of their favorite flavor!

Next on the agenda is a unique fundraising event. Sisterhood is excited to be hosting Sharon Burick and her fabulous handmade, crystal and semi-precious stone jewelry on Sunday, November 20 at 1pm at Etz Chaim. Sharon has been a jewelry artist for over 30 years and is well-known in the art show circuit. Several of our congregants wear her pieces - Carol Friedman, Stephany Schechtman and Shirley Ruben just to name a few!

Did we say fundraiser? YES WE DID! Sharon has something for everyone in every price range. Shoppers will enjoy a 15% discount with an ADDITIONAL 15% being donated to Sisterhood. So save your Chanukah shopping, bring your friends, and come enjoy a sweet treat and beverage while you shop at the Shul and support Sisterhood. The gift shop will also be open for purchases!!!

At 3pm that same afternoon we will be traveling to Cedar Village for an activity with the residents. Come to the Jewelry part or meet us at Cedar Village – either way join us to do a mitzvah and make someone else's day a happy one.

More events and social action projects are in the works. Stay tuned as the year unfolds.

With undying love for CEC,

Sandy and Laura

SAVE THE DATE:

Sisterhood Board meeting – Sunday, November 6, 2016 – 10:30am

Sisterhood Volunteering at Cedar Village – Sunday, November 20, 2016 – 3pm



Adult Education

Congregation Etz Chaim – Offering Learning for Life

Dual Heritage Study Breakfast

COLUMBUS DAY/JEWISH IDENTITY

October 8, 2016

9:00-9:30am

optional 12:00-12:30 continuation during the kiddush



The federal holiday of Columbus Day commemorates Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas in 1492. Cultural controversies aside, scholars suggest there is a surprising Jewish side to Christopher Columbus's story. Why did his ships sail three days after the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain? Why do two Hebrew letters appear on letters to his son? What hints about his real identity can be found in his signature? What can Columbus' story teach us about what it means to be Jewish?



Dual Heritage Study Breakfast

ELECTION DAY/LEADERSHIP

November 5, 2016

9:00-9:30am

optional 12:00-12:30 continuation during the kiddush

Election Day is an opportunity for Americans to select the leaders they believe will best represent and influence the directions of the country and its states and communities. The Tanakh offers some wise advice about selecting and maintaining good leadership. What tips can be found in the Books of Deuteronomy and Samuel? What can we learn from Moses, the 12 Scouts, and Esther? How can the Bible's counsel guide us beyond elections, into the ensuing leadership years?



Adult Education

Congregation Etz Chaim – Offering Learning for Life

Do you ever take time to really notice, question, and challenge the ideas and themes of the Torah? Although we're nearly at the end of Deuteronomy, there's still plenty more to learn! Join us as our lively group explores the text using geography, history, current events and more. Good conversation, new friendships, and just plain fun. **Newcomers are always welcome.**



Join in on Wednesdays
at Bronte Bistro (Joseph Beth Books)
3:00-4:30pm
followed by dinner, if you choose to stay!

There will be NO classes in October.

Classes will be held on November 9, 16 & 30.

*To join the email reminders and updates list, contact Candy at
KITANDCABOODLE@gmail.com.*

Unpacking the Commandments

Saturday, November 19, 2016

The *Aseret haDibrot*, the Ten Sayings often called the Ten Commandments, may not be as well known as you think! How can you be a false witness without lying? How can you be a false witness without saying a word?

How can flattery break this commandment?

Why does the Torah focus on the false witness, and not false testimony?

Where do you find examples of "lying for entertainment"?

Join us in the library about 12:30 for some additional Kiddush nosh and excellent discussion!



November's topic: #9
The Power of the Word:
Do Not Testify as a False Witness

****Note: No Unpacking Torah
in October
due to the fully packed
holiday schedule!**

First Friday

at



FirstWatch®
The Daytime Café

Join Hank & Chava
for Breakfast and Learning
We're outside the Building &
Outside the Box

The First Friday of Each Month
at the First Watch location
near Harper's Station on Montgomery.

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday, November 4
Friday, December 2
Friday, January 6
Friday, February 3
Friday, March 3
Friday, April 7
Friday, May 5
Friday, June 2

We'll meet at 9am – RSVPS appreciated



We are pleased to announce a new
Etz Chaim Social Club

We'll meet once a month in the Synagogue for a soup & salad lunch.

The purpose will be friendship and camaraderie.

There will be no charge for the lunch, but donations are welcome.

Rsvping will help us know how much food to prepare.

All are welcome.

Do not sit home alone. Do not be lonely – come share a lunch!

Our kickoff lunch will be Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 12:00pm



**Spend a very
special
Red, White
& Blue
Shabbat dinner
with your
Etz Chaim
family...**

**Friday Night,
November 11, 2016
6:00PM – Services
& 7:00PM –Dinner**

**The evening will start with our traditional hour long
Friday Night service – complete with singing, English
readings and more. Then we'll head over to the Mess Tent
and secure ourselves some rations. We'll pay tribute to
Jews in the Military & learn about our Armed Forces.**

Cost: \$12 adults, \$6 children <13 \$30 for families

RSVP DEADLINE – November 2, 2016

Call the Office today 513-489-3399



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 October (Elul-Tishrei) we remember:

October 1 - Elul 28

Marcia Domanick
Hortense Ruby
Leon Mellman*
Hyman Newburger*
Rose Schneider*
Ruth Stregevsy
Jacob Zeidman*
Milton Zeifman

October 2 - Elul 29

Irwin Frieman
Abe Goldstein*
Joseph Hoodin*
Michael Kruger
Morris Plotnick*
Sylvia Schwartz*
Max Tessel*
David Timmer

October 3- Tishrei 1

Albert Cohn
Hershel Donny
Zelda Kaufman*
Sandor Kutas*
Clara Meyer*
Victor Parente*
Esther Pastor*

October 4 - Tishrei 2

Louise Greenberger
Clara Krasnitzky*
Eva Zeifman

October 5 - Tishrei 3

Benjamin Farkas
Ethel Yamin*

October 6- Tishrei 4

Betty Felberbaum
Robert Kerbel
Abraham Klatch*
Morris Lerer*
Milton Manheimer
Benjamin Steinberg*

October 7 - Tishrei 5

Pauline Dennis
Morris Epstein
Charles Goldsmith*
Beatrice Merdinger
Max Neuerman

October 8 - Tishrei 6

Florence Arenstein
Betty Cannon*
Max Ferne*
Albert Levine*
Helmer Lipman*
Rebecca Overbook*

October 9 - Tishrei 7

Bernard Barron

William Bell*
Ben Ettin*
Isadore Fox*
Sam Goldberg
Martin Grad
Paul Sacolick*
Dorothy Shostle
Anna Zeidman*

October 10 - Tishrei 8

Louis Flint
Syliva Mintz*
Jacob Silverstein

October 11 - Tishrei 9

Harriet Bundman*
Jack Cyrkin*
William Gallop*
Betty Goldstone
Sarah Plotkin*
Sara Rosen

October 12 - Tishrei 10

Yetta Lipsky*
Billy Perez
Lucy Schilmeister*

October 13 - Tishrei 11

Anne Goldblatt*
Ida Grad
Simon Kropveld
Alex Levine

October 14 - Tishrei 12

Leah Beecher
Achille Belhassen
Sarah Ehoodin
Saul (Jack) Fesman*
Sam Kraus*
Kopel Poley*
Betty Polinsky
Max Rose
Mary Rotman
Harry Ruby

October 15 - Tishrei 13

Eli Ehoodin
Paul Felberbaum
Ben Gendelman*
Harry Max*
Anne Mervis*
Eric Rapp
Norman Rubinoff

October 16 - Tishrei 14

Morris Fesman*
Albert Herman*
Jack Kabakoff
Sarah Klein
Joseph Levitch*
Myron Melamed

October 17 - Tishrei 15

Betty Behr
Henry Fink*
Samuel Plotnick*
Barbara Rothenberg
Lena Wartik*

October 18 - Tishrei 16

Sol Gurfine*
Abe Levine*
Selma Licht*
Emil Rosen

October 19 - Tishrei 17

Abraham Hershkovitz*
Evelyn Horn

October 20 - Tishrei 18

Rose Gurfine*
Sidney Lerner
Sally Novick*
Rene Perez
Yosi Polanski*
Bernard Schatz
Arnold Zimmerman

October 21 - Tishrei 19

Louis Blackman*
Bette Meyers
Melvin Ornstein
Ourey Rose*

October 22 - Tishrei 20

Minnie Cohen*
Florence Friedenberg
Paul Goldner
Samuel Koff*
Amelia Kraus*
Sam Nadler*
Laurence Pilder
Asher Weil

October 23 - Tishrei 21

Leatrice Assouline*
Israel Bernstein
Eva Brown*
Oscar Miller
Dave Schilmeister*
Nathan Sobelow*
Dave Uncle
Marc Weiss

October 24 - Tishrei 22

Anne Barsman*
Isadore Skurow*
Cecelia Wiener*

October 25 - Tishrei 23

Ida Fingerman*
Irving Finkelstein*
Harry Germain*
Isaac Horwitz*
Ida Segerman

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Amos Selavan

Jeannette Zimov

October 26 - Tishrei 24

Rabbi David Barsel

Sidney Binik*

Max Camins

Samuel Dorfman*

Rita Goldhoff

Julius Lipsky*

October 27 - Tishrei 25

Sam Gurfine*

Regina Krakovsky*

Ethel Perlman*

Joseph Prager*

Pearl Skurow*

Mania Wikas

October 28 - Tishrei 26

Irvin Baneth*

Esther Berlin*

Josephine Camins*

Rose Klayman*

Rubin Nevins

Ada Poss

Milton Stiebel

October 29 - Tishrei 27

Dora Paim*

October 30 - Tishrei 28

Hyman Feldman*

Meyer Goldstein

Rose Segerman*

Sarah Snyder*

Elaine Wayne

October 31 - Tishrei 29

Rose Rolnick*

Charlie Schwartz

Harry Weitzman*

November 1 - Tishrei 30

Mitzi Gordon

Ruben Kirzner*

Max Skurow

November 2 - Cheshvan 1

Ike Isralsky*

Joseph Kauffman*

Anna Pilder*

Goldie Samelson*

Ralph Zelcer

November 3 - Cheshvan 2

Sarah Levine*

Ida Martin

Maurice Ratner*

November 4 - Cheshvan 3

Hilda Blatt

Albert Brownstein*

Sarah Grossman*

Annie Korelitz*

Yetta Mandell

Morris Rolnick*

November 5 - Cheshvan 4

Emma Aaron*

Doris Farber

Sadie Fialco*

Alfred Katz

Isaac Neiger

Joseph Skurow

Charles Weiner*

Ann Zakem*

November 6 - Cheshvan 5

Philip Friedman*

Ernst Kahn

Jack Kohn*

Irving Meister

Sadye Relkin*

Irvin Ruben

Sarah Schechtman

November 7 - Cheshvan 6

Celia Berman*

Shloime Davis*

Harry Fogel*

Minnie Malkis*

Sylvia Rauchman*

Rachel Rubinstein

Albert Schechter*

November 8 - Cheshvan 7

Golde Cohn*

Benjamin Donny*

Louis Gelschofsky*

Rose Jacobs*

Josephine Kohn*

Anna Linder*

Donald Rosen

Sarah Steinberg*

Leah Tessel*

November 9 - Cheshvan 8

Jacob Budnik*

Sylvia Kabakoff

Rhoda Kravitz

Minnie Levine*

Dorothy Martin

Arthur Nedelman*

Bertha Schiff

Carl Stone*

November 10 - Cheshvan 9

Manuel Alzfán

Mollie Weiner*

Patricia Wolpa

November 11 - Cheshvan 10

Joseph Kraus*

Joseph Schwartz*

Bertha Streicher

Edith Warner

November 12 - Cheshvan 11

Celia Faust*

Louis Kreindler*

Louis Rauchman*

Jean Tessel*

November 13 - Cheshvan 12

Morris Essig*

Toby Greenbaum*

Linda Mellman

Dorothy Plotnick*

November 14 - Cheshvan 13

Meyer Goldfarb*

Rose Goldstein*

Max Okrent*

Julius Sternberg

November 15 - Cheshvan 14

Frieda Baron*

Nathan Goldfarb

Joseph Stone*

November 16 - Cheshvan 15

Fanny Edelstein

Dora Lipsky*

Norma Meyer

Benjamin Silverstein*

Louis Skurow*

November 17 - Cheshvan 16

Agnes Canner*

Robert Horn*

Morris Neuer*

Nathan Raboff*

Nelson Zeidman

Louis Zippin*

Mordechai Zippin*

November 18 - Cheshvan 17

Cecil Bernstein*

Milton Gillett*

Moritz Kahn

Eugene Miller*

Freda Rosen*

November 19 - Cheshvan 18

Victor Borstein*

Samuel Finer*

Harry Gershenfish*

Louis Ginsberg*

Beatrice Golden*

Pearl Kahn

Emanuel Marks

Abraham Schraeder*

November 20 - Cheshvan 19

Sarah Bell*

John Hoodin*

Lew Lederman*

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 November (Tishrei - Cheshvan) we remember:

Emilie Perez-Sarfati
Harold Perlman
Linda Rose Schneider

November 21 – Cheshvan 20

Jean Caplan*
Anne Farber
Sam Fisher*
Margie Friedman
Henry Gonska*
Samuel Kwiatek

November 22 – Cheshvan 21

William Arinow*
Ruth Dorfman
Hedwig Neu
Rudolph Shostack

November 23 – Cheshvan 22

Morris Bell*
Israel Cohen
Edith Farkas
Henrietta First*
Sidney Hillman
Molly Knapp*
Leon Lipsky*
Joan Mermelstein
Lillian Skurow*

November 24 – Cheshvan 23

Helen Fisher*
Rebecca Fuchs*
Hilda Mitman
Libby Seidenman
Goldie Slovin*

November 25 – Cheshvan 24

Isadore Boskind
Morris Cantor
Bernard Herman*
Leah Mackroff*

November 26 – Cheshvan 25

Soloman Landy*
Israel Plotnick
Isadore Seidenstein
Gedalia Zwikelski

November 27 – Cheshvan 26

Ralph Becker
Jacob Feldman*
Jane Gonska*
Samuel Mervis
Gilbert Nadel
Becky Simmons*

November 28 – Cheshvan 27

Michael Parkin*
Louis Wolpa*

November 29 – Cheshvan 28

Dorothy Borstein*
Bella Kirchanblatt*
Rita Korros
Goldie Krauss*
Sam Malinsky*
Ella Rosky
Max Shuller*
Rosella Zavell

November 30 – Cheshvan 29

Aubrey Behrman*
Charles Bell*
Hyman First*
Sam Goodman*
Celia Gurfine*
Samuel Horwitz*
Kalman Plotnick
Ethel Stuhlbarg*
Augusta Wasserman*

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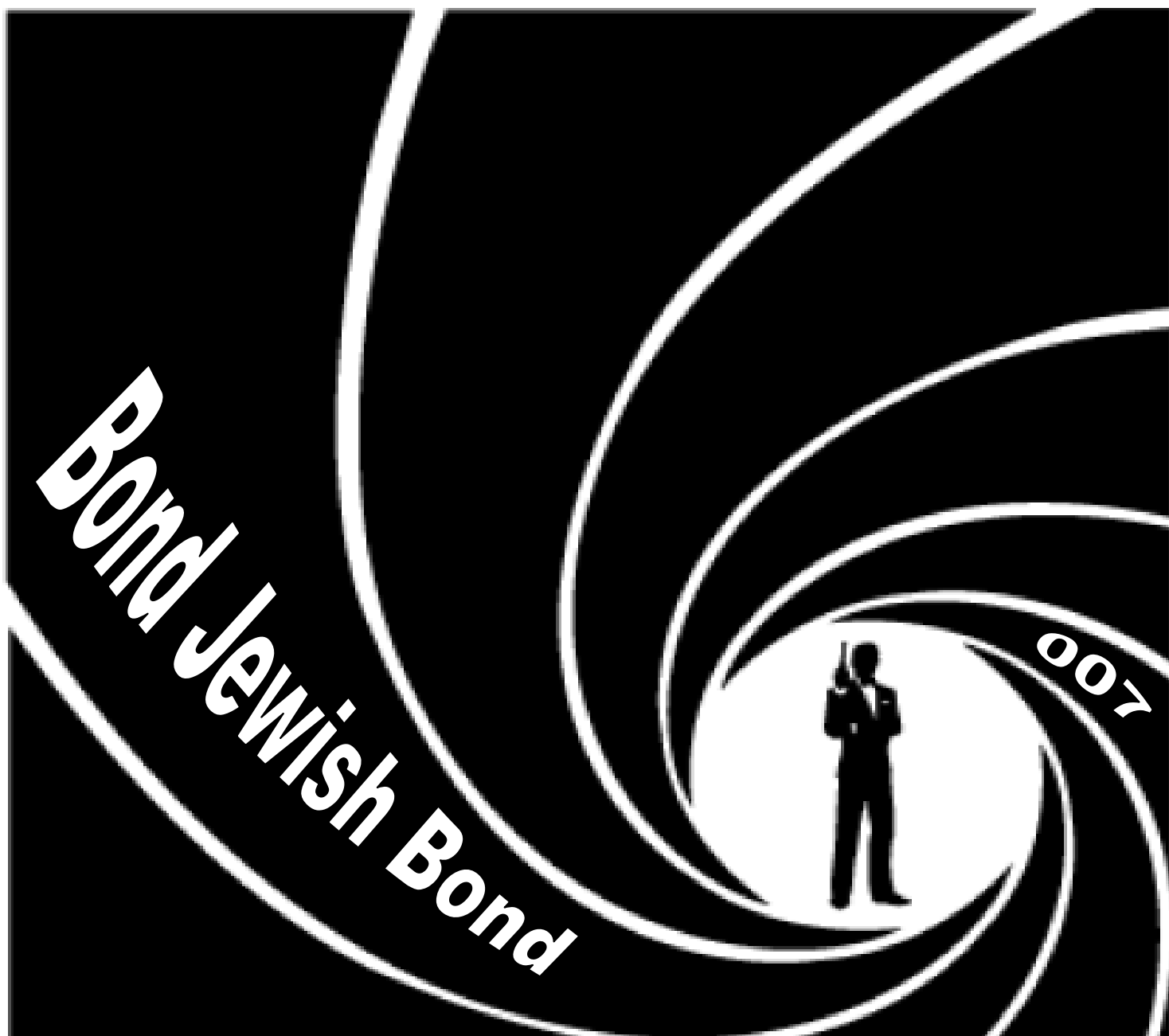
Congregation Etz Chaim is proud to offer minyanim upon request. If you would like to observe the Yahrzeit of a loved one and it occurs on a date that we do not have services scheduled, please call or email Julie Kaufman at jsk9998@gmail.com or call 793-6354 and leave a message.

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.

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. * Names are on the Sanctuary Yahrzeit Panels, Congregation Etz Chaim



Three Part Film Series with a
Shaken Not Stirred Educational Twist
We'll start the Evening with Havdalah, Themed Refreshments
And a Short Learning Session connected to Bond – James Bond.
Then we will screen Three full length bond films

Saturday Night, November 19, 2016 – 6:30pm
Saturday Night, December 10, 2016 – 6:30pm
Saturday Night, January 21, 2016 – 6:30pm

Study Topics Will Include: Spies in the Bible, The Gematria (Numerology) of 007, Russian Jewry, Anti-Semitism & Ian Fleming and More...

\$5 to attend – RSVPS Encouraged

Synagogue Correspondence OCTOBER

Synagogue Happenings

We extend our condolences to:

Bobbie Goldey & Family on the passing
of Alvin Goldey z"l

We wish Mazel Tov to:

Evan & Amy Cohen
on their wedding

Alex & Sally Cohen
on the birth of their great
granddaughter

Bob & Shirley Dreyer
on the birth of their great grandson

We wish a speedy recovery to:

Bill Meister
Bernie Beraha

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 Haftorah. If you would like to learn the skills, please contact Hank Lerer at the office, or via e-mail at: hlerer@fuse.net.

MISHEBERACH

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

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.

With larger groups, comes more expenses. Therefore our prices have been changed. The price to sponsor a basic kiddush lunch will now be \$100. This will consist of 1 salad, a protein dish, bread & a dessert. The enhanced dairy Kiddush will be \$225. To add a fish dish, a veggie tray & a dessert tray to the enhanced Kiddush will be \$300. In order 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: **October & November**

October Birthday Minyan **Friday Night, October 7 – 6PM**

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

High Holiday Schedule & Offerings is
listed elsewhere in this bulletin

Shabbat Morning Study Breakfast

October 8 from 9am- 9:30am
In the lobby

Men's Club Sukkah Building

Sunday, October 16, 2016
4:30pm – Building, Decorating
And grilling!

Congregational Dinner **in the Sukkah**

Wednesday Night, Oct. 19 – 6:30pm
Chili Dinner that's fun for the whole
family - \$5 for adults RSVP today

A Very Chocolate Simchat Torah

Monday Night – October 24 – 6:30pm
Hakafot & Chocolate
What More do you Need?

Unveiling for Butch Behrman z'l

Sunday, October 30 at 11am
All are invited to honor Butch's
memory at the unveiling. United
Jewish Cemeteries – Ivy Gate
(located off of Montgomery Road)

First Friday at First Watch

Friday, November 4, 2016
9am – Harper's Station

Shabbat Morning Study Breakfast

November 5 from 9am -9:30am
In the lobby

Steering Committee Meeting

Wed. November 9, 2016 – 7:30pm

USO Shabbat – Veterans Day

Friday Night, November 11
6pm Services & 7pm Dinner

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen
Volunteering – Nov 13, 2016

November Birthday Minyan **Friday Night, November 18 – 6PM**

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

Unpacking the Torah

Shabbat - November 19
Following the kiddush

Bond Movie Series – Part 1

Saturday Night, November 19
6:30pm Havdalah, Educational
Program, Snacks & Movie.

Sisterhood – 2 part event:

Sunday, November 20 – 3pm
1pm Jewelry party at the Synagogue
with desserts & more
3pm - Cedar Village volunteering

From the Kitchen



Winter is coming.

Much can be written about the contrast between Summer being good and Winter being bad.

The author George R.R. Martin of the “Game of Thrones” fame and HBO series explains the phrase “Winter is Coming” by saying it generally expresses the sentiment that there are always dark periods in our lives and that even though things are good now (“Summer”) we must always be ready for a dark period when events turn against us (“Winter”).

Personally, I don’t think about the seasons as being good or evil, just whether I like them or not and I like Winter.

Think about it. Summer has the heat, the humidity (can’t do a thing with my hair), the bugs, and of course another losing Reds baseball season. They don’t call it the dog days of summer for nothing.

Winter is, well cold. Which means snow and for those of us who like to slide down mountains at break neck speed, what could be better? How about sitting on the deck on a crisp night with a fire pit and s’mores? You can’t really do that in summer. I guess you could, but it would just be hot.

Here is another reason to like winter: Fall. Before we get the cold, we get Fall, the colors of the leaves, the smell in the air, the crispness in the air, and don’t forget about the SUMMER produce ready for our craft.

Our craft? Food. This is after all an article about the kitchen.

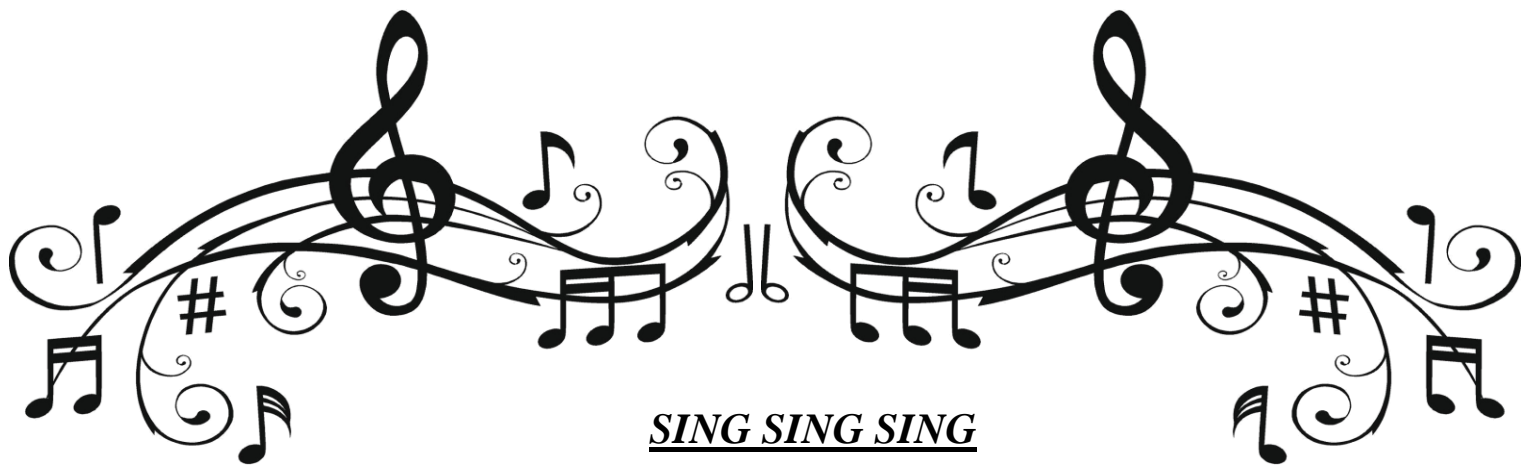
So what should we make? Something delicious I am sure. How could we not. With the changing of the seasons come the flavors of fall at our table. It is time to pull out those favorites for a nice kiddish lunch: How about Lentil soup or Squash soup or maybe a cholent that has been left cooking overnight with challah to mop up that last drop? Team that up with some nice salads. What could be better?

What about dinner? Did you know we can put together a Friday night Shabbat dinner like nobody’s business. All you need to do is let us know you’d like to sponsor a meal. Come for the service, stay and have dinner with your friends and family. How about Roast chicken with pan roasted veggies: carrots, potatoes, onions, beets and turnips and whatever else makes its way into the pan. Do you prefer beef? Well good news – we can do beef too. We can do a roast(s) or brisket(s). And don’t forget chicken soup – if you are good, we’ll make matzah balls, if not, maybe noodles, either way, you’ll eat it and like it.

So what can you do to help enhance our Fall and Winter Seasons? Glad you asked? Volunteer. Help us out. There are always tables to set, things to cook or clean. But first, we need you to volunteer to get the ball rolling. Call the office, sponsor a kiddish: lunch or dinner, the choice is yours. Team up with a friend and co-sponsor. We’ll thank you both (you more than your friend, it was your idea after all). Have a menu idea, let us know. Don’t have a menu idea, don’t worry, we’ll make it up and bill you later. I promise no Prime Rib. Dates are filling quickly

Bundle up and come see what’s cooking.

-Brian Wolfe



SING SING SING

Ruach Etz Chaim - aka the High Holy Day Choir for this season - has worked very hard these past few months learning or re-learning songs that enhance our High Holy Day services again this year. This has taken a lot of rehearsal and coordination not only among ourselves but also with the daveners and service leaders. In between rehearsing all of that, we have also learned and performed (at Shabbat services on September 24) some new music by Meir Ovadia as well as a new piece that we sang to two newly wed couples.

And so...following the High Holy Days, Ruach Etz Chaim will take a well-deserved break for a few weeks and the Pri Yadeiha Women's Chorus will begin rehearsing. Though we don't yet have a set performance date, not to worry -- we'll let you know when we have one.

For more information, contact Emmy Friedenberg at ebfriedenberg@gmail.com or Barbara Taggart-Milberg at bdtaggart@yahoo.com.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Musically yours,

Barbara and Emmy



In the Etz Chaim Family

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

Special Thank You to:

Marty & Shirley Ruben for sponsoring the Kiddush on September 3 in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary. Mazel Tov!

Michael Taplits and Bryan Taplits for sponsoring the Kiddush on September 17 in memory of their mother,
Marie Taplit's yahrzeit (z"l)

Thank you to all our Kitchen volunteers that make Kiddush sponsorships possible.

Happy Anniversary to:

Oct 4	Mordechai & Phyllis Higgins
Oct 5	Richard & Sara Behrman
Oct 18	Alvin & Nancy Dorfman
Oct 21	Neal & Cindy Bransford
Oct 26	Stephen & Linda Berger
Oct 28	Richard & Cindy Schneider
Oct 29	Stanley & Marjorie Zeidman

Congratulations to all our October Birthdays!

1 Edward Schulman	25 Terry Brodof
5 Emmy Friedenberg	26 Mark Greenberger
10 Sol Kutnicki	27 Jordanna Ronis-Tobin
11 Marc Feigenblatt	27 Simon Ronis-Tobin
11 Gabriella Segal	29 Fay Krauss
16 Faith Kutnicki	29 Rona Plotnick
17 Susan Austern	30 Deborah Fox
17 Ethan Berger	30 Shari Malowitz
17 Barbara Rosen	30 Martin Ruben
19 Dana Kolovson	31 Simon Newman
19 Dan Littman	
20 Audrey Martin	
21 Adam Behrman	
23 Jenny Lichtenstein	
23 Jose Rodriguez	



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

Friday Night,
October 7, 2016

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

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Special Thank You to:

Harriett Kuhr for subsidizing our Annual Congregational Dinner in the Sukkah in memory of her beloved husband
Don Kuhr z”l

Thank you to all our Kitchen volunteers that make our food events & Kiddushim possible.

Happy Anniversary to:

Nov 10	Brian & Robin Goldberg
Nov 12	David & Barbara Neman
Nov 23	Robert & Shirley Dreyer
Nov 26	Marc & Elaine Skurow

Congratulations to all our November Birthdays!

2 Barry Austern	17 Cara Saal
2 Rita Edlin	23 Laura Maxwell
3 Robert Barnett	24 Sami Ninio
3 Fred Goldfarb	25 Atarah Jablonsky
3 Albert Sawdai	26 Robin Goldberg
3 Michael Taplits	27 Thomas Witt
6 Elliott Edelstein	28 Lester Horwitz
9 Bryan Taplits	30 Leslie Swift
12 Wendy Lerer	
12 M. Penny Manes	
16 Paul Nidich	
17 Ethel Nemoff	



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November 18, 2016

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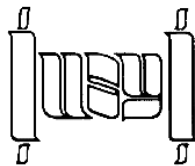
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>For a longer more complete list of High Holiday information (regarding services, educational offerings, youth programs, events, kiddushim, etc.) Please consult the full page flyers in this Bulletin or visit our High Holidays page or electronic calendar on our website: www.etzchaimcincinnati.org</p>						1 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
2 6:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services	3 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - Services Start at 8:30am Early Tashlich following services Late Tashlich 6pm followed by Mincha/Ma'ariv	4 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - Services Start at 8:30am Services will be followed by our Day Two RH Luncheon	5 Tzom Gedaliah (Fast Day)	6 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	7 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & Birthday Minyan with Cake	8 Study Breakfast 9am Shabbat Shuvah Services at 9:30am Hunger Awareness No Kiddush
9 4:30pm Choir	10	11 *Remember to bring back full project Isaiah Bags Please 6pm Mincha Kol Nidrei 6:45pm	12 Yom Kippur 9am Services ~ 11:15 yizkor Afternoon Study Session 5pm Mincha 7:30pm Children's Flashlight March Fast Ends 7:45pm	13 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	14 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	15 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
16 Men's Club Sukkah Building & Garden Raising 4:30pm Erev Sukkot	17 Sukkot Day 1 9:30am Services & Kiddush in the Sukkah	18 Sukkot Day 2 9:30am Services & Kiddush in the Sukkah	19 Chol Hamoed Congregational Dinner in the Sukkah – 6pm	20 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast in the sukkah! Chol Hamoed	21 Chol Hamoed Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm In the sukkah if weather permits!	22 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
23 Hoshanah Rabbah Services 9am 11am Unveiling For Butch Behrman z"l 30	24 Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor 9:30am A Very Chocolate Simchat Torah 6:30pm 31	25 Simchat Torah Day Services Hakafot & Celebrations 9:30am	26 Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm	27 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	29 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am

November 2016

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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 The office is closed	8	9 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Cornell Road Board Meeting 5:30pm Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm	10 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks Kitchen Volunteers needed 6pm	11 USO Shabbat & Dinner – honoring Jews in the Military Services 6pm Dinner 7pm	12 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
13 Tikkun Olam Volunteer Opportunity at the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen	14 The office is closed	15 The office is closed	16 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm The office is closed	17 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks The office is closed	18 The office is closed Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & Birthday Minyan	19 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am Unpacking the Torah Following the kiddush Bond Movie Series 1 of 3 – 6:30pm
20 9:30am Ritual Committee Meeting Sisterhood at Cedar Village 3pm	21 The office is closed	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Morning Minyan 8AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	25 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	26 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
27	28 The office is closed	29 Etz Chaim Social Club Lunch 12pm	30 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm	We look forward to seeing you at events and services. For more information please feel free to call the office. Remember to check your weekly e-blast which is sent out every Wednesday. If you are not receiving the e-blast please call the office and we'll add you to the list.		

Congregation **ETZ CHAIM**



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



Simon Newman

G'mar Chatimah Tovah!
As we enter into 5777 I look forward to
seeing continued growth, involvement
and love for our Synagogue!

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