



# Congregation Etz Chaim

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

February ▪ March ▪ April ▪ 2025 - 5785

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*Family is  
like  
branches  
on a tree;  
we all  
grow in  
different  
directions,  
but our  
roots  
remain  
as one.*

# Am Yisrael Chai

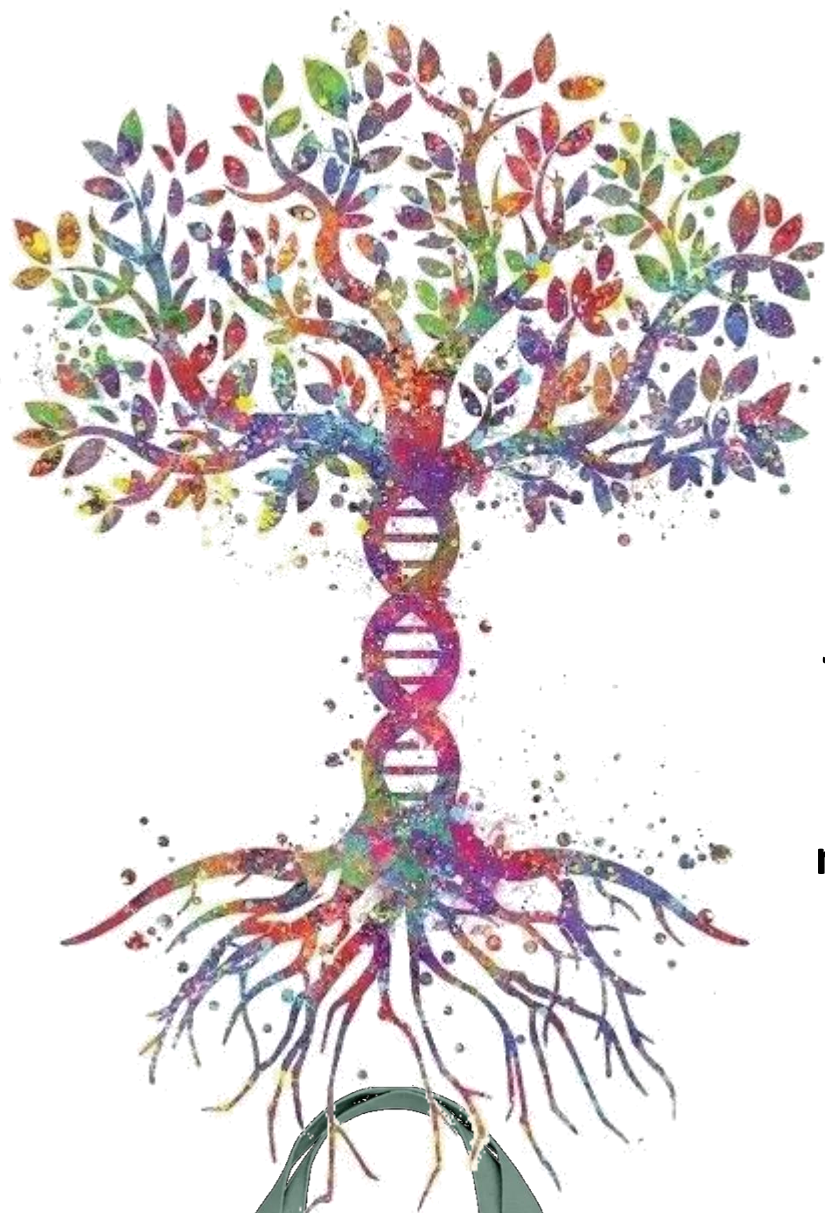
## OVERVIEW:

In an effort to help you our congregants keep track of important dates, holidays, events etc., we are producing a quarterly hard copy bulletin to provide a broad overview of upcoming Synagogue offerings.

In the face of our ever-changing world, you will notice many events have been changed, adjusted, postponed, and reimagined. We are not the same. The world is not the same.

To that end our Synagogue events, services and programs will be altered over the weeks and months ahead. We will educate ourselves, engage in respectful dialogue, allow ourselves to be vulnerable and afraid with each other, resolve to become more active because we live in a land that allows us to practice, and we cannot let Anti-Semitism scare us away from our faith.

We invite you to come home to our Synagogue and find solace in our walls and in our community's warm embrace.



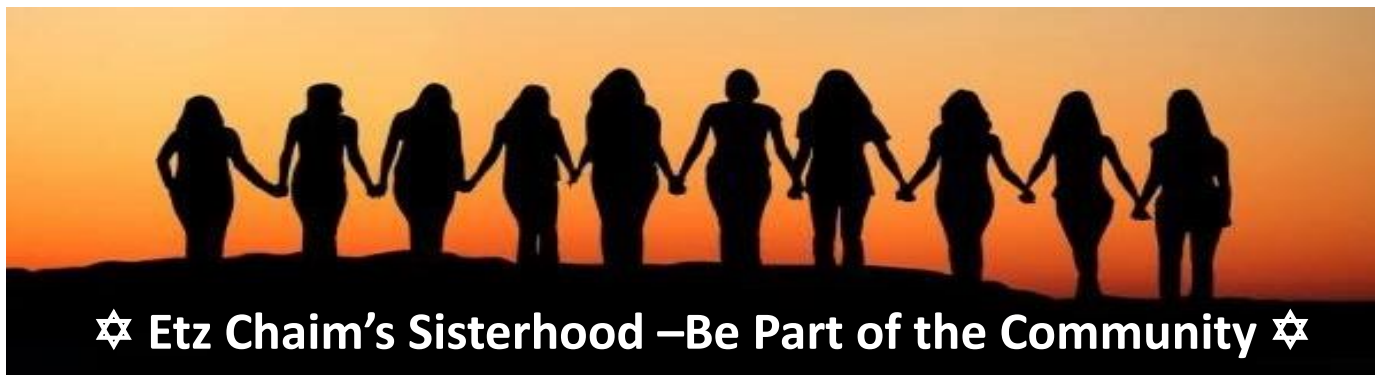
# **Honoring Our Roots Shabbat**

**Join Congregation Etz Chaim  
on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
for a special Shabbat  
morning where we recognize  
and celebrate members age  
90 and older.**

**These inspirational  
congregants laid the  
foundation for the  
continuation of our Judaism  
so let's come together to  
honor and live the message  
L'Dor V'Dor from Generation  
to Generation.**

**10am followed by special  
kiddush luncheon sponsored  
by Carol Friedman**

As a way of honoring each of these special congregants we will be collecting food that we will donate to the food pantry in their name. Please bring a few non-perishable food items with you that morning to fill the bag created in their honor.



### SHABBAT AFTERNOON GAME DAY

Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025, for the opportunity to share shabbat services followed by a fun finger-food themed kiddush lunch and Sisterhood & Men's Club boardgames following kiddush. Learn a new Shabbat appropriate game including the ever popular, created in Israel, Rummikub, and our specially created one-of-a-kind monopoly board that is reminiscent of Jewish Cincinnati from days gone by with Bucheim's Bakery, the Valley Shopping center and more.

Spend Shabbat with your CEC Family.

### **Hamantaschen Cooking Schedule**

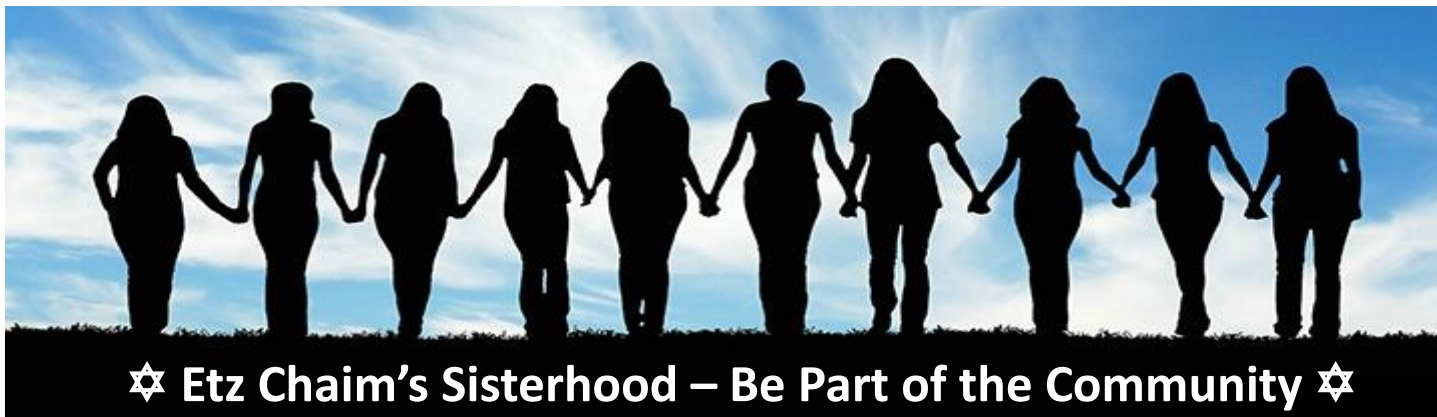
Let Sandy Baden know you can attend a cooking session or sign yourself up through the google doc in the weekly eblast. We need all hands-on deck ready to roll, fill & pinch!



Monday, 2/3 9am to 12pm  
 Tuesday, 2/4 1pm to 4pm  
 Wednesday, 2/5 9am to 3pm  
 Sunday, 2/9 1pm to 3pm  
 Tuesday, 2/11 1pm to 4pm  
 Wednesday, 2/12 11am to 3pm  
 Thursday, 2/13 8am to 1pm

Sunday, 2/16 1pm to 3pm  
 Monday, 2/17 10am to 3pm  
 Tuesday, 2/18 1pm to 4pm  
 Thursday, 2/20 8am to 1pm  
 Friday, 2/21 9am to 1pm





## HAMENTASCHEN 2025

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

Limited quantities available!

We will take orders until **Sunday, February 28, 2025**

or until we run out, whichever happens first.

Yes, they freeze well so stock up  
for year-round noshing!

**\$18/DOZEN**

**\$10/HALF DOZEN**

**\$18/LOG**

This year we will also be offering 5 other filling options —strawberry, apricot,  
raspberry, chocolate and poppyseed. Please note we sell in groups of 6 or 12.

Orders Can be picked up at Congregation Etz Chaim

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE	PRICE/ UNIT	NUMBER	FILLING	TOTAL
Dozen Hamantaschen	\$18.00			
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dozen Hamantaschen	\$10.00			
Log (dozen equivalent)	\$18.00			
*Please note the original flavor contain nuts			Total:	

Please Make Checks Payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood and mail  
to CEC 8100 Cornell Road Cincinnati, OH 45249 - Attn: Sandy

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ORDER FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28**

Austern, Susan	Greenberger, Mark & Ellen (FL)	Rosen, Barbara
Baden, Sandy	Gutbezahl, Rachel	Rosen, Russ & Arlene
Barnes, Karen	Haber, Lynne	Rosen, Sam & Whitney
Beraha, Judy	Harris, Cheryl	Rosen, Oscar & Elana
Berger, Linda	Harris, Shelley	Saal, Howard & Cara
Berger, Marsha	Heldman, Toni & Chrissy	Schechtman, Aaron & Stephany
Bingman, Bernice	Higgins, Mordechai & Phyllis	Schneider, Cindy
Borden, Aaron	Hurst, Chris	Schulman, Ed & Nancy
Brodof, Lauren	Jarnicki, Cindy	Segal, Herb & Eleanor
Brodof, Matt	Joffe, Barry & Melanie	Segerman, Steve & Susan
Brodof, Terry	Katz, Mitch	Shapiro, Sharon
Chandler, Elliot & Diane	Kaufman, Julie	Sherwat, Shaney
Cohen-Biscotti, Erica & Matt	Kluger, Brian & Carrie	Slovin, Randy
Cohen, Harlene (Butzy)	Kolovson, Dana & Barbara Taggart-Milberg	Smith, Daniel Q
	Kravetz, Stanley & Reenie	Solomon, Paul
Cohen, Sid & Dee	Krimins, Ethan	Stein, John
Cohen, Ruth		Steele, Rochelle
Cohn, Steve	Kwiatek, Kim & Candy	Suid, Howard
Cox, Tiffany	Lerer, Hank	Taplits, Bryan
Dannenber, Larry & Betty	Lerer, Hatsy	Tessel, David
Diamond, Richard	Liberman, Mitch	Tessell, Lisa
Diamond, Stanley & Marilyn	Lichtenstein, Jenny & Jose Rodriguez	Timmer, Stan & Michelle Fesman
		Towler, Vance & Haguit Rubinstein-Towler
Dreyer, Bob & Shirley	Linder, Nelson	Vidal, Chava
Edlin, Jory	Lipp, Lori	Vidal, Chaya
Evers, Michael	Littman, Dan & Susan	Weil, David & Chie
Evers, Paul	Litz, Stan & Karen	Weisberg, Ophra
Finkelstein, Leslie	Loew, Brian	Yasgur, Howard & Diane
Forman, Dale & Kimberly	Lumley, Tracy & Troy	Zeifman, Fred & Gail
Franklin, Dan	Malowitz, Jule	
Franklin, Toby	Manes, Penny	
Fried, Joel & Ava	Meister, Bill	
Friedenberg, Bob & Emmy	Mellman, Phyllis	
Friedman, Carol	Miller, Ellen	
Gabbour, Jeff & Qing	Mindlin, Beth	
Gabbour, Richard & Michelle	Mitman, Kenneth & Diane	<b>SISTERHOOD ONLY</b>
Gallop, Eddie & Lana	Moskowitz, Joel & Susan	Bransford, Cindy
Ganulin, Mary	Nagler, Adele	Goldfarb, Audrey
Gati, George & Sara	Neman, Beth	Handler, Leslie
Ginsburg, Dov & Israela	Neman, David	Klayman, Dottie
Goldberg, Brian & Robin	Nidich, Paul & Marianne	Margolis, Julie
Goldberg, Joyce	Peerless, Rona	Tobin, Faye
Goldey, Bobbie	Plotkin, Alice	White, Anne
Goldman, Ilan & Adams, Andrew	Plotnick, Harry & Rona	
Goldner, Russell & Gale	Pywen, Richard & Sandi	
Goldstein, Allan & Melissa	Reed, Marcy	
Goldstein, Barry	Ronis-Tobin, Vic & Audrey	



# 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 a *Mishloach Manot* gift package for each congregant.

This year the Mishloach Manot Project is bigger & better with a cute parcel to convey our love, with edible treats and a special tie into our Purim Shpiel.

On the preceding page is the list of Etz Chaim & Sisterhood-Only members—OR you can give to the whole congregation for only \$118. (100+ Chai! less than the price of 10 baskets!); see instructions below. Upon completion, send the order form, along with your check, payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood.

Etz Chaim Sisterhood  
Attn: *Mishloach Manot*

**ORDER FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28**

Each congregant or Sisterhood member will receive one basket, regardless of how many are ordered for that person. A card with the name of each sender will be included with the basket.

YOUR NAME(S), as you wish it to appear on the gift card:

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**Option A: FOR \$118 YOU CAN SEND A BASKET TO ALL LOCAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM & TO LOCAL SISTERHOOD-ONLY MEMBERS.**

**Option B: SEND A BASKET TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM OR SISTERHOOD (check names listed on the back): \$10 per basket:**

# of baskets ordered \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# PURIM SHPIEL



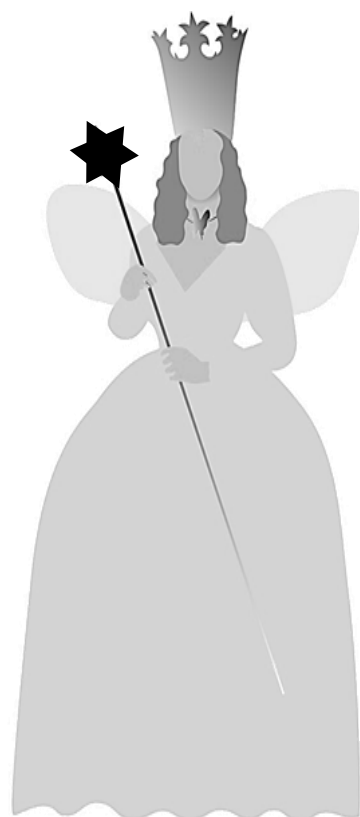
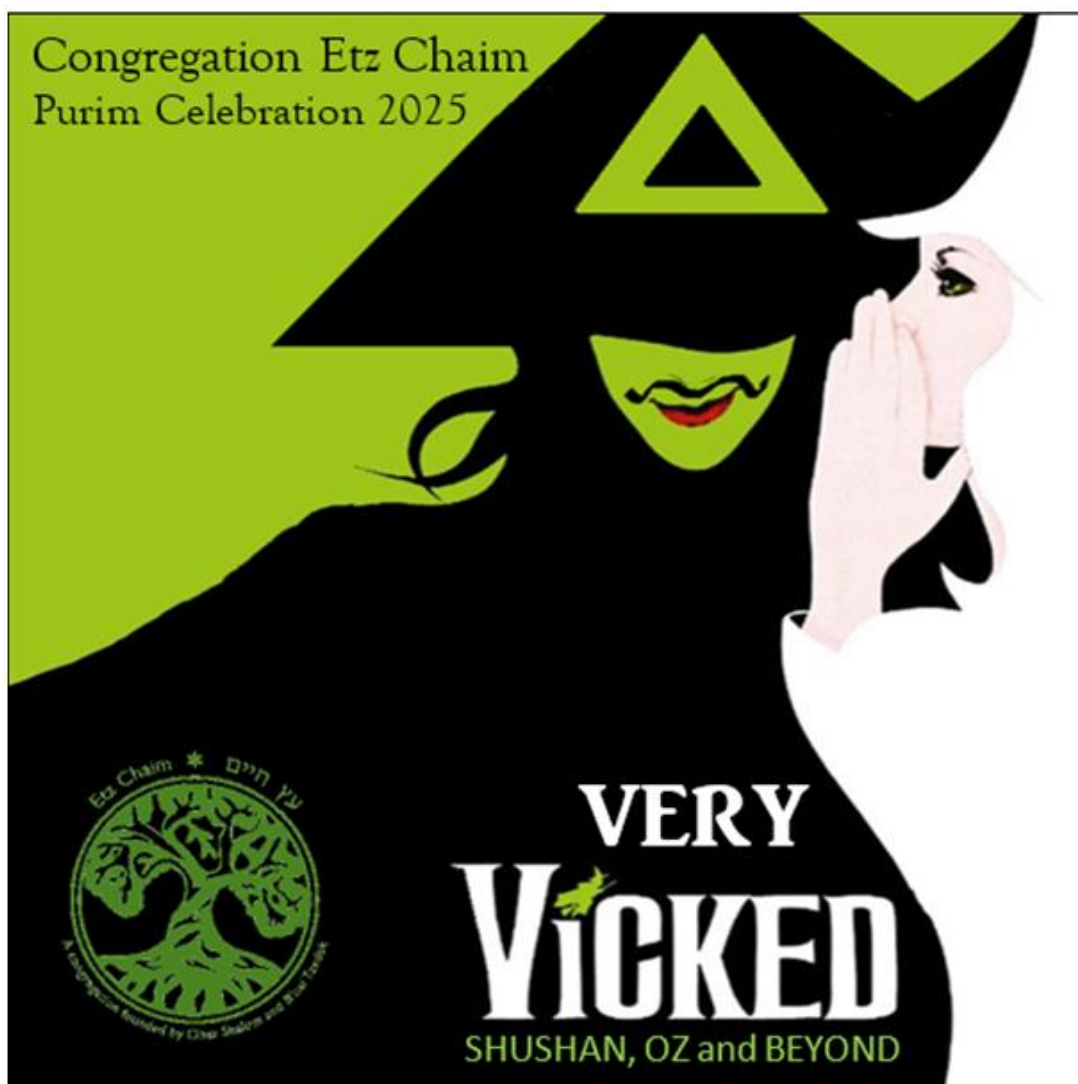
What does Esther, the Queen of Persia (4<sup>th</sup> century BCE), have in common with “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” (written by L. Frank Baum in 1900) and the film “Wicked” (released 2024)?

Well, you’ll have to wait until Thursday evening, March 13, Purim at  
Congregation Etz Chaim to find out!!!

Join us for “Very Vicked, Shushan, Oz and Beyond” an original creation of Playwright Chaya Vidal. **Starring:** Sandy Baden, Adam Berger, Ethan Berger, Terry Brodof, Lauren Brodof, Sid Cohen, Michelle Fesman-Timmer, Gale Goldner, Rusty Goldner, Mitch Katz, Hank Lerer, Tracy Lumley, Barb Rosen, Russ Rosen, Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Stan Timmer. **Accompanied by four talented musicians:** Chris Harper, Dana Kolovson, Mitch Liberman, and Howard Suid. With a **tech crew** led by Linda Berger, Zig Main, Rochelle Steele, and **artistic director:** Rachel Gutbezahl.

**Ticket Information:** Adults: \$20, Kids under 13: \$10. To reserve your spot, by Friday, February 28, 2025 - please call the Synagogue Office at 513-489-3399.

We will provide you with an evening you won’t soon forget.



## **Congregation Etz Chaim Purim Program Thursday Night, March 13, 2025**

Act I: Scene I: The Sanctuary  
Megillah Reading.....6:00pm

Act II: The Social Hall  
Buffet Dinner..... 7:15pm  
and Cash Bar

Act III: The Stage  
"VERY VICKED Shushan, Oz & Beyond...8:15pm  
The Purim Story set to the Music of "Wicked & The Wizard of Oz"





At Purim we are commanded to feel joy and it is easy to feel that this is an unobtainable goal this year. Yet, throughout connections with each other and our Synagogue we will find a way to do so. Family turns inwards in times of trouble and sorrow and together we will honor our tradition and our heritage.

Together we have found ways to navigate through the unnavigable and so too it will be for Purim. Mark your calendars now on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our normal 7am Morning Minyan with Bagel Breakfast then go home for a quick nap and rejoin us at 6pm for Megillah reading, a dinner fit for a Queen, and a Purim Shpiel that will bring the familiar Purim tale to life!

P.S. If you would like to help out with Purim Preparations or Driving Mishloach Manot please let Hank or Chava know!

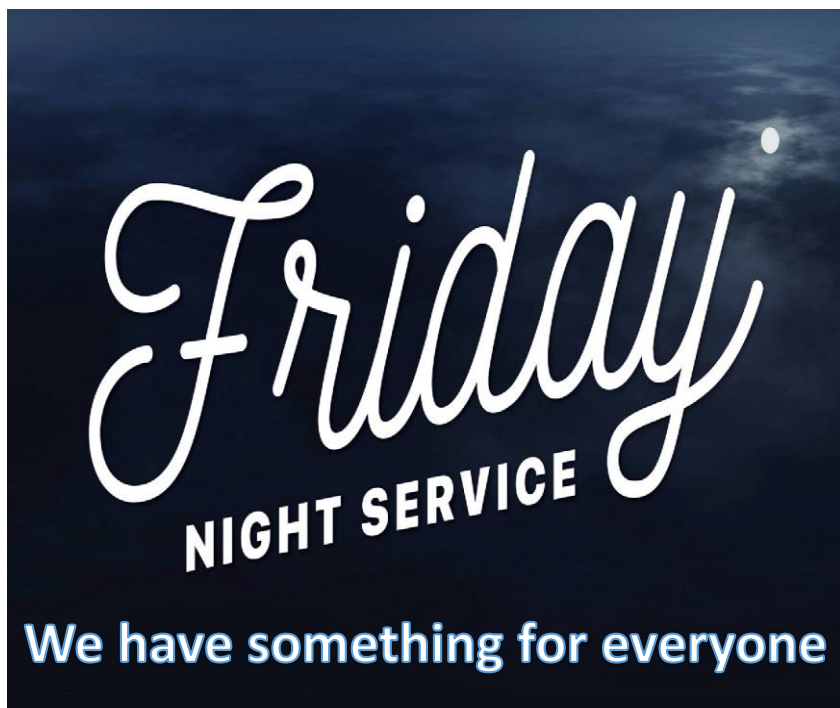
## **PURIM FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE: MAYO AND MUSTARD AND KETCHUP OH MY**



### **Matanot La'Evyonim "Gifts for the Needy"**

Remember to bring condiments  
(Dollar Tree & Walmart both have them for reasonable prices)  
and we'll donate them to the  
Barbash Family Vital Support Center  
(which takes BOTH kosher & non-hechshered items).  
This mitzvah is called Matanot La'Evyonim (gifts for those less fortunate)  
and is one of the 4 mitzvot of Purim!

Collection Drive will run from March 13 – March 27



Join us  
for a  
Musical  
Friday  
Night

February 7 - Join BTM & Russ  
Rosen for a music prelude to  
services.

Join us in the CEC lobby at  
5:40 pm as they play music to  
get us in the mood for Shabbat.  
Services will follow at 6pm

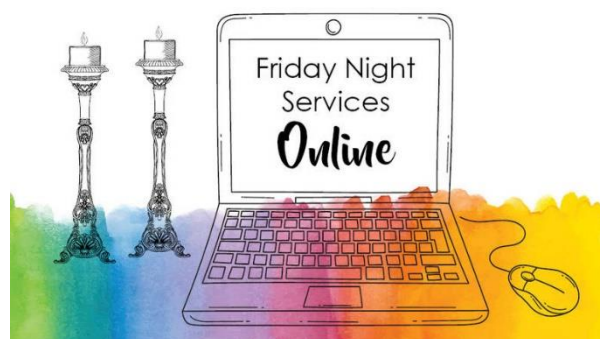


Join us Friday Night,  
February 14,  
and April 4  
Comfy Kab-Shab  
6pm in the Lobby

Dress in comfortable clothes, we'll sit in comfortable  
chairs set up in the lobby and enjoy musical selections  
from around the world. Enjoy a hot tea, a glass of wine  
or bottle of beer to help us usher in a restful Shabbat.  
Everyone welcome and be comfy!

Join us for  
Live Service over Zoom  
February 28 and March 28  
Zoom Room - 6pm

It's a great way to usher in the joy and  
holy time of Shabbat and enjoy your  
Synagogue community. This is ideal for home bound  
members or those who prefer not to drive in the dark.







We have two upcoming Minyan on the Move opportunities.  
Not a fan of traditional services but still looking for a way to connect with CEC  
Friends? - this is the night for you!

Join us Friday Night, February 21 at 6pm for a relaxing dinner  
at Slatts - 4858 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242

And then again on

Friday Night, April 11 at 6pm at Carrabba's for the last bites of Chametz  
Located in Mason – 5152 Merten Drive, Mason, OH 45040

You, our congregants have asked us to be able to share more meals together and  
what better way than welcoming in Shabbat over delicious American and Italian  
fare. Shabbat blessings, Torah Tidbit and laughter included.

Space is limited and reservations are first come first serve  
RSVP to Hank by emailing [hlerer@fuse.net](mailto:hlerer@fuse.net).



**Shabbat**  
**Shalom**  
**with CEC**





# ADULT EDUCATION

## *Winter Offerings*

The Adult Education Committee is proud to offer you several diverse programs planned for the upcoming months. Do you have an idea, want to offer feedback or lend your talents to a future event? Please talk to a committee member: Lynne Haber, Marianne Nidich, Paul Evers, Israel Ginsberg, Penny Manes & Howard Saal

## *Speaker Series* **SHABBAT**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025 – 10am**  
**Guest Speaker and Special Kiddush Lunch**

### **Jewish Perspectives on Organ and Tissue Donation.**

Join Rabbi Elena Stein in examining key texts from the bible, commentaries and responsa literature. Discover how different Jewish movements approach the practice of organ and tissue donation from both a philosophical and practical perspective.



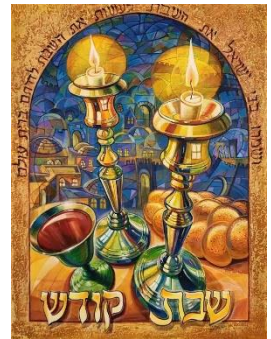
Rabbi Elena Stein is a Board-Certified Chaplain through Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC). She served as lead chaplain at The Jewish Hospital for 20 years, acting as co-chair of the Ethics committee for most of her tenure. She currently serves as a Staff Chaplain at Good Samaritan TriHealth. Rabbi Stein serves patients, families and staff of diverse backgrounds and faith traditions. She has mentored students studying Clinical Pastoral Education throughout her career, including providing an annual presentation on the chaplain's role in medical ethics. She was a presenter at the 2024 Conference on Medicine and Religion, presenting on the topic of Organ Donation. Rabbi Stein was ordained through HUC-JIR. She received her chaplaincy training at UCLA Medical Center, City of Hope in Duarte CA, and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). She has served on advisory committees for chaplaincy training programs at CCHMC, HUC-JIR, and now TriHealth.

# ADULT EDUCATION

## *Winter Offerings*

Adult Education is once again pleased to present a special Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service on Friday, April 25 – 6pm.

We will weave stories and pictures from the old European communities into the Erev Shabbat services and include old European hazzanut melodies. Log on, learn & connect.



### **Klau library and Rare Book Archives**

The Klau library on the HUC campus includes one of the finest Judaica research collections in the world. The collection includes: 530,000 printed books, 1,200 current periodical subscriptions, 2,500 manuscript codices and many thousands of manuscript pages, 19,000 microfiche & 19,000 reels of microfilm, 100,000 digital images from manuscripts and early printed books, 3,300 sound recordings, 14,000 books in the Rare Book Room (including illuminated manuscripts and Haggadot), and numerous non-book collections. This event provides a rare opportunity for a guided tour of the library holdings.

**Monday, March 31, 10:30 at HUC, followed by  
an optional lunch. RSVP to Marianne by March 24.**

**Meet at CEC at 9:30 if you wish to carpool**

# SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA

**"Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!"**

On Friday night, March 7, 2025, hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat!

Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages.

That's the magic of Shabbat Across America and Shabbat Across Canada. By participating in this continent-wide event, you will not only have the opportunity to experience Shabbat, but you will be sharing your experience with tens of thousands of Jews across North America.

Now you might have noticed the date is a week before Purim which means we can't cook our own Shabbat meal, but we have received a generous invitation from an Orthodox Synagogue in Dayton, Congregation Beth Jacob — and we've accepted.

So, join us for a truly traditional Shabbat Experience.

We will honor their traditions at a one-hour prayer service that will be in their sanctuary (with a mechitza). We will then join them for a delicious shabbat dinner and ruach filled singing in honor of Shabbat.

Challenge yourself to slow down and make Shabbat a special oasis in time. Consider putting on a special outfit, turning off your cellphone in investing in "me-time" the way God did when He created the world.



On one special night, tens of thousands of North American Jews will come together in spiritual unison with Jews across the continent and with thousands of years of tradition.

Now is your chance to be counted in this NJOP campaign that encourages Jews of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate what unifies us all: The Shabbat.

At times the Jewish World (and the world in general) can be utterly divisive but this Shabbat — for just a few hours - we will show up to celebrate, to unite and to not only say the words - but to live the words Am Yisrael Chai.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."  
Exodos 20:8

**MINYAN**  
on the  
move

This will be part of our Minyan on the Move Series — and yes... it is really "on the move". Beth Jacob Synagogue is located in Dayton. It is approximately a 51-minute drive from our Synagogue. Carpooling will be available for those who RSVP to Chava by February 14, 2025. As they are hosting us, please RSVP early so they can plan accordingly.



# Epcot Shabbat Mexico



**Join us for Epcot Shabbat:**

## MEXICO

**Saturday, March 8 at 10am**

Adult Ed, Ritual, Sisterhood and Men's Club have worked together to provide you with a meaningful and delicious shabbat service and kiddush. Give us a few hours and we will give you a good time.

Kiddush luncheon sponsored by  
Sid & Dee Cohen



### Movies that Matter

Sunday, April 27, 10am, in the Synagogue Lobby  
Brunch with our own member Q Smith Benedikt  
presenting on The Kindertransport – Film & Discussion  
Please RSVP to Hank by Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – this event  
is sponsored anonymously and is free to attend.





**MEET** *our*  
**ISRAELI**  
**EMISSARIES**

**Friday Night,  
March 21 – 6pm**  
Services followed by  
a delicious dinner and  
talk with Tzach



**TZACH**

Tzach, Cincinnati's newest Shaliach, in partnership with the Jewish Agency for Israel, will work within our community to connect Cincinnati to Israel. Tzach has a background in education, with a focus on leadership development. He holds an MA in Education from Haifa University and a BA in Education from Tel-Hai College.

**You have questions – We have Tzach!**

**Meet the Cincinnati Shaliach and spend a shabbat together  
with the congregation you love.**

**\$12 to attend – Space is Limited - Firm RSVP date of 3/1/25**







Passover Cleaning  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!  
WE HAVE A HUGE KITCHEN AND IT CAN'T  
BE CLEANED BY JUST A FEW PEOPLE....

Kitchen Kashering for Passover  
Join us on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the fun that  
is kashering an industrial size kitchen for  
Passover. We have jobs for all skill levels and  
all abilities. 10am to 2pm. The more people  
we have the quicker we can get the job done!  
RSVP to Hank Lerer if you can lend us a hand  
and some elbow grease.





# Ritual Matters

Barbara Taggart Milberg, Terry Brodof, Emmy Friedenberg,  
Lynne Haber, Hank Lerer, Steve Segerman, Sara Gati, and Chava Vidal



## Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class Information Sessions Part I and Part II

Join us Wednesday, 3/26 at 7pm as we present the options for what an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah can look like. Once we present the options take some time to decide what would be personally meaningful.

Then join us again Wednesday, April 23 at 7pm to meet the team of teachers, mentors and cheerleaders that will walk with you on your personalized journey to craft your special individual or group bar/bat mitzvah. The possibilities are endless, but you are not alone with your supportive CEC family. Both sessions will be via zoom and both are required. RSVP to Emmy Friedenberg #513-543-3456



**Hey! Would YOU like to learn a prayer for the Saturday Shabbat Service?**



We have individuals on the ritual committee who will be happy to meet with you in order to help you learn and feel comfortable with leading a prayer. Look at these friendly faces! Learn Shema, the Torah blessing, the prayer for Israel or anything else that interests you. Operators are standing by. Call today!

This is a judgement free opportunity to better connect with our liturgy and our language.



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

## Join us live for the second night of Passover Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 6:00pm at our Family Friendly Seder



Spend seder with your Etz Chaim family, read the Haggadah & watch it come to life through video clips, sharing of traditions, recounting the miracles, singing the familiar songs and enjoy a delicious homemade Kosher for Passover Meal.

Cost: \$40.00 – Your check is your RSVP. **FIRM DEADLINE of 3/23/25.** RSVPs received **after** that deadline will be \$54 due to supply chain issues and increased costs incurred by the shul.

### PASSOVER SHOPPING

The CEC Gift Shop has beautiful Passover items. Does your kiddush cup need refreshing? Is your Seder plate looking a little used? Want something new to decorate your table? Stop by and Shop Shop Shop!

### PASSOVER SERVICES

Saturday, April 12 – There will be a Zoom Shabbat at 10am – log on from your living room then nap before the holiday begins.

Sunday, April 13 – Live In person Passover Day I services 10am

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> day enjoy clickable links in the Passover eblast to hear fellow congregants share their expert davening and Torah lehring.

The 7<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach is Shabbat - Join us April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Join us for live in person services in the sanctuary on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Passover, Sunday, April 20, 10am for Yom Tov Service, including Yizkor.



# Sell Your Chometz

מכירת החמץ



The heart of Pesach preparations focuses on the removal of 1) ownership, 2) benefit and 3) eating of 'chametz' (leavened 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.)

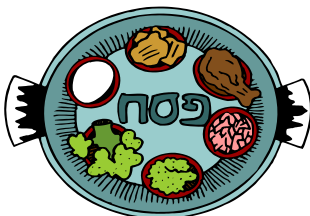
Accordingly, the following foods are prohibited during Pesach: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. Ashkenazic authorities also prohibit\* the following legumes (kitniyot): i.e. 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). (\*Note the Conservative Movement has now made an allowance for kitniyot to be consumed – however please follow your personal traditions – the shul has not accepted this halachik ordinance)

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 CHAMETZ)**

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 Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2025, and continues up to the evening of Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 9:03 pm.

And to this I hereby affix my signature(s) on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2025.



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Husband and Wife, specify names

Complete and return to Hank Lerer no later than 8 AM on Friday, April 11, 2025

It is customary, prior to Pesach, to provide Tzedakah (Ma-ot Chittim-wheat money) for the needy in our community.



## February Happenings

**Saturday, 2/1** – Kallah Weekend – no services at 8100

**Sunday Morning, 2/2** – Kallah Weekend!!!! Purim Shpiel  
Cast Rehearsal – 4 pm

**Thursday Morning, 2/6** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7AM

**Friday Night, 2/7** - Join BTM & Russ Rosen for a music  
prelude to services: Join us in the CEC lobby at 5:40 pm  
as they play music to get us in the mood for Shabbat,  
services will follow at 6pm

**Shabbat Morning, 2/8** - 10am Shabbat Services

**Sunday Morning 2/9** - Purim Shpiel Cast Rehearsal –  
10am to 12pm

**Tuesday, Night, 2/12** - Ritcom Mtg on Zoom at 7:30pm

**Thursday Morning, 2/13** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7AM – Tu B'Shevat

**Friday Night, 2/14** - Comfy Shabbat in the lobby; music,  
snacks, come as you are -we are happy to have you 6pm

**Saturday, 2/15** – Honoring our Roots Shabbat 10am  
Shabbat Morning Service and special program honoring  
congregants 90 and older. Kiddush luncheon sponsored  
by Carol Friedman

**Sunday Morning, 2/16** - Purim Shpiel Cast Rehearsal –  
10am to 12pm

**Tuesday Night, 2/18** - Exco meeting 6:30pm

**Thursday Morning, 2/20** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7 AM

**Friday Night, 2/21** - Minyan on the Move at Slatts 6pm

**Saturday Morning, 2/22** - Shabbat Morning Services  
10am Board Game Shabbat and birthday shabbat with  
coffee and cupcakes in honor of our February Birthdays

**Sunday Morning, 2/23** - Purim Shpiel Cast Rehearsal –  
10am to 12pm

**Tuesday Night, 2/25** - Board of Directors Meeting via  
Zoom 7pm

**Thursday Morning, 2/27** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7 AM

**Friday Night, 2/28** - Zoom KabShab 6PM

See the Sisterhood Article for  
Hamantaschen baking dates and times!

## March Happenings

**Shabbat Morning, 3/1** - 10am Shabbat Services and  
Special guest speaker Rabbi Elana Stein presenting on  
Organ Donation with special kiddush luncheon

**Sunday Morning 3/2** - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 10-12pm

**Thursday Morning, 3/6** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7AM

**Friday Night, 3/7** – Minyan on the Move – Beth Jacob  
Dayton

**Saturday, 3/8** - Join us for Epcot Shabbat: Mexico - Adult  
Ed, Ritual, Sisterhood and Men's Club came together to  
provide you with a meaningful and delicious shabbat  
service. Luncheon sponsored by Sid & Dee Cohen – 10am

**Sunday Morning 3/9** - Purim Shpiel Rehearsal – 10-12pm

**Thursday Morning, 3/13** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7AM

**Thursday Night, 3/13** – 6pm Megillah Reading, 7:15pm  
Dinner and 8:15pm Purim Shpiel

**Friday Night, 3/14** – Clickable Links for Purim Day & Kab  
Shab Night

**Shabbat Morning, 3/15** - 10am Shabbat Services and  
Shushan Purim

**Thursday Morning, 3/20** - Morning Minyan and Bagel  
Breakfast at 7AM

**Friday Night, 3/21** – Kabbalat Shabbat & Special Dinner  
with Israeli Shaliach Tzach - Evening starts at 6pm

**Saturday, 3/22** - Shabbat Morning Services 10am with  
birthday coffee and cupcakes in honor of our March  
Birthdays

**Sunday 3/23** – Kasher the Kitchen for Passover – 10am

**Tuesday Night, 3/25** - Board of Directors Mtg via Zoom  
7pm

**Wed. Night, 3/26** – B'nai Mitzvah Class Info Session 7pm

**Friday Night, 3/28** - Zoom KabShab 6PM

**Saturday, 3/29** – Shabbat Morning Services 10 am

**Monday, 3/31** – Visit to Klau Library on the HUC Campus  
Tour starts at 10:30am



Detach this page from your bulletin and  
hang it on your refrigerator or place it in  
your planner or add the dates to your  
calendar! We've condensed the information  
so it's all in one place. For more details see  
the full spreads on the previous pages.  
Remember! RSVPing saves you and the shul  
money so do it early & often!

## April Happenings

**Thursday Morning, 4/3** - Morning Minyan and Bagel Breakfast at 7AM

**Friday Night, 4/4** - Comfy Shabbat in the lobby; music, snacks, come as you are -we are happy to have you – 6pm

**Saturday Morning, 4/5** – Shabbat Morning Services 10am

**Thursday Morning, 4/10** - Morning Minyan and Bagel Breakfast at 7AM – Fast of the First Born

**Friday Morning, 4/11** – Last Chance to sell your Chametz

**Friday Night, 4/11** - Minyan on the Move at Carrabba's - 6pm

**Shabbat Morning, 4/12** – Shabbat Morning Services via Zoom 10am. Saturday Night 4/12 – First Night Seder

**Sunday Morning, 4/13** – Pesach Day I Services 10am.

**Sunday Night, 4/13** - Congregational Second Seder – 6pm

**Thursday Morning, 4/17** - Morning Minyan and Matza Breakfast at 7AM

**Friday Night, 4/18** – Clickable Kabshab for elevated Joy

**Saturday Morning, 4/19** – Pesach Day VII and Shabbat Morning Services 10am

**Sunday Morning, 4/20** – Pesach Day VIII with Yizkor services begin at 10am

**Tuesday Night, 4/22** - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7pm

**Wed Night, 4/23** – B'nai Mitzvah Class Info Session – 7pm

**Thursday Morning, 4/24** - Morning Minyan and Bagel Breakfast at 7AM – YOM HASHOAH, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, is a day to remember our 6 million who were murdered in the Holocaust

**Friday Night, 4/25** – Adult Ed Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat & Holocaust Program 6pm

**Saturday Morning, 4/26** - Shabbat Morning Services 10am with birthday coffee and cupcakes in honor of our April Birthdays

**Sunday Afternoon 4/27** – Brunch, Film and Discussion 10am

**Wednesday, 4/30** – YOM HAZIKARON is a day of remembrance for fallen Israeli soldiers and victims of terrorism.



## **A Prayer for the State of Israel**

אָבינוּ שְׁפִשְׁמִים, צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ  
בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֹאשִׁית  
צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתֵנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת  
חֲסִדָּהּ, וּפְרֹשׁ עָלֶיהָ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמָהּ  
וַיְשַׁלַּח אוֹרָהּ וְאַמְתָּהּ לְרֹאשֵׁיהָ, שְׁרִיָּה  
וְיוֹעֲצִיהָ, וְתִקְנָם בְּעֶצֶה טוֹבָה  
מְלַפְּנֶיהָ. חִזַּק אֶת יְדֵי מְגִנֵּי אֶרֶץ  
קְדִשְׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה  
וְעֲטָרַת נִצְחוֹן תְּעַטְרֵם, וְנִתַּת שְׁלוֹם  
בְּאֶרֶץ וּשְׁמַחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֶיהָ.

Avinu she-ba-shamayim, stronghold and redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, the beginning of our redemption. Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land.

Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the land with peace and its inhabitants with lasting joy. And let us say:

Amen.



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