



# Congregation Etz Chaim

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

August ▪ September ▪ October ▪ 2025, 5785 - 5786

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### OVERVIEW:

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

We know that in our fast-paced world we are competing for attention and your time. By getting information out way in advance we hope to put shul back on people's calendars and ensure you know about our various offerings with plenty of time to plan.

We understand that your inboxes are inundated with countless other organizations, causes, stores all trying to get you to remember details. We have designed this new bulletin with highlighted RSVP dates to make it easier to call and RSVP for many things at one time. We will be cracking down on RSVP as due to security we need to have accurate numbers. So please help us stay safe and RSVP. We have incredible upcoming events, and WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU HERE!!!



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

## Welcome Home To Etz Chaim

# **CEC's BIG YARD**

**Friday, August 1,**

**9AM-4PM**



**Our Social Hall is filled with treasures!**

We've got:

housewares/appliances

dishes/glassware

decorative & display items

holidays/kids toys/purses

craft items & even furniture!

**COME ON BY & SAVE BIG!**

**Fill-A-Bag \$5**

**We could use your help!**

**Sign up to lend a hand as part of our event crew.**

**Google doc Signup in the eblast or let Stephany  
Schechtman know when you can join the fun!**

# Tisha B'Av

## A Day of Mourning



Saturday  
Night,  
August  
2nd  
6:30pm  
in the  
sanctuary

Join us for a night that links us to the generations that have passed, to ourselves, and to each other. We will have a special presentation by:

**Donna McCartney, LISW**  
***Bereavement Counselor***  
***& Community Outreach Coordinator***  
***from the Goldstein Family Grief Center***



We are all dealing with loss, be it the loss of a loved one, (new or old) changes in our lives, the state of Judaism in America, the concern for our Homeland, the political discord, our aging bodies and the list goes on. Loss and grief are parts of life. It is how we acknowledge loss and process it that can change how it affects us.

After the presentation and Q&A session we will have a havdalah ceremony and then hear the mournful chanting of Megillat Eicha - the Book of Lamentations chanted by our all-female readers.

### SO WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

This is an evening that connects us and helps us navigate this world with our Synagogue Family. We'll see you at 6:30pm.

IT'S TIME TO  
**CONNECT.**

**AUGUST**

### Shabbat Services & Beyond

#### **Minyan on the Move – Friday Night, August 1 – 6pm**

CEC is once again on the move! Join us at DeSha's in Harpers Point at 11320 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati 45249. **RSVPs required** to Hank Lerer as there is limited seating.

#### **Praying with Our Feet – Saturday, August 16**

Services not your style? We've got you covered with a social action 5k benefiting the Cincinnati Dragons which helps provide adaptive sports for kids and adults with disabilities. Details on the next page. Carpool leaves CEC at 7:45am or meet us there at 8:30am.

#### **Minyan on the Move – Friday Night, August 22 – 6pm**

CEC is once again on the move! Join us at Szechuan Bistro located at 7888 Mason Montgomery Road. **RSVPs required** to Hank Lerer as there is limited seating.

#### **Meet & Greet with Chazzan Don Stolper – Shabbat Morning, August 23 – 10am**

Lively Shabbat Service, Delicious Lunch, and a chance to meet the wonderful Don Stolper, our 2025 High Holiday Chazzan. Let his voice take you on a musical journey connecting you to a Judaism that will make you feel warm, safe and spiritual. Please attend and help us welcome Don into our Etz Chaim family. Special Thank you to BTM & Howard Saal for sponsoring kiddush in honor of their respective birthdays.

#### **Birthday Shabbat – Saturday, August 30 – 10am**

Shabbat Services will feature a special Group Aliyah and Mishaberach for all our August birthdays. Following services stay for a special birthday cupcake – Thank you to our Sponsors **INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!** – Contact the office today! Operators are standing by.



## **Etz Chaim's Men's Club Annual Concert in the Park Blue Ash Nature Preserve**



Join us on Tuesday Night, August 12 from 5pm – 9pm  
for Dinner in the Walnut Shelter in Blue Ash Nature Preserve  
followed by music from: The United States Air Force Band of Flight  
Dinner includes: Gazpacho, Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Chips & Brownies  
Cost is \$15 per person – **RSVPs to the office required by August 3**  
When you RSVP you must indicate tuna or egg salad sandwich.  
Event hosted by Men's Club but everyone is welcome!



In the spirit of Heschel,  
CEC will be  
participating in FIVE –  
5K walks.

These walks will be in  
place of Shabbat  
morning services on 5  
Saturdays during the  
year. Join our walking  
team by RSVPing to  
Chava

## Join Congregation Etz Chaim As we walk for: a cause ✡ a cure ✡ a connection

During the height of the Civil Rights era, Dr.  
Martin Luther King led a march  
from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama.  
One of the people who participated in that march  
was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. When Rabbi  
Heschel returned from Selma, he was asked by  
someone, 'Did you find much time to pray, when  
you were in Selma?' Rabbi Heschel responded,  
'I prayed with my feet.'

Join us for this new way to pray and connect.

RSVP to Chava **AND** watch for the registration links in the eblast – remember to  
join the "CEC Walking Team" when you sign up!

Save the Date:  
Saturday, August 16



Cincinnati Adaptive Sports Club  
whose mission is to promote and  
provide adapted sports  
opportunities for kids & adults who  
have a disability in our area. \$35  
Rentschler Forest MetroPark in  
Hamilton, Ohio

Save the Date:  
Saturday, October 4



Join us in the fight to end  
Alzheimer's by participating in  
Walk to End Alzheimer's –  
Cincinnati Tri-State. Sawyer Point  
Park 705 E. Pete Rose Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
free to attend.

Save the Date:  
Saturday, October 18



Ready your pink attire and help us  
raise awareness as 1 out of 8  
women will battle breast cancer.  
Walk will be held at Yeatman's  
Cove, free to attend.

To attend a walk RSVP to Chava **AND** watch for the registration link in the eblast.

DO NOT let money be the reason you do not attend. We have donors who would like to sponsor walkers.

# Step inside A Jerusalem Market



Experience  
the sights,  
sounds, and  
tastes of a  
lively  
Jerusalem  
market —  
right here at  
Etz Chaim!

**Join us on Sunday, August 17 from 4pm – 6pm**

Come for the Hummus Bar, Stay for the Fun!  
Pita, Falafel, Israeli Salads, Ice Cream Sandwiches and more...  
Games & Socializing – Meet old friends, make new ones  
Annual Raffle with exciting new prizes!

We'll play games, eat, drink, shmooze and shop. The event will culminate with the drawing of our annual raffle winners. With 21 chances to win you need not be present to win, but it does make winning that much sweeter.

**Information on the raffle tickets can be found on the next page.**

Bring your wallets to shop the CEC Shuk and participate in the Split-the-Pot drawing for a chance to win a cash prize!

We thank you in advance for supporting your Shul!

Special Thank You to the Event Co-chairs:  
Rochelle Steele & Lori Lipp

Congregation Etz Chaim

8100 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

Members \$10 (Non-members \$15, Prospective members FREE to attend!)

**RSVPs required - Call the office & RSVP today # 513-489-3399**

**RSVPs will increase to \$15 if received after August 7th**



# CEC Synagogue Fundraiser with a twist!

We are pleased to announce our upcoming Synagogue Summer Raffle. Proceeds from this raffle will help us fund our annual operating budget.

Our Raffle Winners will be drawn during the Congregational Picnic. You need not be present to win but it does make winning that much sweeter.

The tickets are only \$10 a piece or 6 for \$50.

Buy a sheet or sell a few to a friend, your cousin, the dog walker, the mahj group, the lady who does your hair or even your mailman.

There are 4 themed gift bags:



+ A deluxe Air Fryer

**BUT THAT'S NOT ALL – there are 16 other chances to win!!!**

45-minute Hebrew lesson or homemade loaf of bread from Israella G.	Gift Card - Breakfast for 2 First Watch by Terry Brodof	\$50 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods from Michelle Fesman	\$50 Amazon Gift Card from Carol Friedman
Half off of the cost to attend the Kallah retreat 2026 – nontransferable!	Mystery Gift card from Lynne Haber	\$50 Target Gift Card from Marianne Nidich	\$35 TJ-Maxx gift card from - Cindy S.
Dinner for 2 at a restaurant of your choosing from BTM	Brunch or Lunch at LaPeep by Bernice Bingman	3 8x12 kugels made for you with love from Stephany S.	Shabbat Wine, Cookies and Candles for a week of your choosing – Barb Rosen
\$50 gift card to Bonefish Grill from Howard Saal	Breakfast for two at First Watch with Russ & Arlene Rosen	1-hour free IT support via Zoom/Phone for any non-apple device – Brian Wolfe	Lunch at Café Alma w/ Sisterhood Co-Director Sandy Baden

Additional tickets are available in the office or for sale during the Congregational Picnic!

You can send the office one check for your Picnic reservation and raffle tickets.

We thank you in advance!

IT'S TIME TO  
**CONNECT.**

September

### Outings & Beyond

#### **Shabbat Shir HaLev - Saturday, September 6 – 10am**

Lively Shabbat Service, Delicious Lunch sponsored by [insert your name here](#). If you haven't attended a Shabbat Shir HaLev you really, really should. It's the closest thing to Jewish Camp without the bunks and bug juice you can get. Ruach Filled Singing will follow kiddush.

#### **Minyan on the Move – Friday Night, September 19 – 6pm**

CEC is once again on the move! Join us at El Jinete located at 10780 Montgomery Road Road, Cincinnati 45242. **RSVPs required** to Hank Lerer as there is limited seating.

#### **Birthday Shabbat – Saturday, September 27 – 10am**

Shabbat Services will feature a special Group Aliyah and Mishaberach for all our September birthdays. Following services stay for a special birthday cupcake. Thank you to our Sponsors [INSERT YOUR NAME HERE!](#) – Contact the office today! Operators are standing by.



With countless ways to become involved all you need to do is pick a path that works for you and be welcomed into the folds of this incredible Etz Chaim Family.

Has it been a while? No problem... just come back, it's like riding a bike and you'll feel comfortable in no time.

Do you need a ride? No problem... just let us know and we'll arrange it, door to door service.

Worried you won't enjoy – just try it... you'll like it! There's a reason we are still around and are over 150+ years old.

# ADULT EDUCATION

## *Fall Offerings*

June was a busy month for Education programming! We began with a beautiful Shabbat in the Park on June 7, when the d'var and study session focused on celebration and protection of Nature in the Jewish tradition, followed by a wonderful potluck picnic lunch. The theme of caring for Nature was continued with a tour of the Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub on June 18, when those attending learned more about the do's and don't's of curbside recycling, and how to utilize the CR&R Hub to recycle items that Rumpke does not accept. On June 28, a discussion around the book "Here All Along..." by Sarah Hurwitz offered the opportunity to engage with our fellow congregants in examining a number of "Big Ideas" fundamental to Judaism. The wide-ranging discussion touched on topics such as "Why choose Judaism?"; "What is Judaism?" (A religion? A culture? An ethnicity? A set of values?); "What is the core animating idea of the Torah?"; "Is the Torah constant or evolving?"; How do the concepts of Tzedakah and Hesed play out in your life?"; "Which of the many Jewish conceptions of God resonates for you?". The conversation was engaging and thought-provoking, and might serve as the starting point for future conversations around Judaism's "Big Ideas".

The Education Committee is busy planning for programming in the New Year 5786. We have several programs in the works, and welcome your suggestions. If you have ideas for future programs, or might be interested in joining the committee, please talk to one of the members of the Education Committee:

### **Co-Chairs:**

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich

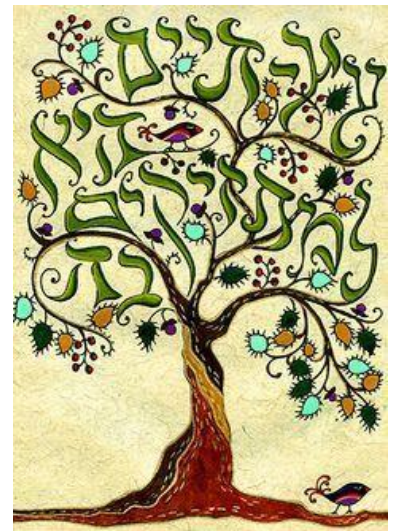
### **Committee members:**

Paul Evers

Israela Ginsburg

Penny Manes

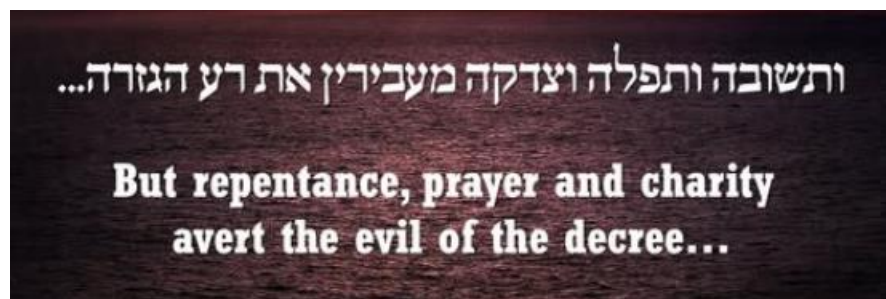
Howard Saal



# Donate to the Cantor Fund

Dear Congregants: We are so excited to host Chazzan Stolper a naturally talented prayer leader who will move you with his traditional vocals and sing to your yiddisha Neshama (your Jewish soul). In past years several congregants have showed their support by donating to a Cantor Fund which we established to help offset the costs. We are fortunate to have received a generous gift from Ray Kantor's family in Ray's memory and we have rebranded it as the **Ray Kantor Cantorial Memorial Fund**. 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.



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 info below

Credit card type \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration 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

# *About Chazzan Don Stolper*

I first sang in a choir for High Holidays when I was in high school and then filled the role of cantor for that Congregation several years later. I subsequently served as Cantor for congregations in West Hartford, Ct., Bloomfield, Ct., Caracas, Venezuela, Bethesda, Md., and Altoona, Pa. In Bethesda, I worked with Hazzan Abe Lubin as that Congregation's Hazzan Sheni for 18 years.

While finding participating in High Holiday services rewarding, my vocation has been in finance. I was an investment banker in NYC until moving to Cincinnati 35 years ago to join PNC Bank and then Cincinnati Asset Management from which I retired several years ago.

Music has played an extraordinary part in my life. I have sung in a number of choirs over the years including Mastersingers USA, an alumni glee club that recently performed six concerts in four cities throughout Austria. In Cincinnati, I have served on the Boards of Cincinnati Opera, and the Vocal Arts Ensemble and currently sing in the Cincinnati Choral Society.

The High Holidays bring our families and community together to celebrate our history, our commitment to Jewish values, and our hopes for the future. I am privileged to be part of that celebration.

My wife, Rita, and I recently celebrated 40 years of marriage. We have a son in NYC and a daughter in Los Angeles. We are so looking forward to spending the holidays with CEC.



Join us for  
Shabbat Morning Services on  
**Saturday, August 23**  
for a service led by our  
incredible Chazzan  
Don Stolper

Don will lead us in tefillah  
and be available for a meet and  
greet during kiddush.

Help us start to ready our  
voices in prayer and gratitude  
for the many blessings we have.  
Stay for a special kiddush  
luncheon following services.





Sisterhood is excited to offer you a sweet treat for the new year!

Order a Famous Sisterhood Kugel (dairy)  
to round out your holiday meal, give to a friend as a lovely hostess gift,  
or simply enjoy during the high holiday season with a nice cup of coffee.

Kugels are available in a half steam pan size  
~13x10 serves 10-12 people for \$24.00

Orders should be placed with Ava Fried  
By calling: 513-417-3148 or emailing: [ava.fried@yahoo.com](mailto:ava.fried@yahoo.com)

**Deadline to place your order – Monday, September 8, 2025**

Kugels will be frozen with reheating instructions  
so you can enjoy them whenever you desire.

Kugel pickup plan will be coordinated with you once your order is placed.



*Support the Shul &  
Eat Some Kugel!*



In preparation for the soul searching that characterizes the Jewish High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur, we will mark Selichot on Saturday, September 13, 2025, with a movie screening of "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" a seemingly simplistic movie with a profound message.

The evening will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Etz Chaim Synagogue with Havdalah followed by the movie with contemplative art project and 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.



*The Boy, the mole,  
the fox and the Horse*

**Saturday Night**  
**September 13, 2025**  
**8:30pm**

# סליחות Selichot

*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse is a 2022 animated short film directed by Peter Baynton and Charlie Mackesy and written by Jon Croker and Mackesy. It is based on Mackesy's 2019 picture book of the same name. This 34-minute movie follows the four titular characters who form an unlikely friendship as they travel together in search of the Boy's home.*

Turn and Return to the Synagogue  
where friendship and connection  
are the defining characteristics of our Shul.

# Ritual Matters

Aug-Sept-Oct 2025



Fall is approaching as are the High Holidays and as always, the ritual committee is working to serve you, our fellow congregants.

One recent success we've had at our services is allowing for those observing a *yahrzeit*, or even celebrating a birthday or anniversary, to speak briefly to the congregation about their loved one. It's just one more way that our shul family can connect with with one another!

And speaking of High Holy Days (HHDs), year 5786/2025 is approaching. The choir is in rehearsals and we will welcome our Hazzan, Mr. Don Stolper, to our Etz Chaim family. Selichot is Saturday evening, September 13 and Rosh Hashanah begins Monday evening, September 22. Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah are celebrated through the first half of October.

As always, if you desire to have the *yahrzeit* committee arrange for either an in-person or Zoom service so that you can say Kaddish for a loved one, just send an email to [cecminyan@gmail.com](mailto:cecminyan@gmail.com).

*The Ritual Committee: Terry Brodof, Lynne Haber, Emmy Friedenberg, Hank Lerer, Russ Rosen, Steve Segerman, Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Sara Gati and Chava Vidal.*



Congregational Break the Fast Dinner Returns  
on Thursday Night, October 2, 2025  
following the completion of closing services.

*This event is made possible through the generous  
sponsorship of the following congregants –*

*Bernice Bingman ▪ Howard Saal ▪ Paul and Marianne Nidich ▪ Randy Slovin  
Sandy Baden ▪ Barbara Taggart-Milberg ▪ Terry Brodof ▪ Carol Friedman  
Stan and Michelle Fesman ▪ Bob and Emmy Friedenberg ▪ Arlene and Russ Rosen*



## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

**2025/5786**

### Selichot

Saturday, September 13..... 8:30PM (Movie, Discussion & Desserts)  
Service will follow the completion of the program



### Rosh Hashanah (5786)

Erev---Monday, September 22..... 6:00 PM

First Day, Tuesday, September 23.....8:45 AM  
Tashlich/Mincha/Maariv.....6:00 PM

Second Day, Wednesday, September 24.....8:45 AM  
Day Two Luncheon following services



### Kol Nidrei

Wednesday, October 1..... 6:30 PM Mincha  
with Cello introduction to the Holiday  
Kol Nidrei (following Mincha Approx. 7:00 PM)

### Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 2.....9:00 AM (Yizkor approx. 11:45 AM)

Mincha.....5:00 PM

Ne'elah at approximately 6:15 PM

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



## New High Holiday Initiative

We're pairing Hamisha Hosts  
with fellow congregants looking to spend  
Rosh Hashannah Day I, Tuesday, September 23  
Lunch with each other – and we need your help!

RSVP to the office if you can host or if you'd like to be hosted and  
we'll do our best to match you for a festive holiday meal.

As a special thank you to our Host Families  
If you host 4 or more congregants  
we'd like to provide you with a holiday giftbag which will include a  
bottle of wine, 2 round challahs & a honey cake!

Let's make sure everyone has a home and a holiday table.  
Let's be the hamisha shul we know we are!

**RSVP to host or be hosted by: September 1, 2025**

*This initiative is made possible through the generosity of the Brodof Family  
in honor of their Parents and Grandparents, Pat & Chuck Weiner.*

If you need menu ideas, help hosting or more information Chava is standing by ready to assist!



Join us for a delicious meal on the  
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah  
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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.

\$18.00 to attend (non-members \$22.00)

**This is a RESERVATION ONLY EVENT**

**Firm RSVP date of Wednesday, September 10, 2025**



The Tashlich Ceremony will precede Mincha/Maariv on Rosh Hashanah day one, Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

It is customary for Jews to walk to a body of moving water, preferably one containing fish, and symbolically cast off their sins.

Meet at 6pm at the shul at the doors that face Gideon Road to walk down to the lake and participate in Tashlich together.



Join us Friday Night,  
August 8, September 5 and October 10 (in the Sukkah)  
Comfy Kab-Shab  
6pm in the Lobby

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

Join us for  
Live Service over Zoom  
August 29, September 12, October 24  
Zoom Room - 6pm

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



### **High Holiday Sponsorship List 2025**

With the High Holidays around the corner, it's the perfect time to commemorate an upcoming simcha, honor the memory of a loved one who has passed or make a donation to celebrate just how happy you are to be part of this wonderful shul!

Bima Flowers for the High Holidays (RH & YK) - \$275.00

Candy treats that we put out on Rosh Hashanah  
For a "sweet" New Year - \$136.00

Kiddush Lunch Sponsorship  
Shmini Atzeret – Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - \$175.00

Simchat Torah Night Celebrations - Tuesday Night, October 14, 2025 - \$252.00

**CALL THE OFFICE TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIP #513-489-3399**



## Congregation Etz Chaim

### Yizkor Book 5786 (2025/2026)

The Yizkor book will be set out in the lobby on Yom Kippur day.  
In addition, the Yizkor book is used 4 times a year at each Yizkor Service which occur on Yom Kippur, Shmini Atzeret, 8<sup>th</sup> Day Pesach and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Shavuot.

### Notice to All CEC Members

The Yizkor (Memorial) Book for the coming year is now being prepared.

Your listing can be included by completing and returning this form to the shul office.

*This form must be returned  
to the office  
no later than*

**September 1, 2025**

*accompanied with your  
contribution to be included.*

PLEASE NOTE...  
NO INFORMATION WILL BE  
TAKEN BY TELEPHONE.

The suggested donation  
amount is **\$10.00** per name.

Promptly return this sheet with your  
check made payable to:

Congregation Etz Chaim  
8100 Cornell Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

### Please Print All Information

Your Name as you would like it to  
appear in the book:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Repeat my/our listing as it  
appeared in the 2024/2025 Yizkor Book.

### NEW LISTINGS—ONLY

*Name of Deceased:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Deceased:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Deceased:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Relationship:* \_\_\_\_\_



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



Our Etz Chaim Sisterhood is excited to welcome  
CEC to Tea Time in the Sukkah  
Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – 12pm  
Following services for a prim and proper ushering in  
of the Sukkot Holiday. Special gifts will be  
provided to Paid Up Sisterhood Members – watch  
for dues letters & RSVP information.

**CALLING ALL  
BROWNIE BAKERS!!!**

We're in need of a few good  
bakers who can follow a box  
mix and make us a couple  
dozen batches of brownies  
(doesn't have to be made at  
all once) If you are willing  
and able please let  
Stephany Schechtman know  
by calling 513-253-2935




**Deadline to Order Kugels for  
Rosh Hashanah September 8**

To Volunteer as part of the  
“Kiddush Crew” please contact  
Sandy Baden

Sukkah Decorating  
Sunday, October 5 - noon

Sisterhood High Tea  
in the Sukkah  
Open to all who attend Day I  
services; paid up Sisterhood  
members get a special gift.  
**RSVP to Barb Rosen  
if you can attend.**



# MEN'S CLUB

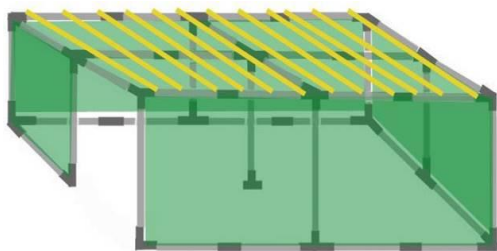
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Where has the year gone? The High Holy days are just around the corner and Etz Chaim's Men's Club is already prepping for them. With a new energized Men's Club Board at the helm we are so excited about entering 5786. In addition to music in the park and sporting events galore the Men's Club will again this year be playing a supporting role by ushering and greeting everyone with a Special Shana Tovah welcome. 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 beautifying the sukkah. After we complete the job we'll share a grill out lunch together, on our benches!

Shana Tovah!

From The CEC Men's Club Board  
Aaron Schechtman, Ed Schulman, Paul Evers, Richard Pywen, Mordechai Higgins & Hank Lerer



P.S. 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 build/decorate our Sukkah!



Call Aaron at  
513-544-8474  
To volunteer to be a  
High Holiday Usher.



Sukkah Building, Brews  
& Burgers – Sunday  
October 5th – 10am  
We'll build,  
we'll grill out  
and then  
We'll Party!!!

**RSVP TO**  
**Ed Schulman**  
[edward.schulman.99@gmail.com](mailto:edward.schulman.99@gmail.com)

Reminder to send in your Men's Club  
Dues – they remain only \$20.00 (Chai +2)  
This is a true Bargain!



## FESTIVAL SERVICE TIMES

**2025/5786**



### Sukkot

Tuesday, October 7, First Day.....10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 8, Second Day.....[Clickable Links](#)

Thursday Morning Minyan with breakfast in the Sukkah 7:00 AM

Comfy Shabbat in the Sukkah, Friday Night, October 10.....6:00 PM

### Hoshana Rabbah

Monday Morning, October 13.....[Clickable Links](#)



### Shmini Atzeret

Tuesday, October 14.....10:00 AM

(Yizkor approx 11 AM)



### Simchat Torah

Erev – Tuesday Night, October 14.....6:30 PM

(Hakafot, Singing, Dancing & Refreshments!)

Simchat Torah Day, Wednesday, October 15



**Congregation Etz Chaim  
COMMUNITY DINNER IN THE SUKKAH**

Join Etz Chaim to make Sukkot Truly Hamisha & Memorable  
This event is made possible through the establishment of the  
Harriet & Don Kuhr z"l Sukkot Fund  
by their children Craig & Cindy Kuhr and Faye DeCesaris

Sunday, October 12, 2026 - 6:00pm

Join us for our famous vegetarian chili with all the fixins  
Free to attend thanks to the generous sponsorship but  
RSVPs still required for food and security purposes.  
Seating indoors and outdoors in the Sukkah (weather permitting)

**RSVP to the office by Sunday, September 30, 2025**

Order your own Lulav & Etrog set!  
**The deadline is: September 15, 2025 Cost is \$60**





## *Simchat Torah at The Magic Kingdom*

Come and “Be Our Guest...” at this fun-filled  
Simchat Torah Celebration & Ball

Join us Tuesday Night, October 14<sup>th</sup> for a  
Royal Ruach Filled Evening of  
Singing ☆ Dancing ☆ Torah Reading  
Refreshments, Libations fit for a King and so much more...

**The Fun starts at 6:30pm**

Hosted By: Congregation Etz Chaim - 8100 Cornell Road

All are Welcome ☆ Free of Charge

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to shul we go...

Themed attire strongly encouraged; think Disney princess, prince charming, the evil villain, Minnie, Mickey or any Disney movie character.

The goal is smiles & fun so come ready with your Hakuna Matata attitude

7 Disney Magic filled Hakafot with Torah Tie-ins

Themed Food & Drinks – but no poison apples!!

Fun for all ages – if you haven't attended  
Simchat Torah before, or it's been a while –  
Don't miss out on this fantasia filled good time!

Be sure to **répondez s'il vous plaît** so you can join us at





## Sponsorship List 2025

Looking to honor someone, give a little extra or celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or commemorate a yahrzeit? The Mishaberach prayer for the community teaches us that those who give funds for heat and light and wine for kiddush and Havdalah will be blessed. Consider sponsoring any of the below and may we all merit continued simchot together!

### Quarterly Bulletin \$325

November, December, January  
February, March, April  
May, June, July

### Coffee & Cupcakes for Birthday Shabbat \$54

Saturday, September 27, 2025	Saturday, March 28, 2026
Saturday, October 25, 2025	Saturday, April 11, 2026
Saturday, November 29, 2025	Saturday, May 30, 2026
Saturday, December 27, 2025	Saturday, June 27, 2026
Saturday, January 17, 2026	Saturday, July 25, 2026
Saturday, February 28, 2026	Saturday, August 29, 2026

### Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities:

Different costs available once you confirm  
Sisterhood will reach out to discuss menu options  
Traditional Shabbat, Saturday, November 22, 2025  
Adult Ed Shabbat #1, Saturday, December 20, 2025  
Shabbat Shir HaLev, Saturday January 31, 2026  
Adult Ed Shabbat #2, Saturday, February 14, 2026  
Adult Ed Shabbat #3, Saturday, April 18, 2026  
Adult Ed Shabbat #4, Saturday, June 20, 2026

### Special Themed Shabbatot - Subsidy Opportunities:

These menus are pre-selected per theme: Cost \$300.00

Epcot Shabbat #1 - Saturday, December 6, 2025  
Epcot Shabbat #2 - Saturday, January 10, 2026  
Epcot Shabbat #3 - Saturday, February 7, 2026  
Board Game Shabbat - Saturday, February 21, 2026  
Shabbat of Smiles - Jews & Jokes - Saturday, March 14, 2026  
Israel Shabbat - Saturday, April 25, 2026  
Epcot Shabbat #4 - Saturday, June 6, 2026  
Red, White & Blue Jeans Shabbat - Saturday, June 13, 2026

**CALL THE OFFICE TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIP**

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

אחינו כל בית ישראל, הנתונים בצרה ובשביה,  
העומדים בין בים ובין ביבשה, המקום ירחם  
עליהם, ויציאם מצרה לרוחה, ומאפלה לאורה,  
ומשעבוד לגאולה, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב.



As for our brothers, the whole house of Israel, who are given over to trouble or captivity, whether they abide on the sea or on the dry land:

May the All-present have mercy upon them, and bring them forth from trouble to enlargement, from darkness to light, and from subjection to redemption, now speedily and at a near time.

### Prayer for Members of the Israel Defense Force

He Who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Force, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May Hashem cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighting men from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May He lead our enemies under their sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is Hashem, your God, Who goes with you, to battle your enemies for you, to save you.

And let us say: Amen.

*We are always looking for ways to better serve you our congregants. If you'd like to see other programming, have an idea or simply want to find a way to be more involved – set up a time to talk with Hank, Chava or a member of the board. We are here for you and want to make sure your Shul is here long into the future – it takes a village!*

### A Prayer for the State of Israel

אבינו שבשמים, צור ישראל וגואלו,  
ברך את מדינת ישראל, ראשית  
צמיחת גאולתנו. הגן עליה באברת  
חסדך, ופרש עליה סכת שלומך  
ושלח אורך ואמתך לראשיה, שריה  
ויועציה, ותקנם בעצה טובה  
מלפניה. חזק את ידי מגני ארץ  
קדשנו, והנחילם אלהינו ישועה  
ועטרת נצחון תעטרם, ונתת שלום  
בארץ ושמחת עולם ליושביה.

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

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

