

Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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Message from your President – Terry Brodof

*Congregation Etz Chaim's Mission Statement is:
Passionate and participatory,
our supportive Jewish
community engages each
individual in a life-long Jewish
journey. We embrace diverse
experiences that span both
traditional and contemporary
ideas while learning and
pursuing spiritual growth.*



HAPPY 2020!

I hope we all took the opportunity to extend good wishes to our family, friends and neighbors. After all, New Year's marks a time when people everywhere celebrate a very Jewish tradition. We make a commitment to ourselves to do our best to continually try to build a better tomorrow for ourselves and for the world through Tikkun Olam.

I want to take a moment to thank our Sisterhood and all the congregants who provided a bit of extra joy and some basic needs in the form of holiday gifts and warm clothing to 40 kindergarteners and second graders who attend Ethel M. Taylor academy. Your commitment to providing for those in need, shines back so brightly in the smiles of the children we have cared for and provided warm clothing to over the past few years.

We have had a wonderful calendar year. To mention a few notables, we have paid off our mortgage. We have provided safety equipment for our Hamilton County K-9 unit. We have lent our services to Matthew Ministries, one of our neighbors, both in times of disaster and in quiet times when they are simply stocking the shelves in preparation for future needs. We have provided over 900 meals in OTR. We shared a community blood drive with two of our neighboring synagogues, Northern Hills and Temple Shalom and we have made legacy gifts to Jewish organizations throughout Cincinnati. We have provided toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizers, shampoo and toiletries to the needy downtown. We open our doors to the community during services and during all of our holidays and, we continually find opportunities to work with those friends and neighbors in need. New Year's is a time to look back and to also look ahead, all at once.

New Years at my house has changed as time has passed. About 25 years ago a new family moved into our neighborhood. I went over with a plate of cookies and introduced myself and my son Matthew to their youngest son, Stevie, who was Matt's age. Those neighbors, Toni and Jim, my husband and I, quickly built a friendship. We would stand outside at night in the front yard and talk for hours or have coffee, or a beer, indoors when it was inclement outside. During the summers we would spend hours sitting by their pool. During the winters we would spend Sunday afternoons eating snacks and watching football games while we attempted to solve all the world's problems together.

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Over the years, we have become family. They are Catholic and I've learned a lot about their traditions. We are invited to their Christmas eve family party every year and they too are now experts on Jewish holidays and food. I take latkes over there every Chanukah. They are an expected and anticipated Chanukkah treat. I admit I am still appalled when the ketchup bottle gets pulled out of their fridge although...I've tasted it on latkes. Not so bad.

Although Toni and I easily became close friends, it took us awhile to encourage Matt to go over there and ask Stevie to come over to play and vice versa. For whatever reason, that friendship took a while to develop. The only common ground they found was that they lived on the same street. They were just 'neighbors'. Then one day, Matt was hitting whiffle balls at my garage door and they discovered a mutual love of baseball. Then it was Power Rangers, bike riding, poky man cards, football, the dairy whip, soccer and a love of video games. They have been best friends ever since. They spent the summers at Stevie's house, 'cause Stevie had a pool. They spent the winters and every weekend at our house. I made pancakes for Stevie about 45 weekends of the year. It was his favorite Sunday breakfast. My daughter Lauren still refers to Stevie as *my favorite brother*. Matt and Stevie had become inseparable. They found their common ground.

As Toni and I were getting to know each other, Toni asked me *What's your New Year's resolution?* Then she stopped and asked me if we celebrated New Year's Eve? I said yes but noted since I am Jewish, I also celebrate the Jewish New Year in September. She then invited our family over to their house New Year's Eve for a party. The kids and I have been invited there, or, to go out with them, for the last 25 years. We've missed a few New Years together but it is nice to realize I have traditions now with family I did not grow up with.

Once, when Toni and I were preparing food in her kitchen for some August picnic, Toni asked me what we did for the Jewish New Year? I said it's very different. We do a lot of praying. We go to shul then invite our family to our homes. We spend the day together. What else...we send out New Year cards. We make resolutions to be better people, devote ourselves to study and prayer and to performing deeds of kindness. We also apologize to those people who we may have harmed, even unintentionally, throughout the year. I added that I usually buy a new outfit to wear to Shul and everyone wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I mentioned we prepare a meal of family favorite dishes and we serve round Challah instead of the long Challah we usually have. (Challah, another one of Stevie's favorite foods.)

Toni said oh ... so you do the exact same thing we do except... we pray the week before and make pizzells (round Italian anise cookies) instead of bread and do a bit more drinking. I replied no, it's different. It looks pretty similar from the outside but from inside it feels pretty different. She said I get it. You put candles in your windows for 8 days and we light up the whole house for a month. Similar but different. We usually manage to find some common ground.

I make it a point to call Toni every New Year's DAY. I tell her how much I think about her. That she is family and I acknowledge that I have been very busy at times and that I have neglected to walk over and just say hello. She usually laughs and says you're doing that Jewish thing for New Year's. I answer *yep*, and she replies, me too.

I mentioned when I started this note that the New year is a time to look back and a time to look ahead. I hope we all find ways to recognize the common ground we share, and that we continue to try to build a better tomorrow throughout the year.

-Terry Brodof



Ritual Matters

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

Since Chanukah came late this year – or we can say last year if it's already 2020 when you read this! – we may still be able to wish you a “Happy Chanukah!”. If the holiday has just ended, we hope you had eight days of joyful and meaningful celebrations. Just for the record, next Chanukah in 2020 begins on Thursday, December 10th.

Thank you to those of you who gave us feedback from our 5780 High Holy Day services. We discussed your constructive comments at last month's meeting and will make any necessary adjustments at this next year's 5781 services. You've all heard about our upcoming retreat weekend February 7-9. To those attending, we will involve every one of you in at least one of the multiple services offered.

To everyone, attending or not, an important note: Since we're taking the show on the road that weekend, there will be NO services held in Cincinnati that weekend.

It's again timely for our Minyan Committee to thank the many minyanaires for the ongoing support of our Yartzheit Minyan program. We see this as truly one of the hallmarks of our community. Thanks, too, to the Minyan Committee for really embracing this important function.

You know how many services and events are offered at Etz Chaim – many! Well, January is a little quieter than some other months, but it still has its full share of services which all are encouraged to attend. And speaking of attendance, we hope you all received and filled out the survey (printed on yellow pages) that came with your last bulletin. The online link is also available through your eBlast. It is very important to us to receive this feedback from you.

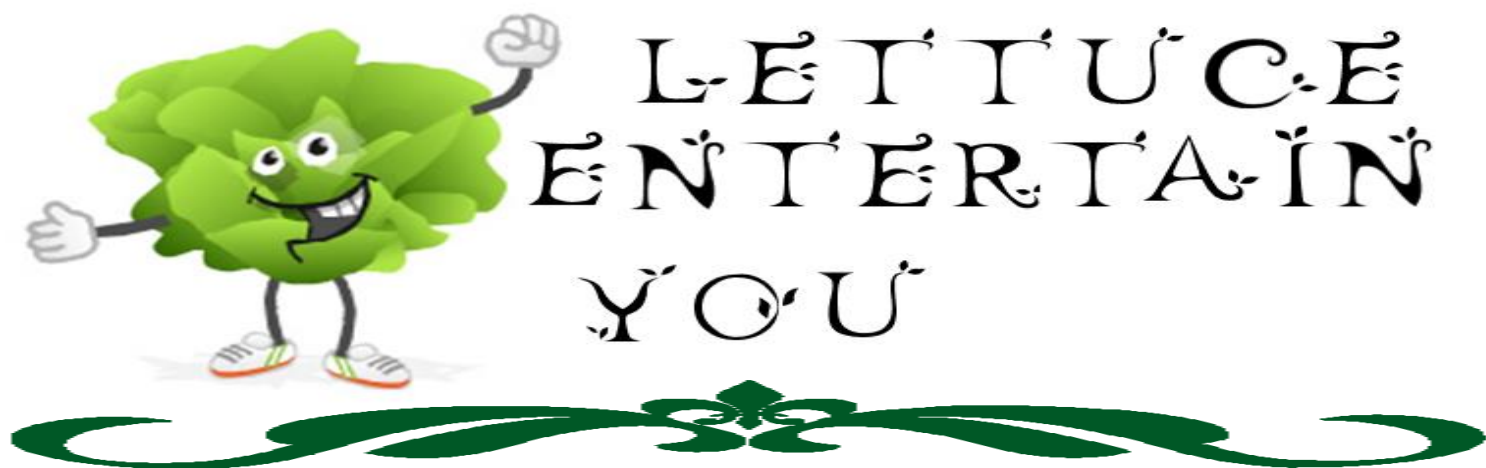
Thanks to our CYJL Campaign for acquiring 20+ new copies of Friday night Likrat Shabbat in recognition of members who have added their Letter of Intent to our Jewish Legacy efforts.

As always, if you have a concern that you want the Ritual Committee to address, please contact one of us and we will be sure to discuss it at our next meeting.

Again, we hope you had a wonderful Chanukah and we wish you a very happy New Year 2020.

-Barry & Barbara





A one-of-a-kind Variety Show
Hosted by Congregation Etz Chaim
And featuring that proverbial plant as your
mascot...

Mr. Lettucehead

Saturday Evening,
January 11, 2020
Show Starts with Havdalah at 7pm

Support your fellow congregants as they
showcase their talents

Attend this enchanted evening for just
\$10 for adults and children
Plus, the opportunity to take part in a split-the-pot
raffle

RSVP to the Etz Chaim office by January 8, 2020.



LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU



Come see what
talent is on display
this time....



VOLUNTEER WITH CEC AT THE
OVER-THE-RHINE SOUP KITCHEN
HERE ARE OUR UPCOMING
2020 DATES:

JANUARY 19

MAY 31

SEPTEMBER 13

DECEMBER 13

On Thursday, December 26, 2019 the Thursday morning Minyanaires came together for a special annual tradition of fun and celebration:

MYSTERY MACABEE GIFT EXCHANGE

The hot ticket items this year were a football beer mug, moose munch and Belgium chocolates

You need only look at these photos to see that a good time was had by all.
Thank you to all who participated!

Mystery Maccabee



Shots



Lox



& Blocks



One of best kept secrets is our Thursday morning minyan. Minyan Captain David Weil and all the minyanaires would love to have more congregants join us. Remember shots, lox and blocks after minyan sets you 'on fire' for the day!

We meet every Thursday at 7am in the Chapel. Steve leads a beautiful hour-long service and sometimes Bryan and Hank will pinch hit if needed. In that hour, there are morning blessings, a short Torah reading service and several chances to say Mourner's Kaddish.

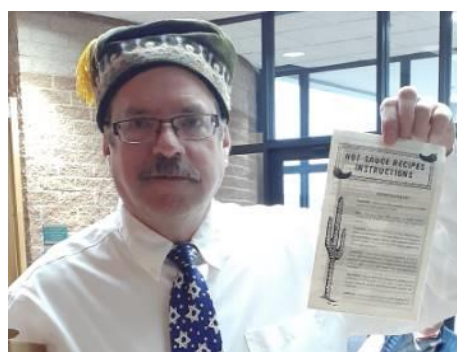
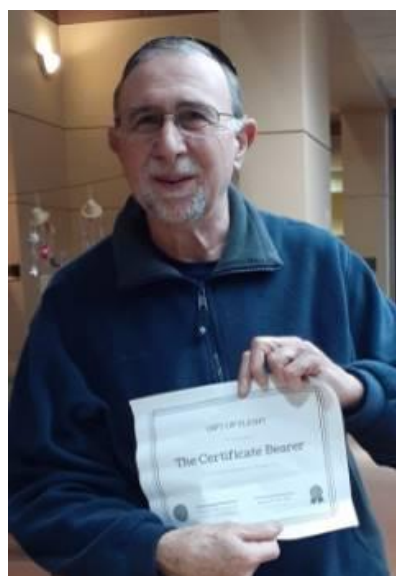
The cast of characters that attend this early morning service are fun loving caffeine drinkers (minus Ron – Mr. Decaf) that are always happy to welcome in new faces.

Breakfast follows services and consists of Bagels, Lox, Cream Cheese, Butter, Jellies, Coffee, Tea, OJ and shots. Sometimes we are even treated to a pastry or two. Table conversations are always riveting and include humor, current events, religion, twitter, celebrities, movies, trivia, stories from days gone by and so much more... Why not try it one Thursday morning – you just may find you like it.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thursday Morning Minyan

Mystery Macabee 2019





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

We are looking forward to spending the weekend offsite as a congregation. The itinerary includes socializing, services, fun, learning, mixers (both ice breakers and drinks) and so much more.

While the deadline has passed if you are now able to attend please contact Chava to see if there is any way we might be able to accommodate you (depends on the hotel!)





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

Chestnuts may be roasting on an open fire...
But our minds are already turning to Hammantashen.

And we need your help:

We will begin baking hamentashen in February; a schedule of baking dates will be in next month's bulletin. Please bring in preserves and nuts, as you did last year, for our "special Sisterhood" filling. Please be sure that preserves and jams have a hechsher (kosher symbol) and that the nuts (pecans, almonds, walnuts) are shelled and in bags with a hechsher.



It's time for the 2020 Mah Jongg card!

Our Sisterhood is once again providing you the opportunity to purchase your card through us. It will be sent directly to your home. It will cost the same as if you purchased it from the Mah Jongg League, but our Sisterhood will receive a rebate. The cost is \$8.00 for the standard size and \$9.00 for the large print.

All you need to do is send a check to Sandy Baden, 4135 Fox Hollow Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45241, with the following information, or drop your check and info off at the Etz Chaim office. Call with any questions: 513-554-1649 or 513-470-6428.

We need your name, address, choice of card size and check. In late March you will receive your new card directly from the Mah Jongg League.

Please pass this information on to your friends, your Mahj group, and anyone you know who plays the game. **Please note that I need a name and address for each card ordered. I cannot order multiple cards for a group and send them to one address.** The deadline for orders is January 10, so please get your orders in as soon as possible.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our “Helping Hand” social action drive collecting mittens, gloves, socks, hand sanitizers, and hand warmers for those less fortunate. Our donations were literally overflowing. Thank you!

Watch for photos from our Chanukah Hoe-down and the 230+ smiling faces that attended in the February Edition of the Bulletin! Yeehaw!

STOP

THE SPREAD OF THE FLU



Adults 65+ are at a higher risk of serious complications from the flu

PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU.

- + Get your flu shot
- + Clean your hands often
- + Cough and sneeze into the bend of your arm, not your hand
- + Stay home if you are sick

Shalom Dear Members,

We care for each of you and want to remind you that as members of our Kehillah Kedosha – our Holy Community we have an obligation to keep ourselves and our fellow members free from illness.

Don't get us wrong – we **LOVE** when you come to shul – but please if you have fever, are coughing/sneezing or if you're feeling under the weather – just stay home. (Heck if you call us and let us know we'll even send soup!)

Wishing you all a safe and healthy winter season.



MEN'S CLUB



*Aaron Schechtman
Men's Club President*

The song is a tradition that comes with the Chanukah holiday. "Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay and when it's dry and ready, a dreidel we shall play." The Men's Club of Etz Chaim and Temple Sholom has added another verse. "We made latkes all day and fried them 'til they were crispy and tasty"

We won't tell you how many pounds of potatoes we used or how much oil was needed, but let it be known that we made over 700 yummy latkes for the evening event.

A party for the cowgirls and cowboys was the event of the night. We were not spinning like the dreidel, but swinging while square dancing. Our latkes were enjoyed by all and topped off with jelly donuts.

We would like to thank all the men and women of both Men's Clubs for their hard work and a fun day while providing the treats for the evening dinner



**CEC Men's Club Shabbat – Save the Date & Sign up to Participate
Saturday, February 1, 2020**

9:30am Shabbat Morning start time

We'll fill the shul with ruach and hamisha smiles

Followed by a delicious kiddush luncheon.

Come home to shul and reconnect with your Judaism.

**English Readings, Aliyot and Ark openings are
all available contact Aaron today to sign up #513-544-8474**

Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

At long last, Pub Style Trivia has come to Etz Chaim. This was the inevitable conclusion to all the trivia hosting that Hank has done the last few years. What trivia hosting, you ask? Did you know that once each month or so, our own “Master of Trivia” Hank Lerer hosts (and entertains) residents at Cedar Village with trivia? Shameless plug: it is open to everybody. Come out, visit the residents and do a mitzvah – You know you want to. See calendar for official date and time. In addition to Cedar Village, Hank also helms questions and answer trivia on Shabbat, which started as random trivia question, that morphed into kiddish trivia and has now culminated in “Hank’s Trivia, Live from Etz Chaim”.

Pub (or bar) style trivia is played by teams of up to 6 players with one answer submitted per team. Form your own team (6 max) or just show up and you can join a team. Each of the 5 questions per round has a team selected number of points awarded for correct answers. You don’t have to be an expert in any category. Pool your answers, select the best one. The cohost Chava plays a song for each question that may or may not be a clue to the answer.

Rules are simple:

- No yelling out answers
- No cell phones or other electronic devices
- Trivia Host will have final say in all circumstances during play.
- Last and most important: Have Fun !!!

December 8th was the first night in the Trivia Series and 5 teams competed with a “not your normal bar food” dinner served midway through the evening. Categories included Business, Arts, Movies, Geography, Sports and more. Scores were close with all teams competitive, but alas, there can be only one winner. Congratulations to the winning team: “Sunday Night Special”.

Please mark your calendar and make your reservation now for the next Trivia night: which will be held January 26 starting at 6 PM. Come in from the cold to the best Trivia night in town. If for some reason you can’t venture out on the 26th, the last Trivia Night for the season will be held on February 23. Cost is free, donations happily accepted, and RSVP’s are strongly encouraged to ensure enough food, drink snacks and space is available.





Fun

Food

Friends

Hank's Trivia Night

*It's fun for the entire family
and congregants of all ages.*

*You need not be a genius or even be good at
trivia to have a good time.*

*This is team based and everyone has
something to contribute - each question is a
different topic like Broadway musicals,
history, pop culture, music, sports, movies
and more...*

*It's modeled after bar style trivia and we will
provide snacks and a light supper to those
that RSVP.*

*Sign up as an individual or as a team
of 6 – prizes to the winners each session.*

*Sunday, January 26 – 6pm
Sunday, February 23 – 6pm*

*You can come to one session or all – we
know once you try it though – you'll be
hooked! Just imagine the bragging rights
that come with winning trivia!*

*Need a ride we can arrange it!
Don't sit home alone this winter
Come out and be part of a fun filled evening.*

*Side door entrance and you'll arrive at the
CEC trivia lounge (aka the lobby)*

*RSVP to Hank or Chava
Try it once – we guarantee you'll like it!*

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 January (Tevet-Shevat) we remember:

January 1 – Tevet 4

Sonie Eurove*
Hazel Lakeman
Eda Lederman

January 2 – Tevet 5

David Blumenthal
Esther Freeman*
Augusta Jacobs*
Esther Manes
Irvin Singer*

January 3 – Tevet 6

Mordechai Blackman*
Edward Novick*
Evelyn Novikoff
Alter Peerless
Marion Schneider
Belle Skurow*

January 4 – Tevet 7

Pearl Cohen
Reva Dreyer
Dorothy Ginsberg*
Gitel Morovchik*
George Newburger*
Nathan Oxlander*
Philip Stein*

January 5 – Tevet 8

Fannie Bloom*
Mary Etta Felman*
Barry Goldenberg
Albert Gordon*
Ruth Kahn
Herman Katz
Goldie Schechter*
Fred Schulein*
Rose Schmalo
Janice Siegel
Marilyn Spiegel*

January 6 – Tevet 9

Louis Feldman*
Dora Franklin*
Samuel Klein
Louis Lewengood*
Florence Rosin*
Solomon Stein*

January 7 – Tevet 10

Rebecca Cyrkin*
Harry Katz*
Ann Kolkey*
Bessie Levine*
Randy Milberg
Bessie Mitman*
Bernard Neuer*
Harry Shapiro

January 8– Tevet 11

Joseph Chandler
Sophie Finer*
Jack (Jacob) Goldenberg
Sara Greenland*
Mary Kraus*
David Milowsky*
Charles Wolfson*

January 9– Tevet 12

David Kadetz*
Joseph Levine*
Sam Plotkin
Isaac Seltz*
Jacob Youngerman*

January 10 – Tevet 13

Charles Baron*
Samuel Baron*
Victoria Perl*
Irwin Sacolick*
Gerald Schiff
Isadore Weiser*

January 11 – Tevet 14

Martha Berger
Rudolph Blatt*
Morris Dorfman
Lee Foreman
Louis Knapp*
Martin Meyer*
Henry Steinbuch*

January 12 – Tevet 15

Abe Bartel*
Ruth Becker*
Samuel Dunbar*

January 13 – Tevet 16

Harry Cannon*
Jake Kravitz*

January 14 – Tevet 17

Rose Binik*
Max Brown*
Robert Frankel
Isachar Gersensfish*
Joan Ruth Polasky
Arnold Skurow*
Sam Stregevsky

January 15 – Tevet 18

Abraham Baverman
Marian Bershadsky*
Anita Gabor*
Fannie Gersensfish*
Sandra Hellman
Joseph Leichtman*
Sol Lipsky*
Sylvia Rubinoff
Isaac Shuman*
Fannie Weitzman*

January 16 – Tevet 19

Grace Gabel
Sarah Katz*
Mary Kauffman*
Rosaline Lisner*
Ben Stein*
Harry Toran*
Nathan Tulch*
Sarah Polakoff*

January 17 – Tevet 20

Louis Bartel*
Rose Feuer
Sol Goodman*
Ida Sax Rudner
Hyman Young*

January 18 – Tevet 21

Joseph Cohen*
Harry Fox*
Paula Gallop*
Shaine Klotsky*
Robert Kolovson
Sadie Sobelow*
Emilia Zelonaya

January 19 – Tevet 22

Anna Freiden*
Bertha Greenbaum*

January 20 – Tevet 23

Esther Gud
Victor Krasnitzky*
Kate Lazier*
Marcus Schreiber*
Larry Selker

January 21 – Tevet 24

Sam Cohen
Rae Kruke Engel*
Robert Feldman*
Lillian Scheer

January 22 – Tevet 25

Abe Braunstein*
Morris Fox*
Mordechai Guttman
Kate Kundin*
Steven Lederman
Isadore Meyer*
Betty Neumann
Dorothy Schilmeister*
Max Schneider*
Max Siegel
Minnie Stone*

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January 23 – Tevet 26

Ben Albert*
Kim Bryan
Samuel Chodash*
Ethel Germain*
Fannie Goldberg
Rose Koff*
Louis Lipsky*

January 24 – Tevet 27

Leonard Edlin
Louis Gillett*
Bessie Levine*
Mary Ann Raffel

January 25 – Tevet 28

Solomon Beraha
Benjamin Cohen*
Anna Frieman*
Miriam Krauser
Ben Roth*

January 26 – Tevet 29

Hyman Bongard*
Gertrude Kamin*
Harry Mitman*
Helen Rose
Abraham Wartik*

January 27 – Shevat 1

Hyman Kirzner*
Philip Paim*
Rose Weiser*

January 28 – Shevat 2

Mary Bartel*
Milton Bloch*
Isabelle Funk*
Frances Schulein*
Fannie Skolnick
Florence Wolfson

January 29 – Shevat 3

Isaac Gersensfish*
Albert Koff
Herbert Krauser
Sara Raboff*

January 30 – Shevat 4

Pearl Gershkovitz*
Rose Haberman*
Fanny Skurow*
Sarah Skurow*

January 31 – Shevat 5

Ethel Anish*
Anna Cohn*
Mollie Diamant*
Sadye Freeman*
Sophie Silverstein

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

Of Blessed Memory
זיכרוןם לברכה

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

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.



Welcome to our newest Member: LISA TESSEL

By Bob Friedenberg

Amongst our newest members is Louisville native Lisa Tessel. Lisa was raised in a traditional Conservative/Orthodox environment. She attended Sunday school regularly and services frequently. Among her best memories are those associated with Purim. She has vivid memories of participating in costume contests centered on that festive holiday.

After graduating high school, Lisa attended Indiana University in Bloomington. Upon completing her schooling at Indiana, eventually Lisa moved to Chicago for a job. While there she met the man who would eventually become her husband. He was a native Cincinnati and so the young married couple soon were residents of the Queen City. They joined Ohav Shalom, where her husband's family had been active members for many years.

Lisa soon also became an active member of the Jewish community. Her two daughters attended Yavneh until the 7th grade and Lisa was an active parent at Yavneh. Currently her daughters do not live here in Cincinnati. One is married and lives in Manhattan. The other is located in Chicago and has a Ph.D. in Botany.

Though Lisa was widowed many years ago, she had at one time been a member of Ohav Shalom. However, while Lisa eventually let her membership lapse, she still had friends and relatives who were members here and from time-to-time attended services and events at the old Ohav and the new Etz Chaim.

She has recently re-affiliated with Congregation Etz Chaim for a variety of reasons. She has very much enjoyed the services she has attended, especially those at the High Holidays. Moreover, she has friends in the synagogue and has found everyone to be very welcoming and nice.

January
Synagogue Happenings

We wish Speedy Recoveries to:

Joel Moskowitz
Sara Gati
Adele Nagler

Condolences to:

To the family of
Sharyn Fox z”l

We Extend a Mazel Tov to:

Allan & Melissa Goldstein on
the birth of their grandson
Sidney Roosevelt Resnick

to

Simon and Pam Newman on
Drew’s Engagement

And to

Joyce Goldberg on the
engagement of her
granddaughter
Jodie to Edwin Partovi

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 \$250.

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:

CYJL for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, December 14, 2019
in honor of the donors who have made a legacy commitment

Diane & Elliot and Candy and Kim for sponsoring Kiddush on
Saturday, December 28, 2019 in honor of Candy's birthday

Share a simcha with your synagogue family – call the office today to
schedule a sponsored Kiddush!

Congratulations to all our January Birthdays!

- 2 Barry Joffe
- 2 Andrew Segal
- 6 Paul Solomon
- 11 Susan Moskowitz
- 14 Arlene Solomon
- 16 Joyce Goldberg
- 24 Shaney Sherwat
- 25 Shirley Dreyer
- 26 Toni Heldman
- 28 Margot Nathan

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1 Paul & Arlene Solomon
- 17 Jenny Lichtenstein & Jose Rodriguez



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

Friday Night, January 3, 2019
Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we'll
have cake in honor of all our January 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
January 2020			1	2 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	3 Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm Followed by celebratory cake	4 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
5 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 12:30pm Choir Practice 2pm Education Mtg	6 The office is closed	7 Asarah B'Tevet the 10 th of Tevet Fast Day	8 Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	9 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast 6pm Kitchen Volunteers needed to help Sisterhood	10 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	11 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am LUEY Talent Show 7pm
12 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	13 The office is closed	14	15	16 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	17 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	18 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
19 Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day The office is closed	21 Marketing Meeting at 6pm	22	23 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	24 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	25 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
26 9am Ritual Meeting 10am Purim Shpiel Rehearsal 6pm Trivia Night	27 The office is closed	28	29	30 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	31 Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 6pm	

COMING SOON



Save these Important February Dates:

Men's Club Shabbat

Saturday, February 1 – 9:30am

Followed by a delicious kiddush luncheon

Synagogue Wide Retreat

Kallah Weekend Feb 7, 8, 9

at The Seasons Lodge in Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 – 7:30pm

Purim Shpiel Rehearsals

February 2, 16 & 23 – 10am

February 9 – Rehearsal time TBD

Trivia Night at CEC

Sunday Night, February 23 – 6pm

Upcoming Events: January

January Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, January 3 – 6PM

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

LUEY Talent Show

Saturday Night, January 11 – 7pm

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, January 19

Contact Matt Brodof if you can help

Purim Shpiel Rehearsals

January 5, 12, 19 & 26 – 10am

Trivia Night at CEC

Sunday, January 26 – 6pm

Come as an individual or make a team of
six – you'll laugh, enjoy nosh and
compete in team trivia. See Hank or
Chava for more details.



If you were one of the 235
people in attendance at
Chanukah you know how
awesome a holiday celebration
can be at CEC so
Save the date for our annual:

PURIM SHPIEL

Monday Night

March 9, 2020

6pm Megillah Reading

7pm Dinner

8pm Purim Shpiel

You don't want to miss it!

Congregation

ETZ CHAIM



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



*Enjoy warmth in January by
attending services and events at
CEC... there's no better place to be!*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399