

# 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  
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## Message from your President – Terry Brodof



The weather is beginning to turn cooler and nightfall seems to be creeping up on us sooner. I love Fall and hearing the sound of rustling leaves. Most of us will begin to stay home a little more. I've begun pulling out the warmer clothes and have shifted into my familiar fall, winter, and spring schedule. I'll be watching a little more television and reading a few more books. I don't seem to find time for television during the summer

although, HGTV is my go to if I find myself sitting in front of a TV. Ok, I also check in on *This is Us* and the Pearson Family because I can relate to just about every Pearson family struggle they discuss. I'll get back to that in a moment.

According to the HGTV remodeling shows, a popular decorating theme today is utilizing shades of greys and whites, along with a bold accent color. My parent's accent color of choice was always orange. In *The Psychology of Color*, it says Orange, a combination of red and yellow symbolizes warmth. Red is filled with energy and stimulation and yellow symbolizes happiness and cheerfulness. Its description is actually a close analogy of my parents. In heraldry, orange is the symbol of strength and endurance. For me, orange always symbolized the warmth and happiness of home and the coming of fall and Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was my parent's favorite secular holiday. They said it all of the time. It was a holiday when my dad was in the kitchen. Cooking on that day was fun. My grandma made the stuffing every year. My Aunt Bobbie brought the Jello molds I loved so much. My Aunt Barbara brought the pies. There were always some kitchen mishaps that day but we all laughed through them. We even had a hospital run one year as dad's finger got in the way while carving the bird. He was fine and it was the Thanksgiving I learned how to carve a turkey. We always had Thanksgiving in our home. We had Pesach at my Aunt Barbara's home and during Chanukah we were all at my Aunt Bobbie's home. I was happy our home was the designated family Thanksgiving spot. Complete with turkey shaped salt and pepper shakers, stuffed Pilgrims at the table, pumpkins on the porch, fall leaves in the yard and an overflowing cornucopia centerpiece.

The entire family came over and tables were lined up throughout the house. There were the kid's tables and the adult tables. Truth be told, when I was moved up to the adult table, I longed for the time when my sisters would join me. Before the meal we would go down the line one by one voicing what we were thankful for—"good health, happiness, the joy of family, an "A" in math, thankful that we found the cat, being out of school, getting picked for a part in a play, our parents....etc..." Being thankful is a wonderful feeling if you are able to stop and embrace it in the moment.

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Giving thanks is actually a very Jewish theme. To be thankful for all of our blessings. The moment we wake up in the morning from our beds we say “*Modeh anee lefanecha, melech chai Vekayam.*” Which translates closely to - I am thankful to you almighty king for enduring life. We show gratitude and start the day voicing our thanks for waking up from a restful slumber to begin the journey of a new day.

Most of us have a Thanksgiving plateful to be thankful for. First and foremost, we have been granted a full plate. We have a community that we are a part of. We have people who surround us. We have family and friends to share our burdens and our joys. We have the ability to express our thoughts. We live in a country where we can openly express truth and can openly express how we see ourselves. We have food on our tables. A home to return to. We are free to practice our faith and our customs. We have people around us who share our values. Yes, we have much to be grateful for. There are millions of people in the world who cannot share these truths.

Thanksgiving is also a perfect time to talk about our Jewish values and the connections Jews have to Thanksgiving. For example, the cornucopias, a prominent Thanksgiving centerpiece, was imprinted on ancient Jewish coins, seals, amulets, and jewelry. The first Thanksgiving was held outside and took place over a number of days. We can easily connect this to Sukkot and celebrations of harvest. The Thanksgiving table is a reminder of the Seder table. Where everyone gathers to share stories. We all share the joy of recognizing the “order” of events at both the thanksgiving and the Seder tables. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to incorporate beginning the meal by reciting Kiddush over wine and the words of the *Shehecheyanu.* “Blessed are You, Lord our God, king of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and brought us to this season. Many of our families share a connection with our country’s original pilgrims. We share a pilgrimage of our own to this country to escape religious persecution. It is a perfect opportunity to pass along these stories to our children and to those at our tables.

I kept a magnet on my refrigerator for many years that read *Remember to make this day Jewish in some way.* Giving thanks and giving tzedakah is a great way to make the upcoming season Jewish. We have an opportunity to help the needy in our own community in November. We are scheduled to prepare and to serve food at the Over The Rhine soup kitchen November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to physically help, consider volunteering . If you can’t be there, consider helping to fill an imaginary cornucopia for the OTR families in need of basics by donating a bag of fresh apples or oranges, tooth brushes or toothpaste, pocket hand sanitizers or easy to carry pocket snacks. The volunteers at the soup kitchen regularly collect these items and distribute them to our patrons who visit the soup kitchen for a nutritious hot meal. If you bring them to Shul on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> or Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, before Shabbat, they will be distributed to those in need.

I promised I’d get back to the *This This is Us* television show that I mentioned I tune into at the start of this note. One of my favorite *This is Us* episodes is the Pearson family Thanksgiving. It is a Thanksgiving that reminds us of how our holiday traditions began and how they connect us to the past. It also reminds us that although time and perhaps *mishaps* may change some family traditions, it also allows us to create new and wonderful traditions along the way. Three years ago, I passed the tradition of carving the Turkey to my son. Watching him carve our turkey, reminds me of the days when I stood at the kitchen counter watching my father meticulously carving the Thanksgiving turkey. From generation to generation. *L’dor v’dor.*

In November, let’s all try to make someone’s day better, in some way.

*-Terry Brodof*



**The  
SEASONS**  
Lodge



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



**SAVE THE DATE!**

February 7-8-9 2020

**Fourth Annual CEC Retreat Weekend**

We want you to join us as CEC spends a weekend as a community in beautiful Brown County, Indiana.

The weekend away includes lodging, meals, socializing, services, games, and even time for shopping in the quaint town of Nashville, Indiana.

A new addition this year will be a new element a mini outing on Saturday evening after shabbat has ended for dinner, socializing and more at the Hard Truth Distillery Co. Restaurant, located a ¼ of a mile away from our lodge on 37 acres of woodlands.

**All are invited to attend!**

Contact Hank or Chava for more details. This is a great way to enjoy your CEC community in a relaxing and inviting setting.

*Thank You to Those Who Contributed To  
the newly named Ray Kantor Memorial Cantorial Fund.*

*Once again we hosted Cantor Abe Lubin for our HHD services and again our services were just wonderful, ably augmented by our Choir, duets and ever expanding group of lay leaders and daveners. We are grateful for our congregant participation and we successfully sustained generous gifting. Added to that is the generous gift from Ray Kantor's family. Thank you to those who supported our effort. Yasher Koach!*

*If you would still like to participate, it is not too late!!  
Just contact the office.*

*Barry Joffe,  
Chair, Ray Kantor Memorial Cantorial Fund*

**2019 Contributors**

**Richard & Sara Behrman**

**Jeff, Qing and Mireille Gabbour**

**Barbara Taggart-Milberg**

**Barry & Melanie Joffe**

**Penny Manes in Honor of Bill Bernie**

**Nelson Linder**

**Mark Rogoff**

**Barry Goldstein**

**Lynne Haber**

**Steve & Sue Segerman**

**Toby and Sandy Franklin**

**Paul & Marianne Nidich**

**Howard and Cara Saal**

**Russ and Arlene Rosen**

**Audrey Martin**

**Bill Meister**





## Ritual Matters

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

Happy New Year 5780!

To all of you who helped make these High Holy Days (HHD) shine – and we all did in our own special ways - we thank you!

We always enjoy and appreciate Cantor Lubin leading many of our HHD services and, while not only being a wonderful Cantor, he is indeed a pleasure to work with. Many thanks to those of you who donated to our Ray Kantor Cantorial Memorial Fund to support having him with us. (See the separate Recognition article) Thanks also to the choir, to the many volunteers and participants and especially to our committed office staff (Hank and Chava) who plan and prepare so much and who make all of our HHD and fall holidays run smoothly.

But our most important gauge as to how the holidays fared is YOU. We need your feedback. Ideas for improvement are welcomed so that we can strive to make things better for 5781.

Positive comments are always welcome. 😊

The Ritcom's last meeting was in August and then we took a break so that we could focus on the 5780 HHD and Holidays. Now that we've gotten over 'this hump', the Ritcom is back on schedule, starting with a Sunday, November 3rd meeting. At this meeting we will recap the 5780 HHD season as well as turn our attention to some past and future matters at hand.

The Etz Chaim Minyan Committee has noticed a lull to the number of minyan services requested over the HHD season. Please remember to contact us (contact [cecminyan@gmail.com](mailto:cecminyan@gmail.com) or Barry Joffe, Barbara Taggart-Milberg or the Etz Chaim office) to schedule a minyan service so that you and others can say yahrzeit for your loved one. Once again, we strongly recommend that you give at least 10 days of lead time when you send your request in.

We will have more to discuss with you after we have our November meeting. Until the next bulletin, have a wonderful month and Happy New Year.

Barbara and Barry





Thank you to our congregants who reached into their homes and their hearts to bring in donations for the 2019 Project Isaiah food drive. Special Thank you to the volunteers who delivered the food: Richard Pywen & Ron Shapiro. Again, a special thank you to Richard Behrman and Eddie Gallop for donating the sturdy and reusable bags. Kol Hakavod Everyone!



### **Interested in doing more Tikkun Olam?**

**Want to do a mitzvah and really make a difference in someone's life?**

**Six times a year - members from our synagogue give up a Sunday morning and volunteer at the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen. So far this year members of our board, youth group, men's club and other dedicated congregants who are passionate about social action have attended and given of their time.**

**The last date for the 2019 season is**

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

**Want more information? Contact Matt Brodof at 513-373-6925**

## Here is an opportunity to help those in our own backyard...

I often stop channel surfing when I see the movie *The Big Lebowski* on television. It has become a cult classic. The movie stars Jeff Bridges and John Goodman, and in short it is about a group of bowlers and mistaken identity. The plot is insignificant, but the quotes throughout the film have become iconic.

In the movie, John Goodman's character is a converted Jew who is *Shomer Shabbos*.... well, at least when it comes to bowling, delivering the iconic line: "*I don't roll on Shabbos*". Jeff Bridge's character in the film is the called "The Dude." I found out that Jeff Bridges, the entertainer, the actor and the individual, in many ways is actually "The Dude." He and a few other entertainers founded the End Hunger Network. He also worked on the presidential end hunger initiative and in 2010 became the spokesperson for the Share the Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign.

In May of this year, Meghan Mongillo of WKRC did a piece on the Over the Rhine Soup kitchen-- the largest soup kitchen network in our city. She noted 21% of children in Hamilton County are not guaranteed a next meal.

The OTR Soup Kitchen not only helps Cincinnati children, it helps families in need, and our synagogue plays a big part in this endeavor. Six times a year, our synagogue serves about 175 meals at the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen. We buy, prepare, and serve a lunch meal to those Cincinnati families who are in need.

We have 10-15 regular social action volunteers from the shul. Our Soup kitchen volunteers rotate turns at the kitchen. Cooking, serving, cleaning and talking with those who are in need of the soup kitchen's help. To those we serve, we truly are "The Dudes".

Our next Sunday morning soup kitchen date is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering in this important initiative, please contact me, Matthew Brodof, ([mb371607@gmail.com](mailto:mb371607@gmail.com) or 513-373-6925)





# GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Chanukah and The Holiday Season are just around the corner...

The cold weather is here and shopping is starting to pick up. Imagine this... you purchase one five-dollar raffle ticket. The lights dim, they reach in the drawing box and just like that you hear your name announced. You yell with joy then you breathe a deep sigh of relief because you know that all your gift giving for the 2019 season is magically done! Don't let this chance pass you, your friends, neighbors, or co-workers by!

## GIFT CARD RAFFLE

WITH 4 PRIZE  
PACKAGES  
EACH VALUED  
AT \$250.00!!!



Prizes include gift cards to: Mio's, Marx Hot Bagel, Dilly's, Kinneret Grill, Tony's, Frisch's, Through the Garden, Boston Market, C'est Cheese, Starbucks, Outback, Slat's, Sammy's, Silver Spring House, Sleepy Bee, Apple Tree, Skyline, Panera, McAlister's, Benson's Tavern, The Green Juice Farm Juicery & more

You do not need to be present to win! Drawing 11/10/19  
Donation \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00



**GIFT SHOP TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS EVENING...  
IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO START YOUR CHANUKAH SHOPPING!!!**





CEC Synagogue Fundraiser,  
Dinner & Entertainment from the “NEW HORIZON SWING BAND”

We are pleased to announce our upcoming  
Synagogue Gift Card Raffle. Proceeds from this raffle  
will help us fund our Synagogue events and general expenses.

The raffle tickets are only \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20

The prizes will be 4 gift card packages each valued at \$250.00!!!

We hope you'll consider purchasing a sheet of tickets for yourself,  
then selling a sheet to friends and family. Who wouldn't want a  
chance to win amazing gift cards just before the holidays?

Additional tickets are available in the office.

Our Raffle Winners will be drawn during the  
**Congregational Spaghetti Dinner on  
Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 6:00pm**

It will be a wonderful evening with great food, friends,  
and it's open to the greater community.

You need not be present to win but it does make  
winning that much sweeter.

Dinner is only \$10 per person with a Firm RSVP date of November 3.  
Call the office today 513-489-3399 or simply send in one check with your  
dinner reservation and raffle tickets.

We thank you in advance!

# Membership Matters

*You – our membership – matter!*

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

*Enjoy reading a little about our newest members Toni & Chrissy Heldman  
– written by Bob Friedenberg*

Among our newest members is Toni Heldman and her daughter Chrissy. Toni is a native of Cincinnati who graduated from Walnut Hills High School and Ohio University. While at Ohio University Toni participated in a wide variety of extracurricular activities and was President of the Women's Sorority Council.

Toni was raised in a very reform congregation. Her best memory of her early Jewish upbringing is that she had a great many HUC-JIR student rabbis as teachers. After graduating from Ohio University where she majored in advertising and marketing, Toni spent approximately 20 years in retail. Then she went out on her own and now runs her own marketing company. Toni has a daughter, Chrissy. Chrissy is a big fan of anything Disney and enjoys art and animals.

Toni is one of our rare members who at one time was a member of both B'nai Tzedek and Ohav Shalom. Hence, with friends in both of our founding congregations, even though we are a long commute from her home in Hamilton, she began to visit Congregation Etz Chaim. She and her daughter Chrissy both liked what they experienced on their first few visits. They especially liked both the services and the family atmosphere that they found here at Congregation Etz Chaim. Hence, though their commute is longer than that of many of our members, they decided to join.

Toni leads a very busy life running her own business and taking care of her daughter. Indeed, we did this interview while Toni was driving, and while I was interviewing her for this article, we were interrupted when Toni received a phone call from our own Terry Brodof!

Toni and Chrissy have enjoyed the brief time that they have been members of Congregation Etz Chaim, and are looking forward to becoming active members of our congregation. The next time you see Toni and Chrissy stop to say hello to our newest members!

We would like to thank our various sponsors  
through the high holiday season:



Bima Flowers for the High Holidays – In memory of Charles Gabbour z”l by  
Mireille, Richard, Michelle, Jeffrey, Ethan and Aasia Gabbour

Rosh Hashanah candy for a “sweet” New Year – by Mordechai Higgins

Sukkah Building Luncheon – Julie Kaufman

Rosh Hashanah Day II Subsidy and Break-the-Fast  
Snacks and Drinks – In memory of Dr. Sol & Marie Taplits z”l by  
Michael Taplits & Bryan Taplits

Break-the-Fast Meal – Russ and Arlene Rosen, Barbara Taggart-Milberg,  
Audrey Martin, Bernice Bingman, Bob and Emmy Friedenberg, Michelle and Stan  
Fesman-Timmer

Sukkot Day One Kiddush – Karen & Albert Sawdai

Sukkot Day Two Kiddush – Mordechai Higgins

Congregational Sukkot Dinner Subsidy – in memory of Don Kuhr z”l  
By Harriet Kuhr

Shemeni Atzeret Kiddush – Audrey Martin

Simchat Torah Evening Celebration – The Edelstein Family

Simchat Torah Day Kiddush – In memory of Esther Manes z”l by Penny Manes





# Challah Bake 2019



Thank you to the Sisterhood and an anonymous donor for making our CEC Challah Baking Evening possible. The evening was a fun, informal class led by Cheryl Ruben Vogel (Marty and Shirley's (z"l) daughter) who came in from Boston to lead this class. She makes challah weekly and shared her secrets to creating the perfect Challah. The building smelled fantastic and the challot tasted amazing. Those who attended the second day Rosh Hashanah luncheon benefited from this tasty project! The class is in memory/merit of Shirley Ruben z"l – thank you to the 36 people who attended and participated.





# MEN'S CLUB

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Aaron Schechtman  
your Men's Club President

On the 13th of October, 5780, the routine process of building the Sukkah took place. I made it sound like it was just another day and event, but it was anything other than routine. There was overwhelming ruach taking place that day. New faces, old faces, smiles, laughter, and a feeling of fresh energy. The "menche on the bench" was excited about beginning a new year. Conversation dealt with politics, Israel, High Holidays, the Bengals and future events. Things got quiet when Hank and Brian called "party time", the food is ready. You can be sure there is never any left overs when these guys serve. Thank you for making another great sukkah event at Etz Chaim.

Our Men's club, and a few good women, did another wonderful job of ushering for the High Holy Days. They always make people feel warm and welcome, with their friendly smiles and warm greetings. Thank you to all who made these holidays special.

It is never too late to become a member of the Men's Club.

Send your \$20 dues to Aaron Schechtman,  
and get involved.



## Social Action All Year Long

Don't forget to bring us your:

Soda Pop Tabs  
Empty Pill Bottles  
Used Printer Cartridges

And watch for our Chanukah  
collection drives to help  
support the Barbash Family  
Vital Support Center







Sometimes our world feels broken  
Natural disasters, violence, threats of war...

Sometimes we are troubled by illness and loss  
Among our families, friends and community

Sometimes we feel a need for healing ourselves  
In body, mind or spirit

Join us for a 1-hour Healing Service  
Experience the restorative power of contemplative communal  
prayer and singing

Saturday, November 16, 4:00 PM in the Chapel

This will not be a traditional mincha, but we will say  
mourner's kaddish if there is a minyan

Light refreshments  
For more information, contact Lynne Haber

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Sisterhood will once again be  
spearheading the incredible  
mitzvah of providing toys,  
clothes and supplies to needy  
school children in our area.

Last year we adopted 55 children  
and brightened the holiday  
season for so many.

Watch for more details on this  
special project!





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**“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”**

The next Education Committee program, co-sponsored by Sisterhood, will be a presentation by Rabbi Haim Rechnitzer, Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at HUC. This joint program will take place on Sunday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the annual Sisterhood paid-up brunch event. Professor Rechnitzer will present a program on Jewish/Israeli music entitled “Singing Mystical Piyyot as a Way of Bridging Socio-Ethnic Divides in Israeli Society”. He will explore how the recent surge of popularity of Piyyot (religious hymns, highly influenced by Kabbalah) being performed by musical groups across Israel has the potential to reach across socio-religious divides in Israeli society. We will have the opportunity to listen and learn about this fascinating art form and examine its impact on current Israeli culture. We hope all congregants, both men and women, will join us for this intriguing program! See article elsewhere in the bulletin for more details.

The Education Committee and Sisterhood teamed up in September to sponsor a discussion around the book *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* by Yossi Klein Halevy. A lively and interesting discussion was led by Stephany Schechtman. Participants also enjoyed a delicious French Toast brunch. Many thanks to Stephany and to everyone who helped prepare the brunch and helped with other aspects of organizing this event. Our “Book Club” program was held as part of a larger community-wide program sponsored by Jewish Federation to stimulate discussion of this book in preparation for the author’s visit to Cincinnati to discuss perspectives of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict at the Jewish Community Center on October 29 at 7:00 p.m. The program at the JCC on the 29th is free, but reservations are required. If you plan to go, you can go on the Jewish Federation’s website to register.

There was a good deal of interest among participants at our September event to continue with an ongoing Book Club. Upcoming titles are being discussed, and we welcome your input!

As always, we extend our thanks to our committee members: Paul Evers, Israela Ginsberg, Candy Kwiatek, Penny Manes, and Diane Marcus. We appreciate all their ideas and energy in helping to plan and implement engaging programs that support Jewish learning for our congregants. We are always open to new members and suggestions for future programs. Please feel free to contact Lynne or Marianne.

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, Education Committee Co-Chairs

**Save the Date: Sunday, November 3 at 11:00 am \* (note the time change)**  
**For a Special Program Brought to you by**  
**the Education Committee & the Sisterhood**

**Singing Mystical Piyyot as a Way of Bridging Socio-Ethnic Divides in**  
**Israeli Society – by HUC Professor Haim Rechnitzer**  
**With a delicious brunch brought to you by our Sisterhood!**

# Yahrzeits

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**This November (Cheshvan - Sivan) we remember:**

## **November 1 – Cheshvan 3**

Hilda Blatt  
Albert Brownstein\*  
Sarah Grossman\*  
Annie Korelitz\*  
Yetta Mandell  
Morris Rolnick\*

## **November 2 – Cheshvan 4**

Emma Aaron\*  
Sadie Fialco\*  
Alfred Katz  
Charles Weiner\*  
Ann Zakem\*

## **November 3 – Cheshvan 5**

Philip Friedman\*  
Ernst Kahn  
Jack Kohn\*  
Irving Meister  
Sadie Relkin\*  
Irvin Ruben  
Sarah Schechtman

## **November 4 – Cheshvan 6**

Celia Berman\*  
Shloime Davis\*  
Harry Fogel\*  
Minnie Malkis\*  
Sylvia Rauchman\*  
Rachel Rubinstein  
Albert Schechter\*

## **November 5 – Cheshvan 7**

Golde Cohn\*  
Benjamin Donny\*  
Louis Gelschofsky\*  
Rose Jacobs\*  
Josephine Kohn\*  
Anna Linder\*  
Donald Rosen  
Sarah Steinberg\*  
Leah Tessel\*

## **November 6 – Cheshvan 8**

Bernice Brookenthal  
Jacob Budnik\*  
Sylvia Kabakoff  
Minnie Levine\*  
Dorothy Martin  
Arthur Nedelman\*  
Bertha Schiff  
Carl Stone\*

## **November 7 – Cheshvan 9**

Mollie Weiner\*

## **November 8 – Cheshvan 10**

Joseph Kraus\*  
Joseph Schwartz\*  
Bertha Streicher

## **November 9 – Cheshvan 11**

Celia Faust\*  
Louis Kreindler\*  
Louis Rauchman\*  
Jean Tessel\*

## **November 10 – Cheshvan 12**

Morris Essig\*  
Toby Greenbaum\*  
Linda Mellman  
Dorothy Plotnick\*

## **November 11 – Cheshvan 13**

Meyer Goldfarb\*  
Rose Goldstein\*  
Max Okrent\*  
Aaron Spiegel\*  
Julius Sternberg

## **November 12 – Cheshvan 14**

Frieda Baron\*  
Joseph Stone\*

## **November 13 – Cheshvan 15**

Fanny Edelstein  
Dora Lipsky\*  
Benjamin Silverstein\*  
Louis Skurow\*

## **November 14 – Cheshvan 16**

Agnes Canner\*  
Morris Neuer\*  
Nathan Raboff\*  
Nelson Zeidman  
Louis Zippin\*  
Mordechai Zippin\*

## **November 15 – Cheshvan 17**

Ceil Bernstein\*  
Milton Gillett\*  
Moritz Kahn  
Eugene Miller\*  
Freda Rosen\*

## **November 16 – Cheshvan 18**

Victor Borstein\*  
Samuel Finer\*  
Harry Gersensfish\*  
Louis Ginsberg\*  
Beatrice Golden\*  
Emanuel Marks  
Abraham Schraeder\*

## **November 17 – Cheshvan 19**

Sarah Bell\*  
John Hoodin\*  
Lew Lederman\*  
Emilie Perez-Sarfati  
Linda Rose Schneider

## **November 18 – Cheshvan**

**20**

Jean Caplan\*  
Sam Fisher\*  
Margie Friedman  
Henry Gonska\*  
Samuel Kwiatak

## **November 19 – Cheshvan**

**21**

William Arinow\*  
Ruth Dorfman  
Hedwig Neu  
Rudolph Shostack

## **November 20 – Cheshvan**

**22**

Morris Bell\*  
Israel Cohen  
Henrietta First\*  
Sidney Hillman  
Molly Knapp\*  
Leon Lipsky\*  
Lillian Skurow\*

## **November 21 – Cheshvan**

**23**

Helen Fisher\*  
Rebecca Fuchs\*  
Libby Seidenman  
Goldie Slovin\*

## **November 22 – Cheshvan**

**24**

Bernard Herman\*  
Leah Mackroff\*

## **November 23 – Cheshvan**

**25**

Soloman Landy\*  
Israel Plotnick  
Stanley Zeidman  
Gedalia Zwikelski

## **November 24 – Cheshvan**

**26**

Ralph Becker  
Jacob Feldman\*  
Jane Gonska\*  
Gilbert Nadel  
Becky Simmons\*

## **November 25 – Cheshvan**

**27**

Shirley Lewengood  
Michael Parkin\*  
Louis Wolpa\*

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### **November 26 – Cheshvan**

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Mitchell Barnes  
Dorothy Borstein\*  
Bella Kirchanblatt\*  
Rita Korros  
Goldie Krauss\*  
Sam Malinsky\*  
Max Shuller\*  
Rosella Zavell

### **November 27 – Cheshvan**

**29**

Aubrey Behrman\*  
Charles Bell\*  
Celia Gurfine\*  
Bernie Siegel  
Ethel Stuhlbarg\*  
Augusta Wasserman\*

### **November 28—Cheshvan**

**30**

Hyman First\*  
Sam Goodman\*  
Samuel Horwitz\*  
Kalman Plotnick

### **November 29 – Kislev 1**

Gerald Brookenthal  
Mary Goldstein\*  
Rebecca Greenwold\*  
Chana Hazan  
Mildred Kichler\*  
Sam Rosenbaum\*  
Yechiel Waldman\*  
Anna Wolff

### **November 30 – Kislev 2**

Louis Cohen\*  
Jacob Einhorn\*  
Rose Goldberg\*  
Charles Harris\*  
Sandra Suid  
Arnold Tessel  
Esther Pastor\*

*\* Names are on  
the Sanctuary  
Yahrzeit Panels*

Congregation Etz Chaim is proud to offer minyanim upon request. If you would like to observe the Yahrzeit of a loved one and it occurs on a date that we do not have services scheduled, please email our Minyan Committee at [CECMinyan@gmail.com](mailto:CECMinyan@gmail.com) or call 513-373-1552 and leave a message.

A member of our Minyan Committee will work on arranging your minyan. If you would like to request a minyan please do so ten (10) days in advance of the date you will need the minyan. When a minyan is requested a member of the committee will send out an email to people who have signed up to help us ensure we always have ten people in attendance.

If you would like to sign up to help us ensure minyanim please contact Barbara Taggart Milberg or Barry Joffe and ask to add your name to the list.

We are a community and we are strengthened by each other.

Thank you in advance for helping us perform and fulfill these good deeds.

*Of Blessed Memory*  
*זיכרונם לברכה*

**Yahrzeit** - Begins the evening before the date listed above. Kaddish should be recited the evening before the above listed date, and the following day at both morning and afternoon services.



Our new Tree of Life is growing roots in our lobby leaves are available to commemorate simchat, yahrzeits, honor friends or loved ones or recognize special milestones.

Leaves are \$ 126 each---  
contact the shul office  
if you are interested.





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Russell Rosen  
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## Rosh Hashana CYJL Speech by Richard Behrman

I plan to focus on the benefits of creating your Jewish Legacy CYJL to Etz Chaim. This is an easy way to impart your Jewish values and traditions that are the core of your life.

I know what you must be thinking – It's enough of these fake posh South African accents on the bimah – since as you recall my friend and Lantzman Barry Joffe stood here last year as I am doing today. Barry spoke of how Jewish communities were so successful in responding to crises and not necessarily to planned giving.

Up and till a few years ago, Jewish communities as a whole in the US were NOT known to be proactive and support endowment or planned giving efforts. Many communities responded to campaigns of all kinds – annual operation fundraising campaigns here, in Israel and globally, and more so emergency campaigns – for example geographic catastrophes like earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and global poverty to addressing hate, anti-Semitic political and terrorist attacks around the world. These campaigns though are all in the present and are a response to an issue.

CYJL promotes after-lifetime giving to build endowments that will provide financial stability to Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations, Including our shul Congregation Etz Chaim. This mindset has changed the culture of philanthropy. Since the onset of CYJL the Cincinnati Community has secured just under 1,000 confirmed commitments – totaling 61 Million Dollars and of that 19 Million Dollars has already been realized.

It is important to recognize the unbelievable success that Cincinnati has experienced and more so the incredible direct impact the program has had on our congregation. In a very simplified, easy to understand process this is an opportunity for you to leave a gift – something extremely personal for future Etz Chaim congregants that you might not have yet met. An opportunity for you to reinforce that Etz Chaim is a collective family and that you are part of this family with such rich traditions. An opportunity with extreme low hanging fruit to impart the values and traditions that are so important to you and your family.

When you make a pledge to CYJL, you fill out a simple, revocable document that can be changed at any time and can be altered to change the percentages you intend to leave for one or a variety of Cincinnati Jewish organizations. One does not need a lawyer or an accountant when filling out a Letter of Intent – it is a simple tri fold flyer. What we are talking about is everything monetary you are NOT taking with you when you pass.



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You can elect to leave a portion of life insurance, your IRA, 401-K, stocks, bonds, etc. and not cut into any liquid assets your heirs may need. I also understand that you have no crystal ball in front of you and don't know what your needs will be in years to come. This pledge takes away any need to worry about future expenses of college education for your kids or grandkids, weddings, health care & retirement costs.

A legacy commitment will help sustain the organization for future generations and that is the role of the current congregation. This testimonial was recently documented by a congregant who made a commitment:

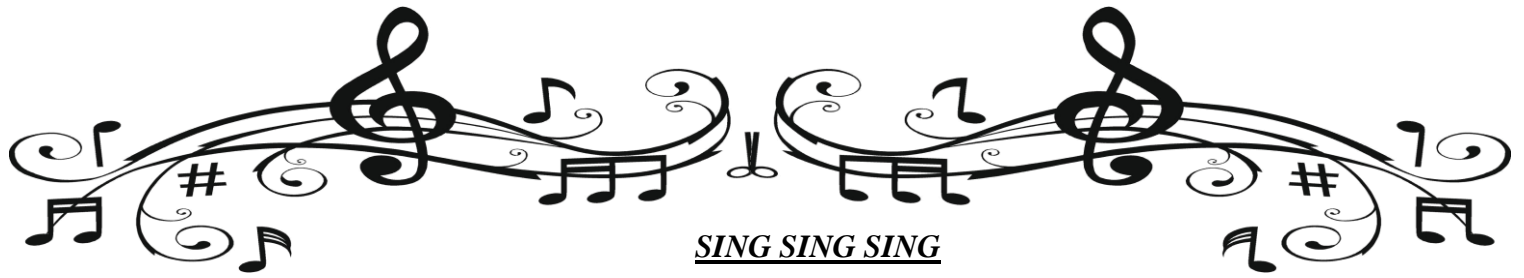
*Etz Chaim Congregation has become our second home in Cincinnati. There we learn, volunteer and pray with our community and we want to ensure that our Jewish home is there for future families to thrive.*

*With our legacy gift we want to give back, but also give forward, to ensure that our children and future generations have a strong, vibrant and supportive Jewish community.*

To be more specific, Etz Chaim has been able to achieve a significant reduction in our mortgage balance, purchasing new chairs for the social hall and painting the exterior of the building with legacy gifts that have already been realized. These financial and operational expenses were achieved by not rolling out a capital campaign but rather using these endowed gifts. Make no mistake we need the critical income from the attic sale, the car show and the pet clinic fundraisers but the future intent is to be less reliant on these labor-intensive efforts and compliment them with an alternate revenue stream tied into your personal Jewish values.

I want to share with you that Etz Chaim and its team members is repeatedly used by the Cincinnati CYJL leadership as a shining example of what can be achieved and how successful our shul has been. There are various goals and benchmarks put in place for each potential grantee. If we attain these goals, the shul is in line to receive additional incentive grants – what I am talking about is an additional TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

Therefore, what I am asking and what is needed is for Etz Chaim is to secure an additional 18 Letters of Intent. Putting your name to the tri fold flyer that says you will leave a minimum of 1% of what is in your IRA or 401 K when you pass. Putting your name on the flyer will not cost you ANYTHING right now but will secure the sustainability of what is so important to you for future family members that you have NOT yet met. It is not only the RIGHT thing to do but the ONLY thing to do. Thank you and please fill out the tri-fold flyer today. Together we can make a difference in insuring the future of our beloved shul.



We hope you had a wonderful Holiday season and we wish you all the best for a happy and healthy year! We also thank many of you for the nice comments we heard about the choir's singing during the High Holiday services.

Etz Chaim Choir members have sung their way through the summer and through the recent High Holy Days (HHD) 5780 and now they deserve a break! So we took some time off – along with taking a collective deep breath - after October 9<sup>th</sup> and it's now time to regroup, plan and practice singing some non High Holy day songs throughout the coming year.

So...now that it's the new year, have you given any thought to joining the choir? You have the option of participating all year round, only for HHDs or for all times but the HHDs. (of course, we'd love the first option!) No auditions and no reading music or Hebrew required – can't ask for anything better than that right? We really are a fun group! Contact Barbara or Emmy for more information.

Have a great month! Musically Yours,

Barbara and Emmy, Choir Co-Directors





## **November**

### **Synagogue Happenings**

#### **We wish Speedy Recoveries to:**

Mordechai Higgins  
Audrey Martin  
Sharyn Fox

#### **Condolences to:**

To the family of  
Erika Gordon z”l

Frances Rothchild on the passing of  
her son Richard z”l

#### **We Extend a Mazel Tov to:**

Sandy Baden on the marriage  
of her son Mickey

Laura and Andy Maxwell on the  
marriage of their son Jake

Michelle Fesman and Stan Timmer on  
the birth of a granddaughter, baby  
Margo

#### **We Welcome our Newest Members:**

Toni and Chrissy Heldman

and to

Rachel Gutbezahl

#### **ANISH/OKRENT**

#### **REMEMBRANCE WALL**

The Anish/Okrent Remembrance Wall is  
dedicated in memory of:

**Harry & Ethel Anish  
and  
Joseph & Ida Okrent**

whose bequests provided for the purchase of the  
Cornell Road property. Bricks of Remembrance are  
available for purchase. Have your significant events  
and dedications permanently inscribed and made a  
part of ETZ CHAIM Bricks on the Remembrance Wall  
are available for \$250 each. Please contact the office if  
interested at 489-3399.

#### **Shabbat Kiddush Opportunities**

Kiddush Sponsorships are available for any  
occasion. Many menu choices are available and  
Sisterhood will accommodate special requests.  
Our catering kitchen crew is delighted to be  
cooking for larger Shabbat kiddush lunches.

The price to sponsor a basic kiddush lunch will  
now be \$118. This will consist of 1 salad, a  
protein dish, bread & a dessert.

The standard enhanced dairy  
Kiddush will be \$225.

To add smoked salmon and the accompaniments  
or to add special requests, the additional  
enhancements will raise the costs  
slightly to \$300.

To sponsor a meat kiddush the cost will be \$450.

Please contact the office to book your  
Kiddush and share your simchat  
with your synagogue family.

Kitchen Volunteers are always welcome!  
Check your eblast for weekly cooking dates.  
It's a pretty safe assumption if we have a  
sponsored kiddush or Friday Night Dinner  
we'll be cooking the Thursday before the  
event from 6pm on!

# IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

## Special Thank You to:

Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Howard Saal and Judy Frankel for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, September 7, 2019 in honor of their birthdays!

Michael and Bryan Taplits for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, September 14, 2019 in memory of their mother Marie Taplits z"l

Michelle Fesman and Carol Friedman for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, October 5, 2019 in memory of Phil z"l and in memory of Jack z"l

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!



## **Happy Anniversary to:**

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

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

2 Barry Austern	25 Atarah Jablonsky
2 Rita Edlin	26 Robin Goldberg
3 Robert Barnett	
3 Fred Goldfarb	
3 Albert Sawdai	
3 Michael Taplits	
6 Elliott Edelstein	
6 Richard Pywen	
9 Bryan Taplits	
12 M. Penny Manes	
12 Vance Towler	
16 Paul Nidich	
17 Ethel Nemoff	
17 Cara Saal	
23 Reenie Kravetz	
23 Laura Maxwell	



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

Friday Night, November 1, 2019  
Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll  
have cake in honor of all our November Simchas!  
We'll see you there!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>November 2019</h1>					<b>1</b> Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake	<b>2</b> Shabbat Services 9:30am Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Pat Weiner in memory of Chuck z"l
					<b>8</b>     Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>9</b> Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Audrey Martin
<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Time Change  8:45am Minyan 9:30am Ritual Meeting 11am Israel Music Program & Brunch	<b>4</b>  The office is closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	<b>15</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	<b>16</b> Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am  Healing Service 4pm
<b>10</b>  Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen   Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle 6pm	<b>11</b>  Veterans Day  The office is closed	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>   Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	<b>14</b> Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	<b>22</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	<b>23</b> Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Karen Barnes
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  The office is closed	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	<b>29</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	<b>30</b> Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  The office is closed	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b> Morning Minyan 8AM* Note the Time Change Happy Thanksgiving!		

# COMING SOON



## Save these Important December Dates:

### December Simcha Shabbat

**Friday Night, December 6 – 6PM**

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

### Trivia Night at CEC

**Sunday, December 8 – 6pm**

### CYJL Recognition Shabbat

**Saturday December 14 – 9:30am**

### Chanukah Hoedown

**Monday Night, December 23, 2019**

**6pm – watch the invitations in the mail**

### Purim Shpiel Cast Call

**December 29<sup>th</sup> – 10am**

## Upcoming Events: November

### November Simcha Shabbat

**Friday Night, November 1 – 6PM**

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

### Sisterhood & Education Committee Program and Paid Up Luncheon

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

**11am Program & Brunch**

Singing Mystical Piyyot as a Way of  
Bridging Socio-Ethnic Divides in Israeli

Society – by HUC Professor

Haim Rechnitzer

RSVP to Sandy Baden

### Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, November 10**

Contact Matt Brodof for details

### Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle

**Sunday Night, November 10, 2019**

Great Music from the

New Horizon Swing Band,

Food, fun and of course the raffle drawing

Get those tickets in and you could be a

lucky winner! – 6pm in the social hall

## Congregation

# ETZ CHAIM



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



*As the leaves begin to turn and a chill  
can be felt in the air – I am reminded  
that my heart feels warm at  
Congregation Etz Chaim.*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399



**Wishing all of our Congregants  
A Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!**