This month’s President’s Message announces some very good news. After I sent the letter informing the congregation that BTZ was unable to sell the building on Kugler Mill Rd., I received an email from the pastor of the Legacy Pointe Church (LPC). This email indicated that they were interested in a lease/purchase agreement. Although the church wanted to purchase the building outright, the purchase was not possible, due to the church being in existence for only one year. Federal law prohibits banks from approving a mortgage to an entity that does not have at least two years of financial statements. Since the law prohibited the church from qualifying for a mortgage, they sought to enter into a lease agreement for one year. Then, they would purchase the building for an agreed upon price.

After considerable negotiations, BTZ and LPC agreed upon a lease and purchase agreement. The most important points of these agreements are: 1), the lease payments will cover the mortgage and insurance payments for the Kugler Mill property; 2), the church accepts the building as is, and is responsible for all utilities, maintenance and repairs; 3), the lease is for one year and expires on April 30, 2017; 4), on, or before, the expiration of the lease, the church will close on purchasing the building at the agreed upon price. Due diligence indicates that LPC is financially stable. Remarkably, the church has already raised 75% of the funds needed to meet the goal for their initial capital campaign.

As an added bonus, the pastor of LPC, Paul Booth Jr., has visited Israel as part of an AIPAC mission. He and his congregants recognize the significance of the wall (Kotel) and the ceiling. They regard the words on the ceiling from B’rasheit as the voice of the Lord. Thus, the ceiling will remain intact.

Although we sought to sell the Kugler Mill property unconditionally, this lease/purchase contract is the best outcome under the circumstances.

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Otherwise, our only alternative was to allow the bank to foreclose on the property. We encountered a major issue in trying to sell the property because it is essentially a “single use” building. For example, medical and dental practices that were interested in the building were told by the Sycamore Township zoning board that was unlikely they would be granted a variance. Thus, the building could only be purchased by another synagogue or church.

Though the lease aspect of this agreement means that our “official” merger will be slightly delayed, we will continue to operate as CEC, and continue to build our promising future. Rest assured, the lease/purchase agreement with LPC will not impact our financial situation.

Throughout the summer months, we will continue to plan dynamic events. I look forward to seeing you as often as possible.

B’shalom,

Simon

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Save the Date:
Friday Night, July 8, 2016
Shabbat in Weller Park

We’ll meet at 6pm in the large Shelter at Weller Park. We’ll have our usual Ruach filled Services, followed by a deli dinner, desserts and drinks. $6 to attend – RSVP to the office (513) 489-3399 so we can have your turkey or salami sandwich ready. Come in your comfortable summer clothes and be ready to soak up the sunshine!

8832 Weller Road
Montgomery, OH 45249
The month of May is host to a number of Jewish holidays -- Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, Yom Ha’Atzma’ut and Lag BaOmer. Hopefully you were able to take advantage of some of the community-wide celebrations that took place.

The RITCOM now turns its focus towards the next holiday of Shavuot, followed by our High Holy Day planning. More on that below.

But first, we have some important news to report! After years in the making and over a year in the planning, our pile-high boxes of genizah (storage of worn-out Hebrew-language books and papers and any other religious items deemed to need burial) have now been buried at Love Brothers Cemetery in Price Hill. Thanks to Barry for arranging this, thanks to Candy Kwiatek for her educational piece (more on that below), thanks to Russ Rosen for attending and taking pictures for our bulletin, thanks to Steve Segerman for providing storage space, and thanks to everyone else who helped sort and has been involved in this large effort from day one.

We are still pursuing avenues to obtain a Pastoral Care Provider for Etz Chaim. Barry has been pursuing many leads and the RITCOM continues to receive updates on the situation. This is an important job and we cannot rush the decision to find someone. We feel that the two most important qualities we are looking for in a candidate are 1) to be available 24/7 at short notice and 2) to be comforting through difficult times.

On May 1, Candy Kwiatek led a wonderful education session all about genizah – the practice of, the history of, and much more. We may want to repeat this very informative session at a later date so that more people can take advantage of this opportunity to learn about genizah.

The holiday of Shavuot begins on Saturday evening, June 11. Morning services will be held at 9:30am on both Sunday, June 12 and Monday, June 13. We welcome your attendance to help us make minyan.

Do you have any comment, concerns or suggestions for the RITCOM? If so, please contact one of us and it will be addressed.

B'Shalom,

Barry and Barbara
New Life for Old Books
By Lynne Haber

What happens to the extra ritual objects when two congregations come together? Did you know that our old siddurim from B’nai Tzedek are now being used by an Abayudaya community in Uganda? Prior to receipt of our siddurim, they had only a few battered siddurim that were literally falling apart.

When Congregations Ohav Shalom and B’nai Tzedek joined together to form Etz Chaim, one result was that we had more than 100 extra siddurim, an older edition of Sim Shalom that was superceded by the newer and separate Shabbat and Weekday volumes that Ohav Shalom had been using. The siddurim were a little worn, but perfectly usable, and it seemed a shame to consign the siddurim to a genizah. Initial efforts to find another congregation that would want them were fruitless, given the availability of newer siddurim and the high costs of shipping books around the country. But through the generosity of Sisterhood and a chance meeting, those siddurim are now being used by Jews in a small isolated community in Uganda.

About the time that we were looking for a home for the siddurim, we became aware of a small Abayudaya community of about 360 Jews in Namutumba, a town of about 10,000 Muslims and Christians in the eastern region of Uganda. Peoples of all three faiths get along well in the town. You may have heard about the broader Abayudaya community from their music, beginning with their first CD, “Shalom Everybody, Everywhere!” available on itunes. Or you may have heard about the work of Kulanu, a nonprofit organization that works around the world to support isolated and emerging Jewish communities who wish to learn more about Judaism and connect/reconnect with the wider Jewish community http://www.kulanu.org. The largest Abayudaya community is based in Mbele, Uganda, and has benefited tremendously from international support. It is now led Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, the spiritual leader of the Abayudayah and the Rosh Yeshiva, who was ordained by the Conservative Movement in the US, and returned home to Uganda to lead the community.

Unfortunately, the international aid has not had nearly as much impact on the smaller Abayudaya communities. Namutumba is about 1 hour from Mbele and 4 hours from Kampala, the capital city. The Abayudaya Jewish community in Namutumba is now led by Seduraki (Shadrach) Mugoya, a young man who has been designated by the outgoing rabbi, Rabbi Eri, to become the new rabbi. Shadrach is currently studying toward rabbinical ordination through ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal and will, after ordination, be known as the “Rav” or Rabbi of Namutumba.
The community has a small synagogue, and a school of several hundred students and a community council. The Jews of Namutumba are very poor – and subsist on selling kippot and raising goats. There is no running, sanitized water in the town nor is there electricity. (Shadrach travels an hour by bus to a larger city where there is electricity, in order to have an internet connection for his classes.) See the accompanying photos of the synagogue and community.

I had the opportunity to meet Shadrach at our student retreat last summer. Imagine leaving a home with no electricity and no running water, going alone to an airport, and traveling on a plane to a foreign country where there are toilets and showers and plentiful food – all within the space of a few days. I was impressed at what a grounded and open young man Shadrach is, passionate about his people and his studies, and not overwhelmed by culture shock.

Rabbi Leila Gal Berner has been acting as a mentor for Shadrach and intermediary to the American Jewish community. Sisterhood funded the shipping of the siddurim to Rabbi Berner in Maryland. Due to the very high costs of international shipping, the siddurim are being hand-carried in batches by people from the US who are visiting the Jewish communities in Uganda, or international shipping is being paid by other groups. Thank you to everyone who helped with boxing and packing the books: Candy Kwiatek, Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Russ Rosen, Emmy Friedenberg, Susan Farber, Bob Mermelstein, and Barry Joffe (and apologies to anyone whose name I missed).

If you wish to help this community: Assistance for Shadrach’s community is needed for food, and possibly to organize enough funds to get electricity or a clean water system to be built in the village. Until June 30, 2016, donations may be sent to Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund Kol Ami c/o Rabbi Leila Gal Berner – 11409 Hounds Way, Rockville, MD. 20852. After June 30, 2016, please address all inquiries to Rabbi Berner at the same address or call (301) 984-4022 as a separate non-profit fund for the Jews of Namutumba is in the process of being established. All donations are tax-deductible.
Sisterhood Annual

ATTIC SALE

THURS, Aug 4 (4-9)
FRI, Aug 5 (9-3)
SUN, Aug 7 (9-3)

ACCEPTING ITEMS: July 5–July 31
Call before you drop items off – the office often runs errands and we want to be sure we are there to accept your donations!

“YOUR JUNK IS SOMEONE’S TREASURE”
Items should be clean and usable

YES, we take:

- furniture
- appliances
- lamps
- kitchen equipment
- dishes
- tools
- household items
- children’s clothing
- jewelry
- crafts
- office supplies
- decorative items
- toys
- bedding
- sports equipment
- Books (from the past 5-6 years)

No, we do not take:

- Computers
- Adult clothing
- Shoes
- TVs (except very small ones or flat screens)

- If you, or a teenager, can help with pick ups, let us know.
- If you are interested in helping set up, clean up, or sell please let us know

Contact Stephany Schechtman # 513-253-2935
Sisterhood Closing Dinner & Tribute to Israel

Tuesday Night, June 7, 2016 - 6:30pm in the Social Hall

Sisterhood will be hosting a special end of the year celebration. We will honor the incredible year we’ve had and highlight our love for Israel at the same time. Dinner will be a full Israeli feast lovingly prepared by Israela Ginsburg and Volunteers. The program will include photos and memories from the Etz Chaim Israel Trip Participants. Wear your blue and white and RSVP to Stephany Schechtman by June 1st. $10 for sisterhood members $12 for non-members and guests.

Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, May 21, 2016
was a wonderful success!

Congregation Etz Chaim would like to extend a hearty Yasher Koach to the women of Sisterhood who helped to create a beautiful Shabbat morning. These wonderful people made that morning so very special: Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Emmy Friedenberg, Barb Rosen, Shirley Dreyer, Gale Goldner, Michelle Fesman, Chava Vidal, Robyn Wolfe, Terry Brodof, Lynne Haber, Hank Lerer, Jenny Lichtenstein, Sara Gati, Diane Marcus, Karen Bryant, Penny Manes, Eleanor Segal, Harriet Kuhr, Audrey Martin, Aasia Gabbour, Shari Malowitz, Julie Kaufman, Rachel Wolfe, Laura Maxwell, Leslie Handler, Stephany Schechtman. Thank you to the Pri Yadeiha choir: Lynne, Emmy, Gale, Michelle, Marianne, Laura Enzer, Barbara Taggart-Milberg. Special Thank You to the men who helped to prepare and serve the Kiddush lunch: Aaron Schechtman, Mark Rogoff and Brian Wolfe.
Warm weather has finally arrived. So we’re having an old fashioned picnic and movie night.

**Sunday Night, June 5 – 5pm**

We’ll be showing: **Bugsy, the Movie**

It’s a crime-drama film about the Depression-era mobster Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel. A bootlegger, gambler, and hitman, he was the founder of *Murder, Incorporated* as well as the driving force behind the development of the Las Vegas strip.

Starring: Warren Beatty and Annette Bening

The menu will be the following: burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian options; potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans will round out the menu.

Plus Desserts and Drinks! It’s only $6 to attend!

RSVP to Aaron Schechtman, 544-8474 or schecha@cinci.rr.com

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Join CEC’s Men’s Club as they travel down to Great American Ballpark to see the Red’s Battle the Chicago Cubs on

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

It’s a 7:10pm game

Dinner first downtown – talk to Aaron Schechtman today to RESERVE your ticket and hold your seat.

$25 a ticket

For 3rd baseline seating

It’s a fun night out – carpools available.

Call Aaron now 544-8474!
GANGSTER GALA
COME AS A FLAPPER, COME AS YOU ARE,
come as a gangster or a silent screen star
It’s gonna be fun, no matter the dress
dress to impress and we will provide the rest

Join
CONGREGATION
ETZ CHAIM

SUNDAY
JUNE 26TH
SIX O’ CLOCK

This night will be the
Bee’s Knees & the Cat’s Meow!
$15 gets you in, wets your whistle

Dinner, Dancing,
Silent Auction,
Raffle Drawing*
Photo Booth,
Memories and More

R.S.V.P. by June 15th to receive the
secret code and instructions to
enter our Speakeasy #513-489-3399

*Our Synagogue Fundraising Raffle Winners will be drawn during the Gangster Gala. You need not be present to win but it does make the winning that much sweeter. Uncle Sal says don’t be a shmegegge buy a raffle ticket. They are only $25 a piece or 4 for $100 – Hey it’s to help a shul so do a mitzvah and buy a few. The prizes are $250 for 1st place, $150 for 2nd place, and $100 for 3rd place; 4th place, well you don’t get money but you do get a subscription to “cheesecake of the month” for 3 months. Tickets available in the office or for sale during the Gangster Gala!
Sole Fusion is Etz Chaim’s newest initiative designed for Cincinnati Jewish Singles 40 and better.

Our motto: Jewish Singles Meeting and Making Connections
Celebrating Life: Together
Our goal: Life position appropriate social activities to foster friendship, companionship, and the sharing of good times with other Jewish singles.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS INCLUDE:

**Dinner Together**
Tuesday, June 21
Olive Garden 6:30pm

**Duck Boats**
Sunday, July 17
Newport on the Levee

**Putt-Putt**
Sunday, August 28
Mini Golf & More

Watch for Details or Email: solefusioncincinnati@gmail.com in order to be added to our email and correspondence lists.

In order to make this initiative successful we need you our members to help us spread the word. We all have a single friend or two who might be interested in a group like this. This event is open to the community so it’s ok if they are members elsewhere or even unaffiliated. Help us create meaningful connections within our community.

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Foodie Card Update:

Russ Rosen, Chair of the Fundraising Committee
The current Foodie Cards expiring 12/31/2016 are now available for half price or $15/ deck. This is extremely reasonable, simply use two cards and you will more than pay yourself back. There are a limited number of decks available. You can receive a deck from Robyn Duvall, Aaron Schechtman, Jeff Gabbour, Randy Slovin, Alex Cohen, Russ Rosen, Sara Gati, Simon or Pam Newman, or simply call the office. This sale is over when the remaining inventory is sold.

The NEW FOODIE card deck will be available around June 1. It will expire on 12/31/2017 which is plenty of time to enjoy all of the cards. There are new restaurants that will be in the deck. Watch for coming announcement.
To welcome the holiday of Shavuot, celebrate with an evening of snacks, spices & study! Join educator Candy Kwiatek in an interactive *Tikkun Leyl Shavuot* – Shavuot study session – exploring the claim to credibility of the Sinai Revelation.

**Shavuot Day 1 Services**  
Sunday, June 12, 2016  
9:30AM Service  
Biblical Themed Lunch following Services  
Come join us for a spiritual, educational and interactive Shavuot Service & Food Special Display on the 12 tribes

**Shavuot Day 2 Services**  
Monday, June 13, 2016  
9:30AM Service  
11AM Yizkor (approximate time)  
Biblical Themed Lunch following Services
| June 1 - Iyar 24 | June 2 - Iyar 25 | June 3 - Iyar 26 | June 4 - Iyar 27 | June 5 - Iyar 28 | June 6 - Iyar 29 | June 7 - Sivan 1 | June 8 - Sivan 2 | June 9 - Sivan 3 | June 10 - Sivan 4 | June 11 - Sivan 5 | June 12 - Sivan 6 | June 13 - Sivan 7 | June 14 - Sivan 8 | June 15 - Sivan 9 | June 16 - Sivan 10 | June 17 - Sivan 11 | June 18 - Sivan 12 | June 19 - Sivan 13 | June 20 - Sivan 14 | June 21 - Sivan 15 | June 22 - Sivan 16 | June 23 - Sivan 17 | June 24 - Sivan 18 | June 25 - Sivan 19 | June 26 - Sivan 20 | June 27 - Sivan 21 |
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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 June (Tyr - Sivan) we remember:

- Sara Zuchowicki
- Julius Fialco*
- Esther Freid*
- Maurice Golding
- Isaac Goldstein*
- Adolph Jacobson
- Samuel Levine*
- Morris Lutzky
- Pauline “Pepi” Weiner*

- Joy Cohen
- Ben Klayman*

- Leonard Kaplan*
- Nellie Lepsky*
- Perry Liberman
- Alvin White*
- Emil Winkler*

- Henry Forman*
- Reuben Frisch*
- David Lewengood*
- Theodore Lisner*
- Bertha Nadelman*
- Fannie Tulch*
- Abraham Zeidman*

- Sylvain Baroukh*
- Esther Enzer
- Gerson Kuhr*
- Samuel Rotkin*
- Sarah Shernofsky*

- Howard Ehrlich
- Jack Ostin*

- Hyman Barsman*
- Sadie Barsman*
- Mitchell Meyer*
- Clara H. Petricoff*
- Annie Resnick*
- Harry Schneider*
- Aaron E. Slapin*
- Reva Smilansky

- Mae Borden*

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.

Of Blessed Memory

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This July (Sivan - Tammuz) we remember:

- Leonard Cohen*
- Betty Gendelman

- Yehuda Cohen*
- Rose Wiener
- Leah Winkler*

- Benny Friling
- Abraham Meyers
- Freda Ruben*
- Sura Schenker*
- Celia Weitzman*

- Miriam Abrams*
- Joseph Bowman, Sr.
- Ida Einhorn*
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This July (Sivan - Tammuz) we remember:

**July 8 - Tammuz 2**
- Sylvia Shor

**July 9 - Tammuz 3**
- Margaret Gutman
- Valerie Kutnicki
- Mary Lemlich
- Joseph Levine*
- Doris Moskowitz*
- Estelle Rosen
- Fenie Schneider*

**July 10 - Tammuz 4**
- Alex Abrams
- Izchak Fried*
- Margaret Gutman
- Sara Horzon
- Valerie Kutnicki
- Thelma Novick*

**July 11 - Tammuz 5**
- Max Baverman
- Abe Dorfman*
- Harry Franklin*
- Morris Goldberg*
- Abe Joffe
- Ross Kichler

**July 12 - Tammuz 6**
- Morris Berman*
- Benjamin Drucker*
- William Gold*
- Joseph Greenblatt*
- Dorothy Segal

**July 13 - Tammuz 7**
- Anna Milowsky*
- Harry Sax
- Alvin Schottenstein
- Louis Skolnick
- Libby Yourish*

**July 14 - Tammuz 8**
- Max Rosen*
- Rose Rosin*

**July 15 - Tammuz 9**
- Thelma Schottenfels
- Gusta Sonnenshein*
- Mina Sonnenshein*
- Leonard Weiss

**July 16 - Tammuz 10**
- Charles Litwack*

**July 17 - Tammuz 11**
- Harry Sway
- Rachel Weiser

**July 18 - Tammuz 12**
- Rose Gati
- Ike Jarnicki
- Joseph Klotsky*
- Maxine Landman
- Betty Meyer*
- Bessie Nogen*
- Harry Noiman
- Mel Rose*
- Morris Shokler
- Anna Sway
- Natalie Wacksman*

**July 19 - Tammuz 13**
- Dina Chill
- Henry Chill
- Harriet Cohen
- Meilich Dubinsky*
- Lawrence Jacobson
- Gershon Malowitz
- Harry Rockwern
- Samuel Singer
- Eda Spievack*

**July 20 - Tammuz 14**
- Melvin Caplan*
- Phillip Ganson*
- Sidney Kapson
- Edward Robinson

**July 21 - Tammuz 15**
- Iris Gayle Baneth
- Louis Gershman*
- Bernard Gordon
- Dora Kizner*
- Sarah Present*
- Israel Roseman
- Minnie Solomon
- Aron Zuchowicki

**July 22 - Tammuz 16**
- Israel Edlin
- Israel Fox*
- Fanny Gordon*
- Alvin Kuhr
- Daubert Levine*
- Charles Schweitzer
- Sidney Segal

**July 23 - Tammuz 17**
- Benjamin Shapiro*
- Abraham Steinberg*
- Helen Weber*

**July 24 - Tammuz 18**
- Emanuel Freeman*
- Simon Gertzman
- Marcus Kruke*
- Jacob Lerner
- Samuel Jay Meyer
- Saul Ratzman*
- Ethel Slapin*

**July 25 - Tammuz 19**
- Rose Funk*
- Joel Grossman*
- Samuel Okrent*
- Irving Perlman*
- Sari Shuster*
- Arnold Turteltaub*
- Marion Weinstein*

**July 26 - Tammuz 20**
- Abraham Kuh*
- Dennis McClung
- Sydney Perez
- Benjamin Rubinoff
- Edith Steinberg

**July 27 - Tammuz 21**
- Myron Maxwell
- Sam Skurow

**July 28 - Tammuz 22**
- Esther Kamenetsky*
- Gilbert Karp
- Edward Kaufman

**July 29 - Tammuz 23**
- Jacob Chodash*
- Esther Feldman*
- Lillian Goldstein*
- Roberta Lee Greenland*
- Abraham Kaufman*
- Rebecca Levine*
- Dolores Shifres

**July 30 - Tammuz 24**
- Elliot Ceasar
- Robert Monyek
- Tillie Rothstein
- Joseph Schechter*
- Samuel Tessel*
- David Wayne
Congregation Etz Chaim’s fifth scheduled participation at the Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen is Sunday, July 31st and we need your help to make this year just as successful as the last.

We promise that you will come away knowing you not only gave - you have received.

If you are interested in volunteering for our July 31st date at the OTR Soup Kitchen, please sign-up by contacting Matthew Brodof at 513-373-6925 or by email at mb371607@gmail.com

We have all seen the signs:


“Out of Work Mother of two kids. God bless.”

We’ve all felt the pangs of guilt or confusion and we’ve all felt the desire to help… this summer we are joining the nation-wide social action endeavor: “Blessing Bags”

Help us collect for and then create “Blessing Bags” which will then be distributed to those in need. This will be a summer-long project – help us fill the new donation bin in the lobby and watch for details when we are ready to assemble the bags.

Here are items we need from you (most can be purchased at the dollar store): Gallon Size Ziplock bags, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Tylenol (individual packets), individual tissue packets, antibacterial wipes, Band-Aids, razors, juice boxes, peanuts, granola bars, Safety pins, crackers and cheese, socks, deodorant, bar soap, mouthwash, comb, phone calling cards, additional non-perishables that won’t melt.

Tikkun Olam: A jewish concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world.
Gangsters and Lawmen

During the month of June, explore a fascinating aspect of Jewish-American history: gangsters and lawmen! There’s at least ONE activity that’s sure to appeal, so join in the fun and learning!

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
SHABBAT D’VAR

From the Bible to Brandeis and Bugsy:
Jewish Lawmen and Gangsters

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
EVENING MOVIE & DINNER

Bugsy, the Movie

Men’s Club and Education team up to present the classic feature movie Bugsy, a crime-drama film about the Depression-era mobster Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel. A bootlegger, gambler, and hitman, he was the founder of Murder, Incorporated as well as the driving force behind the development of the Las Vegas strip. Starring Warren Beatty and Annette Bening, Bugsy is the winner of two Oscars, a Golden Globe for best motion picture drama, and multiple other awards and nominations for acting, screenplay, cinematography, and music. Come learn about a fascinating era of Jewish-American history on the Big Screen!

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
TEXT STUDY

The Murderous Impulse: Lawmen & Gangsters
Unpacking the Torah: the 6th Commandment - During the Kiddush

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
BOOK CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Billy Bathgate by E. L. Doctorow
11:30am at Bronte Bistro (Joseph Beth Books)

Doctorow turns fact into fiction in this tale of a bold Irish teen, who is accepted into the inner circle of the notorious (Jewish) Dutch Schultz gang. Told in first person, the story recounts how Billy cleverly infiltrates the gang and later becomes a protégé to one of the most infamous murdering gangsters of New York City’s Depression-era underworld. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle award for fiction, the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, and the runner up for both the 1990 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, Billy Bathgate is one of Doctorow’s boldest and most beloved bestsellers.

This book is available in hardcover, paperback, and kindle versions, and can be found in most local libraries. Bring your copy to the luncheon!!! Please RSVP your attendance to Candy by June 14 to ensure sufficient seating: KITANDCABOODLE@gmail.com or call 937-901-0300

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - 6PM
GANGSTER GALA
ETZ CHAIM SPEAKEASY
Unpacking the Commandments

June 18, during Shabbat Kiddush

The Aseret haDibrot, the Ten Sayings often called the Ten Commandments, are familiar to most of us. But can you name the laws on the two tablets? What exactly does the sixth commandment say? Do all humans have a murderous impulse? Is the command not to murder a law or a value? Is it universal? How do you know? How can you murder without killing someone? Join us with your Kiddush nosh in the library and begin the exploration…

June’s topic: #6
The Murderous Impulse: Lawmen & Gangsters

Wisdom on Wednesdays
Do you ever take time to really wrestle with the ideas and themes of the Torah? Do you ever wonder about the Torah’s connections to our everyday modern lives? Wisdom on Wednesdays is just such an opportunity to explore the Torah through text study, geography, history, and current events with a small, lively group. Join in as we explore Deuteronomy while engaging in conversation, building friendships, and just having fun! NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Join in on Wednesdays at Bronte Bistro (Joseph Beth Books) from 3:00-4:30pm. Classes will be held from June 1 through July 20.

For more information and updates, contact Candy at kitandcaboodle@gmail.com.

Unpacking the Commandments

July 9, during Shabbat Kiddush

Two Tablets. Just Ten Sayings. Can you name them? In order? Is their order even significant? And if these 10 sayings are for everyone, why is one of them only about married couples – or isn’t it? Join us with your Kiddush nosh in the library and begin the exploration…

The Boundaries of “6” and “8”
Synagogue Correspondence  
JUNE & JULY  
Synagogue Happenings  

We extend our condolences to:

The family of Robert Lemlich z”l

We wish a speedy recovery to:
Frank Ruben
Barbara Rosen

We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to:
Leah Cohen on the birth of her great granddaughter

Upcoming Events: JUNE

June Birthday Minyan  
Friday Night, June 3 – 6PM
If you were born in the month of June we want to celebrate with you! Join us for birthday cake following our one hour Friday night service

Men’s Club Picnic & Movie Night  
Sunday, June 5, 2016 – 5pm
We’ve got all the fixin’s for a swell picnic but that’s not all. We have a great flick “Bugsy” starring Warren Beatty and Annette Bening – Only $6 for a kosher picnic – unheard of! RSVP to Aaron today!

Sisterhood Closing Dinner & Tribute to Israel  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 6:30pm
We’ll have an Israeli Feast and a special wrap up program reviewing our past year. We’ll also honor our Israel Trip participants. $10 for members $12 for guests. RSVP to Stephany.

Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – 7:30pm

Shavuot
Tikkun Leyl – Saturday Night Learning, June 11th – 9:30pm
Day 1- Sunday, June 12th – 9:30am services & Biblical themed lunch
Day II – Monday, June 13th 9:30am services, Yizkor & lunch

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.

With larger groups, comes more expenses. Therefore our prices have been changed. The price to sponsor a basic kiddush lunch will now be $100. This will consist of 1 salad, a protein dish, bread & a dessert. The enhanced dairy Kiddush will be $225. To add a fish dish, a veggie tray & a dessert tray to the enhanced Kiddush will be $300. In order 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!
Gangster Book Discussion:  
“Billy Bathgate”  
Thursday, June 16, 2016  
11:30am at Joseph Beth Books

Unpacking the Commandments  
Adult Education  
Saturday, June 18, 2016  
Following Kiddush in the Library

Gangster Gala  
Summer Raffle Drawing  
1920s Rip Roaring Good Time  
Sunday Night, June 26, 2016  
6pm – dinner, dancing, drinks and so much more. RSVP today and buy those raffle tickets!!!

Men’s Club Baseball Outing  
Tuesday Night, June 28, 2016  
Reds vs. Cubs – 7:10pm  
Reserve your ticket by calling Aaron Schechtman today $25per. Ticket

Upcoming Events: July

July Birthday Minyan  
Friday Night, July 1 – 6PM  
If you were born in the month of July we want to celebrate with you! Join us for birthday cake following our one hour Friday night service

Shabbat Dinner at Weller Park  
Friday Night, July 8, 2016  
Join us for ruach filled services and deli dinner – Shabbat in the sunlight

SOLE FUSION  
Jewish Singles  
Duck Boat Outing @ Newport  
Sunday, July 17, 2016

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen  
Sunday, July 31, 2016  
Contact Matt Brodof for more details. Thank you to the Sandor Kutas Fund for making this endeavor possible

Sneak Peak: August

Sisterhood Attic Sale  
Thursday, August 4th  
Friday, August 5th and Sunday, August 7th

Tisha B’Av  
Saturday Night, August 13, 2016  
Special 3D, Multilingual Presentation about the History of the Day – designed by Chava, created by our members for our Synagogue – 9:30pm

2nd Annual CEC Car Show  
Sunday, August 21, 2016  
All makes, models and years will be on hand for our second Car Show. Come support our Synagogue, see the cars, enjoy the food & learn what a car show is all about 8am to 3pm

SOLE FUSION  
Jewish Singles  
Putt-Putt  
Sunday, August 28, 2016
Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit
Ida Malinsky, Mother
Shirley & Martin Ruben
Becky Golding, Sister
Ida Lerer
Aaron Friedenberg, Father
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg
Herb Haber, Father
Lynne Haber
James Shmalo, Husband
Rose Shmalo
Elaine Ninio, Wife
Sami Ninio
Gertrude Dannenberg, Mother
Larry & Betty Dannenberg
Rick Porter, Beloved Friend
Terry Brodof
Frances Viner Landman, Mother
Jack Landman
Lillian Schlesinger Mellman, Mother
Jerry & Phyllis Mellman
Donald Kuhr, Husband
Harriet Kuhr
Helene Zwerdling, Sister-in-Law
Esther Zwerdling
Thelma Lipsky, Grandmother
Sheila & Robert Lipsky
Bessie Feldman, Mother & Grandmother
Marian Ehrlich
Barbara Hanish
Nellie Hanna Russo, Sister
Francine F. Heilman-McClung
Mary Rose, Mother
Evelyn Feldman
Ivy Sawdai, Mother
Albert & Karen Sawdai
Annette Kusel, Mother
Albert & Karen Sawdai
Martin H. Linder, Brother
Nelson Linder
Gustav Linder, Father
Nelson Linder
Boris Sacks, Father
Barry & Melanie Joffe

Arthur Neuer, Uncle
Dayva A. Green
Louis Rothchild, Husband
Frances Rothchild
Fannie Siegel, Mother
Leah Cohen
Mel Shapiro, Father
Ron Shapiro
Rae Nagler Alter, Sister-in-Law
Adele Nagler
Gerald Marvin Lerer, Husband & Father
Hatsy Lerer & Family
Aaron Schilmeister, Uncle
Howard Mayers
In memory of all my departed loved ones during
Yizkor
Audrey Martin
Alice Plotkin
George Camins, Father
Sharon & Larry Dugan
Helen Freeman, Sister
Adele
Memory
To Stuart Richards & Family
IMO Brother
From the Lerer Family
To Mitch Katz
IMO Father
From Rona Peerless
To Shirley Nathan
IMO Husband
From Joel Nathan
Francine & Larry Heit
Ms. Janice Aron
Doug Reed & Andrew Knox
Reverend Jeffrey Knox
Ophra Weisberg
To Amy Nathan
IMO Father
From Lavern Mooney & Friends of Amy
To Carol Fletcher
IMO Husband Stuart
From Nancy & Alvin Dorfman
**Honor**
To Pam & Simon Newman  
IHO Anniversary  
From Margot Nathan

To Rabbi & Mrs. H. Balk  
IHO Daughter’s Marriage  
From Rona Peerless

To Hatsy Lerer  
IHO Twins  
From Marty & Shirley Ruben

To Brian Wolfe  
IHO Thanks for Seder food  
From Hatsy Lerer

To Chava Vidal  
IHO Thanks for Seder food  
From Hatsy Lerer

**Very Generous Donations Were Received**
IHO Marissa Rogoff: 2nd year Residency program at Mission Bay Health in Asheville, NC  
From Mark Rogoff

IHO Etz Chaim Staff & Volunteers  
From Jim & Carol Nathanson

**Aliyot**
Barb Rosen

**Lily and Frank Friedman**  
Prayer Book Fund

**Yahrzeit**
Fannie Siegel, Mother  
Ann Klein  

Linda Gayle Klein, Daughter  
Ann Klein & Family

**Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund**

**Yahrzeit**
Harry Schiff, Father  
Myra Schiff

Arnold Stein, Father  
John Stein

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**ANISH/OKRENT REMEMBRANCE WALL**

The Anish/Okrent Remembrance Wall is dedicated in memory of:

- Harry & Ethel Anish
- 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.

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**SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP**

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.
We interrupt your reading of the news in the bulletin for, well, breaking news. This hot news is fresh from the kitchen:

ANNOUNCER: Crews are standing by ready to prepare a kiddish meal, just for you. Well not just for you, but on your behalf. Confused? Well you won’t be soon.

Let’s go LIVE TO THE KITCHEN and a conversation we recently overheard which should explain everything:

Brian: Hi Terry. Watcha doing?
Terry: What does it look like? I am baking a cake?
Brian: What’s it for?
Terry: To eat?
Brian: No. I mean Is there a special occasion?
Terry: Ahh. Yes. We have a sponsored kiddish. It is a surprise birthday kiddish and this cake was specially requested.
Brian: you mean we do special requests?

ANNOUNCER: Yes folks, you heard it here first - Etz Chaim kitchen volunteers are standing by … ok, sitting around drinking beer, but they are ready, willing and able to put together a special kiddish.

Do you have an anniversary or a birthday coming up? We got you covered with a special kiddish.

How about a new child, new grandchild or even a new pet? We got you covered with a special kiddish.

What about a new job, a new house, a new car? We got you covered with a special kiddish.

Just want to force other people to eat what you want? We got you covered with a special kiddish.

WE MEAN IT FOLKS - LET’S CELEBRATE!!

Do you have something to be excited about? Some News or a Simcha you want to share?

One of the best ways to mark an event or to honor an achievement like a graduation, an engagement, a birthday – or simply share a Shabbat with friends is to: SPONSOR A KIDDUSH!

We have open Shabbat dates to choose – simply contact Hank, choose the date and We’ll do all the rest – Operators and Volunteers are standing by! (513) 489-3399

Donation Prices start at $180.00
SING SING SING

The Pri Yadeiha (PY) women’s choir took part in Sisterhood Shabbat on May 21, singing two songs - one of which has now become our signature song, written by Rachel Nidich Covitch in honor of her mother, Marianne Nidich. Thank you to all who sang for this special Shabbat - we think we sounded nice 😊.

Ruach Etz Chaim will once again lend their voices to our High Holy Day Services. The choir is currently 14 voices strong, but we would be delighted to strengthen the choir with more voices. Please contact Barbara or Emmy if you are interested in joining us. There are no "try-outs," just a love of music and the ability to sing. It is not even necessary to be able to read Hebrew or to read music, as some of our members can do neither. We only ask that you commit to coming to most of the scheduled practices as well as coming to services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our first choir rehearsal, as we begin to focus on the High Holy Day (noted as HHD) liturgy, will be on Sunday, July 3, time tba. We plan to email a summer/fall rehearsal schedule to choir members in June.

The only other task for Ruach Etz Chaim over the next few months is to learn two short pieces written by Meir Ovadia, to be sung during a service in September. Ruach debuted one other tune (Sim Shalom), written by Meir, at a Shabbat service not long ago.

For more information, contact Emmy Friedenberg at ebfriedenberg@gmail.com or Barbara Taggart-Milberg at bdtaggart@yahoo.com.

Musically yours,
Barbara and Emmy
IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

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

Special Thank You to:

Aaron & Stephany Schechtman for sponsoring Kiddush on May 14th in honor of their wedding anniversary

Sisterhood for sponsoring the Kiddush on May 21st in honor of their special Sisterhood Shabbat

Happy Anniversary to:

3 Harriet & Marc Feigenblatt
15 William & Marsha Berger
16 Dana Kolovson & Barbara Taggart-Milberg
18 Sanford & Toby Franklin
18 Kim & Candy Kwiatek
18 Russ & Arlene Rosen
18 Herbert & Eleanor Segal
21 Daniel & Susan Littman
21 Diane & Alan Sirkin
21 Ronn & Leslie Sokol
24 George & Sara Gati
27 Charles & Debbie Pettis

Congratulations to all our June Birthdays!

2 Caryn Duvall 15 Elaine Skurow
4 Leah Cohen 18 Dale Forman
5 Carol Friedman 21 Steven Segerman
6 Pamela Newman 21 Diane Sirkin
8 Carney Sotto 23 Matthew Brodof
9 Erika Gordon 24 Russ Goldner
9 Mordechai Higgins 26 Philip Edlin
9 Melanie Pettis 29 Charles Enzer
10 Jane Cohen 30 David Weil
10 Robyn Wolfe
11 Zion Moskowitz
12 Howard Yasgur
14 Aaron Schechtman
14 Fred Zeifman
15 Randy Sandow

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

Friday Night, June 3, 2016

Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we’ll have cake in honor of all our June 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.
Share a simcha with your synagogue family – call the office today to schedule a sponsored Kiddush!

Mazel Tov

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- **July 4**  Stuart & Rosalyn Richards
- **July 9**  Paul & Marianne Nidich
- **July 19**  Stanley & Reenie Kravetz
- **July 26**  Mark & Ellen Greenberger
- **July 31**  Howard & Diane Yasgur

**Congratulations to all our July Birthdays!**

1. Mike Moskowitz  20. Adam Berger
2. Ethan Krimins  20. Laura Mendelson
4. Ray Kantor  25. Kim Kwiatek
8. Miki Moskowitz  27. Melanie Joffe
8. Shirley Nedelman  27. John Stein
8. Alice Plotkin  28. Robyn Duvall
12. Alex Cohen  29. Eudice Ginsberg
12. Emily Goldberg  29. Francine Heilmann-McClung
13. Samantha Segerman  29. Rona Peerless
14. MJ Wayne  30. Benjamin Kutnicki
17. Marc Dale Skurow  31. Jan Arenstein
19. Harvey Cohen
19. Russ Rosen

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

Friday Night, July 1, 2016

Kabbalat Shabbat services start at 6pm in the chapel then at 7pm we’ll have cake in honor of all our July Birthdays! We’ll see you there!

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- **GANGSTER SERMON**
- **Tikkun Leyl Shavuot 9:30pm**
- **Unpacking the Torah**
- **Sisterhood Closing Dinner Israeli Feast 6:30pm**
- **Men’s Club Baseball Game 7:10pm**
- **Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm**
- **Krabbelat Shabbat Services 6pm**
- **Ritual Mtg 10:30am**
- **Picnic & Movie Screening: Bugsy, the Movie**
- **Sole Fusion Dinner 6:30pm Olive Garden**
- **Cornell Road Board Meeting 5:30pm**
- **Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm**
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**Happy Yom Yerushalayim!**

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Etz Chaim isn’t just a synagogue… it’s a home…

The warm weather has finally arrived. Make sure to purchase a Summer Raffle ticket, it’s a great way to help the shul and you could win cash prizes!!!

Contact the office at 513-489-3399