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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 – Terry



Shanah tovah tikateivu v tichateimu!

As President of the Congregation I have had the honor of being an ex-officio member of all our synagogue committees. So, what does that mean? The term *ex-officio* comes from Latin (yep, I looked up its origin) and the literal translation is “from the office” but, it is interpreted “by right of office”. So, the president of CEC, according to our constitution, has the privilege of being a part of each committee by virtue of holding another office. I have been the recipient of such welcoming comradery and have gained an incredible amount of knowledge and insight from committee meetings that I’ve attended, which include Ritual, House, Sisterhood, Education, Social Action, Marketing, CYJL, The Board of Directors and Exco, to name a few. If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these areas, the New Year is beginning and it is the perfect time to reach out to the Committee Chair people and express an interest or, simply contact the office. It’s a great way to start to connect or re-connect to our incredible community.

This morning, yet another humid July day, I sat in on an Education Committee meeting where the committee began planning programs for the upcoming New Year. The preparation, including notation of available dates, coordination of leadership and agreement of action steps and follow through, involved a symphony of many moving parts. As I listened to the discussion, I confess my thoughts drifted as soon as someone mentioned *Slichot*, which by the way, translates to *forgiveness*. I hope the members of the committee forgive me for allowing my thoughts to stray a moment. My thoughts had turned to mentally listing all of the working pieces which I had committed myself to doing throughout the Days of Awe. Suddenly, I realized the High Holidays became about me and not about *teshuvah*, *tefillah* and *tzedakah*. I think this happens to a lot of us as the thought of preparing for the High Holy Days is daunting. Both the physical preparations and the spiritual journey require an all-in attitude, and successfully combining both is our charge. It is a journey we all embark on together but can only truly experience through personal reflection and commitment. The journey begins in the month of Elul.

Much like the preparation guidelines followed by our committees, there is a preparation *formula* Jews around the world follow as we approach *Yamim Noraim*, or *The High Holy Days*. I believe Elul is a time when we attempt to change our mood, attempt serious personal reflection, and increase the giving of charity not only to organizations but to those who are in need of forgiveness, be they friends, family, neighbors, strangers or co-workers.

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It is a time to free yourself from burdens and thoughts that weigh you down, and turn towards a connection to all that is opened to us through worship and deeds of loving kindness. It's about you making a conscious decision to change all that needs to be changed, and a time to lift yourself from burdens you need not hold onto, and re-connect yourself to a better way of living.

In preparation for the High Holy Days, we add Psalm 27 to our morning prayers and we listen to the shofar blasts at the end of each morning service. If you have never attended a Thursday morning minyan, there is never a better time to begin than during the month of Elul. I believe there is something that awakens within us or calls to us when we hear the shofar blasts. For me it is a reminder that I am a part of something larger than myself. The haunting sounds remind me that we as Jews are the children of Torah, and as the Shofar blasts are sounded, I feel humbled and privileged knowing God's majesty and I feel something indescribable that calls to me; almost beckoning all of us to move forward and come together.

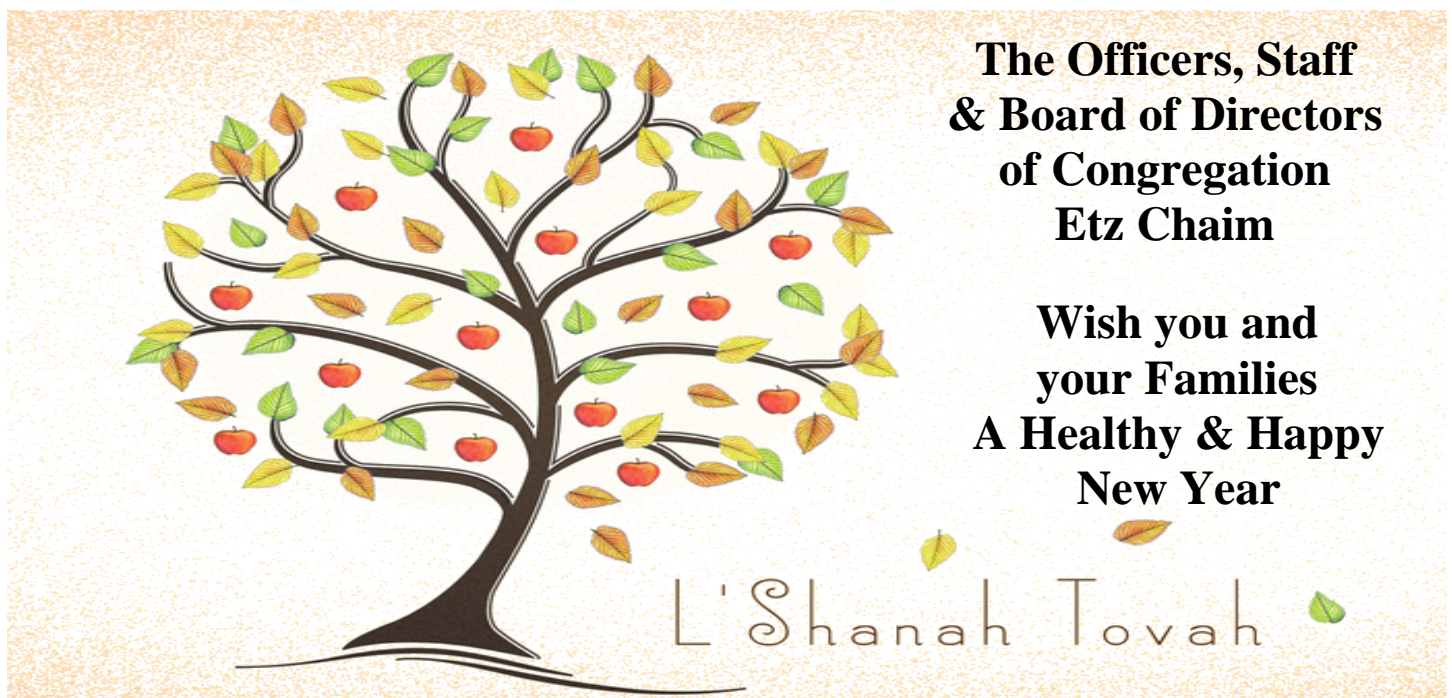
The preparation we experience during Elul, takes us from thoughts of *me* to thoughts of *we*. I learned in Hebrew school that *Elul* is an acronym for the verse *Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li*, which is translated to mean 'I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me. From this, my conclusion is that we all are always connected to Hashem, and God is always connected to us as well. We, are connected.

Just before Rosh Hashanah, traditionally the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, having dedicated ourselves to preparation for the Days of Awe, we now begin reciting prayers for forgiveness during the Selichot service. It is said that we are closest to God during Elul, as we vow to return to a life filled with Jewish values, prayer, Torah, mitzvot and *ahavat Yisrael*...the love of our fellow Jews. So, much like the formula we practice in our committees, preparation, notation of the dates, coordination of leadership, agreement to action and follow through, *we* are now prepared for the coming of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

This year we hope to see all of you throughout Elul and in the sanctuary throughout each of the holidays, and, we are pleased to once again welcome back Cantor Abe Lubin and his family during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

On behalf of myself and my family, we wish everyone in our synagogue family, a Happy and Sweet New year. L'shanah tovah. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

-Terry Brodof

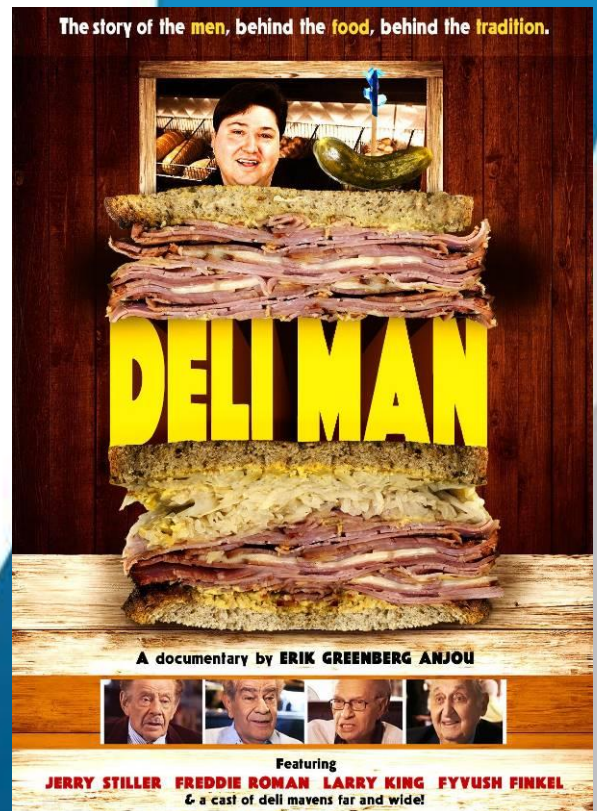


In preparation for the soul searching that characterizes the Jewish High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur, we will mark Selichot on Saturday, September 21, 2019 with a movie screening of "Deliman" a short film, and a brief learning session.

The evening will begin at 8:45 p.m. at Etz Chaim Synagogue with havdalah followed by the movie with light refreshments. After the movie, we will share thoughts and reflect. The evening will culminate with the traditional Selichot service. Usher in the High Holiday season at this educational, enjoyable and inspiring evening.

סליחות Selichot

**Saturday Night
September 21**



About the Movie:

For some, delicatessen food is close to a religious experience. A tender, crumbling cut of corned beef steeped in its juices. A full-bodied garlic dill pickle. Spicy brown mustard with grain. A blintz that melts in your mouth like a creamsicle on a summer's day. Recipes and culinary garnishes from Hungary, Poland, Russia, Romania that flowed into late 19th and early 20th century America and soon became part of an American culinary and cultural vernacular – Deli.

Deli Man is a documentary film produced and directed by Erik Greenberg Anjou; the third work in his trilogy about Jewish culture. It has been screened at more than two hundred international film festivals and has been broadcast in the U.S., Israel, Canada and Poland. The principal guide of Deli Man is the effusive and charming Ziggy Gruber, a third-generation delicatessen man, owner and maven (as well as a Yiddish-speaking French trained chef) who currently operates one of the country's top delis, Kenny and Ziggy's



Hosted By Congregation Etz Chaim
8100 Cornell Road – All are Welcome – Free of Charge



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

It's almost here again – time for High Holy Days 2019, Hebrew date 5780! We're now into the month of Elul –a time for introspection and reflection and a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Selichot falls on September 21st. At Etz Chaim, we will begin our celebrations at 8:45 p.m. with Havdalah; followed by program and dessert refreshments; followed by the sounds of the Etz Chaim choir, ushering you into the chapel for the Selichot services. We end the service with a final Shofar blast, our call to usher in the High Holy Day season. We invite all who have one to bring their Shofar and help us make that final sound – it really is quite emotional to hear.

Rosh Hashanah begins on Sunday evening, September 29 and continues through Tuesday day, October 1st. Selichot usually begins on the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah, so why the longer amount of days between the two? That is because the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on a Monday and in years (like this year) when it falls on a Monday or Tuesday, Selichot prayers are said beginning the Saturday night prior to ensure that Selichot are recited at least four times.

The Kol Nidre service is Tuesday evening, October 8th. As we have had in past years, a beautiful cello rendition of the Kol Nidre prayer will put us all in the mood! The next day, Wednesday, October 9th is Yom Kippur. Yizkor will be recited in the late morning. After the morning services we plan to hold a study session during the break before afternoon and evening services. Hey, where else are you going to go on Yom Kippur? Come and stay with us. We promise you a great Break-the-Fast meal after the final Shofar blast.

And of course, that's not all there is to the High Holy Day season: there's still Sukkot, Hoshana Rabah, Shmeni Atzeret and Simchat Torah to go. We would sure love to see you at these events and services, so please don't let yourself get "shuled out"! Ritual services are outlined below, but see elsewhere in this bulletin for more information about these Holidays.

--- Sukkot services start at 9:30am on Monday and Tuesday mornings, October 14 and 15, and at the same time the next Saturday (Shabbat) and Sunday mornings, October 19 and 20. Sunday's service is Hoshana Rabah.

--- Shmeni Atzeret (10/21) service begins at 9:30am on Monday morning.

--- Erev Simchat Torah (10/21) service begins 6:30pm on Monday evening

--- Simchat Torah day (10/22) services begin at 9:30am on Tuesday morning.

Phew, that's enough about High Holy Days. A final appeal to you to donate to our Cantor Fund for the High Holy Days. See the separate article in this bulletin and consider your own support pledge.

Our minyan committee met in July to assess how things stand on the 'minyan front'. In its first year of operation, the Committee has organized 60 Yartzheit minyanim with support from over 900 congregant attendances! We have 100% success rate in arranging minyanim so that the requesting congregant can feel secure in requesting a minyan to say Kaddish for their loved one. That's in no small part due to *you*, fellow minyan goers, so we appreciate and applaud your commitment to this mitzvah service.

We wish you an early (but not too early!) Shanah tovah tikateivu v'tichateimu!

Barbara and Barry





Cantor Fund Pledge Form

Launch of 5780 HHD Ray Kantor Cantorial Memorial Fund

*Dear Congregants: We have been fortunate to have hosted a HHD Cantor for several years now and we're excited to announce that Cantor Abe Lubin will be joining us again this year. Last year several congregants showed their support by donating to a Cantor Fund which we established to help offset the costs. This year we are fortunate to have rebranded our Fund into the **Ray Kantor Cantorial Memorial Fund** through a generous gift from his family in Ray's memory. Your contribution to this Fund will not only honor Ray's memory but support the continuance of a HHD Cantor. Please fill out the form below and mail your check to the office.*

Barry Jaffe, Fund Chair

Name _____

I (we) pledge an amount of \$_____ to the Etz Chaim Ray Kantor Memorial Cantorial Fund

I enclose a: ☐ check OR I prefer to pay by ☐ credit card per the information below

Credit card type | Exp. date _____

Credit card number _____

Authorized signature _____

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

☐ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

Cantor Lubin Returns to Usher in 5780



Cantor Abraham Lubin will once again join our congregation these coming High Holy Days. The Etz Chaim choir, which will also be an integral part of services, is currently practicing to accompany Cantor Lubin. We will also enjoy a few select duets. We also look forward to our expanded cadre of lay leaders and daveners partnering with Cantor Lubin in making our High Holy Services memorable. Cantor Lubin has appeared in concerts in Israel, England, Canada, and the former Soviet Union and throughout the United States.

He was born in London and returned to Israel, the birthplace of his family, where he began to show a love and talent for singing and at eight years old he sang solo with the renowned Rivlin Choir in Jerusalem.

After returning to England with his parents, he continued his education at the Etz Chaim Yeshiva in London. He graduated from the Jews' College Cantorial School as a Hazzan. He pursued his secular music studies at the London College of Music where he received the Associate of the London College of Music Diploma (A.L.C.M.) and won a silver medal of merit for excellence. He is also a graduate of the College Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati (CCM) where he obtained his Bachelor's degree and went on to receive his Master of Music degree (with distinction) at De Paul University. He is the recipient of the Doctor of Music degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

During his earliest training, Hazzan Lubin sang in many leading synagogues and performed at concerts throughout England and Scotland. At thirteen he was invited to conduct services at leading synagogues in the area and sang his first High Holiday service at age fifteen! At seventeen, he was engaged as Hazzan at the Jubilee Street Zionist Synagogue in London and at nineteen accepted a position at the famed Bayswater Synagogue in London. He was acclaimed by the press as the youngest Hazzan in the British United Synagogue to hold such a post.

Soon after his arrival in the US he was engaged by Beth Abraham Synagogue in Dayton, Ohio, where he served for ten years with great distinction. He went on to further distinguish himself as Hazzan at Rodfei Zedek and Anshe Amet Synagogue in Chicago. Most recently he served as Hazzan at Congregation Beth El in Bethesda, Maryland from where he retired and is now recognized as Cantor Emeritus.

Well versed in Hazzanut, Hebrew, Israeli and Yiddish songs, Hazzan Lubin is also at home in the operatic, oratorio, Lieder and Italian repertoire and has appeared in concert recitals through the United States Europe and Israel. He appeared in concert and conducted services in the Soviet Union on a mission on behalf of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Cantors Assembly.

Hazzan Lubin is a Past President of the Cantors Assembly and the former Editor of the Journal of Synagogue Music. He is the recipient of the Cantors Assembly's coveted 25th Anniversary 'Yuval Award' "in recognition of his distinguished career in Hazzanut". At the 2003 Cantors Assembly Convention, he was honored with the prestigious 'Sam Rosenbaum Award' for scholarship and creativity. His scholarly research interest has been an analysis of the Music of Salomon Sulzer. Earlier, in 1977, he was designated an Honorary Fellow of the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

He has contributed articles on Jewish Music in various periodicals and is author of the publication 'Siddur 101'. He has recorded the critically acclaimed "Cantorial Classics". Hazzan Lubin was recently honored at the international Cantors Assembly convention in Florida, with the coveted "Hazzanic Excellence" award.

Hazzan Lubin and his wife Sandy are proud parents and grandparents. They are very much looking forward to spending High Holidays together with us and consider us an extended family.

Dip the apple in the honey...



Congregation Etz Chaim 2019 High Holiday Happenings for families with children

EREV ROSH HASHANAH & EREV YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)

Sunday, September 29 & Tuesday, October 8

No Childcare or Youth Service



Children & Teen Schedule

1-5 Year Olds:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Day 2 & Yom Kippur

Monday, September 30, Tuesday, October 1 & Wednesday, October 9

9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Childcare in the classrooms & Muscle Room

1st – 8th Graders:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Day 2 & Yom Kippur

Monday, September 30, Tuesday, October 1 & Wednesday, October 9

Until 10:30 am

In main Service with parents

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Own Service & Discussion Groups/Games

9th – 12th Graders:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Yom Kippur

Until 11:00 am

In main Service with parents

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Madrichim Training/Counts as community service

(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, September 30 immediately following services

Or the later option which will meet at 6:30 pm at Etz Chaim

YOM KIPPUR TRIVIA GAME & HAVDALLAH

For children of all ages

Wednesday, October 9 - 7:30pm

Trivia Game in the Board Room,

Followed by flashlight procession into the sanctuary



HIGH HOLIDAY & FESTIVAL SERVICE TIMES

2019/5780

Slichot

Saturday, September 21..... 8:45PM (Movie and Learning)
Service will follow the completion of the movie



Rosh Hashanah (5780)

Erev---Sunday, September 29..... 7:00 PM

First Day, Monday, September 30.....8:30 AM

Early Tashlich.... Immediately following services

Late Tashlich/Mincha/Maariv.....6:30 PM

Second Day, Tuesday, October 1.....8:30 AM

Day Two Luncheon following services



Kol Nidrei

Tuesday, October 8..... 6:30 PM (Mincha)

Kol Nidrei (following Mincha Approx. 7:00 PM)

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9.....9:00 AM (Yizkor approx. 11:45 AM)

Mincha.....5:00 PM

Ne'elah at approximately 6:30 PM

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



Sukkot

Monday, October 14, First Day.....9:30 AM

Tuesday, October 15, Second Day.....9:30 AM

Hoshana Rabbah

Sunday, October 20.....9:30 AM



Shmini Atzeret

Monday, October 21.....9:30 AM

(Yizkor approx 11 AM)



Simchat Torah

Erev - Monday, October 21.....6:30 PM

(Hakafot, Singing, Dancing & Refreshments!)

Tuesday, October 22.....9:30 AM and followed by a Simchat Torah luncheon



Join us for a delicious meal on the
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

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

\$14.00 to attend (non-members \$18.00)

This is a RESERVATION ONLY EVENT

Firm RSVP date of Tuesday, September 10, 2019

This event is subsidized through a generous donation by

Bryan and Michael Taplits

In memory of Dr. Sol & Marie Taplits - Beloved Parents



Project Isaiah 2019

Etz Chaim bag food
drive on Yom Kippur



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 8, 2019.

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.

Our goal for this year is to collect even more! Help us make this a reality...

Do your part - fill a bag!

Thank you for your continued support of Project Isaiah.

This project is made possible by the Social Action Committee and volunteers like you!



CEC Sukkot Shabbat
Dinner Under the Stars

Join Etz Chaim to make
Shabbat & Sukkot Truly Hamisha & Memorable

Friday, October 18, 2019

6:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Followed by festival Shabbat dinner

Seating indoors and outdoors in the Sukkah (weather permitting)

Fleshig Shabbat Dinner with all the fixings

Cost \$12 per person (non-members \$16)

RSVP to the office by Friday, October 4, 2019

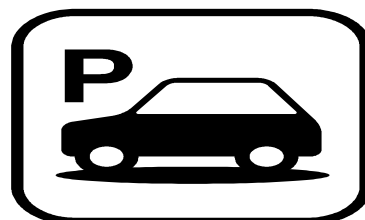
*This event has been subsidized by Harriet Kuhr in memory of Don Kuhr z"l.
May his memory continue to serve as a blessing and as a source of inspiration to us all.*



לשנה טובה תכתבו

High Holy Days Participation, 5780/2019

All congregants are welcome and encouraged to participate in the services. If you would like to be included, please contact us. (Bashful people may use a friend as a messenger.) Although some of the honors have been reserved by certain individuals, there are others available, and substitutes are needed for people who may be away for the holidays.



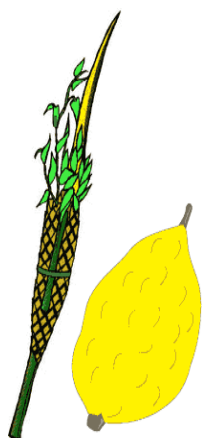
Those wishing to participate in opening and closing the ark, aliyot, hagba, g'lila, blessing, or English readings should also contact Hank Lerer at the synagogue office (489-3399) or by e-mailing hlerer@fuse.net

PARKING

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

**Sukkah Building & Decorating,
Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 10:30am
Lend a hand & we'll have it up in no time!**

**If You Build It they will come...
Once our sukkah is built join us for lunch in the Sukkah**



חג שמחה!

Order your Lulav & Etrog by:
September 30, 2019

Cost is \$50 (same as last year)

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



Sukkot is coming...

**Monday,
October 14, 2019
9:30 AM Service**



MEN'S CLUB

Where has the year gone? The High Holy days are just around the corner. Etz Chaim's Men's Club is already prepping for them. With Cantor Lubin leading us into 5780, the crowds will be large. The Men's Club will again this year be playing a supporting role by ushering, with a Shana Tovah greeting to all. With your friendly help, services become more meaningful. To offer to help, call Aaron Schechtman at 544-8474 before he calls you.

If you can't be a part of ushering, fear not. You have another opportunity to be helpful, and that is to help build the sukkah. We need homearama builders and decorators. As our exterior builders are completing the job, our interior decorators will be decorating the sukkah. As we complete the job, the kitchen chefs will be preparing a lavish picnic for all the workers. We can say at this time, "let the party begin," with food, games and great conversation.

Put the date on your calendar – Sunday, October 13, 10:30am you know that Etz Chaim always has a good time, and we are counting on you. Call Aaron and let him know that you will be at the Sukkah Building.

Last but not least, don't forget to send in your dues to become a member of Men's Club. Send check for \$20 to Aaron Schechtman, 9440 Mapletop Lane, Loveland OH 45140.



SUKKAH BUILDING!

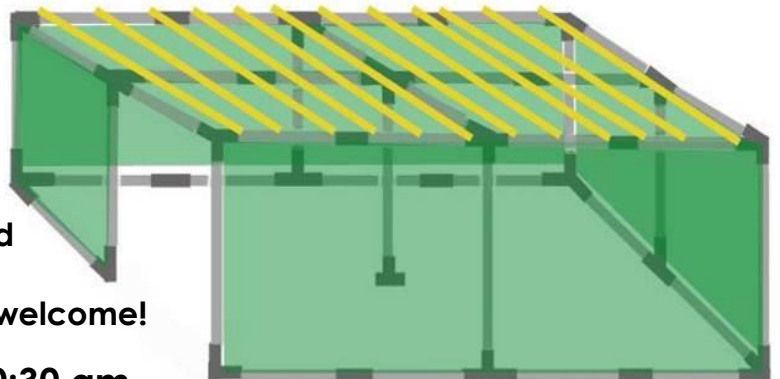
**We're in need of a
few good men...
(And women ☺)**

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

Sunday, October 13, 2019 - 10:30 am

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

**Special Thank you to an anonymous donor
for sponsoring our Sukkah Building Meal!**



**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!**

Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

It is a warm summer day as I write this article and I just can't seem to get a rhythm going. I have lots of thoughts, lots of things that I want to say or think I want to say. The thing is, I got out of the habit. I broke the routine.

You might have noticed that my bulletin spot has been empty the last few issues. I'm not complaining, it is half my fault. I missed a deadline for submission and liked it so much that I skipped the next one, or got skipped, who knows how it happened. Next thing you know I want to miss the next one and the next one. Pretty soon you stop hearing from me completely. I know, that makes some of you happy, but what about the rest of you? Did you miss me? I know you did.

Shul is kinda the same way. It starts with "It's been a long week. I think I'll skip Friday night". Then "I'm too tired to get up, I deserve to sleep in". Or "well, I was here that one night for a minyan. I can skip this week". How about "I have spent so many hours here this week already". Next thing you know, three or four weeks go by and your smiling face is missed. It is far too easy to break out of a habit as it is to break into a habit. When our kids were small, we had a 40 minute drive to get to shul so my favorite excuse was, "it will be almost over before we get there".

Lately I haven't even bothered to make excuses to skip out. With so much going on, I can't keep track of it all, so I find it easier to just show up. And I am not just talking services. There are so many other things going on all the time. The building is never still, and it takes an army of people to keep it going. The bigger the event or the greater the impact, the more people we need.

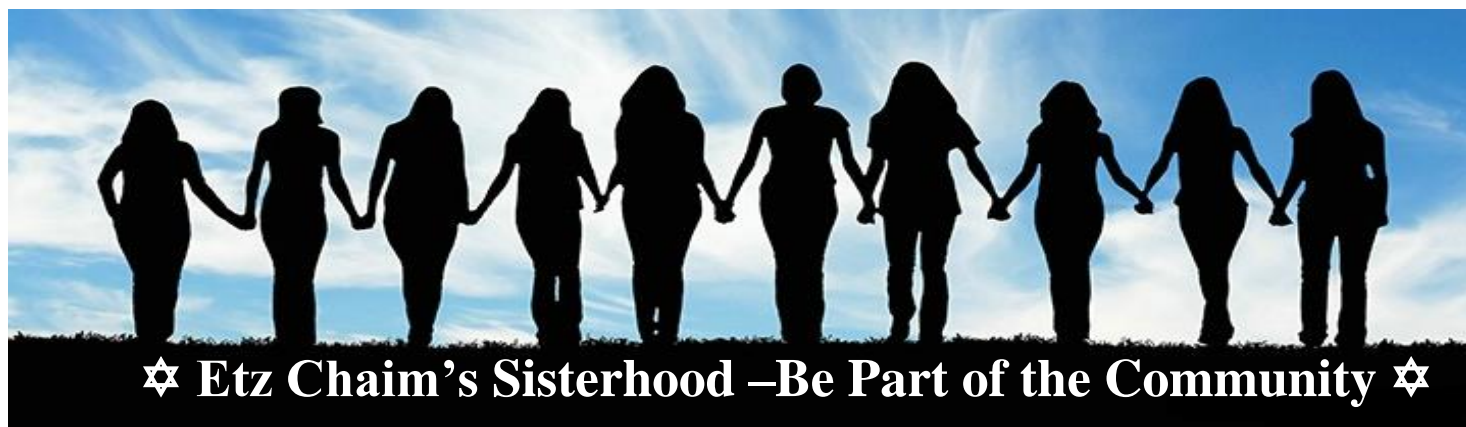
Maybe you have lost your way a bit. Out of practice for services. Out of practice for programs. Out of practice for volunteering. Out of practice for food. If my memory serves me, I have never asked for money donations. Gold and Silver, sure but never cold hard cash. I leave that to others. I just try to find as many ways I can to ask you to get involved. Or get re-involved. Whether it is cooking, cleaning, weeding, shopping, painting, reading torah, leading a service, setting up something, taking something down, stuffing envelopes, making phone calls. There is something for everybody.

By the time you read this, the High Holidays will have just started, just ended, or we will be smack in the middle of them. Either way, it is a perfect opportunity to re-establish your practice.

So, how do you restart? In the immortal words of Johnny Olson of "The Price is Right": **"fellow congregant COME ON DOWN"**

Whether you want to help get the party started by "pumping up the Ruach" on a Friday night or you are more into the "serious study" of the Torah service (not my words), then come on down for davar, da'shots and after kiddish trivia on Saturday morning.

See you in Shul.



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

This past year's programming included a Challah baking evening, an art project at Neusole Glassworks, collecting and distributing Christmas gifts for needy children at a local inner-city school, a game night with Men's Club, our traditional baking and selling of Purim Hamentaschen, creating and distributing Mishloach Manot gift bags to the entire congregation, a tour of the new Holocaust and Humanities Center at the Museum Center at Union Terminal, and the grand finale to the year--our Sisterhood Shabbat.

Our catering committee prepared 18 sponsored Kiddushim over the past year, which helped us to meet our annual pledge to the Synagogue.

In the upcoming year, we plan to continue our focus on education, tikkun olam, socializing and more. We are currently planning another Challah baking evening before Rosh Hashonah and are working with the Education Committee to start a book club for all congregants. Please continue to bring pop tabs in support of Ronald McDonald House.

We hope to once again participate in the "Holiday Gifts for Local Children in Need". This will be our sixth year, fulfilling the wishes of every child represented by a paper doll on our social hall wall. We have brought smiles to many faces through this program. We are planning to end the year with our annual Sisterhood Shabbat where the talented women of CEC will once again lead our congregation in worship.

We hope that our friendships and bonds will continue to strengthen as we spend many good times together through this upcoming year. We encourage your active participation in Sisterhood, the heart of our Shul.

We wish you a happy and healthy 5780! Shanah Tovah,
Sandy and Laura – Sisterhood Co-Directors

Congregational Attic Sale - 2019 THANK YOU ETZ CHAIM

Together – we made the sale this year a huge success exceeding our goal. We raised over \$10,000.00! The proceeds will be split between the fundraising committee and the Sisterhood and added to their line item commitments to our budget. Thank you to all our volunteers. It was a great success for our shul!

ATTIC
SALE



5th Annual

Congregation Etz Chaim

CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 18, 2019



The temp was hot but so was our Roaring Ruach!
On behalf of the synagogue we would like to
thank all the volunteers who helped make our
2019 – 5th Annual Car Show a fun and
successful day – not only for our shul but for
the surrounding community.

Special Thank You to our
2019 Car Show Committee:

Nelson Linder
Marty Ruben
Steve Ruben
Ron Shapiro
Jean Shook

We'd also like to thank the sign-putter uppers,
flyer passer-outers, donation getters, food
sellers, set-er-uppers, chefs, raffle sale women,
organizers, grilling, car parking, online
posters, foodie card selling, car schmoozing,
car judging, clean-er uppers and all-around
helpers for making our show a hit!



Simchat Torah

Monday Night, October 21, 2019

Singing ☆ Dancing ☆ Torah Reading
Refreshments, 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 Detectives, Mystery, Mystique and More
A jovial side of Judaism
and share a Simchat Torah as you've
never seen it before!



Themed attire encouraged!
7 suspenseful Hakafot
& Torah Tie-ins

Themed Food & Drinks – but we
can't tell you what... it's a mystery!

Fun for all ages – if you
haven't attended
Simchat Torah before,
or it's been awhile –
Don't miss out on this thrilling
night of intrigue, laughter and joy!

TISHA B'AV August 2019 Congregation Etz Chaim Soldering through the Sadness

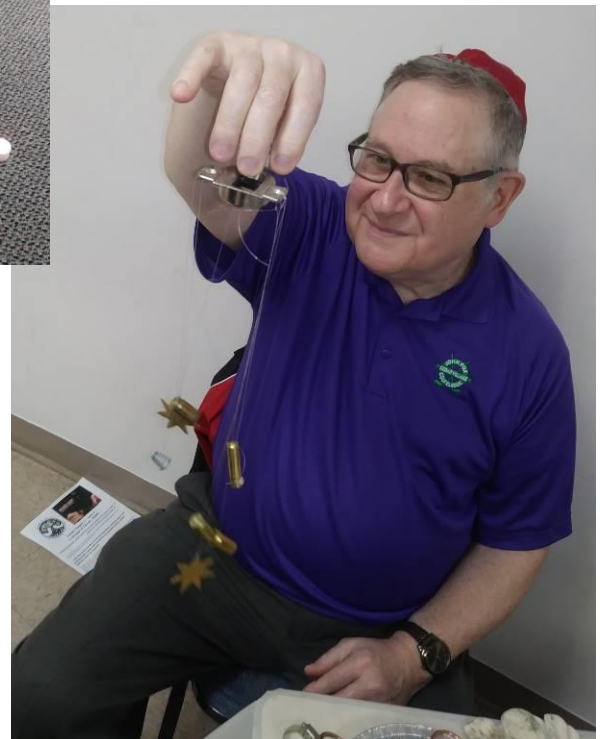


Visit the bookcases in the Lobby to see how we repurposed bullets, scraps of metal, and wire to bring to life the words of the Prophet Isaiah.

"...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."



Thank you to Our Service Leader Brian & all female Eicha readers (Emmy, Lynne, Barbara, Robyn & Chava) for a special & somber evening of reflection and connection





“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”

In September and October, we will have the opportunity to join in a community-wide discussion on Israel. The JFC is bringing the best-selling Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi to Cincinnati on October 29 to discuss his book “Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor.” Prior to the visit, community discussions about the book are being held in synagogues, public libraries and other venues throughout the city, with the goal of “bringing together diverse opinions to promote learning and robust dialogue – not to reach consensus, but to increase understanding.”

Describing the book, the JFC website says: “Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, Israeli commentator and award-winning author Yossi Klein Halevi directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.”

Congregation Etz Chaim is joining this initiative, with a book discussion to be held Sunday, September 15, at 10:30, accompanied by a light brunch. The synagogue is selling the book to make it easy to get your own copy. Let Chava know whether you want a hardcopy for \$15.00.

We are also looking forward to the High Holidays. The Yom Kippur afternoon study session will feature stories from a diverse group of congregants, sharing their memories and traditions about celebrating the holidays. Stay tuned for more exciting programming throughout the rest of the year.

Many thanks to our committee members: Israela Ginsburg, Candy Kwiatek, Penny Manes, Paul Evers and Diane Marcus. They have contributed their time, energy, and creative ideas to help turn possibilities into successful programs. If you have ideas for future educational programs that you would like to see included, please contact one of the committee co-chairs. New committee members are always welcome!

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, Education Committee Co-Chairs

Save the Date: Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am
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 Rechnittzer
With a delicious brunch brought to you by Sisterhood – details to follow!

Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor –

A Book Discussion

September 15, 2019

10:30 - Noon

(a light brunch will be served)

- Does the establishment of Israel fulfill prophecy? Or are we, as a people, returned but not redeemed?
- Is being Jewish a religious identity, an ethnic identity or both?
- What is the “Nakba?” How is it viewed by Israelis, by Palestinians?
- How do Jewish values address the Israel-Palestinian conflict?

These and other existential questions are raised by Yossi Klein Halevi in his book ***“Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor.”***

The book has been chosen as a community read by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, as part of the JFC’s on-going examination of the relationship between Israel and Jewish Diaspora. To enhance the discussion the JFC has invited Yossi Klein Halevi to discuss his book on October 29.

Prior to the author’s talk, the JFC is encouraging Cincinnati congregations to discuss the book. Congregation Etz Chaim will be holding a discussion on September 15 from 10:30 to noon, cosponsored by Sisterhood and the Education Committee. If you plan on attending the discussion and brunch please RSVP to the synagogue office by Friday, September 6, 2019

Copies of the book are available through the Synagogue office.

Please email Chava if you would like to purchase a copy

Original Hardcover \$15.00 (only two left in stock in the shul office)

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 September (Elul-Tishrei) we remember:

September 1 - Elul 1

Sara Cohn
Frieda Goldsmith*
Samuel Lepsky*

September 2 - Elul 2

Annette Bassin
Bernard Borden
Henrietta Gallon*
Jacob Lande*
Margaret Skurow

September 3 - Elul 3

Alvin Goldey*
Rose Schneider
Anna Schorr

September 4 - Elul 4

Michael Belford*
Morris Fox*
Irwin Harris
Rose Neuer*
Jacob Ruben*

September 5 - Elul 5

Walter Harris*
Alvin Katz*

September 6 - Elul 6

Clara Newburger*
Marty Rogoff
Rose Stein*
Bertha Zippin*

September 7 - Elul 7

William Bell*
Rebecca Davidson
Ida Donny*
Bertha Fox
Sarah Karp*
Jennie Katz*
Ehrla Kuhr*
Rose Rauchman*
Abe Schneider*
Aaron Skurow
Zella Zuber*

September 8 - Elul 8

Edward Case*
Harry Leichtman*
Irene Osborne
Irvin Solomon
Max Strikman*

September 9 - Elul 9

Harry Bassin
Blanche Drucker*
Isaac Kruke*
Melvin Newman
Marcia Rodriguez
Deloris Wacksman*

September 10 - Elul 10

David Brown*
Joan Kurtzweil
Julius Peal*
Abraham Yamin*

September 11 - Elul 11

Ben Haberman*
Benjamin Nedelman*
Jerome Price

September 12 - Elul 12

Harold Austern
Tom Carsch
Irvin Fox*
Joseph Nathan*
Joseph Rheins*
Edwin Rose*
Sybil Zaslower

September 13 - Elul 13

Besse Gallop
Jacob Gallop
Hulda Meyer*
Fred Raboff*
Eva Sobol*
Sam Stolar*
Herman Weiner*

September 14 - Elul 14

Darryl Brookenthal
Sam Glickman*
Bessie Rosen*
Sarah Schraeder*
Sam Simpson*
Marie Taplits*

September 15 - Elul 15

Mary Albert*
Frank Lande*
Morris Nemoff
Alvin Novick*
Arthur Rabkin*
Israel Rauchman*

September 16 - Elul 16

Joseph Cohen*
Jean Kaplan*
Jacob Neuer*
Norman Nevins
Pete Simmons*

September 17 - Elul 17

Selma Donny
Philip Malowitz*
Simon Schneider
Nathan Shostack
Max Skurow*

September 18 - Elul 18

Deborah Fox*
Max Levinson*
Helen Malowitz
Rose Mark

September 19 - Elul 19

Sue Ann Burch
Joy Hurst
Ruth Kauffman*
Samuel Silverstein*

September 20 - Elul 20

Lilian Friedman*
Rose Lehrer*
Pike Levine*
Abraham Sloan*
Belle Wolfson*

September 21 - Elul 21

Freida Davis*
Ralph Schwartz*

September 22 - Elul 22

Dora Kosofsky*
Eva Kruke*
Sam Suid
Harold Winkler*

September 23 - Elul 23

Ethel Bartel*
Max Machnovitz*
Irv Neuman
Riva Newmark*
Minnie Oxlander*

September 24 - Elul 24

Joseph Ginsberg*
Max Hoffman*
Mary Lucas*
David Schorr
Leo Schraeder*
Joan Strikman*

September 25 - Elul 25

Moses Schatz*
Esther Schifrin
Ruth Skurow
Adela Weiner*
Jeffrey Zaslower

September 26 - Elul 26

Max Gert*
Louis Glicklich*
Leo Herman*
Morris Max*
Robert Mellman
Joan Wineburgh*

September 27 - Elul 27

Samuel Goldblatt*

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September 28 - Elul 28

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

September 29 - Elul 29

Abe Goldstein*
Joseph Hoodin*
Morris Plotnick*
Jack Pywen
Sylvia Schwartz*
Max Tessel*
David Timmer

September 30- Tishrei 1

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

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרונם לברכה

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

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

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

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

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

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 has been installed in the lobby.

leaves are available to commemorate simchat, yahrzeits, honor friends or loved ones or recognize special milestones.

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

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This October (Tishrei-Cheshvan) we remember:

October 1 - Tishrei 2

Louise Greenberger
Clara Krasnitzky*
Eva Zeifman

October 2 - Tishrei 3

Ethel Yamin*

October 3 - Tishrei 4

Abraham Klatch*
Morris Lerer*
Milton Manheimer
Jerry Mellman*
Benjamin Steinberg*

October 4 - Tishrei 5

Morris Epstein
Charles Goldsmith*
Beatrice Merdinger
Max Neuerman

October 5 - Tishrei 6

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

October 6 - Tishrei 7

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

October 7 - Tishrei 8

Louis Flint
Sylvia Mintz*
Jacob Silverstein
Betty Weitzman

October 8 - Tishrei 9

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

October 9 - Tishrei 10

Yetta Lipsky*
Billy Chalom Perez
Lucy Schilmeister*

October 10 - Tishrei 11

Anne Goldblatt*
Ida Grad
Alex Levine

October 11 - Tishrei 12

Achille Chalom Belhassen
Sarah Ehoodin
Saul (Jack) Fesman*
Sam Kraus*
Kopel Poley*
Betty Polinsky
Max Rose

October 12 - Tishrei 13

Eli Ehoodin
Ben Gendelman*
Harry Max*
Anne Mervis*
Norman Rubinoff

October 13 - Tishrei 14

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

October 14 - Tishrei 15

Henry Fink*
Samuel Plotnick*
Lena Wartik*

October 15 - Tishrei 16

Sol Gurfine*
Abe Levine*
Selma Licht*

October 16 - Tishrei 17

Abraham Herschkowitz*

October 17 - Tishrei 18

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

October 18 - Tishrei 19

Louis Blackman*
Bette Meyers
Melvin Ornstein
Ourey Rose*

October 19 - Tishrei 20

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

October 20 - Tishrei 21

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

October 21 - Tishrei 22

Anne Barsman*
Isadore Skurow*
Cecelia Wiener*

October 22 - Tishrei 23

Ida Fingerman*
Irving Finkelstein*
Harry Germain*
Isaac Horwitz*
Ida Segerman
Amos Selavan
Harvey Terman
Jeannette Zimov

October 23 - Tishrei 24

Rabbi David Barsel
Sidney Binik*
Cary Gutbezah
Samuel Dorfman*
Julius Lipsky*

October 24 - Tishrei 25

Sam Gurfine*
Regina Krakovsky*
Ethel Perlman*
Joseph Prager*
Pearl Skurow*

October 25 - Tishrei 26

Irvin Baneth*
Esther Berlin*
Josephine Camins*
Rose Klayman*
Milton Stiebel

October 26 - Tishrei 27

Abby Austern
Dora Paim*

October 27 - Tishrei 28

Hyman Feldman*
Rose Segerman*
Sarah Snyder*

October 28 - Tishrei 29

Rose Rolnick*
Charlie Schwartz
Harry Weitzman*

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This October (Tishrei-Cheshvan) we remember:

October 29 - Tishrei 30

Mitzi Gordon
Ruben Kirzner*
Max Skurow

October 30 - Cheshvan 1

Ike Isralsky*
Joseph Kauffman*
Anna Pilder*
Goldie Samelson*
Ralph Zelcer

October 31 - Cheshvan 2

Jack Cohen
Sarah Levine*
Ida Martin
Maurice Ratner*

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Legacy Team Members

*Sandy Baden
Russell Rosen
Steven N. Segerman
Randy T. Slovin*

*Please remember the
Jewish community with
a gift in your will, trust, IRA,
or life insurance policy.*

CYJL – Create Your Jewish Legacy

CYJL—Create Your Jewish Legacy is a city-wide program that is in its 3rd year of existence. Our Legacy Team—Sandy Baden, Russ Rosen, Steve Segerman and Randy Slovin—has worked hard to meet the goals and objectives set for us by the Federation and, in doing so, we have earned about \$26,000 in rewards for our congregation. This does not include the monies that have been donated or set aside to be donated to us through the legacies of the over 50 members who have chosen to participate.

This year our goals are somewhat different. Our main objective is to make certain that every congregant knows what CYJL is, how it works, and how important it is for the future of our synagogue and Judaism in general. This year we will concentrate on educating all congregants on the process and hope that more members will participate.

As we've said in the past, we do not ask for ANY MONEY at this time. All we ask is that a member sign a letter of intent (LOI) indicating that he/she would like to leave a donation to the synagogue upon their passing. This can be accomplished by making the synagogue a beneficiary in their will or in a life insurance policy. An amount can be designated or a percentage of the estate or the policy. The letter of intent is not legally binding and can be changed at any time.

We'll be talking to YOU—please consider joining us!
CYJL Committee, Congregation Etz Chaim

get involved.

join a committee.

A word from Terry: Volunteering is sacred work. Judaism demands of us to comfort the mourner and to provide for those within our community that are in need. During Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days, we reflect on opportunities we have missed and recommit to repairing our world. Volunteering your time is an affirmation of your role as a steward and advocate to the promise we make, to care for the world we live in.

There are many easily accessible ways to give of your time right here, within the sacred walls of our synagogue. We have committees dedicated to service of the Greater Cincinnati Community and committees whose mission is to serve the spiritual and physical needs of this family. We have committees that support the membership of this community in times of sorrow; and committees dedicated to providing comfort, education and connection. Join one. Be a part of something larger that connects you to others who are caring for our world. For the next generation to move us forward, they must learn from the generation you are a part of. Please volunteer. Every hand makes a difference.

Choirs:

The Ruach Etz Chaim Choir of Congregation Etz Chaim is made up of congregants of varying musical abilities and backgrounds, who share a love of music. Originally formed as a choir to enhance High Holy Day services, it has evolved into a choir that also sings on special occasions (mostly at Shabbat services) throughout the year. The melodies they choose to sing range from traditional to more contemporary. They encourage any congregants who enjoy singing to join them. The ability to read Hebrew or to read music is not a requirement. Some choir members prefer to learn from reading the music, while others prefer to learn from listening to the music. An effort is made to accommodate both styles of learning whenever possible. Music hand-outs are prepared both in Hebrew and in transliteration, giving individuals the choice to use whichever is most comfortable for them. On occasion, the women perform by themselves, as the Pri Yadeiha Choir. Interested in joining the choir? Please contact Barbara Taggart Milberg or Emmy Friedenberg, choir co-directors.

CYJL Committee

The Create Your Jewish Legacy (CYJL) committee is seeking congregational volunteers who want to help ensure the future of our Etz Chaim family for the next generation. The commitment is estimated to average about one hour a month. If you are that special person, please contact a member of our team.

Sandy Baden by emailing SBaden@cinci.rr.com or Russ Rosen by emailing Russell.Rosen@gmail.com
Steve Segerman by emailing SSegerman@cinci.rr.com or Randy Slovin by emailing RTSlovin@scjpa.com

Education Committee:

The Education Committee is dedicated to offering a variety of enriching learning experiences to support one's life-long Jewish journey. In addition to weekly Torah study led by Candy Kwiatak at Bronte Bistro, and special educational programming led by CEC staff, the Education Committee seeks to provide additional opportunities for personal and spiritual growth. Efforts over the past year have focused on our Shabbat Speaker Series, with programs taking place after Shabbat services and kiddush lunch on Saturdays, on diverse topics presented by both CEC members and outside speakers. Future plans include broadening the Shabbat series beyond traditional Jewish study to include additional secular topics with a Jewish connection, as well as offering Sunday or weekday evening programming. Current committee members include Israella Ginsburg, Paul Evers, Candy Kwiatak, Penny Manes, and Diane Marcus, and new members are welcome. We meet approximately quarterly, with additional committee work on program planning occurring between meetings. If you are interested in working with us on planning educational programming, or just have any ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the cochairs - Lynne Haber at Tikvah47@yahoo.com or Marianne Nidich at mnidich@gmail.com.

get involved.

join a committee.

Fundraising Committee

If you want to have an impact on our congregational family, the fundraising committee gives you that opportunity. The first three letters of fundraising, fun, is what it is all about, just ask the volunteers at the summer raffle, the car show, the attic sale, and the spaghetti dinner restaurant gift card raffle. Join us in the rewarding effort and bring us your ideas. Contact Russ Rosen by emailing Russell.Rosen@gmail.com

Minyan Committee

The Minyan Committee is under the RitCom to ensure a Yahrzeit Minyan for any congregant who would like to recite Kaddish on a family Yahrzeit. Committee members arrange for minyanim on a rotational basis using a user-friendly laid out system. If you are interested in learning more about how it works, contact RitCom Co-chairs Barry Joffe or Barbara Taggart Milberg to get more information.

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is the “Heart of the Shul”. Our fabulous group of women support the shul in many ways - we sponsor Sisterhood events both for fun, worship, and for social action, we are the primary resource for sponsored kiddushim, we fundraise and pledge monies to the support the shul annually. Please join us as a participant or a volunteer - we welcome either! To find out more, please contact either of our co-directors, Sandy Baden (smbaden@cinci.rr.com/(513) 470-6428) or Laura Maxwell (lauramaxwell1313@gmail.com/(513) 368-2465). Hope to see you soon!

Men’s Club

We are not the whistle of this train, WE ARE THE ENGINE. When there is a need we come running with open arms, tools and smiles. We work to support synagogue projects and are the “muscle” behind the sukkah building, attic sale and car show. We not only work hard but we play hard too. We go to sporting events, offer educational classes, poker games, and various outings throughout the year. To get more involved or to suggest a possible event contact Aaron Schechtman 513-544-8474

Ritual Committee

The Ritual Committee oversees all ritual practices of the synagogue and renders halachic decisions, often with consultation with USCJ of which the congregation is a member. The RitCom meets monthly on a Sunday. Some knowledge of service protocols is required and it is desirable if the member attends services on a regular basis. The RitCom is happy to train participants for more active roles associated with services, if so desired. Co-Chairs are Barry Joffe and Barbara Taggart Milberg. Please contact either one to discuss your interest or find out more about the Committee.

The Soup Kitchen

There are hundreds of homeless and struggling adults and families in Downtown Cincinnati. Many people choose to close their eyes to the problem while enjoying the ambiance of upscale restaurants and attractions found in OTR. There is another busy food establishment that many residents visit each Sunday in OTR. It is the Queen City Kitchen on Vine. On any given Sunday, there is a volunteer group from a Synagogue cooking and serving meals to over a hundred thankful recipients. Etz Chaim has a group of volunteers that take turns cooking and serving in that kitchen. Etz Chaim’s next scheduled Sunday is September 8th. To understand the importance of that kitchen, you need only volunteer to cook and to serve there. Volunteering to serve those in need, is a first step in helping to repair our world. If you are interested in volunteering, even if it is just one Sunday a year, please contact me, Matt Brodof, at mb371607@gmail.com or call the Synagogue office.

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit

Fred & Marjorie Beller, Parents
Herb & Eleanor Segal

Ardeth Fay Linder, Wife
Marvin H. Linder, Brother
Gustav Linder, Father
Nelson Linder

Nellie Lepsky, Mother
Beryl Hazen

Murice Siegel, Sister
Leah Cohen

Saul Polinsky, Father
Harriet Kuhr

Kurt & Kaete Lichtenstein, Parents
Jenny Lichtenstein

Izchak Moishe Fried, Brother
Esther Raziel

Freda Ruben, Mother
Shirley Ruben, Wife
Frank Ruben, Brother
Marty Ruben

Albert Klayman, Husband & Father
Dorothy Klayman
Laurie & Larry Schloss & Family

Ira Cohen, Son
Alex & Sally Cohen

Doris Moskowitz, Mother
Joel & Susan Moskowitz

Jacob Koorland, Grandfather
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Bette R. Zuber, Mother
Fred Zuber

Myron Plotkin, Husband
Gussie Plotkin, Mother-in-Law
Alice Plotkin

Pauline Weiner, Mother
Emil & Leah Winkler, Parents
Bobbie Winkler

Joseph & Betty Chandler, Parents
Samuel & Dora Belin, Grandparents
Gershom Bassin, Grandfather
Elliot & Diane Marcus Chandler

Maxine Landman, Sister
Jacob Lerer, Uncle
Morris Meyer, Grandfather
Hatsy Lerer

Sue Kuhr, Step Mother-in-Law
Alvin Kuhr, Father-in-Law
Harriet Kuhr

Abe Joffe, Father
Barry & Melanie Joffe

Louis Cohen, Father
Louise Stein

Dora Kizner, Grandmother
Gail & Fred Zeifman

Perry Liberman, Husband
Joyce Liberman

Sara Brenner, Mother
Paul & Tsila Evers

Bonnie Silverstein, Mother
David Silverstein

Generous Donations Were Received for Yahrzeits of

Leo Merdinger, Grandfather
Barbara Rosen

Mary Merdinger, Grandmother
Barbara Rosen

Anna Franklin, Mother
Daniel Franklin

Marie Taplits, Mother
Michael Taplits

Theresa Goldfarb, Mother
Nancy Goldfarb

Memory

To Pat Betzing
IMO Sister Diane Mason
From Louise Stein

To Audrey Martin
IMO Sister
From Carol Friedman
Paul & Marianne Nidich
Shirley & Bob Dreyer

To Jane Cohen
IMO Father
From Terry Brodof
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Lynne Haber

SIMCHAS ✧ REMEMBRANCES ✧ CONGRATULATIONS

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

To Howard Yasgur & Family
IMO Mother
From Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Terry Brodof
Shirley & Bob Dreyer
Sandy Baden
Lynne Haber
Margo Nathan
David Weil
Sara Kaufman

To David Cohen & Family
IMO Cindy
From Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

Honor

To George & Sara Gati
IHO New Granddaughter
From Terry Brodof
Russ & Arlene Rosen
Lynne Haber

IHO Baby Naming of Charly Ellis Ross
From Linda & Steve Steiner

To Rabbi & Mrs. Stanley Peerless
IHO New Grandson
From Rona Peerless

A Very Generous Donation Was Received

From Julie Kaufman

Recovery

To Sharyn Fox
From Carol Friedman
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

To Sara Gati
From Carol Friedman

To Diane Marcus
From Carol Friedman
Paul & Marianne Nidich

To Paul Nidich
From Rona Peerless

Aliyot

Terry Brodof
Hatsy Lerer
Leah Cohen
Albert & Karen Sawdai

Very Generous Donations for Aliyot

Barb Rosen
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

Irvin & Sylvia Rauchman Youth Fund

Yahrzeit

Morris Berman, Father
Myron & Tamar Moskowitz



A leaf has been purchased
on our Etz Chaim –
tree of life in honor of
the significant birthday of
Bill Cohen
by his dear friends.

We are approached throughout the year by congregants who would like to participate in an additional way by sponsoring different items or events. The High Holidays are a time in which we have several sponsorship slots available for donation and recognition opportunities.

These include:

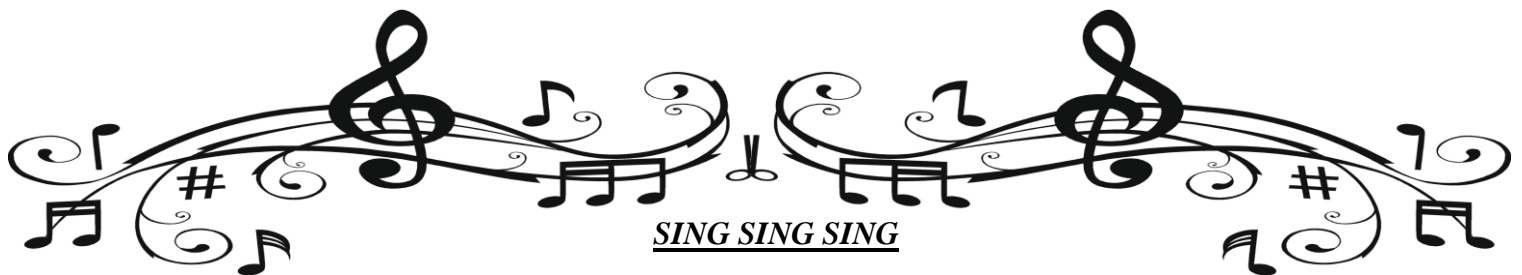
Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship - Shmini Atzeret – Monday, October 21, 2019 - \$85.00

Simchat Torah Night Festivities - Monday Night, October 21, 2019 - \$136.00

Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship - Simchat Torah Day – Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - \$85.00

Sponsorships are first come first served.

Please contact the office to reserve your sponsorship.



Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's towards High Holy Days we go... (you provide the tune)

Our practices for Etz Chaim High Holy Day (HHD) services are and have been in full swing. We're honing the old and introducing – or re-introducing - the new – songs, that is. Most of what we're singing is very familiar to you all. And this year, we're adding in two new 'looks', bringing back a familiar tune and revising a tune that was introduced last year.

Our High Holy Day choir, as we've become known as at this time of the year, will again sing at Selichot services on Saturday, September 21, ushering us all into the chapel for services and enhancing the service with our voices.

The New Year festivities will be here before you know it, and so we wish you an early L'Shanah Tovah.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. L'shanah tovah.

Musically Yours, Barbara and Emmy, Choir Co-Directors

September & October

Synagogue Happenings

We wish Speedy Recoveries to:

Arlene Solomon
Aaron Schechtman
Pat Weiner
Sharyn Fox

Condolences to:

Jane Cohen on the loss of
her father, Edward Kaitz z"l

Howard Yasgur on the loss of
his mother, Kate Yasgur z"l

Carol Friedman on the loss of her
brother, Steve Schoemann z"l

To the family of
Sami Ninio z"l

Lori Lipp on the loss of
her mother, Marilyn Lipp z"l

We Extend a Mazel Tov to:

Phyllis Mellman on the marriage of
her grandson Robert Stein

Chris Hurst on the marriage of
his daughter Rachel

Sara & George Gati on the birth of
their great granddaughter
Tayla Rose Greenfield

Fred Goldfarb on the marriage of his
grandson Nikita to Eileen

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:

Arlene Rosen for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, July 20, 2019 in honor of Russ's birthday! Yom Huledet Sameach!

Emmy and Bob Friedenberg for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, August 10, 2019 in honor of their anniversary! Mazel Tov!

Rona Peerless for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, August 24, 2019 in memory of her son Dr. Allen Peerless z"l

Edee Rosen for sponsoring Kiddush on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in memory of her husband Simon Rosen z"l



Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 Dan & Ellen Fox
- 3 Brian & Carrie Kluger
- 3 Jule & Shari Malowitz
- 19 Ron & Paige Shapiro
- 23 Philip & Rita Edlin

Congratulations to all our September Birthdays!

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Diane Marcus Chandler | 25 Trish Krimins |
| 2 Jared Sandow | 26 Ethan Gabbour |
| 3 Kimberly Forman | 27 Jeffrey Gabbour |
| 4 Gale Goldner | 27 Eddie Gallop |
| 5 Sharyn Weiss | 28 Angela Borger |
| 8 Eli Borger | 28 Jessica Gallop |
| 9 Robert Friedenberg | 28 Samuel Nadel |
| 10 Cindy Jarnicki | 28 Harry Plotnick |
| 11 Christon Hurst | 29 Ann Klein |
| 11 Jule Malowitz | 30 Nancy Schulman |
| 11 Arlene Rosen | |
| 11 Ophra Weisberg | |
| 21 Paige Shapiro | |
| 23 Randy Slovin | |
| 25 Alvin Dorfman | |



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

Friday Night,
September 6, 2019

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

IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

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

Special Thank You to:

Our congregants who stepped up and sponsored various kiddushim and celebrations throughout our 5780 High Holiday Season.

May we continue to share Simchot Together!



Happy Anniversary to:

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Mordechai Higgins
- 5 Richard & Sara Behrman
- 18 Alvin & Nancy Dorfman
- 21 Neal & Cindy Bransford
- 26 Stephen & Linda Berger
- 28 Richard & Cindy Schneider

Congratulations to all our October Birthdays!

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Edward Schulman | 26 Mark Greenberger |
| 5 Emmy Friedenberg | 27 Jordanna Ronis-Tobin |
| 9 Neil Goldenberg | 27 Simon Ronis-Tobin |
| 11 Gabriella Segal | 28 Butzy Cohen |
| 15 Dana Kolovson | 29 Rona Plotnick |
| 17 Susan Austern | 30 Shari Malowitz |
| 17 Ethan Berger | 30 Martin Ruben |
| 17 Barbara Rosen | 31 Simon Newman |
| 19 Dan Littman | |
| 19 Casey Katz | |
| 20 Audrey Martin | |
| 21 Adam Behrman | |
| 23 Jenny Lichtenstein | |
| 23 Jose Rodriguez | |
| 25 Terry Brodof | |



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

Friday Night, October 4, 2019
Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll
have cake in honor of all our October Simchas!
We'll see you there!

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please call the office so we can put it in our database.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Happy Labor Day The office is closed	3	4 Challah Baking 6:30pm	5 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	6 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake!	7 9:30am Shabbat Services Followed by kiddush sponsored by BTM, Howard Saal & Judy Frankel
8 OTR Soup Kitchen Volunteer for this Mitzvah Opportunity	9 The office is closed 7pm Usher Continuing Education	10	11 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	12 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	14 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Followed by kiddush sponsored by Bryan and Michael Taplits
15 Education & Sisterhood Book Discussion Program 10:30am	16 The office is closed	17	18	19 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	21 9:30am Shabbat Morning Services Selichot Movie & Services 8:45pm
22 Choir rehearsal at 10am	23 The office is closed	24	25	26 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	28 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
29 10am -Kitchen Volunteers needed Choir rehearsal 1pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7pm	30 Rosh Hashanah 8:30am, followed by early tashlich. Late tashlich, mincha, maariv at 6:30pm	<div> <div>September 2019</div> <div> 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. </div> </div>				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rosh Hashanah Day II 8:30am & Lunch	2 Fast of Gedaliah	3 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	4 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake	5 Shabbat Services 9:30am Shabbat Shuvah No Kiddush - Kiddush
6 Choir Rehearsal 10am	7 The office is closed Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8 Kol Nidrei 6:30pm Mincha	9 Yom Kippur 9am Mincha 5:00pm Ne'elah 6:30pm	10 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	11 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	12 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
13 Men's Club Sukkah Building 10:30AM Erev Sukkot	14 Sukkot Day I Services at 9:30am followed by lunch in the Sukkah	15 Sukkot Day II Services at 9:30am followed by lunch in the Sukkah	16 Intermediate Day Sukkot Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm	17 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by Breakfast in the sukkah	18 Intermediate Day Sukkot Congregational Shabbat in the Sukkah Services 6pm Dinner 7pm	19 Chol Hamoed Sukkot Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
20 Hoshanah Rabbah 9:30am	21 Shemini Atzeret 9:30am services With Yizkor at ~11:00am Simchat Torah awesomeness 6:30pm	22 Simchat Torah 9:30am Services followed by special Kiddush lunch	23	24 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	25 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	26 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am Parshat Bereshit 9:30am See how it all begins! Kiddush Sponsored by Audrey Martin
27	28 The office is closed	29	30	31 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	October 2019	

COMING SOON



Save these Important November Dates:

November Simcha Shabbat
Friday Night, November 1 – 6PM
Join us for celebratory cake following
our one-hour Friday night service.

**Education Committee's Israeli Music
Program & Sisterhood Opening Lunch**
Sunday, November 3 – 10:30am

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen
Sunday, November 10
Contact Matt Brodof for details

Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Card Raffle
Sunday, November 10, 2019
6pm in the social hall

Board of Directors Mtg – 11/13 - 7pm

Upcoming Events: September

**Wishing all of our Congregants
A Happy & Safe Labor Day**

September Simcha Shabbat
Friday Night, September 6 – 6PM
Join us for celebratory cake following
our one-hour Friday night service.

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen
Sunday, September 8
Contact Matt Brodof for details

Sisterhood & Education Committee
Book Discussion and Lunch
Sunday, September 15, 2019
10:30am to Noon – RSVP to the office

Selichot Movie & Services
Saturday Night, September 21, 2019
Havdallah, Movie & Services 8:45pm

Upcoming Events: October

October Simcha Shabbat
Friday Night, October 4 – 6PM
Join us for celebratory cake following
our one-hour Friday night service.

Men's Club Sukkah Building
Sunday, October 13, 2019 -10:30am
Building, Decorating and grilling!

Congregational Dinner in the Sukkah
Friday Night, October 18 – 6:00pm
Shabbat Dinner that's fun for the whole
family - \$12 - RSVP today!

Simchat Torah
Monday Night – October 21 – 6:30pm
Hakafot & Fun for the Family
What More do you Need?

Congregation

ETZ CHAIM



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



*Wishing you, my fellow congregants a
happy, healthy and sweet New Year.
May we all merit to be written and
sealed in the Book of Life.*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399