

Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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*Congregation Etz Chaim's Mission Statement is:
Passionate and participatory,
our supportive Jewish
community engages each
individual in a life-long Jewish
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experiences that span both
traditional and contemporary
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Message from your President – Terry



I'm looking over my calendar this week as I begin to write my President's message. It is still early in March. My hamantaschen order and costumes are still sitting in the dining room, waiting to be put away in both the tasty and appropriate manners.

Pesach is approaching. We will be koshering our kitchens, at home and at Shul, and we will be opening our doors to family and to those who do not have a place

to be welcomed for a Seder. Once again, we will hold a Seder at Shul on the second night of Passover.

This month we are looking forward to a very special Synagogue donor event. It is an opportunity to celebrate the best in all of us. It is an opportunity we are taking to look at our past while we are secure enough to look with clearer eyes towards building a bright future. It is a time to share our successes with family and friends.

There are many in our congregation that have been foundation builders. Too many to name. So many that have served and so many that continue to serve. Each of us holds a place in our present and our past.

Today we have met all the legal requirements of a merger. We have established a new board. We are in the process of establishing new procedures and policies for our young congregation and we are constantly reviewing our vision for ourselves as a future vibrant congregation. We are serving the Greater Cincinnati Community while taking care of the spiritual and financial needs within our own.

We have new members that have joined our family. We have a small but growing number of young men and women in their 20s and 30's that are giving us input and are becoming frequent participants and leaders in our services and in our programs. IT is an exciting time.

It is also a time of reflection. We are on a journey. We have come from different backgrounds. We became a family, acting on behalf of one another. It is a lesson we have shown can work. We chose to blend our traditions and to create this community. It is the first time we have taken a moment to sit back, a moment we are taking to enjoy the work we have all put into our conception. This year, we will honor two couples from within our congregation. They both carried into this marriage the treasures of their past traditions and the history that they have brought to us that we continue to incorporate into new traditions. They both continued to inspire us with their dedication to Judaism, service to the community, to family and to Jewish education.

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Our honorees are Dr. and Mrs. Kim and Candy Kwiatek and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and Stephany Schechtman. A pair of perfect pairs.

Each couple represents in their own way, the left and right weighted sides of an equally balanced scale. Each couple individually represents equally important values and visions that as a congregation, we agreed, represent the kind of a synagogue we hoped to build for ourselves and to serve the community through. Kim and Candy have inspired us with Educational programing both inside and outside of our community. Candy regularly holds Wisdom on Wednesday meetings that are open to the greater Cincinnati Jewish Community. Both Daven at our services, are known throughout the Jewish Communities both in Dayton and in Cincinnati. Candy regularly gives d'verei Torah and information teasers at Shabbat services, and has brought to us inspirational thoughts and concepts as she helps us to explore ourselves through "unpacking the Torah".

The Schechtmans continue to inspire us with their dedication to this family. They are the leaders and the advisors of the Men's Club and the Sisterhood. They serve on our Executive Committee. They volunteer their time and services to every project and program that is in need of a volunteer. They are the embodiment of the Jewish hamisha caring and welcoming spirit that we all want to feel and be met with, when we walk through the synagogue's doors.

We are a young synagogue born of a community that is generationally older. The values we have brought with us on this journey speak volumes. History defines who we were. It is our job to define who we will become.

Please come and celebrate with us at the Donor Event. Invite others to celebrate with us. The celebration is an acknowledgment that as a community, we are the recipients, as is the greater Cincinnati Jewish Community, of so much more than we thought we could have received from one another. We are giving more and serving others as well with our combined accumulation of resources and strengths. There is still a future to build. There will always be obstacles. The Donor event is the time and place to support and to celebrate all that we have built and all that we have worked to create. Wishing all of you a Happy Pesach.

B'Shalom, Terry

Want to learn to be a CEC service leader? Join the Etz Chaim - Service Leader Class

Instructor	Email	Course Location & Hours
Steven N. Segerman <i>Ritual Committee Member Service Leader</i>	SSegerman@cinci.rr.com	Chapel - April Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. (1 hr.) 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Sundays: 10 a.m. (1 hr.) 15 th , 29 th

Description

Learn to lead various religious services, including weekday Mincha & Maariv, as well as the Torah & Musaf Services on Shabbat. You'll be instructed on the order of the services as well as the various melodies. You'll find the experience to be enjoyable or your money back.

Expectations and Goals

You should expect to learn how to lead various services, and if you put in the additional work on the side (yes, there's homework), your goal should be leading those services.

Required Materials

- Siddur Sim Shalom (weekday services)
- Pad of paper & Pencil
- Post-Its (3" x 3" and possibly 2" x ½")
- Optional...A device to record each of the classes.



Ritual Matters

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

The RITCOM is still coming off of a high from some great programming and services we've had these past couple of months. Our multiple services at the February Kallah went very well and we're proud of all ten (!) of our Yad Squad members (that's what we call ourselves) who read Torah that weekend. We also thank those from the Yad Squad who read Megillah on Purim; not an easy feat! We are currently celebrating Passover and we hope your Passover Seders and services are enjoyable too. And those are just the special, special services, cause weekly Shabbat services are always special too!

The Synagogue held the second Tater Tot Shabbat Friday service on March 16, continuing to improve upon the success our first one had. Just wait till we have our third! Created especially for families with young children and grandchildren, this half hour service covers all the basics for Shabbat and is fun, interactive and educational for all. The service is followed by a kid friendly Shabbat dinner. Thanks to all of our planners and participants.

Last March 17, Lynne led our second Healing Service at Etz Chaim. We appreciate the service (pun intended) that this offers to all who attend and we expect to provide this outlet to our congregants on an interval basis. On Saturday, April 14, Rachel Cohn will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to Rachel and her entire family on this joyous occasion!

We observe three Israeli holidays in April 2018, ones that we don't formally celebrate at Etz Chaim but rather are observed and celebrated throughout the Jewish Community. Yom HaShoah, a somber holiday remembering the Holocaust victims, takes place on the 27th day of Nisan, which this year starts on Wednesday evening, April 11 and continues through Thursday day, April 12. Yom Hazikaron, the Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers of Israel and victims of terrorism, is observed from Tuesday evening, April 17 through Wednesday day, April 18. And finally, we have the most joyous and celebrated holiday of the three, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. Celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, Yom Ha'Atzmaut begins Wednesday evening, April 18 and continues through Thursday day, April 19. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Jewish state.

Of special note: We will be offering leader/davening classes starting in April! The classes are planned to run Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings and in addition to learning the 'how', we also want to teach the history and the 'why' of what we do. Another goal would be to record the classes and post them on our website. Additional publicity about this exciting offering is forthcoming.

And now for a reminder: a while back the RITCOM decided that the Chumashim used during the Torah service should not be gathered up by congregants after their use but rather placed aside to be put away when the service is over. If we're in the sanctuary, just place your book in the compartment area in front of you in the pew. If we're in the chapel, you can pass your book down to be placed on one of the tables on both sides of the room. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Barbara and Barry

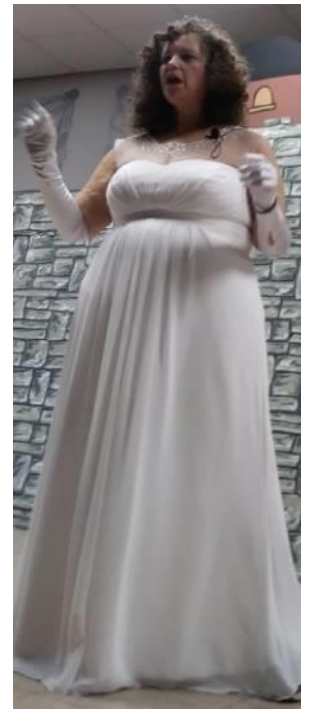


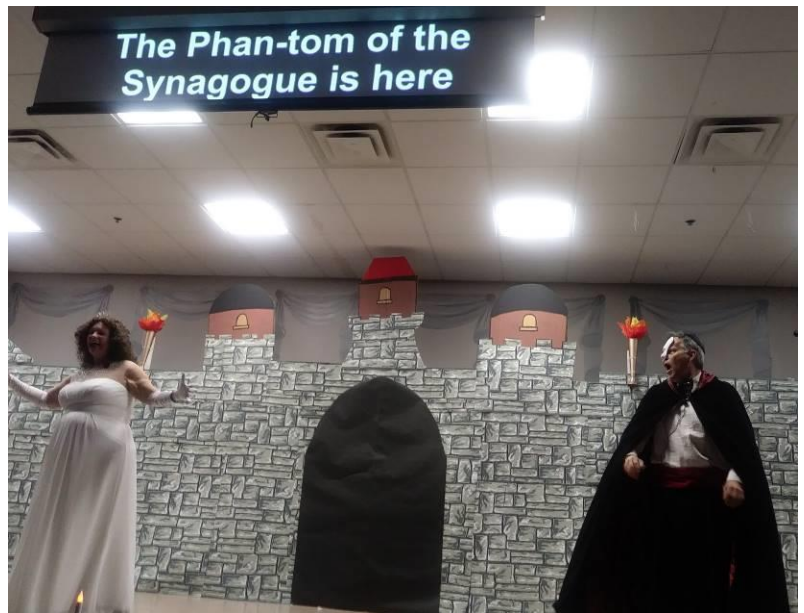
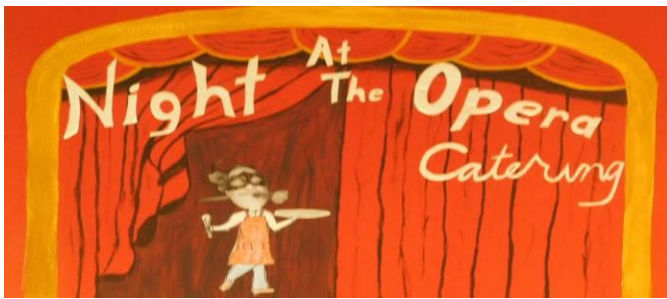


WATCH FOR MORE
PHOTOS IN NEXT
MONTH'S BULLETIN
FROM OUR ENCORE
PRESENTATION OF
"THE PHANTOM OF
THE SYNAGOGUE"
AT CEDAR VILLAGE



THANK YOU TO OUR 26 AMAZING CAST
MEMBERS, INCLUDING OUR OUTSTANDING
MUSICIANS, TECH CREW AND NARRATOR.
YOU BROUGHT THE SHOW TO LIFE!





THANK YOU TO THE 200 PEOPLE WHO CHOSE TO CELEBRATE PURIM WITH US.

FROM THE MEGILLAH READING, TO THE PURIM SEUDAH (MEAL), FROM THE BEAUTIFUL MISHLOACH MANOT BAGS THAT SISTERHOOD PREPARED TO THE THEMATIC ROOM AND TABLE DISPLAY -EVERYTHING WAS MAGICAL!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE NIGHT POSSIBLE.





IMPORTANT **PASSOVER DATES 5778:**

Fast of the Firstborn

Friday, March 30 – 7AM Minyan
Service and learning session

In order to absolve the firstborns
from fasting. Followed by a breakfast
with the last morsels of Chametz.

Sell Your Chametz by:

10am on Friday, March 30

First Seder at home – Friday, March 30

*Note – Friday Night services will be canceled in
deference to the Seder to ensure all families are able
to be together and fulfill the mitzvah. If you are in
need of a host family or are able to host, please
contact the membership committee

Pesach Day 1

Saturday, March 31 – 9:30AM Services

Second Seder at Etz Chaim

Saturday, March 31 – 6:30pm

RSVPs are required – Save your spot today!

Pesach Day 2

Sunday, April 1 – 9:30AM Services

*The office and building will be closed
During the Week of Passover except for services.*

Morning Minyan

Thursday, April 5 – 7AM Services

Pesach Day 7

Friday, April 6 – 9:30AM Services

Friday Night – April 6

Shabbat Services with Passover Twist - 6:00pm

Pesach Day 8

Saturday, April 7 – 9:30AM Services

Yizkor will be at approximately 10:45AM

Passover Ends

Saturday, April 7 - 8:48pm



Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

RSVP: from the French expression "répondez s'il vous plaît", meaning "please respond".

It means the invited guest should indicate whether they are coming or not. RSVP BY (accompanied by a date) is the deadline with which the host would like to know if the invited guest is attending or not.

These aren't the "formal" invitations you might think of: engraved personal invitation to a fancy soirée, although we do have those (purim, week 312, donor dinner, etc), There is also the bulletin/eblast invites. They all have one thing in common: RSVP deadline.

Failing to RSVP does have consequences. Many people think, "what is one more person. Surely they know I am coming and have made extra food". One more place setting. No big deal, right? What about 2 people or 5 people. It probably would be ok. But it isn't 2 or 5, lately it has been 30-50 extra people? And that many extra people are a major impact, that it cascades all the way down the line.

Cascade? Basically, it means something happens which affects the next thing which affects the next thing and ripples all the way through. For example:

A deadline for an event is announced. People RSVP (ie: inform the office they wish to attend). Based on the number of who sign up, along with a +/- margin of error, marching orders are prepared that include shopping lists, room setup, volunteer requirements, etc.

Late signups throw off everything from food and liquor quantities to table setup. If we purchased food for 120 and receive 30 more reservations, that typically means we have to re-shop, and often we lose bulk purchase opportunities. At a minimum we must spend additional time redoing steps we have already done. If I plan for the extra 30 and they don't show, inevitably I hear "Oh, you have so much food left over, you should plan better". Really. I've heard it.

How about the room setup: 12 different volunteers set the room – tables, chairs, silverware, glasses, napkins, etc. Three days later, 60 more signups after deadline ... and you guessed it, we have to redo, rearrange, recall the happy volunteers. Problem is that it isn't as simple as "Hey we have 60 more signups". It is 5 here, 8 here, 12 there. How long do we wait to set more tables? How many more tables should we set? How much extra work should we do than necessary?

We plan ahead because we have to...

For you! Because of you! We just ask you to plan ahead as well – for us.

The schedule is in the bulletin, events are listed in the weekly eblast, mentioned at Shabbat services and talked about among your friends. What do you mean your friends don't talk about the wonderful events they are attending at Etz Chaim? You should get better friends. Call me. I can always use a new friend.

If I know you are coming, I just might bake a cake. And I sure do like cake.

See you in shul.



MEN'S CLUB

On Sunday March 18, 18 bowlers (yes Chai!) came out to vie for bragging rights in the 1st annual (hint hint) Bowling event host by Men's Club at Crossgate Lanes in Blue Ash.

Bowlers and non-bowlers were treated to a scrumptious breakfast including bagels with the fixin's, kugel, party snacks, doughnuts and coffee.

Once the games began, our own cheering section made sure you could barely hear a pin drop when a strike or spare was made.

Thanks to Aaron Schechtman and Mark Rogoff for organizing the event. A fun time was had by all. Congratulations to the high score winners:

Game 1: Andy Maxwell

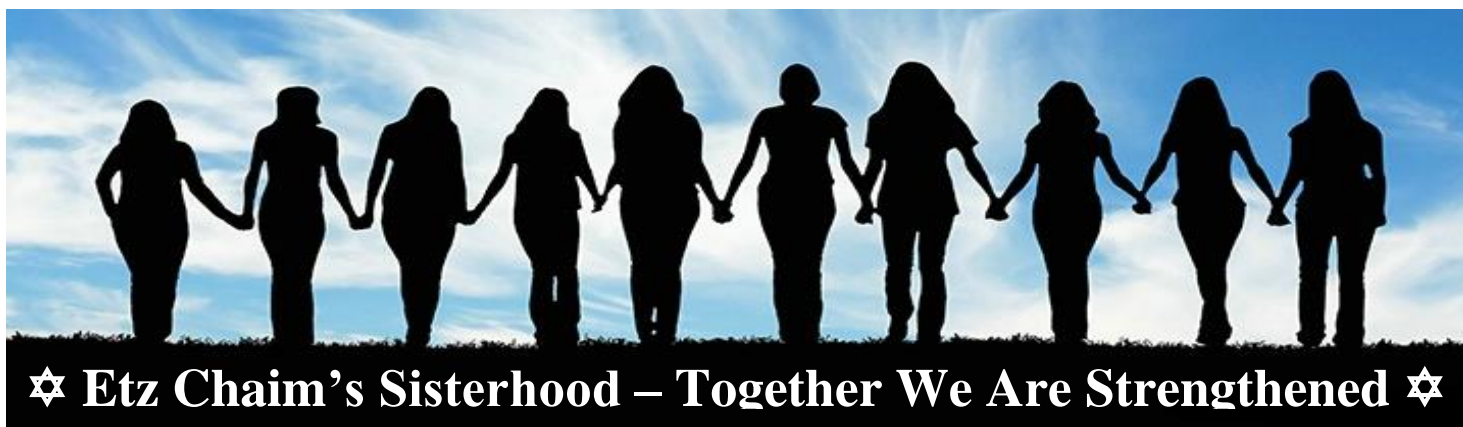
Game 2: Hank Lerer

Watch your bulletin for rematch information and news on upcoming Men's' Club Adventures.



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EDDIE G	8	15	24	31	38	39	44				44
AARON	8	9	26	35	44	54					54
ANDY MAXWELL											
Team Team 3											
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Pin	0										0
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Etz Chaim Sisterhood has had a very busy winter so far. In January we catered a sponsored Kiddush Every Shabbat! Also, in January, Sisterhood hosted a Pampered Chef Fundraiser party. We had a great time and meal as our own Cindy Bransford led the group in preparing loaded potato soup and a dessert straight out of chocolate heaven. Through the generosity of those who purchased on behalf of themselves and the synagogue, we were able to give about \$400 worth of cooking tools to our very busy kitchen. Thank you to all who made this possible.

We also held 4 evening classes to teach Mahj Jongg to congregants who wanted to learn and now have about 7 new players who are anxious to find groups to join that play regularly.

In February we began baking our now famous Hamentashen, using the 100+ year-old recipe handed down to us from previous Sisterhood members! Over the month we made a total of about 2400 Hamentashen. Some went into the Mishloach Manot gift bags that every congregant received, and some were served as dessert at our Purim Shpiel dinner. The rest were sold to congregants and to members of our greater Jewish community who “know a good thing when they can get it!” A huge thank-you to all who helped “roll, fill and pinch” to make this happen. It’s a huge undertaking and we couldn’t do it without the help we so generously received.

Another huge commitment that Sisterhood takes on each year is the preparation, distribution and delivery of Mishloach Manot bags for every Etz Chaim congregant in celebration of Purim. A hearty thank you to all who helped in this endeavor, again without whom we would never be able to fulfill.

In March we visited Matthew 25 Ministries to volunteer some time to their most worthwhile charitable activities, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Upcoming events for the spring include the April 22 luncheon honoring two couples who are both congregants and Sisterhood members. Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on May 5, and we hope for 100% participation from our Sisterhood members. Then stay tuned because in June we are planning a Sisterhood and Men’s Club game night. Details will follow later.





Membership Matters

You – our membership – matter!

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

Sara Goldstein & Isaama Stoll

Sara Goldstein and Isaama Stoll have recently joined Congregation Etz Chaim. Both are originally from the East Coast and both were raised in Reform Temples, though both also had considerable exposure, primarily from their schooling, to more Orthodox Judaism. Sara is from Philadelphia and attended day schools where she was taught by many Orthodox instructors. Isaama's family resided in several east coast communities until, when she was in middle school, they settled in the Washington D.C. area.

Sara attended Clark University, majoring in psychology. Eventually she received a master's degree from Clark. Sara was very active in the Clark University Hillel while she was a student. Isaama attended Carlton College which did not have a Hillel, but she was active in the spiritual life of the college, through chapel groups. As younger students both Sara and Isaama attended a Union of Reform Judaism camp, Camp Harlan. However, they were never campers at the same time. Consequently, they first met when both were older and on the staff of the camp.

Isaama has, ever since she was six years old, aspired to be a rabbi. Hence, when she finished her undergraduate studies she applied to Hebrew Union College. When she was visiting the HUC campuses she was most impressed by the Cincinnati campus and curriculum, feeling that it could best satisfy her needs. Meanwhile, as Isaama was starting her rabbinic studies and traveling to Israel, Sara was earning her Master's degree in education, and spent a year in Taiwan teaching English through a Fulbright scholarship program. Sara currently teaches elementary school.

When they were shul shopping, they utilized Google to create a list of Cincinnati area synagogues that seemed to be best suited to their needs. Fortunately for Congregation Etz Chaim, we were the first synagogue on their list. They were very impressed with what Sara calls the "unique feel" of CEC. They liked the friendly feel of the synagogue, the way congregants made them feel comfortable and the fact that we are a lay-led congregation. Indeed, after their first few visits to CEC they decided their shul shopping was complete and they did not really need to visit anywhere else!

When not occupied by their work and studies both Sara and Isaama enjoy a variety of activities. They both like to hike and spend time outside. Sara also likes to swim and sing. Isaama is also musically inclined and plays the guitar.



Save the Date for our May Shabbat Speaker Series

SATURDAY, May 12, 2018

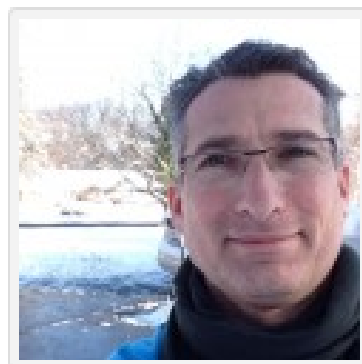
Join us for services, followed by Kiddush lunch, the presentation and dessert.
Issama Stoll will be our speaker and share with us special tidbits about the weekly Torah portion

Celebrating Israel – Location, Location!, Location?

In honor of Israel's independence day, a special presentation by Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi on the Land of Israel as represented in Jewish literature – in our liturgy, Talmud, and in modern literature.

A third-generation Israeli, Ofer grew up in the secular village of Beit-Herut and served in the Israeli Defense Forces as a major in the Medical Corps. With a graduate degree in Talmud from the University of Haifa, Ofer was ordained in 2005 at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. In many ways, Ofer has come to represent the return of secular Israelis to more traditional expressions of Jewish spirituality. Ofer served as the Rabbi of the Reform Congregation Tzur-Hadassah, in a suburb of Jerusalem. Together with third-generation renowned Israeli silversmith Ori Resheff, he launched an organization called “*Aspaklariya*,” which creates study communities for Israeli artists to explore Jewish texts. He also edited and authored several pieces “*El ha-Lev: Toward the Heart*” a collection of original liberal Israeli prayers and ceremonies and has authored articles on Jewish identity and the experience of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah in secular Israeli society, on the creating of new liturgy and ritual, and on the ethical dilemmas of Israeli soldiers.

Currently Rabbi Beit-Halachmi studies at the HUC Pines School of Graduate Studies, and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi and their three children: Tehillah, Yedidya, and Ben-Yishai.



Shabbat Speaker Series

**SATURDAY
APRIL 28, 2018**



Join us for services, followed by Kiddush lunch, the presentation and dessert.

Study Breakfast – at Night!

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot With Havdalah

Double Booked...and Broken

May 19, 2018 8:30-10:00_{pm}



Shavuot is double-booked. Of course, there's the Torah, the eternal story of the Jewish people, its history, and its ideals. But also featured on Shavuot is the story of Ruth whose famous words “*Where you go, I will go...*” also echo across time. From Sinai to Ruth there's a message of commitment to the Covenant: God, Torah, and Israel.

But is that the only double booked message? Perhaps we should look again.

The Sinai story begins in brokenness, when Moses smashes the two Tablets of the Law. And Ruth's story also begins in brokenness, with the death of her husband and famine in the land. Could it be there's a message in these double booked elements of brokenness as well?

To usher in the holiday of Shavuot, celebrate with an evening of havdalah, snacks & study! (*Not to worry – there is a happily-ever-after ending to the evening's studies!*) Join educator Candy Kwiatak in the library for an interactive and surprisingly upbeat Shavuot study session on brokenness.

NOTE: 7 participants minimum; RSVPs to Candy required by May 14.

April 2018 CYJL Bulletin Article

by: Sandy Baden



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.*

With Pesach upon us, I would like to tell you, Congregation Etz Chaim, why I have added CYJL to my already busy schedule of volunteer committees and obligations, and why I have made the commitment to “Create My Jewish Legacy.”

Passover is my favorite Jewish holiday—not just because I get to drink 4 glasses of my favorite wine for 2 evenings and not because I love the restrictive Passover food. Since I was a child and sat at the Seder table with my brother, my parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, I was always reminded of the fact that all of my ancestors for a few thousand years did exactly as I was doing now. They listened to the Haggadah story, ate the same symbolic foods, sang the same songs, and, best of all, celebrated the holiday surrounded by the people that they loved the most. Today, even though my family now is separated by distance, availability and death, I can still enjoy the Passover with friends and reminisce about those past Seders with loved ones, while imagining the Seders of my ancestors.

Thinking along those same lines of relatives and friends, past and present, I look to CYJL to make certain that future Passover Seders will still be there for all Jews so that future generations will be able to have those same memories. I congratulate the 25 members of our congregation who have made their commitment to ensure that future, and fervently hope that one day we will have 100% of our congregation joining us.

Please feel free to contact any of our committee members—Steve Segerman, Randy Slovin, Russ Rosen and Sandy Baden—to discuss how to begin the steps to make your commitment to future generations of Jews. We would love to hear from you.



Spring is finally here and the choir is ready to get back to work. After a fun performance at LUEY, which was enjoyed by many, we are back to more serious practicing. Our next appearance will be during Shabbat services sometime in the next month or two, the date to be determined soon. With each practice session, we are beginning to review and improve on our repertoire for the High Holy Days.

Sadly, we will soon be without one of the founding members of the choir, Alex Cohen, as he and Sally will soon be moving to California. Alex has added so much more to the choir than just his voice. His enthusiastic participation has been an inspiration to us all and we will miss him dearly. We wish Alex and Sally all the best.

We value each and every member of our choir, but we would love to have a few more congregants join our ranks. Anyone who is interested in joining the choir, for either just the HHD or year-round, please contact either one of us. We would love to have you join us!

**Musically Yours,
Barbara and Emmy, Choir Co-Directors**



LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU

A night of fun!
Saturday Night, March 10, 2018



Thank you to
everyone who
made the
2018 LUEY
Talent Show
a hit!



SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Synagogue General Fund

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

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Louise Stein

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Lyrice Behrman, Mother
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To the Family of Harold Schwartz
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Audrey Goldfarb

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IMO Father
From Terry Brodof
Diane Marcus & Elliott Chandler
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
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IMO Michael
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To George Gati & Family
IMO Brother
From Margo Nathan
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Lynne Haber
Judy Frankel
Barbara Taggart-Milberg
Carol Friedman

To the Family of Sam Boymel
IMO Sam
From Rona Peerless
Carol Friedman

To the Family of Shirley Nedelman
IMO Shirley
From Audrey Goldfarb
Jean Borden & Family

To Simon Newman
IMO Mother
From Carol Friedman

To Lori Hunter
IMO Mother
From Audrey Martin

To Jerry Geller
IMO Wife
From Audrey Goldfarb

To the Family of Beverly Levine
IMO Beverly
From Audrey Goldfarb
The Novick Family

To Charlotte Stein
IMO Daughter, Judy
From Louise Stein

Generous Donations Were Received

IMO Robert Kolovson
From Dana Kolovson
From Ralph Kaplan

Honor

To Margo Nathan
IHO 90th Birthday
From Phyllis Mellman
Barbara Taggart-Milberg
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Terry Brodof
Esther Zwerdling

To Aaron Schechtman
IHO Induction to Hamilton Athletic Hall of Fame
From Rona Peerless
Sandy Baden
Mark Rogoff
Carney Sotto

To Herb Segal
IHO Birthday
From Marc & Sharon Kuhr
Carol Friedman
Jack Landman & Sonia Fox
Bill & Beth Borat

To Carol Friedman
IHO New Granddaughter
From Barb Rosen

To Russ Rosen
From Harvey Cohen

Aliyot

Barb Rosen
Diane & Elliot Chandler
Steven Cohn

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Lily and Frank Friedman
Prayer Book Fund

Yahrzeit

Ben Schneider, Grandfather
Bob & Alberta Schneider

Anna Friedman Falick, Aunt
Beverly Levine

Harry Levine, Father-in-Law,
Bev Levine

Sara Tessel, Mother
Rhoda Tessel Ulas
Frank Friedman, Father
Beverly Levine

Alex Melamed, Father
Rita & Phil Edlin

Samuel Holbrook, Father
Irwin Holbrook

Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

Yahrzeit

Sophie Silverstein, Mother
Ethel Nemoff

Bess Hammer, Mother
Mark Hammer

Ben & Fanny Torf, Parents
Elaine Mirsky

Irvin & Sylvia Rauchman Youth Fund

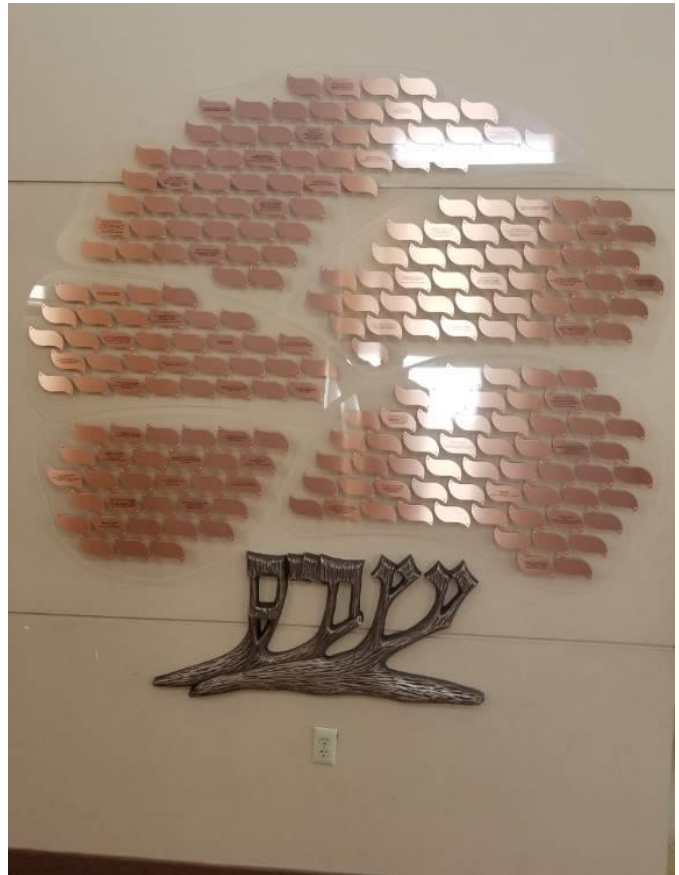
Yahrzeit

Leonard Edlin, Brother
Rita & Phil Edlin

New Tree of Life!
Our new Tree of Life
has been installed
in the lobby.

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

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



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:

Diane & Elliot for sponsoring Kiddush of March 3 in honor of Elliot's birthday

Bernie Tepper for sponsoring Kiddush on March 17 in honor of his 93rd birthday

May we continue to have share Simchot Together!

Congratulations to all our April Birthdays!

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Michael Evers | 27 Cindy Schneider |
| 2 Jonathan Cohen | 27 Eleanor Segal |
| 5 Julie Kaufman | 29 Bonnie Silverstein |
| 9 Susan Littman | 29 Diane Sirkin |
| 11 Hal Arenstein | 30 Orly Segal |
| 12 Rachel Cohn | |
| 12 Daniel Franklin | |
| 12 Oscar Jarnicki | |
| 14 Paul Evers | |
| 14 Melissa Goldstein | |
| 16 Tsila Evers | |
| 17 Karen Sawdai | |
| 18 William Meister | |
| 18 Adele Nagler | |
| 19 Mitch Katz | |
| 22 Joyce Liberman | |
| 23 Edith Rosen | |
| 23 Diane Yasgur | |



We look forward to celebrating with
you at our
April Birthday Minyan!

Friday Night, April 13, 2018

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

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.



Happy Anniversary to:

- | | |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 6 | Simon & Pam Newman |
| 11 | David & Chie Weil |
| 13 | Andrew & Laura Maxwell |
| 21 | Lawrence & Betty Dannenberg |

Y AHRZEITS

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 April (Nisan - Iyar) we remember:

April 1 - Nisan 16

Abraham Fleischman
Elaine Ninio
Samuel Prager*
Rebecca Rosen*
Helene Zwerdling

April 2 - Nisan 17

Samuel Cohen*
Tillie Fleisher
Marlene Glicklich*
Jeanette Grossman*
Rose Meister
Jack Pinsky*

April 3—Nisan 18

Max Barg*
Sadie Grossman*
Gene Kichler*
Marvin Linder*
Mary Lee Ratner*
Nellie Russo
Harry Schiff

April 4—Nisan 19

Samuel Gendelman*
Sadye Katz*
William West
Henrietta Wolfson
Lester Wolpa

April 5--Nisan 20

Samuel Belin
Edith Binik*
Israel Meyer*
Rebecca Schatz*
Morris Stuhlbarg*

April 6—Nisan 21

Johanna Bernstein
Harriet Chodash*
Bessie Feldman*
Gilbert Fingerman*
Lois Fried*
Isadore Greenland*
Rick Porter
Jennie Robfogel*

April 7—Nisan 22

Edward Berman*
Bezalel Goren*
Gustav Linder*
Boris Sacks

April 8 - Nisan 23

Ralph Franklin*
Beila Hershkowitz*
Melvin Shapiro*

April 9 - Nisan 24

Helen Barnett*
Marlene Fox
Rebecca Lehrner
Robert Litwin*
Bessie Malkis*
Arthur Neuer
Melvin Neuerman
Maurice Ninio

April 10 - Nisan 25

Leonard Borden*
Edward Chaikin*
Jack Kessler*
Louis Kestin*
Gerald Lerer*
Ida Mell*
Harry Revelson*
Sol Rosenblatt*
Arnold Stein

April 11 - Nisan 26

Meyer Greenbaum*
Aaron Katz*
Jack Krauss*
Lottie Kwiatek
Yetta Mandell*
Harry Okrent*
Henry Sacolick*
Sam Skurow*
Ruth Sokol*
Jerry Wolkoff*

April 12 - Nisan 27

Samuel Binik*
Josef Eichberg
William Einhorn*
Herb Haber
Rivka Kantor
Shlomo Kantor
Tuvia Kantor
David Kryman
Ephraim Kryman
Yocheved Kryman
Leo Merdinger
Chava Prejzerowicz
Samuel Schneider*

April 13 - Nisan 28

Roslyn Gildenblatt*
John Katz*
Ida Levy*
Fannie Siegel*

April 14 - Nisan 29

Max Appel*

Lillian Crigger
Bessie Levin*
Max Mitman
Charles Pilder*
Anna Rosenblatt*
Harry Zuber*

April 15 - Nisan 30

Ida Okrent*
Louis Present*
Nathan Rosenthal*
Selma Rosenthal*
Daniel Sax

April 16 - Iyar 1

Pinkus Fingerhut*
Ruth Kropveld
Frieda Price
Esther Schechter*

April 17 - Iyar 2

Irving Goldstein
Bertha Gordon*
Betty Heisler*
Rubin Schertz
Samuel Weiner*

April 18 - Iyar 3

Matilda Favish
Nathan Feinhor*
Bertha Goldstein*
Harry Seltzer*
Samuel Stammer*
Jeffrey Tessel*

April 19 - Iyar 4

Samuel Fried*
Robert Lemlich
Yetta Littman
Harriet Plaut
Jacob Ross
Brocho Weiner*
Joseph Weiner*

April 20 - Iyar 5

Betty Hoffman
Linda Gayle Klein*
Louis Zimov

April 21 - Iyar 6

Ruth Bell*
Nissan Lande*
Bertha Nogen*
Aaron Schilmeister*
Jean Shokler
Mollie Weinstein*

April 22—Iyar 7

Sam Bershadsky*

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Abraham Bloom*
Frances Cohen
Ruth Einhorn*
Anna Gitman*
Alan Lewis*
Reuven Malkis*

April 23—Iyar 8

Sol Arnovitz
Rose Hoffman*
Louis Katz*
Clara Keeti*
Ida Neumark*
Cecelia Sloan*

April 24—Iyar 9

Alter Breit*

April 25—Iyar 10

Ruth Aron
Michael Brodof
Sally Kaminsky
Jack Krakovsky*
Abraham Silverstein*
Sarah Steinau

April 26—Iyar 11

Gizella Schwartz

April 27—Iyar 12

Rebecca Hecht
Eva Jaeger*
Rose Kravetz
Abe Skurow*

April 28—Iyar 13

Leon Aaron*
Benny Becker*
Betty Behrman
Ernestine Finkelstein*
Sherri Zeff

April 29—Iyar 14

Rose Shuman*

April 30—Iyar 15

Marilyn Barnett*
Marjorie Beller
Zinovy Braslavsky
Ira Cohen
Melvin Gillett*
Katie Kreindler*
Frieda Leventhal*
Etta Marcus*
Gaston Perez
Abe Pywen*
Isadore Smith*

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

Of Blessed Memory
ז'כרונם 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 call or email Julie Kaufman at jsk9998@gmail.com or call 793-6354 and leave a message.

Julie is our dedicated volunteer who helps to coordinate yahrzeit minyanim. If you would like to request a minyan please do so at least one week in advance.

When a minyan is requested Julie 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 Julie and ask her 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.

"A Pair of Perfect Pairs"



*Candy & Kim Kwiatek and
Stephany & Aaron Schechtman*



*On Sunday, April 22, 2018
We will be recognizing the incredible
commitment and dedication of
two couples in our congregational family
At our Donor Event - Luncheon at
High Noon followed by program.*



*Invitations have been mailed
and the rsvp date has passed
but we will make an
exception and allow late
reservations in order to
properly honor these
four remarkable people.*

*Special Luncheon Honoring
“A Pair of Perfect Pairs”
Candy & Kim Kwiatek and
Stephany & Aaron Schechtman*

*If you have not yet placed an
ad in the donor tribute book
Please contact the office
ASAP as we will be going to
print shortly. Ads run from
\$18 to \$90 and are a great
way to show your
appreciation and support
the synagogue.*



APRIL

Synagogue Happenings

We extend condolences to:

Cheryl, Shelley and Neil (Lisa) Harris on
the loss of their mother, and our
congregant Betty Harris z"l

Unveiling

The congregation is invited to attend
The unveiling for Shirley Ruben z'l on
Sunday afternoon, April 22, 2018
4pm at Love Brothers Cemetery

New Member:

We welcome back
Cindy Schneider
as our newest member.

SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Your participation and leadership in our services -
weekday and Shabbat - is encouraged. Please
volunteer to assist in leading services, reading
Torah or chanting Haftorah. If you would like to
learn the skills, please contact Hank Lerer at the
office, or via e-mail at: hlerer@fuse.net.

MISHEBERACH

It is customary to recite a Misheberach, a prayer
requesting blessing and healing, for those who are
sick. These prayers are recited on Monday and
Thursday mornings and on Shabbat. If you would
like a Misheberach recited for a friend or loved
one, please call the synagogue office.

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 simchot 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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pesach Day 2 Services at 9:30am Followed by Kiddush luncheon	2 The office is closed	3 The office is closed	4 The office is closed	5 Minyan 7am followed by matza and cream cheese!	6 Passover Day 7 9:30am services followed by Passover snacks Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	7 Passover Day 8 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Followed by Passover snacks
8 Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen Volunteer Opportunity	9 The office is closed	10 Service Leader Class w/ Steve 7:30pm	11 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm	12 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by the return of BAGELS! Kitchen volunteers are needed from 6pm on	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & Birthday Minyan with CAKE	14 Rachel Cohn becomes Bat Mitzvah Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Followed by a special Kiddush luncheon in her honor!
15 Service Leader Class w/ Steve 10am	16 The office is closed	17 Service Leader Class w/ Steve 7:30pm	18	19 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	21 Shabbat Services at 9:30am
22 Donor Luncheon honoring the Kwiateks & the Schechtmans 12pm 4pm Unveiling for Shirley Ruben z"l	23 The office is closed	24 Service Leader Class w/ Steve 7:30pm	25 Trivia at Cedar Village 6:30pm	26 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks Kitchen volunteers are needed from 6pm on	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	28 Shabbat Services at 9:30am post Kiddush learning session
29 Service Leader Class w/ Steve 10am 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Sisterhood Board Meeting	30 The office is closed			<h1>APRIL 2018</h1>		

COMING SOON



**Save these Important
May Dates:**

Sisterhood Shabbat – May 5

Italian Shabbat Dinner – May 11

**Post Kiddush Learning Session
with Isaama Stoll – May 12**

**Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Learning
Saturday Night, May 19th – 8:30pm
Taught by Candy Kwiatek**

**Shavuot Services Day 1 – May 20
Shavuot Service Day 2 – May 21**

Congregation

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*Have you seen our new website?
Log on to www.etzchaimcincinnati.org
To see our fresh new look and check out
all our exciting upcoming events!*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399

Upcoming Events: April

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, April 8 – Contact Matt Brodof
for more details. This endeavor is made
possible by the
Sandor Kutas Fund for Hunger.

Service Leader Classes

Taught by Steve Segerman
Weeknights 7:30pm
4/10, 4/17, 4/24
Sundays 10am
4/15, 4/29

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 7:30pm

April Birthday Minyan

Friday Night, April 13 – 6PM

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

**Mazel Tov to Steven Cohn
and Becky Cohn on the special occasion
of Rachel becoming Bat Mitvah**

Saturday, April 14 – 9:30am
Kiddush luncheon following services will
be in honor of Rachel – all are welcome to
share in this Simcha.

**A Pair of Perfect Pairs
Donor Luncheon Honoring
Kim & Candy Kwiatek and
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman**

Sunday, April 22 – High Noon
Luncheon and Recognition Program
RSVPs are required.

Shabbat Speaker Series

Saturday, April 28 following Kiddush
Join us for a special presentation by guest
lecturer Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi