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*Congregation Etz Chaim's Mission Statement is:
Passionate and participatory,
our supportive Jewish
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individual in a life-long Jewish
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Message from your President – Terry Brodof



Dear Etz Chaim, the moment we've been waiting for ...

Back in October, I announced that we were about to publish a book. Its title - *It's about people not buildings*. The title reflects a mantra that our Steering Committee lived by for three years. It represents how we were able to move from proposal to a marriage. The 'proposal' began as an idea and we were able to turn that idea into a reality. The marriage was the result of a long term negotiating and dating process that we eventually realized was not a merger at all. It was a marriage. A blending of our traditions and values, complete with a wedding and three hundred guests from the community who witnessed the reading of our Ketubah and the tying of the knot.

Today we are settled into a warm familiarity. We are at home within our walls. It certainly did not happen overnight, but together we made it work. There were a number of heavy sighs, successes, and tribulations along the way. Our steering committee members, individually and through committee work, sat many long hours at the board table, some kitchen tables and around some late night living room and a few dining room tables along the way. But, the idea never was tabled. The Steering committee members created a vision for a united community and began to outline a path to making the vision work.

The book has been published. It is an outline of the story behind the process we followed throughout the merger, and it is appropriately titled. Our book is a guide, which speaks to our successes that kept us moving forward and the fire walls that we needed to recognize and find a way to bypass or work through together. We believe all non-profits, as well as synagogues and churches, can benefit from reading its chapters. We recognize that not all of the challenges that brought us together have been resolved. We understand though, that we are stronger together than we were alone.

So, how much do you know about our marriage?

Here are some interesting questions that are answered in the book. Who named himself the fireman? Where were our meetings initially held? In what unusual place was the decision to merge voted on? Who gave the most compelling argument for making our home the Cornell Road facility? How many weeks did Chava say it would take her to pull together a wedding with 300 attendees? How did tuna salad open a forum for communication?

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These are just a few examples of the connections you as readers will understand as you read the book.

I have not taken the opportunity to thank the authors for their chapters and input, nor have I thanked all of those that edited our text along the way. I can't stress enough the time and the thought that went into the book. The authors include, Simon Newman, Randy Slovin, Russ Rosen, Dick Friedman, Darrell Radin, Chava Vidal, Barry Joffe, Bob Friedenberg, Sandy Baden, and a chapter was written by me as well. If you pass any of us that were on the Steering Committee, during that time, ask us about the meaning of *a fist of five* or the meaning behind *the right seat on the bus*. Both are reminders of the time we spent meeting one another and understanding the importance of honest communication.

The book is available in a hard copy through Amazon or on line via Kindle. Yes, that sounded like a commercial. It is also available through our gift Shop at a discounted price of \$9.39, and with sales tax, the price comes to \$10.00 even.

It is important to recognize that each of us was a part of the book. Both synagogues shared services and holidays prior to the marriage. We had congregational meetings about our values and our vision which became the basis of our Mission and Vision Statements. Each of us had opportunities for input along the way. Each of us had a vote in the final decision to merge, or to marry, and move in together. Each of us became a part of the naming process. Each of us is in some way a founder of this synagogue. It would not have been possible without your input. Our hope is that you enjoy reading the history and some of the behind the scene discussions that decided how we came to exist. We also hope that you will help us share and circulate our story.

It is hard for any organization to acknowledge that it is in need of help. We are still working on finding remedies for some of our struggles. Happily, our marriage has made a few of the challenges we faced mere memories. It is our hope that our documentation in this book might give some guidance, direction and hope to other struggling congregations or nonprofit organizations. After all, it is easier taking a road less traveled when you understand that it is a road that others have successfully navigated.

Again, on behalf of the congregation, I want to extend a sincere note of gratitude to the authors and to the editors that worked on publishing our story. I would be remiss if I did not also include thanks and appreciation to the late Dr. Tom Monaco, z"l, who helped guide us throughout the entire process. Tom taught all of us who worked together on both the Steering Committee and the Oversight Committee, how to identify our strengths, how important it is to speak honestly with one another and most importantly, how important it is to listen to and empower one another. They are valuable life lessons.

I invite everyone to pick up a book and re-live our history. It has been a bit of a journey. The path we forged brought us to, as I noted earlier, a warm familiarity as a congregation. I am looking forward to our next chapters.

B'Shalom,
Terry Brodof

Interested in purchasing a copy of the book?

Stop by our beautiful giftshop on

Wednesdays and Fridays

Between 1:30pm-4:00pm.

or call Julie at the synagogue to set up a time that works for you.

The Board of Directors of Congregation Etz Chaim is pleased to announce that the book It's About People Not Buildings is now available on Kindle (\$9.95) and Amazon.com.(\$14.95).

It has taken several years to write and chronicle our merger.

The story is told by our members and congregants. We give much thanks to our authors, Sandy Baden, Terry Brodof, Bob Friedenberg, Richard Friedenberg, Richard Friedman, Barry Joffe, Simon Newman, Darrell Radin, Russ Rosen, Mark Schreiber, Randy Slovin and Chava Vidal.

It demonstrates how two groups of people can work together through compromise to achieve a common goal. Our wedding has proven to be enduring and what we achieved is something we are proud of and we want to share with the world.

Therefore, we decided to write this book that would not only celebrate our marriage but, also, serves as a guide for other religious and nonprofits looking to merge.

By: Russ Rosen

IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE NOT BUILDINGS

A Primer for the **Merger** of Religious and Other Nonprofits



by Congregation Etz Chaim
edited by Mark Schreiber



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

Recapping a few ritual offerings from January, Etz Chaim was, as usual, on a roll with the many activities provided. Among those that the RITCOM handled: all of our many Shabbat, minyan and Thursday morning services, including the Shabbat Shira/Choir Shabbat on January 19th. Other special Shabbatot that took place last month were Tot Shabbat (January 18th) and Week 364 Friday Services and dinner (January 25th).

Before moving on to February, let's first dwell a bit on the Week 364 Friday Services and dinner that we celebrated last January 25th. This is indeed a big milestone in our shul's history. Seven – seven! - years of consecutive Friday Night Minyanim! As has been announced to us, we are the only Conservative shul in Cincinnati who can boast of this honor. Speaking of being on a roll...and let's continue this roll so that we can celebrate for the next 7 years and beyond.

So now we get to February. We've already mentioned our many services. The big news is that our Kallah Retreat is fast approaching on February 8-10. Thank you to all who are joining us for this great time and you are all involved in one way or another in the services offered that weekend. Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, even a brief Sunday morning service are all planned and will no doubt involve some creative, home away from home, touches. We'll even have an alternative mincha service for those who would like to experience that. Since we're taking the show on the road that weekend, please note that there will be NO services held in Cincinnati that weekend.


Our Shabbat series speakers, sponsored by the Education committee but including multiple ritual aspects, continues to be a draw for our congregants and anyone else in the community who desires to partake of these experiences. Our latest speaker, Candy Kwiatek, gave a part one of two session last January 12th and continues with part two on February 23rd.

The RITCOM decided that, for weekday Minyanim services during the winter months, when it is too late to recite a full Mincha service, we will do the following: chant Ashrei followed by the reading of a Rabbinic text, followed by Kaddish D'Rabbanan. This allows anyone concluding a Yartzheit to recite Kaddish. It also allows consistency for all weekday evening services during the short days of winter.

Mark your calendars now to attend Etz Chaim's Purim festivities on Wednesday evening, March 20th, times to be announced. Our Megillah readers will be ready to relate that always enjoyable Shushan story to you. The evening promises to be spectacular with services, Megillah reading, dinner and "The Shpiel"!

We've shared a few things with you, so now --- do you have anything to share with us? We exist to serve the congregation and we value any input from congregants. We need to hear from you in order to assess how things are going and to make any necessary improvements.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara and Barry





Congregation Etz Chaim * Kallah/Retreat * February 8-9-10

We are so pleased to inform you that we have 45 participants in our third CEC Kallah.

This weekend is designed to fulfill spiritual, social, religious, educational and nosh needs. It has been hand crafted by many volunteers all working together to plan out various aspects to ensure our membership has a weekend to remember.

We would like to thank our 2019 Kallah Project Tri-Chairs Sandy Baden, Sara Gati and Stephany Schechtman. These ladies have clocked countless behind the scene hours and led us to this point... Yasher Kochachen ladies.

We would also like to thank the members of the Kallah Planning Committee:

Sandy Baden	Sharyn Fox
Terry Brodof	Barb Rosen
Lynne Haber	Aaron Schechtman
Hank Lerer	Chava Vidal
Barbara Taggart Milberg	Brian Wolfe
Rachel Wolfe	Robyn Wolfe

Important Message
to our Congregants who are unable to join us on this special Shabbat Getaway.



The building will be closed on:
Friday, February 8th
Saturday, February 9th and
Sunday, February 10th

That means our office will be closed and all services will be offsite at Clifty Inn. There will not be services here on Friday Night or Shabbat Morning.

Thank you
for your understanding.

For Purim 2019...it's "Haman of LaMancha"

By: Chava Vidal

The Broadway musical that inspired this year's Purim *Shpiel* began neither as a musical, nor on Broadway. "Man of LaMancha" began as a dramatic television play produced by David Susskind. It aired on CBS in 1959 with the title of "I, Don Quixote". Audiences reacted so well to Dale Wasserman's story of a man who sees life "not as it is...but as it ought to be", that it soon evolved into a musical. In 1965 "Man of LaMancha" won the Tony award for best musical as well as 4 additional Tonys and became one of the longest running Broadway shows of all time. I was lucky enough to see a fabulous new production of it on Broadway in 1991 (I was six years old!)

Now this year's cast is one of our largest ever and our enthusiastic merry makers are:

Sandy Baden, Adam Berger, Ethan Berger, Linda Berger, Stephen Berger, Terry Brodof, Michelle Fesman, Gale Goldner, Russ Goldner, Melanie Joffe, Julie Kaufman, Hank Lerer, Barb Rosen, Russ Rosen, Aaron Schechtman, Ellen Shuller, Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Stan Timmer, Brian Wolfe, Rachel Wolfe, Robyn Wolfe.

We welcome back the worlds best musicians Ernie Ambrosius, Dana Kolovson, Mitch Liberman and Howard Suid. We are delighted to work with them again – they make us sound soooo good.

So here's the planning for that day: Wednesday, March 20th

- *Megillah* reading at 6:00pm
- Dinner at 7:00pm
- Purim *Shpiel* "Haman of LaMancha" at 8:00pm

Reminders:

- Make your reservations! (operators are standing by!)
- This year, bring boxes of **Spanish rice** to be used as groggers (then donated)
- Join the holiday fun by coming in costume!



Not Shown: Sandy Baden, Ethan Berger, Melanie Joffe, Julie Kaufman, Russ Rosen & Dana the Clarinetist

HaMan of LaMancha

SAVE THE DATE C.E.C. Purim

Wednesday, March 20, 2019



Act I: Scene: The Sanctuary
Megillah Reading6:00 pm

Act II: Scene: The Social Hall
Dinner.....7:00 pm
Cash Bar available

Act III: Scene: The Stage
"Haman of LaMancha".....8:00 pm



Please RSVP to the office by Friday, March 1
Dinner is \$15/adults and \$7.50/children under 13

Costumes STRONGLY encouraged!

Bring boxes of **Spanish Rice** to use as groggers,
then we'll donate them to the
Barbash Family Vital Support Center

PURIM 5779

Dear Members of Congregation Etz Chaim,

As our community continues to grow and new friendships are made, we, the Sisterhood of Etz Chaim, would like to suggest the perfect opportunity to reach out to fellow congregants while at the same time performing the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, the giving of gifts at Purim.

Last year our Mishloach Manot project was a success. In addition to helping people fulfill the mitzvah of giving gifts for Purim, all congregants benefited on the receiving end. It is our hope that you enjoyed the Mishloach Manot that you picked up after the Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel or that was delivered to your home. This year, we hope to increase the number of participants to make this an even greater success.

For \$100 you can send Mishloach Manot to every member of Congregation Etz Chaim. If you would prefer to send only to particular individuals or families, you have that option as well. Please refer to the order form for pricing on the various options of giving.

The Mishloach Manot bags will be filled with delicious, homemade hamantaschen, candy, fruit and so much more. Additionally, orders for these hamantaschen, made by the ladies of Sisterhood, will be available for sale, by advance order only. **THE DEADLINE FOR PLACING ORDERS IS MARCH 8, 2019; ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT IN FULL.**

Please help us make this project more successful than ever by expressing your friendship to fellow congregants with a gift of Mishloach Manot.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP

Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. to Package the Mishloach Manot bags –This is always a good time. Filling the bags with all kinds of goodies. The more people who help out, the faster it gets done. Please contact Sandy Baden if you can help.

Thursday, March 21 at your convenience, help deliver the bags that were not picked up after the Megillah reading and Purim Shpiel on March 20. When possible, we assign drivers to routes near their homes. The more volunteers we have, the fewer deliveries each driver will have to make. Please sign up with Sandy Baden or Julie Kaufman.

MISHLOACH MANOT



One of the nicest traditions on Purim is that of giving a gift of food to friends, *Mishloach Manot*, the sending of gifts. According to Jewish law, one should give a gift of two different types of food, one of which is cooked or baked, to at least one person.

The Sisterhood of Congregation Etz Chaim would like to help you fulfill this lovely mitzvah by creating *Mishloach Manot* baskets (bag) for each congregant. Those who attend the Purim dinner and Shpiel on Wednesday evening, March 20, will pick up their baskets after the Shpiel. The remaining baskets will be delivered (GREATER CINCINNATI ONLY) on Purim Day Thursday, March 21.

On the back of this order form is a list of Etz Chaim & Sisterhood-Only members—**OR** you can give to the **whole congregation for only \$100 (less than the price of 13 baskets!)**; see instructions below. Upon completion, send the **order form, along with your check**, payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood, to:

Etz Chaim Sisterhood
Attn: *Mishloach Manot*
8100 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249

ORDER FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 8.

One basket will be delivered to each recipient, regardless of how many are ordered for that person. A card with each sender's name(s) will be included with the basket.

YOUR NAME: _____

Option A: FOR \$100 YOU CAN SEND A BASKET TO ALL LOCAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM, & SISTERHOOD-ONLY MEMBERS.

Option B: SEND A BASKET TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ETZ CHAIM OR SISTERHOOD (check names listed on the back)

\$8 per basket

of baskets ordered _____ x \$8 = Total \$ _____

Option C: SEND BASKETS WITH RECIPROCITY INSURANCE – With the purchase of 4 or more baskets for Etz Chaim Congregants and Sisterhood-Only members, you are eligible to purchase “reciprocity insurance.” This means that if someone sends you a basket but you have not ordered for him or her, we will automatically add your name to that person's gift card.

\$8 for each basket

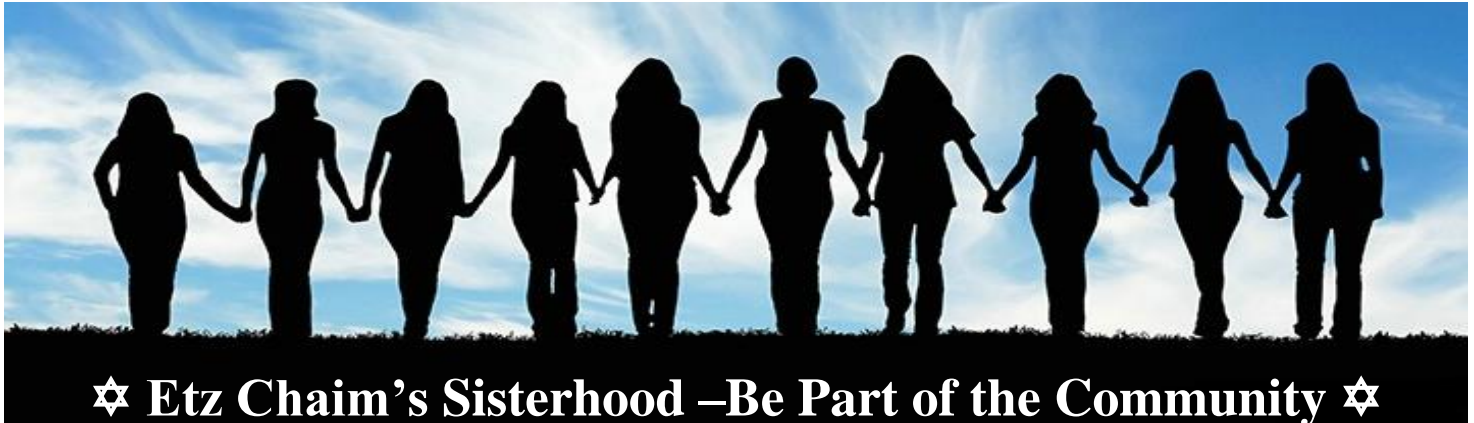
of baskets (minimum of 4) _____ x \$8 = Total for baskets \$ _____

+ \$18 reciprocity insurance = \$ _____

YOUR NAME: _____

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

Arenstein, Hal & Jan	Goldfarb, Fred	Neman, David	SISTERHOOD ONLY
Austern, Barry & Susan	Goldner, Russ & Gale	Nemoff, Ethel	Fox, Sonia
Baden, Sandy	Goldstein, Allan & Melissa	Nidich, Paul & Marianne	Germain, Lois
Barnett, Robert	Goldstein, Barry	Ninio, Sami	Goldfarb, Audrey
Behrman, Richard & Sara	Goldstein, Sara & Isaama Stoll	Peerless, Rona	Goldfarb, Shirley
Beraha, Bernie & Judy	Greenberger, Mark & Ellen	Plotkin, Alice	Goldman, Bernice
Berger, Stephen & Linda	Greenfield, Margie	Plotnick, Harry & Rona	Gutbezahl, Rachel
Berger, William & Marsha	Haber, Lynne	Pywen, Richard & Sandi	Handler, Leslie
Bingman, Bernice	Harris, Cheryl	Rachovitsky, Rachel	Klayman, Dottie
Borden, Aaron	Harris, Shelley	Rogoff, Mark	Marks, Shirley
Borden, Jean	Higgins, Mordechai & Phyllis	Ronis-Tobin, Vic & Audrey	Nathan, Shirley
Borger, Claudio & Angela	Hurst, Chris	Rosen, Barbara	Rothchild, Frances
Bransford, Cindy & Neal	Jablonsky, Atarah	Rosen, Edee	Ruben, Terry
Brodof, Matt	Jarnicki, Oscar & Cindy	Rosen, Russ & Arlene	Schear, Vivian
Brodof, Terry	Joffe, Barry & Melanie	Ruben, Marty	Shook, Jean
Chandler, Elliot & Diane	Katz, Mitch & Casey	Rubinstein, Aaron	Winkler, Bobbie
Cohen, Harvey & Jane	Kaufman, Julie	Saal, Howard & Cara	
Cohen, Jon	Klein, Ann	Sandow, Randy & Fabiana	
Cohen, Leah	Kluger, Brian & Carrie	(Sawdai, Albert & Karen-FL)	
Cohen, Ruth	Knudsen, Elisa & Jeff	Schechtman, Aaron & Stephany	
Cohen, William & Harlene	Kolovson, Dana & Barbara Taggart-Milberg	Schneider, Cindy	
Cohn, Steve	Kravetz, Stanley & Reenie	Schulman, Ed & Nancy	
Dannenberg, Larry & Betty	Krimins, Ethan & Trish	Segal, Andrew & Orly	
Diamond, Richard	Kuhr, Harriet	Segal, Herb & Eleanor	
Diamond, Stanley & Marilyn	Kwiatek, Kim & Candy	Segerman, Steve & Susan	
Dorfman, Alvin & Nancy	Landman, Jack	Selavan, Batya	
Dreyer, Bob & Shirley	Lerer, Hank	Shapiro, Ron & Paige	
Edelstein, Elliot & Kim	Lerer, Hatsy	Sherwat, Shaney	
Edlin, Jory	Lerner, Monica	Slovin, Randy	
Edlin, Phil & Rita	Lieberman, Joyce	Solomon, Paul & Arlene	
Evers, Michael	Lieberman, Mitch	Stein, John	
Evers, Paul & Tsila	Lichtenstein, Jenny & Jose R.	Taplits, Bryan	
Finkelstein, Steve & Leslie	Linder, Nelson	Tepper, Bernie	
Forman, Dale & Kimberly	Lipp, Lori	Tessel, David	
Fox, Sharyn	Littman, Dan & Susan	Timmer, Stan & Michelle Fesman	
Frankel, Judy	Litz, Stan & Karen	Towler, Vance & Haguit	
Franklin, Dan	Malowitz, Jule & Shari	Rubinstein-Towler	
Franklin, Stanford & Toby	Manes, Penny	Vidal, Chava	
Friedenberg, Bob & Emmy	Martin, Audrey	Weil, David & Chie	
Friedman, Carol	Maxwell, Andy & Laura	Weiner, Pat	
Gabbour Jeff & Qing	Meister, Bill	Weisberg, Ophra	
Gabbour, Richard & Michelle	Mellman, Phyllis	Weiss, Sharyn	
Gallop, Eddie & Lana	Mendelson, Laura	Wolfe, Bryan & Robyn	
Ganulin, Mary	Mindlin, Beth	Yasgur, Howard & Diane	
Gati, George & Sara	Mitman, Kenneth & Diane	Zeidman, Marjorie	
Ginsberg, Eudice	Moskowitz, Joel & Susan	Zeifman, Fred & Gail	
Ginsburg, Israella	Moskowitz, Mike & Miki		
Goldberg, Brian & Robin	Nadel, Sam & Gloria		
Goldberg, Joyce	Nagler, Adele		
Goldenberg, Neil & Georgeann	Nathan, Margot		
Goldey, Bobbie	Neman, Beth		



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

A Dinner & D'var was held at the Olive Garden on January 16 with nearly 20 people attending to hear Hank & Chava discuss "sanctification of both wine and our daily lives as Jews"

Plan to attend the Sisterhood/Men's Club Game Night on February 24, 6:30 PM, for a great time! The last game night had over 40 people attending and everyone had a choice of a wide variety of games to play from Trivia and Mahj Jongg to Cribbage and Battleship, plus many others. There is no charge to attend, but there will be free snacks and a chance to win the drawing for "split-the-pot."

Some upcoming dates to put on your calendar: Monday, March 25—a visit to Matthew 25 Ministries, Sunday, April 14—a tour of the new Holocaust & Humanities Center at Union Terminal, and Saturday, May 4—Sisterhood Shabbat.

Within this bulletin is a schedule for baking—and we desperately need YOU to sign up to help. If the dates listed don't work for you, call Sandy Baden ([513-554-1649](tel:513-554-1649)) and she will find a date that does work!

Also, in these pages, there are order forms for Mishloach Manot and Hamentashen, with instructions as to where to send your order and payment.

With undying love for Etz Chaim, Sandy & Laura

Baking Season is upon us!

Let Sandy know that you're willing to lend a hand.

By calling her at 513-554-1649 or by emailing sbaden@cinci.rr.com



Hamentashen baking schedule:

Thursday, February 7, 9-12

Thursday, February 14, 9-12

Sunday, February 17, 1-4

Wednesday, February 20, 11-4





HAMENTASCHEN 2019

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

Limited quantities available!

We will take orders until Friday, March 8, 2019
or until we run out, whichever happens first.
Yes, they freeze well so stock up
for year-round noshing!

\$15/DOZEN

\$8/HALF DOZEN

\$15/LOG

This year we will also be offering 4 other filling options —strawberry, apricot,
poppyseed and chocolate, but only in groups of 6 or 12. If not specified, the order
will be filled with the original Sisterhood filling.

Orders Can be picked up at Congregation Etz Chaim
on Sunday, March 17 from 10am to 12pm

Name _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

TYPE	PRICE/ UNIT	NUMBER	FILLING	TOTAL
Dozen Hamentaschen	\$15.00			
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dozen Hamentaschen	\$8.00			
Log (dozen equivalent)	\$15.00			
*Please note the original flavor contain nuts			Total :	

Order Forms are also in the office. Please Make Checks
Payable to Etz Chaim Sisterhood and mail to CEC 8100 Cornell
Road Cincinnati, OH 45249 - Attn: Sandy



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



CEC we are so proud of you and the pop tabs you've donated. Sandy Baden, Richard Behrman, Carol Friedman and John Stein performed the mitzvah of bringing them to Children's Hospital and we had a whopping 23.5 pounds! That's our biggest total yet! Kol Hakavod!



שבת שלום

Shabbat Shalom!



*Revitalizing
the Ruach
Friday
Night
Dinner
January 25,
2019*

Thank you to our sponsors:

Richard & Sara Behrman
Terry Brodof
Stan & Marilyn Diamond
Bob & Shirley Dreyer
Paul & Tsila Evers
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Carol Friedman
Julie Kaufman
Kim & Candy Kwiatek
Hatsy Lerer
Hank Lerer
Penny Manes
Andy & Laura Maxwell
Jim & Carol Nathanson
Mark Rogoff
Barbara Rosen
Randy Slovin
Janine Thomas
Chaya & Chava Vidal
Brian & Robyn Wolfe

**Special Thank
You to:**

**The 120+
congregants who
came out to share
in a seven-course
dinner and
celebrate this
incredible
milestone with
our synagogue.**

Thank you to our Volunteers:

Sandy Baden
Terry Brodof
Paul & Tsila Evers
Sharyn Fox
Carol Friedman
Israella Ginsburg
Melanie Joffe
Julie Kaufman
Hank Lerer
Michelle Moncarz
Richard Pywen
Mark Rogoff
Barb Rosen
Russ Rosen
Rachel Wolfe & Alex Voss
Brian & Robyn Wolfe

And all those who helped to serve,
clear, break down the room, &
clean up following the event.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregation Etz Chaim

8100 CORNELL ROAD
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45249

In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the
Annual Congregational meeting will take place on
Sunday morning, April 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting and Address by President Terry Brodof
2. Committee Reports
3. Old Business
4. New Business

Adjournment

Continuing & Adult Education

“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”

The Education Committee has exciting and engaging programs planned for both Shabbat and weekdays in the upcoming months.

On Sunday, February 17, 2-4 PM, Marianne Nidich and Candy Kwiatek will present “Activating the Exodus: Energizing seders for Adults-only and for Adults and Kids.” This interactive workshop will explore a variety of ways to engage children and adults in personally experiencing the transition from slavery to freedom as part of a meaningful seder. See the separate announcement for more details.

On Saturday February 23, Candy Kwiatek will present the second part of an exploration of Jewish storytelling throughout the ages, from historic narratives and midrash to Captain America, from the stories of Chelm to Jewish fairy tales/“wonder tales.” Come for an informative and entertaining session, as we hear about the stories, and listen to Candy sharing a few stories along the way. See the separate announcement for more details.

Thank you to committee members Israela Ginsburg, Penny Manes, Diane Marcus, and Candy Kwiatek.

If you have ideas for Shabbat or weekday educational programs, please share them with one of the committee co-chairs. New members to the committee are also welcome.

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich, cochairs



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.

Saul, Israel's First King

Samuel warned Israel about having a king!

Destined to be Israel's first king, Saul is introduced as handsome and tall. Yet he is chosen by God. I wonder what lessons we might glean from this unexpected description, especially since God is generally much more interested in character than appearances.

In the end, Saul doesn't turn out to be a very good king. He disobeys God in battle. He goes mad, He tries to kill David, the future king, numerous times. He falls on his own sword in disgrace during battle.

But perhaps Saul's story isn't quite so straightforward. In fact, there are three stories about Saul's rise to the throne, and there are two stories about his death. Why? Jonathan, his son, is David's best friend. Is that significant? And isn't it strange that Saul is not referred to as a king, but only as a leader or commander?

These topics and other fascinating notes about history, politics, and culture arise from the stories encountered in the story of Saul. Join us for learning, laughter, and conversation. Each February session we'll explore a selection from I Samuel and also get some insight into the weekly Torah portion in preparation for Shabbat.

No Hebrew is necessary, but please bring a Tanakh – a Bible – to use.

Wisdom on Wednesday at Bronte Bistro

*Inside Joseph Beth Books @ Rookwood 3:00-4:30_{pm}
followed by optional dinner & conversation*

February 6, 13, 20, 27

To receive email updates including last minute changes or cancellation notices, contact Candy at KITANDCABOODLE@GMAIL.COM



VOLUNTEER WITH CEC AT THE
OVER-THE-RHINE SOUP KITCHEN
HERE ARE OUR UPCOMING
2019 DATES:

FEBRUARY 17
APRIL 7
SEPTEMBER 8
NOVEMBER 10

Activating the Exodus

Energizing Adults-Only & Adults-and-Kids Seders

February 17, 2019

2-4pm

Presented by Marianne Nidich & Candy Kwiatek

The Haggadah reminds us every year that each person is obligated to see him- or her- self as though personally redeemed from Egypt. But



simply reading the Haggadah or retelling the Exodus story isn't enough. So how DO we create a seder experience that helps us – adults and kids alike – personally experience the

transition from slavery to freedom? How do we ensure a seder that's both meaningful and fun?

Join Candy and Marianne for an interactive workshop that will provide ideas, resources, and even some taste-testing to help enliven your seder or the one you attend, adults-only or with kids. From table decorations to unique Haggadahs, engaging themes, interactive experiences, games, recipes, and more – this is a workshop for you. And because we're offering it so early in the year – along with a helpful handout – you'll have plenty of time to plan!

Don't miss this opportunity – watch your eblast for registration information and sign up immediately!

Jewish Storytelling, part II

From Fables to Folktales to Fiddler and More...

February 23, 2019

Immediately following the Kiddush

If you missed January's part I, you're in luck – this month there's a part II!

Jewish storytelling embraces a wide variety of literary genres, many quite unique, beginning with the biblical epics, historical narratives, poetry, proverbs and more. It continues with midrash and Talmudic aggadah, rabbinic tales based on biblical stories, Jewish law, and ethical concepts. But it doesn't stop there!

Did you know
there are more
than a dozen
medieval Jewish
travel journals
like that of
Marco Polo?

YOU MAY KNOW THAT
SUPERMAN IS A JEWISH
COMICBOOK HERO, BUT ARE
YOU AWARE THAT
CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE
HULK, SPIDERMAN, AND
OTHERS ARE AS WELL?



Why are Jewish fairy tales called wonder tales?

Who is Hershele Ostropoler, and what's the purpose of trickster tales?

And where did the amusing tales of wise men in Chelm originate?

Come join in as Candy Kwiatek continues to share with us the wondrous realm of Jewish storytelling and tells a few stories along the way.

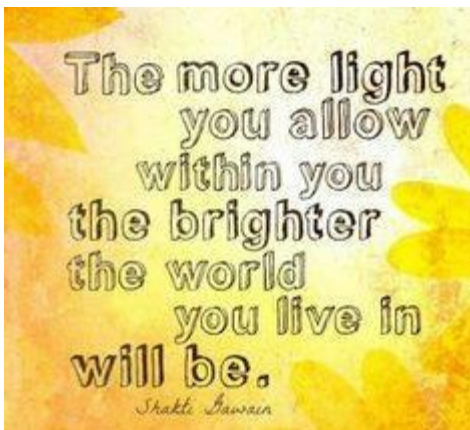


Healthy Jew . Healthy You .

Congregation Etz Chaim – Healthy Living Initiative 2019



GOOD FOOD = GOOD MOOD



We are so pleased to announce that the kickoff of CEC's new initiative Healthy Jew. Healthy You. (HJHY) was a hit!

With 20 participating congregants our Synagogue is well on its way to making meaningful changes and living lives that portray the best versions of ourselves.

It's not a diet, or airy-fairy suggestions. It's concrete suggestions, ideas and tips for taking better care of ourselves. This content can't be found anywhere else because it's hand crafted for Etz Chaim and comes from a Judaic perspective.

Each Monday a weekly eblast is sent out on various topics that tie into Synagogue or communal life.

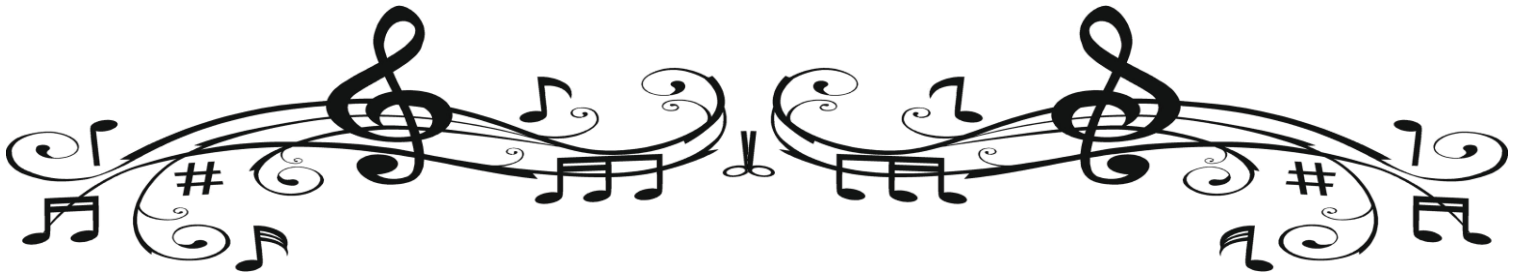
Previous Topics Have Included:

- **Mayim Chaim** - the importance of water and its benefits for our bodies.
- **Balanced Diet** - ensuring a well-rounded approach to food selection and our life choices.
- **Sunlight** - connections to nature and the holiday of Tu B'Shevat the "new year or birthday of the trees"
- **Portion Size** - being happy with your lot in life - Supersizing happiness not your entree.

Upcoming Topics for February Include:

- **2/4 - Unplugging** - tips for disconnecting just in time for our annual Kallah Weekend
- **2/11 - Selfcare** - What does it mean to "take care of yourself" and what steps can we take to achieve this goal.
- **2/18 - Influences** - Who influences you and do you influence others? Forces behind your health and well-being
- **2/25 - You're Not a #** - In time for Shabbat Shekalim and the census of the Jewish People

To be added to this program simply email Chava at chavaniceday@gmail.com and ask to be added to HJHY.



SING SING SING

Ruach Etz Chaim may be small but what we lack in numbers, we make up for in spirit and support and sound. This was perhaps most evident at last January 19th's Shabbat service when, due to a number of valid reasons, only about half of the choir could sing at this Shabbat Shira ("Sabbath of Songs") service. However, those of us in attendance looked and sang our best and that's what counts! We were also asked to assist with the singing at last Friday, January 25th's dinner. It's nice to be appreciated as a choir :-)

Our next musical adventure will be to sing at Friday and Saturday Shabbat services on February 8th and 9th. The majority of us *will* be attending the CEC Kallah retreat and we intend to support our services with song!

After that, who knows? Join us next time (next bulletin) to find what Ruach's next move is. Oh, and don't count out our women's Pri Yadeah choir, we women will resurface at some time down the road...)

We're always looking for more singers to join the choir – singers who come in all ages and shapes and sizes – and voices. Contact Barbara or Emmy if you're interested in helping us out.

Musically Yours,
Barbara and Emmy

You May Be Seated

By: Hank Lerer



With the recent addition of our new Social Hall chairs, thanks to the generosity of Carol Friedman in memory of Phil (z'l), the shul had approximately 150 used chairs that were utilized over the past 20 years. These chairs were listed on various websites, and there were several inquiries over the past several months, but nothing "solid". I then received a phone call in Mid December from a husband and wife team that were starting a new church. They were located in Indianapolis, and their congregation was mostly Hispanic. They had a building, but were now searching to fill the building with chairs, sound system, and other items. I sent them a photo, and they agreed to drive down and view the chairs. After seeing the chairs, they were very excited, then rented a U-haul to take them back to Indy with them. Pastor Espinosa and his wife Estella were so ecstatic, and kept saying how blessed they were to find these chairs and to find us. I helped load the chairs, they kept thanking me over and over, and we prayed together for a safe journey back to Indianapolis. What a wonderful experience to help a new congregation in their infancy, and to support their efforts in helping so many in so many ways, as we do at Etz Chaim in caring for our fellow congregants, and helping the community as well.

Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

For the past almost 20 years I have looked forward to a September right of passage: "new work calendar" day. Since most of my projects span many months, crossing the year boundary, I have to plan far enough out to account for schedule changes, time off, freeze dates, etc. So, each year shortly after school starts for the kids, I would head over to the office supply for my 8 ½ by 11 spiral bound monthly calendar. Each monthly page with those little boxes representing one day, just large enough to write little notes. Shiny new cover. Clean pages. New calendar smell.

First, I mark all the Jewish holidays correctly, regular calendars mess that up quite often. Add in the "dog house days" (birthday's, anniversary's), yahrzeits, vacations, kids school schedule, on-call rotations, scheduled project activities and special work days. Whatever is left (ha ha) is mine – ALL MINE!! Ok, not really. Somehow things always manage to fill in and as the months come and go, I find there really wasn't anything left.

As the 'information age' matured, I saw the rise of "personal assistants". Yet, I kept my calendar. Corporate email with calendars for scheduling meetings? I kept my calendar. Smart phones. I kept my calendar. Even my fitbit has a calendar, although it is controlled by my smart phone. At last count, I have four electronic calendars – Employer calendar, Client Calendar, Google Calendar and Outlook (my computer) – and still the paper calendar is the best. After all these years, it is still THE master. Some people reconcile their checkbook or have budget meetings, I reconcile my calendars. About every 3 weeks, I gather them all up and resync.

With all the work projects, home projects, shul projects, I thought it would get simpler as the kids grew up and were on their own. But no. So, what's on my calendar? I'm so glad you asked:

- How about the Revitalizing the Ruach Dinner on January 25 celebrating 7 consecutive years of Friday night minyan? Hope you were there.
- How about the Kallah Retreat on February 8-9-10. Our tri-chairs and many others have put in a ton of work to make this third version just as spectacular as the first two.
- And of course, coming up in March is Purim. Have you made your reservation? It is the best dinner and a show deal in town. Have you ordered your hammentashen, signed up to bake, signed up to cook, signed up to help? What are you waiting for? We need your help.

These are just a few of the things going on. There are plenty of other things on my calendar, like: yahrzeit minyans, trivia at cedar village, cooking with friends on Thursday nights and a myriad of others things. Anybody up for Maj? Might have 5 minutes somewhere.

I need a calendar assistant to look at all of my calendars and make sure I am in the right place at the right time. If you see me wandering around as if I have no place to be or not in a hurry to get there, chances are pretty good that I just lost track of where I am supposed to be. Feel free to laugh at me or sympathize and then just push me in the right direction. Do send me a calendar entry to thank you.

See you (wandering aimlessly) around shul.

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 February (Shevat – I Adar) we remember:

February 1 – Shevat 26

Isadore Baneth*
Sadie Baverman*
Lee Goldfarb
Theodore Lipsky*
Louise Skurow

February 2 – Shevat 27

Chuck Bingman
Clara Casuto*
Isaac Casuto*
Viola Evans*
Isachar Newmark*
William Resnick*
Sofie Stein
Celia Timmer

February 3 – Shevat 28

Clara Fox*
Harry Franklin*
Michel Gershman*
Victor Hepker
Morris Kizner*
Mary Malowitz*
Morris Nagler
Anna Neuer*
Rivka Newmark*
Anna Ornstein
Gertrude Rheins*
Lester Segerman

February 4 – Shevat 29

Gertrude Kirzner*
Alex Melamed
Delmar Meyer
Henry Pearlman
Rose Tolpen*

February 5 – Shevat 30

David Davis*
Sara Tessel*

February 6 – I Adar 1

Rose Blackman*
Clara Essig*
Lena Goldberg
Stanley Goldberg
Albert Neman
Marie Varon*
Beila Zeidman*

February 7 – I Adar 2

Rachel Blackman*
Rose Fox*
Thomas Kreindler*
Beverly Levine
Evelyn Lipsky*
Dora Revelson*
Jack Skurow

February 8 – I Adar 3

Ben Barsman*
Marie Beraha
Harry Feldman*
Rebecca Jarnicki
William Kibbel, Jr.
Clara Kravitz*
Max Kusel*
Shirley Levin
Irv Medinger
Libby Sandow*
Mary Sunshein*

February 9 – I Adar 4

Hyman Goldstein*
Sadie Holtzman*
Flora Schatz*
Mary Silverman*
Harold Torf*
David Weisberg

February 10 – I Adar 5

Charles Heilmann
Becky Parente*
Josef Saal
Sara Ann Seltz*
Harry Zelien*
Bertha Zimmerman*

February 12 – I Adar 7

Stuart Fox*
Frank Friedman*
Dora Gershman*
Marvin Jablonsky
Solomon Kutnicki
Abe Zupnick*

February 13 – I Adar 8

David Licht
Jack Neumark*
Aryia Newmark*
Eshka Newmark*
Usna Newmark*
Rebecca Rosenbaum*
Jack Skolnick
Harry Topelberg

February 14 – I Adar 9

Aaron Fox*
Edward Koff*
Frances Melamed
Samuel Rockwern*
Sol Taplits*
Reuben Wershbole*

February 15 – I Adar 10

Dorothy Butchkes*
Abraham Cohen*
Charlotte Drucker*
Isadore Freid

February 15 – I Adar 10

Ruth Kaufman
Tillie Long
Rowena Stecher
Rose Tulch*

February 16 – I Adar 11

Aleta Goodson
Sarah Klayman*
Frank Kraus*
Richard Manheimer

February 17 – I Adar 12

David Brenner
Sara Cohen*
Esther Glicklich*
Sylvia Slovin
Mary Wolpa*
Isaac Yourish*

February 18 – I Adar 13

Benjamin Freiden*
Sarah Kaplan*
Louis Nidich
Joseph Sandow
Abraham Zuber*

February 19 – I Adar 14

Harry Anish*
Israel Klayman*
Anna Kravitz*
Jenny Kwiatek
Caroline Sax
Marcia Weller*
Joseph Young*

February 20 – I Adar 15

Judith Carsch
Dorothy Freckman
Ben Overbook*
Raphael Penso*
Kurt Rose*
Michael Skurow

February 21 – I Adar 16

Nathan Carl*
Harry Grossman*
Abe Gurfine*
Louis Smilansky

February 22 – I Adar 17

Dora Belin
Harry Fiermark*
Alfred Funk*
Rosa Nagler

February 23 – I Adar 18

Ida Bloch*
Esther Gold*
Annette Nogen*

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February 24—I Adar 19

Minnie Ehrlich*
Minnete Goldstein
Lillian Holbrook*
Morris Lipman*
Margaret Panigel
Melvin Wacksman*

February 25—I Adar 20

David Brookenthal
Morris Cyrkin*
Joshua Lass*
Herman Less*
Wolf Lipsky*
Chaya Rubinstein

February 26—I Adar 21

Schiffra Becker*
Tillie Charkins*
Samuel Schraeder*

February 27—I Adar 22

Leo Arenstein
Dora Herman*
Jack Hoffman*
Robyn Novick*
Max Pinsky*
Helen Young*
Rivka Zwikelski

February 28—I Adar 23

Bertha Cohen*
Frank Cohen*
Sima Goldfarb*
Diana Hinkel
Dora Metz*
Rose Pywen*
Ruth Robinson
Meyer Siegel*
Sophia Sklar
Morris Weinstein*

** Names are on
the Sanctuary*

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרוןם אברכה

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.

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit

Louis Bartel, Father

Barbara Bartel Lefkowitz

Samuel Klein, Grandfather & Great-Grandfather

Steve, Sasha & Rachel Cohn

Rebecca Cyrkin, Mother-in-Law & Grandmother

Miriam Cyrkin & Debbie Cyrkin

Gustav Linder, Father

Nelson Linder

Marvin H. Linder, Brother

Nelson Linder

Anna Linder, Mother

Nelson Linder

Louis Bartel, Father

Patricia Weiner

Louis Feldman, Brother & Uncle

Marian Ehrlich

Barbara Hanish

Hyman W. Young, Father

Martin Young

Gertrude Kamin, Aunt

Harry Licht, Father

Joseph Lerer, Grandfather

Morris Kamin, Uncle

Hatsy Lerer

Ike Shuman, Father & Grandfather

Goldie Krauss, Grandmother

Reenie & Stanley Kravetz

Sasson Sawdayee, Brother

Albert & Karen Sawdai

Betty Stern Neumann, Great-Grandmother

Emmy & Bob Friedenberg

Elliot Lefkowitz, Husband

Barbara Lefkowitz

Ben Schneider, Grandfather

Abe Schneider, Uncle

Robert & Alberta Schneider

Allen Nagler, Husband

Adele Nagler

Louis Schneider, Father

Adele Nagler

Kim Kravetz-Bryan, Daughter

Stanley & Reenie Kravetz

Anna Cohn, Grandmother

Harold & Helene Kirzner

Hyman Kirzner, Father

Harold & Helene Kirzner

Janice Siegel, Mother

Max Siegel, Grandfather

Phil Samuel Siegel

Reva Dreyer, Mother

Bob Dreyer

Frieda Ettin, Mother

Shirley Brown Dreyer

Benjamin Klayman, Father-in-Law

Dorothy Klayman

Isadore Klayman, Brother-in-Law

Dorothy Klayman

Michael & Esther Evers, Parents

Paul & Tsila Evers

Albert Goldfarb, Husband

Audrey Goldfarb

Generous Donations Were Received for Yahrzeits of

Herbert & Miriam Krauser, Parents

Esther Goldstein

Albert Goldfarb, Father

Leonard Goldfarb

Memory

To Hope & John Ashner

IMO Father

From Hatsy, Hank, Eddie & Ellen Lerer

To Marcia & Cliff Livingston

IMO Brother Steve

From Hatsy Lerer

To Keith Gud & Family

IMO Mother, Estelle Gud

From Terry Brodof

Steve Segerman

To Steve Lehrer

IMO Nonie Lehrer

From Mitch Liberman

To Penny Manes

IMO Mother Esther

From Audrey Martin

Stephany & Aaron Schechtman

Terry Brodof

Sandy Baden

Barb Rosen

Hatsy Lerer

Shaney Sherwood

Carney Sotto

Mark Rogoff

Paul & Marianne Nidich

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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Bob & Shirley Dreyer
David Weil
Rona Peerless
Jule & Shari Malowitz
Barbara Taggart
Marcia Ruben
Carol Friedman
Mitch Liberman
Howard & Cara Saal
Adele Nagler
Joyce Liberman

A Very Generous Donation Was Received

IMO of Esther Manes
From Penny Manes & Family
Denny & Shelly Manes & Family

Honor

To Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
IHO New Granddaughter
From Barb Rosen
Esther Zwerdling

To Cara & Howard Saal
IHO New Grandson
From Esther Zwerdling

To Gabriella Haber & Ari Rosner
IHO Kiva Gracie Rosner
From Lynne Haber

To Margot Nathan
IHO Birthday
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

To Shirley Dreyer
IHO Birthday
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg

To Paul & Marianne Nidich
IHO Grandson Becoming Bar Mitzvah
From Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Audrey Martin

To Steve & Linda Steiner
Gayle & Scott Ross
IHO Birthday of Granddaughter & Daughter
From Fred Goldfarb & Edee Rosen

A Very Generous Donation Was Received

IHO Alex & Sally Cohen
From Josh & Debbie Cohen

Recovery

To Margot Nathan
From Rona Peerless

To Sandy Baden
From Rona Peerless

Carol Friedman
To Lauren Brodof
From Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Rona Peerless

To Mark Balk
From Sandy Baden

To Simon Newman
From Audrey Martin
Sandy Baden
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Paul & Marianne Nidich

To Elliott Chandler
From Paul & Marianne Nidich

Aliyot

Barb Rosen

A Generous Donation Was Received

In Appreciation of Etz Chaim
From Ronna Dubro

Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

Yahrzeit

Bernie Neuer, Father
Ann Neuer & Dayva Green

Morris J. Fox, Father
Sylvia Sears

Irvin & Sylvia Rauchman Youth Fund

Yahrzeit

Sol Feldman, Father & Grandfather
Barbara Hanish
Marian Feldman Ehrlich

February

Synagogue Happenings

We wish Speedy Recoveries to:

Dana Kolovson
Shari Malowitz
Ron Shapiro
Arlene Solomon

We extend condolences to:

Keith Gud and Family on the
Loss of his mother Estelle Gud z”l

Mazel Tov to:

Marty Ruben on the birth of
his great-granddaughter Charly Ellis

SATURDAY KIDDUSH LUNCH **ONLY HAPPENS** **BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS!**

Check the calendar and your weekly
e-blast to find out which Thursday
nights we'll be cooking.

Then – show up!
It's that simple.

We'll find a job for you....
Cooking,
Chopping,
Sautéing,
Cleaning,
Setting up Tables,
Unwrapping,
Washing Veggies,
Seriously folks – something for
everyone. All skill levels are
welcome.

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:

Orna Rachovitsky for sponsoring Kiddush
on Saturday, January 5 in honor of
Rachel's birthday!

Kim & Candy Kwiatak for sponsoring the
kiddush on Saturday, January 12 in honor of the
birth of their grandson.

Our Choir for sponsoring kiddush on Saturday,
January 19 in honor of Shabbat Shira

Congratulations to all our February Birthdays!

- 4 Sara Behrman
- 4 Elliot Chandler
- 6 Cheryl Harris
- 7 Jack Landman
- 9 Kona Moskowitz
- 11 Lori Lipp
- 11 Herbert Segal
- 17 Mark Rogoff
- 20 Sally Cohen
- 20 Mireille Gabbour
- 21 Claudio Borger
- 23 Marianne Nidich
- 28 Brad Gallop
- 28 Aaron Rubinstein



Happy Anniversary to:

February 2
Randy & Fabiana Sandow

February 14
Vance Towler
&
Hagit Rubinstein-Towler



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

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>February 2019</h1>					1 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake!	2 9:30am Shabbat Services
3 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 The office is closed	5	6	7 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 9am Hammentashen Baking	8 <div>Synagogue Wide Kallah Retreat At Clifty Inn, IN State Park</div> <div>Please Note: The Building Will Be Closed</div>	
10 <div>Kallah Retreat</div> <div>Please Note: The Building Will Be Closed</div>	11 The office is closed	12	13 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm	14 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 9am Hammentashen Baking 6pm Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	16 9:30am Shabbat Services & kiddush lunch sponsored by Edee Rosen & Fred Goldfarb
17 Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen 10am Shpiel Rehearsal 1pm Hammentashen Baking 2pm Passover Learning	18 The office is closed in honor of Presidents Day	19	20 Hammentashen Baking 11am to 4pm	21 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	23 9:30am Shabbat Services & kiddush lunch sponsored by Paul & Marianne Nidich Followed by Story telling part II with Candy
24 10am Shpiel Rehearsal 5pm Ritual Mtg. 6:30pm Sisterhood/Men's Club Game Night	25 The office is closed	26	27 Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm with Hank	28 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Volunteers needed to help in the kitchen	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.	

COMING SOON



Save these Important March Dates:

Tater Tot Shabbat

Friday, March 1, 2019 – 6:00pm

March Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, March 8 – 6PM

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

Congregational Purim Celebration

Wednesday Night, March 20

Megillah Reading - 6pm

Purim Seudah (meal) - 7pm

Musical Shpiel – 8pm

RSVP required

**March 25 – Sisterhood visits Matthew 25
Ministries for Tikkun Olam Projects**

Upcoming Events: February

February Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, February 1 – 6PM

If you were born in the month of
February have an anniversary or joyful
occasion we want to celebrate with you!
Join us for cake following our one-hour
Friday night service

Synagogue Wide Retreat

**Kallah Weekend Feb 8, 9, 10
at Clifty Inn State Park & Lodge**

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 – 7:30pm

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, February 17 – Contact
Matt Brodof for more details.

This endeavor is made possible by the
Sandor Kutas Fund for Hunger.

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Led by Candy Kwiatek

Sisterhood & Men's Club -Game Night

Sunday, February 24, 2019

6:30pm – come one, come all

To a fun evening of games,
snacks and good friends!

Cedar Village Trivia

Wednesday, February 27 – 6:30pm

Congregation

ETZ CHAIM



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facebook

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



*I have such pride in our synagogue and the
accomplishments of our community. When I need
a reason to smile, I think of our incredible
members who make such big dreams turn into
beautiful realities. Come and make your dreams
come true at CEC.*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399