

Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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.

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Message from your President – Simon Newman



As I sit and type this month's President's Message, from my kitchen window I see birds flitting about, and squirrels chasing each other across the lawn and up and down trees. The sun shines brightly. Clearly, spring has arrived with its promise of renewal and freshness. Thankfully, at least for me, Passover is over. It is not my favorite holiday as matzoh.....well, never mind. However, I did enjoy Etz Chaim's second Seder as did a large number

of our congregational family. This event certainly is not your typical Seder. Yes, we cover the basics, but in a joyful and fun atmosphere. It is not the traditional long drawn out Maxwell House Haggadah version. (Those of you my age or older know to what I refer) Our congregational Seder is an event I greatly anticipate, and once again the Seder exceeded expectations.

Indeed, as my time as President of CEC winds down, and I think about moving to Florida, my thoughts have turned to what I embrace about our synagogue, and what I most definitely will miss. I realize that CEC provides an excellent balance of the serious and the fun, and many times mixes both at the same time. (For example, Sukkah building and the reading of the Megillah on Purim). Like all conservative synagogues we have Shabbat services, but ours are constantly evolving to enhance the worship experience. (See elsewhere in the bulletin for our latest incarnation).

We have numerous education programs so congregants can stretch their knowledge of Judaism, and even challenge traditional dogma. These programs are by nature discussions, not pedagogical presentations. The forum allows everyone to express an opinion, or two, which cannot be deemed right or wrong as Torah is open to interpretation.

Undoubtedly, the synagogue events would not be so engaging if not for the people who comprise our community. Thus, I truly will miss our expanded synagogue family and all the new friends I have made as a result of our merger. Believe it or not, I will even miss helping out in the kitchen on Thursday evenings. No question, I've been indoctrinated! I take great pride in proclaiming that Congregation Etz Chaim has evolved and matured since its founding a little over two years ago.

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We are a bright spot in the Jewish Community, and becoming brighter. We all need to make a conscious effort to continue our upward momentum. With that idea in mind I would like to end this message with “A Special Thought” quoted from the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism:

We shall do more than belong.....we shall participate.

We shall do more than believe.....we shall practice.

We shall do more than care.....we shall hope.

We shall do more than be fair.....we shall be kind.

We shall do more than forgive.....we shall forget.

We shall do more than be friendly.....we shall be friends.

We shall do more than dream.....we shall work.

We shall do more than teach.....we shall enrich.

We shall do more than give.....we shall serve.

We shall do more than live.....we will GROW!

Ritual Matters for May 2017

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

There are some exciting things coming down the pike. We started the ball rolling with our “What’s ‘NU’ with Services”, where we alternate the Saturday services venue between chapel and sanctuary, based on feedback received. The most exciting changes to come start in June and will continue on a trial basis throughout the summer months. A quick overview is noted below but please read more about it elsewhere in this bulletin. We ask that you keep an open mind and bear with us as we take our Saturday services down some varied and exciting paths.

Saturday Shabbat Services in June, July and August will alternate through four different versions or styles – one for each Shabbat of the month. The four services are a) Traditional Shabbat in the sanctuary b) Mayim Chaim Shabbat in the Sanctuary c) Shabbat Simcha in the chapel and d) Kol Hanesama in the chapel. We hope that the mix of these new approaches pleases our congregants, understanding that this will all be trial period. We want to hear from you, so please, please give us your feedback with each service style and gives us as much reasoning as possible behind your likes and dislikes. RITCOM can only respond to you if you respond to us! Again, read more about these upcoming planes elsewhere in the bulletin.

Here’s more exciting news coming your way: Back by popular demand, Cantor Lubin will once again be joining us for the 5778 High Holy Days come this fall. We know that having Cantor Lubin’s wonderful participation in our services is a big asset to us and to the community at large and we are very pleased to host him again this year.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Pesah and now it’s time for the next holiday - Shavuot! Shavuot services will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, May 31 at 9:30 am and on Thursday, June 1 at 9:30 am. Yizkor will be recited at the June 1 service.

The RITCOM serves and responds to the Etz Chaim community and we welcome and appreciate all of your thoughts, comments and suggestions. Please don’t hesitate to give us your feedback so that we may respond as best we can. We thank you for both your interest and support in Etz Chaim ritual affairs.

-Barry & Barbara

Different branches but all part of the same tree...

We are made up of different age demographics, with different levels of Hebrew, different levels of engagement, different levels of participation, with different customs and desires.

So, we are excited to announce the roll out of our new Summer Services.

We have created four separate Shabbat Morning Services.

Each Shabbat will be held three times during the summer months on a rotating basis.

The Four Shabbatot Are:

Shabbat Simcha
Traditional Shabbat
Mayim Chaim Shabbat
Neshama Shel Shabbat

Full descriptions of each service can be found on the next two pages of the bulletin. We encourage you to find a service that fits your style and perhaps to use this summer to step outside of your comfort zone and try something new.

Different branches but all part of the same tree...



Watch for our mailer in May that will include additional information about this innovative approach to Shabbat Morning Services.

Shabbat Simcha

Simcha means joy. This service will be coordinated by Hank and Chava. We have been working to create a service that brings to light the happiness and joy that is inherent in our religion. We have survived generations of persecution and still kept our yiddisha neshama, our Jewish soul. We believe that's due to a love of our faith and an innate desire to feel joy. Shabbat can be this island of simcha in a busy week. This high energy two-hour service is designed to fill your needs and send you on your way. It will feature the basic framework of a traditional Shabbat morning service but will be abridged to teach new tunes, include English and boost the ruach. This service will have regular Torah Reading with interactive Torah trivia to encourage congregants to read along in English. In lieu of a Haftorah this service will offer a component entitled "Torah in Today's World," a take home idea that can be applied to everyday life. It's a two-hour commitment of time out of your week that is full of learning and simcha.

Time Frame: 10am to 12pm

Location: The Chapel

Shabbat, June 3

Shabbat, July 1

Shabbat, July 29

Traditional Shabbat

This is the Shabbat morning service you think of when you remember coming as a child to shul or that your Zeide would attend. Traditional Shabbat will feature well-known tunes, the full service and a full Haftorah. It will also feature an insightful d'var torah. This service will revive the familiar and classic concept of "Shabbat morning services." In Judaism, the way to refer to someone who leads the prayers is "Shaliach Tzibbur" meaning "messenger on behalf of the congregation." We will be their kehillah, their community. When they lead, we will follow; when they say V'imru we'll say Amen. This service will evoke memories of days gone by and yet create pathways between our modern lives and our relationship with Hashem (God).

Time Frame: 9:30am to 12pm

Location: The Sanctuary

Shabbat, June 10

Shabbat, July 8

Shabbat, August 5

Mayim Chaim Shabbat

The name Mayim Chaim means “water of life.” We used this title to convey the key concept behind this Shabbat, making Torah part of our everyday lives. We cannot survive three days without water, so too as Jews we cannot go three days without Torah. This Shabbat will be centered around the Torah reading and include thematic elements from the weekly parsha in the d’var, Kiddush menu and centerpieces. We will bring the biblical stories to life through food and other creative storytelling methods. This Shabbat will showcase our large group of lay leaders. It will feature an abridged Haftorah and davener’s choice of tunes. Both amidahs will be heicha kedushas. Dip your toe in the water at our Mayim Chaim Shabbat.

Time Frame: 9:30am to 12pm

Location: The Sanctuary

Shabbat, June 17

Shabbat, July 15

Shabbat, August 12

Neshama Shel Shabbat

The service will be coordinated by Lynne and Candy. It will include lots of singing, and a bit more English than the traditional service. “Kavvanot” will weave teachings into the structure of the service itself, to facilitate a deeper understanding and connection to our liturgy. The service will include all the key elements and structure of the service, but will focus more on the *kavvanah* (the feeling behind the prayer) than the *kevah* (fixed structure). The Torah service will be abbreviated (with 3 aliyot according to the custom of some liberal streams of Judaism), and musaf will be highly abbreviated, in order to allow time for an extended Torah discussion. This service is designed for people who are looking for a more informal service, with lots of singing. We will help deepen each other’s connection to the liturgy and engage in the service from multiple emotional, intellectual, and spiritual perspectives.

Time Frame: 10am to 12pm

Location: The Chapel

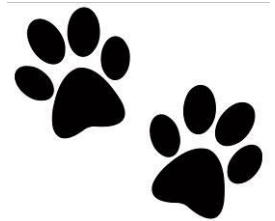
Shabbat, June 24

Shabbat, July 22

Shabbat, August 19

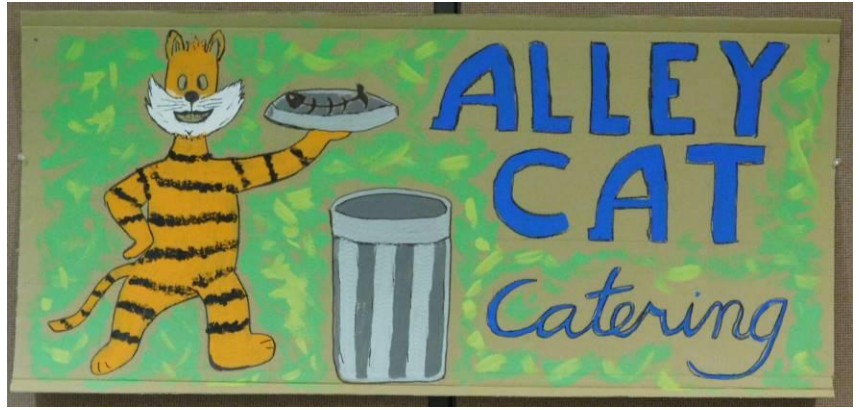


Thank you to the 200 people who chose to celebrate Purim with us. From the Megillah reading, to the Purim Seudah (meal), from the beautiful Mishloach Manot bags that Sisterhood Prepared to the thematic room display - Everything was Purr...fect!



Special Thank you to those that brought in donations for the SPCA. We were able to deliver over 4 boxes of supplies to help our four legged furry friends.





Etz Chaim
PURIM - 2017



Kats were in the halls at Cedar Village. Encore-Encore!

By: Terry Brodof

Whenever we recognize that we have the opportunity to reach out to our congregants living at Cedar village, we do our best to make it happen. We jumped at the opportunity once again on March 19, 2017. It has become a tradition that following the Purim shpiel performance at our synagogue, we give an encore performance to the residents of Cedar Village on the Cedar Village stage. It is open to all residents and to all of our congregants that missed the production at Purim, as well as to all the guests visiting residents at Cedar Village that day. This year, as in years before, we played to a full house. As soon as the music began, the few empty seats were quickly filled by onlookers and the performance by the cast began.

The cast members were in full makeup and costumes on March 19th and the audience k'veld over the performance of *Kats A Purr...sian Purim Tail* and the opportunity to enjoy the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber sung to the lyrics of Chaya Vidal, the playwright.

Our cast each year volunteers to give up a couple months of Sundays for practices and to learn the play in order to perform it during Purim. Most of the members agree, the mitzvah opportunity to bring the performance to the residents of Cedar Village is the highlight of the work effort they put into making the mini play come to life.

Following the performance, cast members went in to the audience to take pictures with and to talk with the residents of Cedar Village. A shared sense of joy was felt by everyone in the hall. The cast stayed at Cedar Village quite a while with the residents.

When a group of us, which included 3 cast members, next returned to Cedar Village for our Trivia night, an activity Hank leads every 4th Wednesday of each month, we brought a poster with us highlighting pictures of the cast members with the audience. We put it in the lobby. There immediately was a small crowd gathered around it re-living the afternoon. During that trivia session, after noticing what was happening in the lobby, one of the cast members attending the trivia night was asked, and agreed, to give an encore performance of one of the songs to a round of applause.

We may not always realize how large a small act of giving or kindness impacts others. Sometimes you get the opportunity to see a glimpse of the gratitude and joy. We do a lot of outreach to the community at Etz Chaim. We have programs like trivia night at Cedar Village, serving meals at the Over the Rhine soup kitchen, the Purim shpiel performances, just to name just a few. We encourage you to participate. Sign up to make a difference; you quite likely will get more out of the experience than you anticipate. We did this year at Cedar Village.



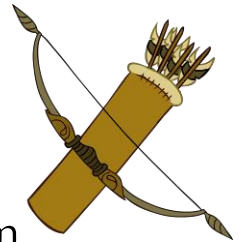
CEC Brought Purim Cheer To residents of Cedar Village





ל"ג בעומר

Come and Celebrate Lag B'Omer
with your Synagogue Family



Saturday Night, May 13, 2017 – 8:30pm

Dinner

Adult Libations

Havdalah

Bonfire

“Lager” B'Omer Taste Test



Live Music with
Mitch Liberman & so
much more....

RSVP to the office

\$5 to attend!



Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

The baking and cooking and pomp and circumstance of Purim leads us to Passover. By the time you are reading this, Passover will be over and the most important of the four questions will have been answered: Does “bourbon and hamentashen make a good breakfast.” (for a refresher of the questions, see bulletin from last month.)

How do we get from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to the almost utter chaos of Passover? Passover has always been one of those holidays that makes me think about what it must have been like to have lived at the time of exodus.

Foraging for food in the wilderness. Foraging for food at the grocery store. Pretty close to the same thing, right? Head over to Kroger, no sheep or goat grazing and no potato chips. So head on over the next Ridge (road) only to remember that Remke moved down to Hyde Park, or is it hid in Hyde Park?

Pack away your normal everyday kitchen and drag out special dishes, pots, pans and utensils and bring out your fine china. And by fine, I don't mean the good stuff. This isn't like a real holiday where you bring out the china, the real silverware and the crystal glasses. This is the “what can I buy that is just cheap enough to get the job done” holiday because after all I am just going to dump into in a bin (or box) and hide it away for year.

And then there is the cleaning. Got to be spotless, right? Small kitchen, no problem. How about the shul kitchen? Again. No problem. Not with a team of 20.



Clear the counters and scrub them down



Pack everything away and cover all the shelves



Have a drink or three



And then ... Burn, baby, Burn.



Ready for pesach.

I hope your foraging and scavenger hunt was as much fun as mine. Tell me about your fun at our next event.

Special Thank you to our Team:

Sandy Baden Terry Brodof
Jane Cohen Hallie Dovich
Mordechai Higgins
Hank Lerer Jenny Lichtenstei
Andy & Laura Maxwell
Michelle Moncarz
Richard Pywen Simon Newman
Barb Rosen Russ Rosen
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
Barbara Taggart-Milberg
Chava Vidal
Brian & Robyn Wolfe



A huge thank you goes out from Sisterhood to all who took part in this year's Hamentaschen baking project and Mishloach Manot bags. Every Etz Chaim and Beit Chaverim congregant as well as every Sisterhood member enjoyed the sweetness of Purim thanks to your efforts!

The Sisterhood visited Matthew 25 Ministries on 3/21. We toured the facility to learn about the effects of natural disasters and how Matthew 25 Ministries works to provide relief efforts. We then prepared supplies to get them ready to be sent to the needy. We are still supporting Ronald McDonald House by collecting pop tabs so feel free to drop those off at the synagogue when you are in the building.

Spring has finally arrived and, with it, Spring cleaning! Start saving your giveaways for the Annual Sisterhood Attic Sale. If you know of someone who is moving, let them know we accept furniture and household goods. The sale is tentatively planned for the first weekend of August - more details to come.

Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on 5/6 this year. If you are a Sisterhood member and would like to participate, we have a part for you! Please let Stephany Schechtman know. We hope everyone will come out to support the lovely and talented women of Etz Chaim as they lead the congregation in worship.

Lastly, mark your calendars for 9/10. We'd like you to hold the date as we make plans for a Sisterhood Donor Luncheon that would not be complete without you!

With Undying Love for Etz Chaim,

Sandy and Laura

Start saving your "stuff" for our annual attic sale.
Watch for more details in the June Bulletin.
Your old possessions could be someone else's treasures!
Want to get involved? Contact Stephany for more details!



Adult Education

Congregation Etz Chaim – Offering Learning for Life

Wisdom on Wednesdays

Exploring Torah with others is even better than listening or reading alone, because everyone together brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences to the discussion.

Join in as we continue to “unpack” Deuteronomy – you’re guaranteed an “aha” moment or two along with the lively conversation! Come when your schedule allows or every week – there’s plenty of room!

NEWCOMERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME –

NO TEXT STUDY EXPERIENCE OR HEBREW NECESSARY.

Wednesdays at Bronte Bistro

(Joseph Beth Books @ Rookwood)

3:00-4:30pm followed by dinner, if you choose to stay!

Classes will be held on May 10 & 24

To receive email reminders and change or cancellation notices, contact Candy at KITANDCABOODLE@gmail.com



Cedar Village

Senior Care & Community

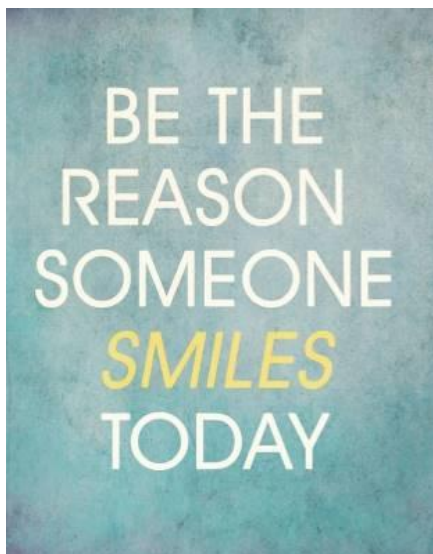


Join Congregation Etz Chaim as we visit the residents of Cedar Village for a fun filled hour of board games and schmoozing.

Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 3pm – 4pm

We'll bring the board games,
All you need to do is smile and be willing to brighten someone else's day!

Please let Chava know if you can attend!





MEN'S CLUB

2016-2017 has been an exciting year for our Men's Club. We have seen amazing increase in membership and hope that more men will be sending their dues in soon. Along with membership comes fun comraderie with others from Etz Chaim.

Last month the "Hole In The Wall Gang" hosted a poker party with new attendees Russ Rosen and Russ Goldner, teaching us new games that cost us dearly. Watch the e-blast for our next poker evening and come join the fun, with pizza and beer.

The Men's Club sponsored a Shabbat morning kiddish with speaker Dr. Gary Smith sharing the fundamentals of Keruv. It is the integration of non-Jews into Jewish life without conversion. It is an important aspect of a synagogue's philosophy with the high statistics of intermarriage. It stresses the importance of keeping our young Jewish adults involved in Judaism. We hope to continue our speaker series.

Watch for the bulletin and e-blast for announcements about future Men's Club activities, including a Red's outing and possible picnic with games and gambling.

Our organization has run with the same few officers for the last several years. It is time for some new faces to get involved in offices. Please consider taking an office and getting involved. If interested, contact Aaron Schechtman



A huge Yasher Koach and Thank You to everyone who helped make our Seder Possible. From cleaning the kitchen, to setting the table, from cooking to serving, from reservations to cleaning the tables – this event is a shining example of the power of volunteers:

Special Thank you to Herb and Eleanor Segal who donated the beautiful snap dragons that made our Seder tables look so festive!

Tikkun Olam Corner

Once again Etz Chaim has stepped up to prepare and serve meals at the Over-the-Rhine Soup Kitchen in 2017.

The following dates are the Sundays we are assigned to work the soup kitchen. Please consider volunteering and reserve one of these dates on your calendar.

MAY 21, 2017

October 15, 2017
November 26, 2017

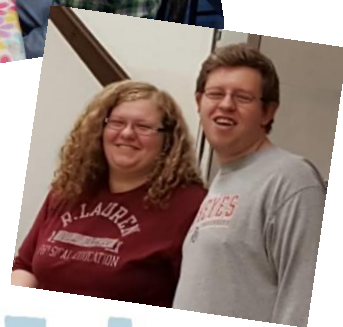
Matthew Brodof
Etz Chaim Soup Kitchen Chairperson

Please contact me if you would like to be a volunteer on any of the above dates in 2017.

513-373-6925 or mb371607@gmail.com

This endeavor is made possible by the Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund

VOLUNTEER



GET
INVOLVED



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

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 May (Iyar- Sivan) we remember:

May 1 - Iyar 5

Betty Hoffman
Linda Gayle Klein*
Barry Waxler
Louis Zimov

May 2 - Iyar 6

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

May 3—Iyar 7

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

May 4—Iyar 8

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

May 5--Iyar 9

Alter Breit*

May 6—Iyar 10

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

May 7—Iyar 11

Gizella Schwartz

May 8—Iyar 12

Rebecca Hecht
Eva Jaeger*
Abe Skurow*

May 9—Iyar 13

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

May 10—Iyar 14

Rose Shuman*

May 11—Iyar 15

Marilyn Barnett*
Marjorie Beller
Zinovy Braslavsky
Ira Cohen

Melvin Gillett*
Katie Kreindler*
Frieda Leventhal*
Etta Marcus*
Gaston Perez
Abe Pywen*
Isadore Smith*

May 12—Iyar 16

Edward Faust
Marvin Goldberg*
Fannie Horwitz*
Yehuda Laor
Ruth Schraeder*
Anna Sirkin*
Jack Tolpen*

May 13 - Iyar 17

Dora Barg*
Mary Merdinger
Joyce Prager*
Jack Roth
Howard Wacksman*

May 14 - Iyar 18

Esther Donny*
Bessie Drucker*
Sarah Landy*
Amelia Lipman*
Sholom Litwack*
Morris Milowsky*
Israel Petricoff*
Bella Zwerdling

May 15 - Iyar 19

Nehemiah Himelfarb*
David Neuer*
Robert Pilder*
Bertha Wacksman*
Mose Yanoff*

May 16 - Iyar 20

Florence Brodof*
Chava Feldman*
Kevin Heilmann*
Irvin Laibson*

May 17 - Iyar 21

Anna Freeman*
Geraldine Goodman
Irvin Greenfield
Hubert Hurst
William Kadetz*
Joseph Kichler
Eudice Landman
Bertha Lipsky*
Herbert Okrent*
Sophie Peerless
Moses Zwerdling

May 18 - Iyar 22

Louis Cusher*

Abraham Marcus*
Dora Raboff*
Yehuda Schechter*
Joy Tessel*

May 19 - Iyar 23

Mitchell Bernat*
Solomon Bershad*
Abe Cohen
Isaac Cohen
Noah Frey*
Hannah Marks*
Jean Maxwell
Eli Mellman*
Morris Weiner*

May 20 - Iyar 24

Leah Kichler
Mary Moncarz
Lynelle Pepper*
Reuben Rothstein
Esther Zeigman*

May 21 - Iyar 25

SaraLee Arnovitz
Doreen Goldfarb*
Charles Heiman
Dora Himelfarb*
Leah Plost*

May 22 - Iyar 26

Sarah Sattler*
Mollie Skurow

May 23 - Iyar 27

Risa Gail Cohen*
Goldie Funk*
Charles Gabbour
Virginia Gordon*
Nettie Levine*
Jacob Rauchman*
Fannie Zelcer*

May 24 - Iyar 28

Esther Brant*
Arthur Raffel*
Leonard Zakem*

May 25- Iyar 29

Anna Shapiro*
Ida Shokler

May 26 – Sivan 1

Simon Feldman*
Leslie Fox*
Bernard Goldstone
Sophia Jarsky*
Sam Metz*
Gordon Schilmeister*

May 27 - Sivan 2

Annette Cohan
Samuel Einhorn*
William Korelitz*

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Leah Rauchman*
Jeanie Uzick
Fanny Young*

May 28—Sivan 3

Louis Barg*
Mary Fesman*
Louis Goldsmith*
Else Kahn
Kaete Lichtenstein
Ralph Polin

May 29—Sivan 4

Samuel Borstein*
Jack Cohen*
Abe Levine*
Robert Levine*
George Rosen
Louis Tessel*

May 30—Sivan 5

Fred Beller
Anne Butchkes*
Harry Donny*
Sylvia Herman*
Sabine Weissman

May 31—Sivan 6

Charles Albert*
Myra Levine*
Dorothy Rae Miller*
Jennie Praeger*

** Names are on
the Sanctuary
Yahrzeit Panels*

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
זיכרון מברכה

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

SIMCHAS ☆ REMEMBRANCES ☆ CONGRATULATIONS

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

Synagogue General Fund

Yahrzeit

James Phalo Belhassen, Brother
Angel Mordechai Perez, Uncle
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Mary Skurow, Mother
Elaine Franklin

James A. Martin, Father
Audrey Martin

Esther Weinberg, Sister
Nelson Weinberg, Brother-in-Law
Ethel Nemoff

Aaron Phillip Brown, Father
Lewis Brown

Estelle Zakem, Mother-in-Law
Carol Friedman

Fanny Kuhr, Aunt
Gail & Fred Zeifman

Baila Kirzner, Grandmother
Harold & Helene Kirzner

John Greenblatt, Friend
Andrew Kaplan

Frieda Ettin, Mother
Edward Ettin

Joseph Rogoff, Father & Grandfather
Mark, Marissa & Josh Rogoff

Louis Schneider, Father
Allen Nagler, Husband
Adele Nagler

Matthew & Carolyne Abravaya, Parents
Sharyn Weiss

Marc Weiss, Husband
Sharyn Weiss

Harry Lerer, Uncle
Hatsy Lerer

Isadore Metz, Father
Marian & Sidney Lefton
Marvin & Mindy Metz & Family

Susan Timmer, Wife
Stan Timmer

Heskel Sawdai, Father
Albert & Ksren Sawdai

Sonia Haber, Mother
Lynne Haber

Fanny Kuhr, Mother-in-Law
Harriet Kuhr

Eugene Hammer, Father
Mark Hammer

Bernard Neuer, Father
Dayva A. Green

Sam Plotkin, Father-in-Law
Alice Plotkin

Philip Stein, Husband
Louise Stein

Edward Novick, Brother-in-Law
Phyllis & Pamela Novick

Ruth Kahn, Mother
Emmy Friedenberg

Louis Feldman, Brother & Uncle
Marian Ehrlich
Barbara Hanish

Reva Dreyer, Mother
Bob Dreyer

Rebecca Cyrkin, Mother-in-Law
Miriam Cyrkin & Family

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part of ETZ CHAIM Bricks on the Remembrance Wall
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interested at 489-3399.

May Synagogue Happenings

We extend our condolences to:

To the Behrman Family
on the passing of Richard's Mother
Lyrice Behrman, z"l

And to Jim Sorger on the
Loss of his wife, Ellen Sorger z"l

We wish a speedy recovery to:

Dan Franklin
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We Wish Mazel Tov to:

Barbara Taggart-Milberg on the birth of her
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The Greenfield/Gati families on the graduation
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Graduation.

MAZEL TOV TO ALL OUR HIGH SCHOOL
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Welcome to our Newest Member:

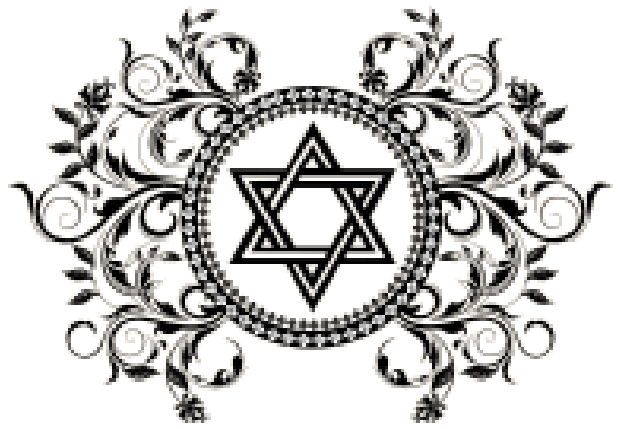
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SERVICE PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Your participation and leadership in our services
- weekday and Shabbat - is encouraged. Please
volunteer to assist in leading services, reading
Torah or chanting Haftarah. 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.



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!

Upcoming Events:
May

Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Join us for this special service highlighting the CEC women. Special Kiddush Lunch to follow. Services begin at 9:30am

Steering Committee Meeting

Wed. May 10, 2017 – 7:30pm

May Birthday Minyan

Friday Night, May 12 – 6PM

If you were born in the month of May we want to celebrate with you! Join us for birthday cake following our one hour Friday night service

Lag B'Omer Bonfire – 5/13 - 8:30pm

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Contact Matt Brodof for more details. Thank you to the Sandor Kutas Fund for making this endeavor possible

Cedar Village

Volunteer Opportunity

Sunday, May 21 – 3pm

Join us as we bring sunshine and smiles to the residents of Cedar Village - With a special hour, long board game session. All are welcome and appreciated!

Trivia Night at Cedar Village
Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm

All are welcome to help with this mitzvah opportunity!

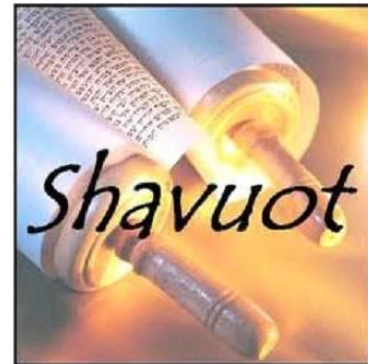
SHAVUOT - 5777

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

9:30AM Service

Biblical Themed Lunch following Services

Come join us for a spiritual, educational and interactive Shavuot Service & Lunch



Thursday, June 1, 2017

9:30AM Service

11AM Yizkor (approximate time) Biblical Themed

Lunch following Services. Come join us for a spiritual, educational and interactive Shavuot Service & Lunch



Our Ruach Etz Chaim (Ruach) and Pri Yadeiha (PY) choirs had been on break in the weeks before and during Pesah but now have resumed practices. Since we *were* on break, there has not been much to report on as of late.

Now that rehearsals have started anew, however, we want to continue where we left off ‘in song’ and our hope is to arrange a time when both choirs can give one or two mini concerts for *you*, before we begin our practicing for the High Holy Days (HHD). Yes, that’s right, for the HHD in the fall. It takes a goodly amount of practicing time to rehearse all of that music and therefore we will soon be changing focus to become *The High Holy Day Choir*. But until then, look for some upcoming activity coming from Ruach and PY.

Musically Yours,

Barbara and Emmy



Do you have a bag full of plastic grocery bags? If you don’t, please start saving them for Etz Chaim Sisterhood. We will soon begin a community service project that involves using plastic grocery bags to make “plarn,” (plastic yarn) that will be knit or crocheted to make sleeping mats for the homeless. Members of Sisterhood will do all the folding, cutting and creating, we just ask that everyone start collecting the plastic bags. It takes hundreds of bags to make one mat. We thank you in advance for helping us help others with this project.



IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAM



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:

Barry & Melanie Joffe and Paul and Tsila Ever for co-sponsoring Kiddush on April 1. In honor of the Joffe's anniversary and Michael's birthday

Barbara Taggart-Milberg for sponsoring the sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on April 22, 2017 in honor of the birth of her grandson, Oscar Benjamin Taggart-Tessar

Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 Howard & Cara Saal
- 3 Edward & Nancy Schulman
- 16 Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
- 19 Elliott & Kimberly Edelstein
- 19 Mitchell & Casey Katz
- 25 Sam & Gloria Nadel
- 25 Steven & Susan Segerman
- 29 Bernie & Judy Beraha
- 30 Hal & Jan Arenstein

Congratulations to all our May Birthdays!

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 Brian Goldberg | 20 Stephen Berger |
| 5 Carrie Kluger | 20 Michelle Fesman |
| 7 Ronn Sokol | 22 Victor Ronis-Tobin |
| 8 Estelle Gud | 25 Gail Zeifman |
| 10 Jean Borden | 28 Toby Franklin |
| 10 Carly Sandow | 29 Andrew Segerman |
| 11 Mitchell Liberman | |
| 12 Ellen Schuler | |
| 13 Jackelyn Sandow | |
| 15 Stuart Richards | |
| 17 Joel Moskowitz | |
| 18 Kimberly Edelstein | |
| 19 Bennet Grad | |
| 19 Hank Lerer | |
| 20 Marsha Berger | |



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

Friday Night,
May 12, 2017

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

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 The office is closed	2	3	4 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks	5 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	6 Sisterhood Shabbat Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am
7 9:30am Ritual Committee Meeting	8 The office is closed	9	10 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm	11 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by Shots, lox & blocks	12 Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm & Birthday Minyan with Cake	13 Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Lag B'Omer Bonfire 8:30pm
14 Happy Mother's Day Happy Lag B'omer	15 The office is closed	16	17	18 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, Lox & blocks	19 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	20 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am Unpacking the Torah Following Kiddush
21 Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen Men's Club & Friends volunteering at Cedar Village 3pm	22 The office is closed	23	24 Wisdom on Wednesday 3pm Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm	25 Morning Minyan 7AM followed by shots, lox & blocks Kitchen Volunteers Needed 6pm	26 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	27 Shabbat Morning Services at 9:30am
28 10:30AM Jewish Veterans Memorial Service - Covedale	29 Memorial Day The office is closed	30	31 Shavuot Day 1 9:30am Services Followed by Biblical Themed Lunch	We look forward to seeing you at events and services. For more information please feel free to call the office. Remember to check your weekly e-blast which is sent out every Wednesday. If you are not receiving the e-blast please call the office and we'll add you to the list.		



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