

# Congregation ETZ CHAIM

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*Congregation Etz Chaim's Mission Statement is: Passionate and participatory, our supportive Jewish community engages each individual in a life-long Jewish 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 – Terry Brodof



Dear congregants,  
Spring has finally arrived. Better weather is ahead. It's still April as I am writing this, but it's a beautiful day. I'm home today from work as I had some dental work done this morning so I'm sitting on my deck with our puppy Tucker, who just ate the bag of ice I'm supposed to apply to my cheek every twenty minutes. I decided I'd use the 20-minute interval to write the President's message. It will be a review of what the board covered at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and some of the good things happening which you might not know about.

Some of the synagogue committee chairs took the opportunity to discuss what they and their teams have accomplished during the first part of the year and outlined goals for the remainder of the year. Each presentation was followed by a question and answer period. Our Sisterhood and Men's Club also outlined programs and fundraisers they are planning through the end of the year.

Board and Finance committees have discussed budgeting and the need for a marketing plan going forward. If you are interested in joining the newly formed Marketing Committee, please let me or Hank know.

In June, our congregation will be sending Hank on a trip to Israel where he will have the opportunity to study, explore, network, connect and as he put it, recharge his Jewish batteries. This year marks Hank's 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Synagogue employee and Director, and this trip is a well-deserved show of thanks and appreciation for all he does and has done throughout each of those 18 years of service. Upon his return, Hank intends to lead a study session or series of sessions outlining his trip. I am certain we will enjoy the retelling of his experiences, some of his personal thoughts, and hearing of the highlights he experienced while in Eretz Israel. The trip, was initiated by the Executive Committee and made possible by our Sisterhood. We wish Hank a safe and wonderful trip.

You might have noticed last month we placed an ad on the front page of the Israelite and it was followed by an article about our second Seder. Our second Seder is subsidized each year in house by the Revella and Sidney Meyers Second Night of Passover Seder Fund. Their story is retold every year at our Second Seder. Through their generosity, we are able to subsidize the cost of catering Passover meals for the congregation and present a Second Seder that connects us to our Judaism in a way that brings the Exodus to life.

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If you did not hear, this Second Seder was recognized *internationally* last month for its innovative concept, and awarded a grant which would help further subsidize the expense and enable us to open up the Seder to the Greater Cincinnati community. We are proud that once again, our programming has been recognized as a model for others to follow and are extremely appreciative of the programming initiatives Chava has brought to life in award winning ways.

Last month our synagogue participated via sponsorship, in the city-wide anti-Semitism awareness initiative; a daylong event at Union Terminal, and we hope to participate in many other citywide events this year. The next event will be the Cincy Reds day, a joint initiative of the Synagogues in Cincinnati. Please contact Aaron Schechtman if you would like to attend. We are also looking for a crew to participate once again in the citywide kosher BBQ event. If you know your way around a smoker, we need your help. The team that participated last year had a lot of fun and received recognition for the meats cooked and served. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Synagogues depend on an equal balance of dues and donations to balance their budget. This year, our donation line item in our budget has fallen below historical expectations. This does not reflect our High Holiday appeal. Regular monthly donations are a reflection of celebrating the life cycle events we share as a community and a synagogue family. In the near future, we'll be rolling out a new program which we hope will make sending in donations easier for all congregants. When the donation program unfolds, our hope is that you open your arms and embrace our haimish traditions of honoring, acknowledging and celebrating simchas and life cycle events in one another's lives.

Our congregational meeting reminds us that we are big enough to shine a light great enough to be recognized internationally. It also reminds us that we are small enough that we should always try to recognize every member, and what shines within each of us.

In closing, we have an exciting upcoming fundraiser. It is our hope that this fundraiser will encourage the Greater Cincinnati community as well as the Jewish community to participate in an initiative, with us. It is called Pause for Paws and it will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, both inside and outside our building. It is a celebration of the huge role our pets play in our lives. This is our first year rolling out the program and if you have not volunteered to help and would like to, please see Chava now. We will have booths for vendors, pet specialists, veterinarians, 501(c)3 animal initiatives, food, games, raffles and fun. If you have never before volunteered for an event, this is THE event you will want to participate in. We certainly could use your help. Proceeds will not only help our synagogue but are going towards safety equipment for our local canine officers. Best of all, you are encouraged to bring the members of your family that we rarely see other than in pictures. YES, bring your pets.

My twenty minutes are over. Time once again to ice my cheek. If you have not met our puppy, Tucker Brodof, he will be at the festival. BUT...you are forewarned, -hide your ice. He is a thief. B'shalom

Terry

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Enjoy the following pages of photos from our 2019 Purim Celebration. Megillah Reading, the Seudah (Meal) and HaMan of Lamanca. Photos from the encore performance at Cedar Village appear later in the bulletin.



Purim Room Set Up –  
Check out these table  
setting divas and these  
Purim Ninjas!



Setting the  
room for  
200 people  
can make  
anyone a  
little crazy  
but we  
were all  
smiles!



Thanks to Barb's Daughter  
Dee for building the table  
windmills – they're puzzles!

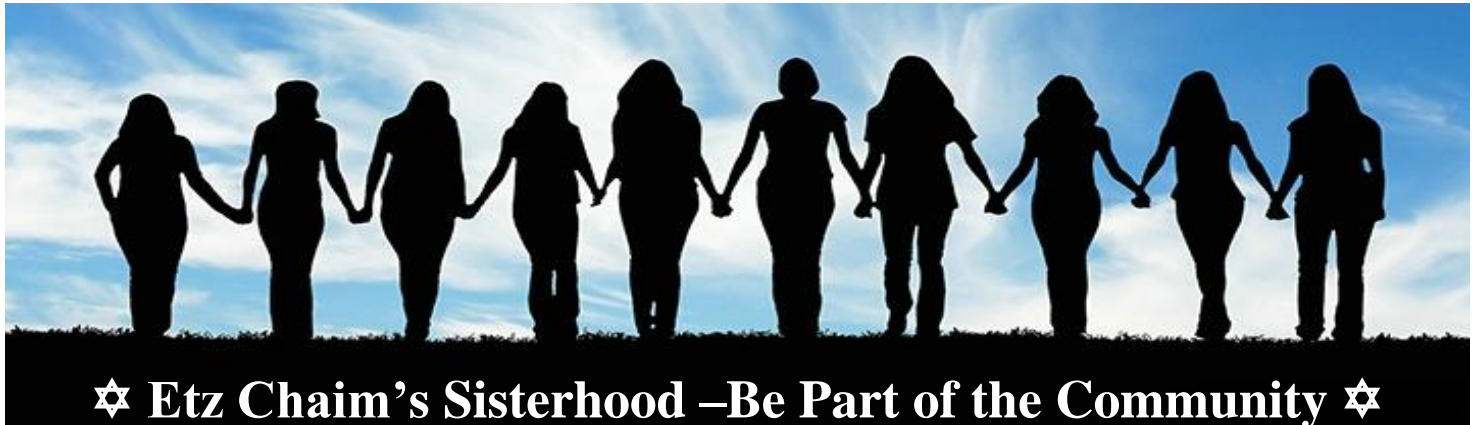












## ✧ Etz Chaim's Sisterhood –Be Part of the Community ✧

On April 14, Sisterhood sponsored a tour of the new Holocaust & Humanity Center in the newly renovated Union Terminal Museum Center. It was well attended with a total of 22 congregants and friends. Stephany Schechtman and Sandy Baden, both exhibit interpreters for the new museum, led the tour and it was followed by a talk with Steve Coppel, son of Werner Coppel, who is credited with founding the original Holocaust Museum in Cincinnati along with fellow Cincinnati-based survivors.

On May 4, Sisterhood will sponsor its annual Sisterhood Shabbat, where Sisterhood members will lead the service, open and close the Ark, chant from the Torah, read English prayers and lead our congregation in tefillah. All Sisterhood members are encouraged to participate, and if you haven't received a part yet, please contact Stephany Schechtman. Please be sure to join us for Shabbat and stay for a delicious Kiddush luncheon following services.

**S.O.S**

**SAVE our STUFF**

*Congregants- start saving, saving, saving.*

*Your junk will be someone's treasures.*

*You may start to bring your "treasures" to CEC daily*

*Tuesday- Friday 9:30-4pm AFTER JUNE 6*

*Please note it is best to call first.*

*If you need other times, please call  
Stephany Schechtman-[513-677-0446](tel:513-677-0446)*



# **Israeli Shabbat Dinner** **Friday Night, May 10, 2019**



## **Ruach Filled Service at 6pm** **Delicious Israeli Dinner at 7pm**

We are delighted to welcome  
Amnon Maggid the  
Shaliach for Cincinnati.  
Following dinner Amnon  
will give an educational talk.



If you rsvp by May 1<sup>st</sup> cost is  
\$11 per person. After that date  
we'd still love for you to attend,  
but the cost is raised to \$15  
RSVP to the office # 513-489-3399



# MEN'S CLUB

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Men's club has been working out, getting ready for the baseball season. We have purchased tickets along with the Cincinnati Jewish Community – for Jewish Community Night with the Reds. The date of the game is May 28, 2019 at 6:40pm vs. the Pirates. We purchased 15 tickets that will be first come first serve. Reserve tickets can be bought by calling Aaron Schechtman 513-544-8474

Dates to place on your calendar

May 28, Baseball outing to Great American Ballpark

June 2, Pet Festival – volunteers needed for set up, tear down and various projects needed to make the festival a hit.

**Jewish Community Night at the Reds Game**

**CINCINNATI**  
**REDS™**

# Building Bridges, Closing Gaps

By: Brian Wolfe

On the heels of Passover, I find it interesting that the Annual Congregational meeting was held where we take stock of where we are, what we have done and where we are going, congregationally speaking. Just a few weeks ago, we were slaves and now we are plotting our own future.

And we are plotting our own future. Week in and week out we are plotting and building and planning.

For instance, in another few short weeks when we are assured that winter is really and truly gone, it will be time to head out to the garden. Do you have a thumb (green or otherwise) to lend? Want to play in the dirt like a kid or a childish adult? We got the pail and shovel. See the flyers later in this bulletin.

June will be here shortly and so will our First Pet Festival. Yes, we are having a pet festival. Dogs, cats, two legs, four legs, furry creatures of all types. Vets & Vendors, Arts & Crafts, raffles & prizes, food, an awesome DJ and YOU. Operators standing by to sign you up to volunteer and help make this our best Pet Festival year to date.

A few weeks ago we read about the building of the Mishkan, where Moses said in Exodus (35:5): "This is what the Lord has commanded: Take from among you gifts to the Lord everyone whose head so moves him shall bring them.....". The gifts were of all types: gold, silver and copper; yarns of various colors, fine linen and goat hair, skins and oil, spices and stones to name a few. I am not asking for the gold and silver (somebody else will do that later at High Holiday), but I am asking for other items:

A Paint Sprayer;

White Paint & Red Paint – think fire hydrant or fire engine;

Anything dog or cat related you don't want in good condition (mugs, crazy cat lady items, pet supplies!

Yard sale items that didn't sell. shameless plug "Attic Sale: August 1st, 2nd & 4th.

"America may run on Dunkin'", but CEC runs on you. And we need your involvement. Not just your attendance, but your gifts as well. Sure, we need the gold & silver -- call me, I'll come get it, but we also need that other gift. The gift of time. Programs and events don't set themselves up. Food doesn't cook by itself. Pet Festivals, congregational picnics, car shows– these things take time and energy and people.

Please – when you read the bulletin, the eblast, and the mailings and you see the events coming up, mark your calendar and commit to coming out to help.

In that spirit, I would like to give hearty Thanks !!!! To Richard Pywen, Sandy Baden, Barb Rosen and Sharyn Fox for joining with the Board of Directors to kasher the kitchen for Passover. It is something you have to see to believe, the muscle, the elbow grease, the monumental endeavor to clear everything from the counters, shelves, stoves, ovens and refrigerators to scrub them down. Remember, we have an industrial size kitchen and we really cook food.

So.... Nu.... It's time....

Call me and tell me what kind of gold and silver (or paint) you need me to pick up. See you in shul.



The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Judge Robert S. Kraft Memorial Service

Continue to Remember and Honor  
Heroes of the Jewish Community  
Who gave their lives for our country

Covedale Cemetery  
Sunday, May 26, 2019 – 10:30am

This event is a community wide event honoring our fallen heroes. Last year CEC had the largest Synagogue showing and so we felt compelled to continue to publicize this event and pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We are encouraging all our congregants and their friends to attend and take an hour out of your day to ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten. Hank and Chava will be in attendance again this year and can coordinate rides for those interested in attending. Please help us to continue and grow this Memorial Day ceremony.

If you are planning to attend, or would like more information, please call Hank at 513-489-3399

We are pleased to announce the return of our

## **SYNAGOGUE GARDEN**

We received a grant to “seed” the project but we still need help from you, our congregants, to really make it “blossom”

There will be 4 raised garden boxes in the fenced area in the backyard, close to where our Sukkah is built.

We have several sponsorship and naming opportunities for the 2019 season which are:

### **The Vegetable Garden**

\$65 Sponsorship

### **The Tomato Garden**

\$65 Sponsorship

### **The Spice Garden**

\$65 Sponsorship

### **The Fruit Box**

\$65 Sponsorship

These sponsorship opportunities are first come first serve so call the office today. In addition to your name in the garden, you will be listed as a garden patron on all garden publicity & will be honored at our “Garden Shabbat Friday Night Dinner” at the end of the summer

We are also in need of gardeners—  
To help tend to our crops.  
Anyone with a green thumb  
is welcome to come cultivate our harvest.

Call or Email Chava for more details:

513-489-3399

[chavaniceday@gmail.com](mailto:chavaniceday@gmail.com)



# Over-The-Rhine Soup Kitchen

*By: Lynne Haber*

The words and images continue to ring in my ears and fill my eyes. Words of gratitude and “God bless you”... And the images – yes, there were the older men who looked like they hadn’t showered for a few days, but also many women, and some families with small children. People with daypacks and a woman in a wheelchair. People who looked like they could be your neighbor and people showing the health effects of poverty. These were among the many people we served at the latest soup kitchen.

Each Sunday, one of the congregations in our community volunteers to prepare and serve lunch at the Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen. The number of people served ranges from about 100 early in the month to more than 200 late in the month, as the money runs out and pantries get bare. Congregation Etz Chaim takes care of five Sundays a year.

This week was a special one, as we supplemented our usual lunch with “to go” pieces of fresh fruit and toiletries. Volunteering at the event is a chance to give back, and a reminder of how lucky we are in life, even with our own personal challenges – and it’s a mitzvah!

Our next soup kitchen date is:

September 8, 2019  
Contact Matt Brodof at [mb371607@gmail.com](mailto:mb371607@gmail.com) if you’re interested in volunteering.





Social Action in its many forms. Check out the smiles on the faces of these Cedar Village residents – not to mention our cast members! Sunday, 3-24-19



## Medical Marijuana: A “Healthy, not High” Approach

Please join us for a Shabbat Speaker program on Saturday, June 15, when Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem and Bonnie Rabin will discuss the use of medical marijuana as part of a medical treatment plan. The presentation will include a basic understanding of the science and recent research. They will explain different forms and ways to administer MMJ (you don't have to inhale!), plus medical benefits and concerns. Specific applications of MMJ to the 21 currently state-approved qualifying diagnoses will also be discussed. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

### Bios for our Two Speakers:

Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem received her MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She has over 23 years of Emergency Room experience, later transitioning to Urgent Care until 2018. She became interested in MMJ (medical marijuana) after a family member with chronic pain was able to end 20 years of opioid use by using MMJ. Dr. Glaser-Zakem has dedicated her current practice exclusively to those who may benefit from MMJ



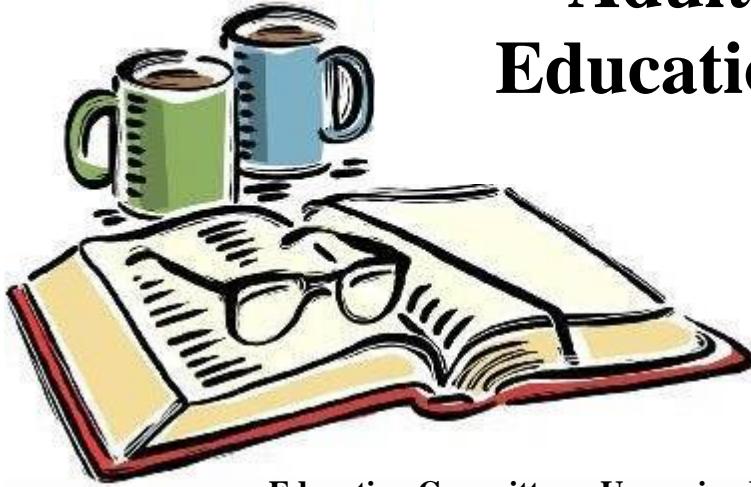
Bonnie Rabin, MSW and Certified Budtender, is skilled in helping our patients find the right medications for their conditions. She keeps our patients up to date with local dispensary locations, product advice, equipment tips, dosage tracking, research info, lifestyle news and much more.

P.S. It's a sponsored kiddush and we hear the Sisterhood Ladies will be making brownies....





# Adult Education



## **Education Committee – Upcoming Programs** **“Providing a spiritually meaningful and educationally stimulating environment”**

The Education Committee was very happy to welcome Rabbi Chaim Heinemann of the Cincinnati Kollel for a Sunday morning presentation on March 31 on the topic of Chesed/Kindness. Congregants attending enjoyed learning from

Rabbi Heinemann talked about the many benefits of lovingkindness for both the giver and the receiver, as well as simple ways to incorporate the practice of kindness into our everyday lives.

Just after Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day (which falls on May 9th this year), Congregation Etz Chaim will be hosting an Israeli-themed Shabbat dinner following Friday night services on May 10. We are delighted that Cincinnati's shaliach/emmissary from Israel, Amnon Maggid, will be joining us for the evening. Following a delicious Israeli dinner, Amnon will present a program addressing how we as American Jews can strengthen our connection to Israel. There will be time for questions following his presentation. See the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin for more information about making your reservation for this exciting Shabbat program.

On Saturday, June 15, Dr. Loraine Glaser-Zakem and Bonnie Rabin will present a program on medical marijuana as part of our ongoing Shabbat Speaker Series. Following services and a kiddish lunch, they will discuss recent research on the use of medical marijuana, and will address medical benefits and concerns. Please plan to join us for this timely and interesting presentation.

Many thanks to our committee members: Israela Ginsburg, Candy Kwiatek, Penny Manes, and Diane Marcus. They have contributed their time, energy, and creative ideas to help turn possibilities into successful programs. If you have ideas for future educational programs that you would like to see included, please contact one of the committee co-chairs. New committee members are always welcome!

Lynne Haber and Marianne Nidich - Education Committee Cochairs

# YAH RZEITS

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## **This May (Nisan - Iyar) we remember:**

### **May 1 - Nissan 26**

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

### **May 2 - Nissan 27**

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

### **May 3 - Nissan 28**

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

### **May 4 - Nissan 29**

Max Appel\*  
Bessie Levin\*  
Charles Pilder\*  
Anna Rosenblatt\*  
Harry Zuber\*

### **May 5 - Nissan 30**

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

### **May 6 - Iyar 1**

Pinkus Fingerhut\*  
Frieda Price  
Esther Schechter\*

### **May 7 - Iyar 2**

Irving Goldstein  
Bertha Gordon\*  
Betty Heisler\*  
Ray Kantor  
Rubin Schertz  
Samuel Weiner\*

### **May 8 - Iyar 3**

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

### **May 9 - Iyar 4**

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

### **May 10 - Iyar 5**

Linda Gayle Klein\*  
Louis Zimov

### **May 11 - Iyar 6**

Ruth Bell\*  
Nissan Lande\*  
Bertha Nogen\*  
Aaron Schilmeister\*  
Mollie Weinstein\*

### **May 12—Iyar 7**

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

### **May 13—Iyar 8**

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

### **May 14--Iyar 9**

Alter Breit\*

### **May 15—Iyar 10**

Ruth Aron  
Michael Brodof  
Jack Krakovsky\*  
Ben Kutnicki  
Abraham Silverstein\*  
Sarah Steinau

### **May 16—Iyar 11**

Gizella Schwartz

### **May 17—Iyar 12**

Rebecca Hecht  
Eva Jaeger\*  
Rose Kravetz  
Abe Skurow\*

### **May 18—Iyar 13**

Leon Aaron\*  
Benny Becker\*  
Betty Behrman  
Ernestine Finkelstein\*

### **May 19—Iyar 14**

Rose Shuman\*

### **May 20—Iyar 15**

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

### **May 21—Iyar 16**

Marvin Goldberg\*  
Fannie Horwitz\*  
Ruth Schraeder\*  
Anna Sirkin\*  
Jack Tolpen\*

### **May 22 - Iyar 17**

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

### **May 23 - Iyar 18**

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

### **May 24 - Iyar 19**

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

### **May 25 - Iyar 20**

Florence Brodof\*  
Chava Feldman\*  
Kevin Heilmann\*  
Irvin Laibson\*  
Leonora Salley\*

## Yahrzeits

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**This May (Nisan - Iyar) we remember:**

**May 26 - Iyar 21**

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

**May 27 - Iyar 22**

Louis Cusher\*  
Abraham Marcus\*  
Dora Raboff\*  
Yehuda Schechter\*  
Joy Tessel\*

**May 28 - Iyar 23**

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

**May 29 - Iyar 24**

Mary Moncarz  
Lynelle Pepper\*  
Esther Zeigman\*

**May 30 - Iyar 25**

SaraLee Arnovitz  
Doreen Goldfarb\*  
Dora Himelfarb\*  
Leah Plost\*

**May 31 - Iyar 26**

Sarah Sattler\*

*\* Names are on the  
Sanctuary Yahrzeit Panels*

*Of Blessed Memory*  
*זיכרון אברהם*

**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](mailto: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.



### **Our Next Fundraising Event:**

Join us for a one-day pet festival on Sunday, June 2, 2019. The event will run from 9am to 3pm and will be fun for everyone. We are opening this event to the larger Cincinnati area (Jews and Non-Jews, Cats and Dogs, furry friends and their animals!) We have an awesome DJ, food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, photo ops, merchandise, vendors, raffles, hourly door prizes, and we welcome everything fur to this fun filled day. This event is open to pets and their people. (Leashes please!)

Please note we won't have live adoptions at the festival (because we'd want to keep them all) but there will be several rescue organizations present that day.

### **Our Goal:**

Host a one-day pet festival to celebrate everything fur and to party with like-minded pet people!!! Since this is our inaugural year – we are making this event as user friendly as possible. We want this to be an annual celebration that grows each year.

### **Where YOU Come In:**

We're looking for people to lend a hand pre-during-and-post event for all sorts of tasks large and small. Like making calls? Affixing labels, making goodie bags, cutting out signs, talking to congregants and other community members, crafting with kids, helping in booths, prepping food, petting furry animals, setting up tables and tents, lending us tents, selling raffle tickets, hanging flyers, walking dogs, and so so so much more. We literally have every task imaginable as an option. Why not get involved – as much or as little as you'd like. We promise to be grateful for any and all help you can give us. We just positively (or should we say pawsitively) can't do it without you!

**Contact Hank or Chava for more information about how you can help!**



Check out these committee members – and there are so many others that weren't in the photo taken at our second meeting!

Our festival planning is going great but we could really use your help:

Share our event page on Facebook, comment on the photos – this helps us increase views and boosts the buzz on the streets.

Tell your friends, family, neighbors, butcher, baker and candlestick maker about this event. Seriously it will be fun for everyone and is open the Community. We are working to raise external fundraising dollars so spread the word.

Flyers are now available in the office so grab a couple and hang them up at local stores, pass them out to friends and attach one to your refrigerator because we need you there that day too!

Thanks for lending us a hand...  
or should we say a paw?

*SIMCHAS ✧ REMEMBRANCES ✧ CONGRATULATIONS*

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

**Synagogue General Fund**

*Yahrzeit*

Elizabeth Cohen, Mother  
Louise Stein

Jacob Weiner, Father  
Sara & George Gati

Ida Lee Feldman, Aunt  
David Lefton

Gerald Plotkin, Brother  
Alice Plotkin

Helen Freeman, Sister  
Adele Nagler

Betty Harris, Sister  
Ronald Rose

Bess Hammer, Mother  
Mark Hammer

Adele Katz, Mother  
Ellen Greenberger

June Francis, Mother  
Lori Savage

Annette Levy Kusel, Mother  
Karen & Albert Sawdai

Harvey Ornstein, Brother  
Esther Zwerdling

Jacob Dreyer, Father  
Bob Dreyer

Gertrude Dannenberg, Mother  
The Dannenberg Family

Rick Porter, Friend  
Terry, Matt & Lauren Brodof

Michael Brodof, Father  
Matt & Lauren Brodof

Aaron Friedenber, Father  
Bob & Emmy Friedenber

Eva Levine, Mother  
Janice Aron

Frances Landman, Mother  
Jack Landman

Thelma Lipsky, Grandmother  
Sheila & Robert Lipsky

Samuel Cohen, Brother  
Louise Stein

Ivy Sawdai, Mother  
Albert & Karen Sawdai

Nellie Hanna Russo, Sister  
Francine F. Heilmann-McClung

Donald Kuhr, Husband  
Harriet Kuhr

Caroline Weintraub Sax, Mother  
Drew A. Sax

Rose Meister, Mother  
Bill Meister

Robert Litwin, Father  
Scott Litwin

Morris Schneider, Brother  
Harlene Cohen

**Generous Donations Were Received for  
Yahrzeits of**

Paul Nathan, Husband  
Shirley Nathan

Anna Fleischman, Grandmother  
Barbara Rosen

*Memory*

To Cindy Schneider  
IMO Mother  
From Judy Frankel  
Audrey Martin  
Janet & Irv Zatz  
Sandra Share  
Marianne & Paul Nidich

To Joyce Grad  
IMO Brother & Nephew  
From Rona Peerless

To David Weil  
IMO Mother  
From Terry Brodof  
Sandy Baden  
Reenie & Stan Kravetz  
Joel & Susan Moskowitz  
Steve Segerman

To the Pettis Family  
IMO Chuck's Father  
From Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

*Honor*

To Brian Kluger  
IHO Julieanne's graduation from Veterinarian  
School  
From Esther Zwerdling

To Russ & Arlene Rosen  
IHO New Granddaughter  
From Audrey Martin  
Bob & Emmy Friedenber  
Steve & Susan Segerman

*SIMCHAS ✧ REMEMBRANCES ✧ CONGRATULATIONS*

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

To Stan Kravetz  
IHO 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
From Sue Pliskin & Jeff Garfield  
Your Family

To Barb Rosen  
IHO New Grandson  
From Terry Brodof  
Bob & Emmy Friedenberg  
Aaron & Stephany Schechtman

To Bob Mermelstein  
IHO New Grandchild  
From Margo Nathan

*Recovery*  
To Phyllis Mellman  
From Audrey Martin  
Margo Nathan

To Rachel Rachovitsky  
From Mark Rogoff & Carney Sotto  
Marianne & Paul Nidich

*Aliyot*  
**A Generous Donation Was Received from**  
Barbara Rosen

**Sandor Kutas Hunger Fund**

*Yahrzeit*  
Benjamin Torf, Father  
Elaine Mirsky

Lillian Schlesinger Mellman, Mother-in-Law  
Phyllis Mellman



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

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

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



**Ruah Etz Chaim meets about twice monthly. As of late we have been rehearsing a number of melodies by Meir Ovadia (a local artist who has written some tunes for choir), and culminating in a recording of these songs so that Meir can give a CD of his songs to friends and family in Israel. Now that that is over, it's time to move on and focus on some singing for upcoming CEC services and of course start our rehearsals in preparation for the High Holy Days in the fall.**

**First order of business is to rehearse our Pri Yadeiha women's chorus to sing one of our favorite songs at the upcoming May 4<sup>th</sup> Sisterhood Shabbat. We thank the leaders of Sisterhood for including us in their plans for this Shabbat service.**

**Following that comes a Saturday, May 18 Choir Shabbat at which both Ruach Etz Chaim and Pri Yadeiha will sing – just one song each on their own and as a support choir throughout the Shabbat service. We also thank the leaders of Etz Chaim for including us in their plans for this service.**

**Finally, it will then be time to focus, focus!, focus!! on our High Holy Day songs. We introduced one new song into the liturgy last year and due to popular demand, we will also be learning an old favorite melody that hopefully will have everyone singing along with the choir. And as we stated in our last article, we again look forward to working with Cantor Lubin, who is indeed a pleasure to partner with!**

**We wish everyone a good month! Musically Yours, Barbara and Emmy**

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### **Attic Sale (August 1, 2 & 4)**

It is time to start planning for our annual Attic Sale. Please check around your home for items.

Furniture, jewelry, household items, tools, dishes and most everything else you no longer need. (please note we do not take books, clothing or old electronics)

If you have something large and cannot deliver it to Etz Chaim, call Russ Rosen, 513-490-8511.

Watch future E-blasts for specific drop off dates and times. Of course, donations are essential, so is volunteering. Watch your email for sign up opportunities.





# MAY

## Synagogue Happenings

### We extend condolences to:

Jack Landman on the loss of his grandson Michael Scott Bowen z"l

### Mazel Tov to:

Barb Rosen on the birth of her grandson Atlas

Cindy and Richard Schneider on the birth of their grandson Shir Kedem

Marty Ruben on the birth of his great-grandson – this makes #12

Mazel Tov to Adam Berger and his team for finishing second in the national Moot Beit Din Competition  
We are so proud of you!

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

Check the calendar and your weekly e-blast to find out which Thursday nights we'll be cooking.  
Then – show up! 6pm on

It's that simple.

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

### ANISH/OKRENT

### REMEMBRANCE WALL

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

**Harry & Ethel Anish  
and  
Joseph & Ida Okrent**

whose bequests provided for the purchase of the Cornell Road property. Bricks of Remembrance are available for purchase. Have your significant events and dedications permanently inscribed and made a part of ETZ CHAIM Bricks on the Remembrance Wall are available for \$250 each. Please contact the office if interested at 489-3399.

### **Shabbat Kiddush Opportunities**

Kiddush Sponsorships are available for any occasion. Many menu choices are available and Sisterhood will accommodate special requests.

Our catering kitchen crew is delighted to be cooking for larger Shabbat kiddush lunches.

The price to sponsor a basic kiddush lunch will now be \$118. This will consist of 1 salad, a protein dish, bread & a dessert.

The standard enhanced dairy Kiddush will be \$225.

To add smoked salmon and the accompaniments or to add special requests, the additional enhancements will raise the costs slightly to \$300.

To sponsor a meat kiddush the cost will be \$450.

Please contact the office to book your Kiddush and share your 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!

# IN THE ETZ CHAIM FAMILY

## Special Thank You to:

Special Thank you to  
Eleanor Segal and Harriet Kuhr  
for donating the beautiful flowers  
that were on the tables for Second Seder.

Thank you to the countless volunteers  
who made Passover in our building possible.

Photos to follow in the June bulletin.

We are grateful to the cleaners, the shleppers,

The organizers, the display setter-uppers,  
the table setters and the table taker downers  
– it truly takes a village!

## Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 Howard & Cara Saal
- 3 Edward & Nancy Schulman
- 16 Aaron & Stephany Schechtman
- 19 Elliott & Kimberly Edelstein
- 19 Mitchell & Casey Katz
- 24 Paul & Tzila Evers
- 25 Sam & Gloria Nadel
- 25 Steven & Susan Segerman
- 28 William & Harlene (Butzy) Cohen
- 28 Stan & Michelle Fesman Timmer
- 29 Bernie & Judy Beraha
- 30 Hal & Jan Arenstein

## **Congratulations to all our May Birthdays!**

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 4  | Brian Goldberg     | 22 | Victor Ronis-Tobin |
| 5  | Carrie Kluger      | 25 | Gail Zeifman       |
| 7  | Bernice Bingman    | 26 | Chava Vidal        |
| 10 | Jean Borden        | 28 | Toby Franklin      |
| 10 | William Cohen      | 29 | Andrew Segerman    |
| 10 | Carly Sandow       |    |                    |
| 11 | Mitchell Liberman  |    |                    |
| 12 | Ellen Shuler       |    |                    |
| 17 | Joel Moskowitz     |    |                    |
| 18 | Kimberly Edelstein |    |                    |
| 19 | Hank Lerer         |    |                    |
| 20 | Marsha Berger      |    |                    |
| 20 | Stephen Berger     |    |                    |
| 20 | Michelle Fesman    |    |                    |



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

Friday Night, May 17, 2019

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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>MAY 2019</h1>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Yom HaShoah Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast  Kitchen Helpers wanted 6pm	<b>3</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>4</b>  Sisterhood Shabbat 9:30am Services Followed by kiddush luncheon
<b>5</b>  10:00am Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>  The office is closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Yom HaZikaron  Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm	<b>9</b>  Yom HaAtzmaut  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast  Kitchen Helpers wanted 6pm	<b>10</b>  Kabbalat Shabat Services 6pm Israeli Shabbat Dinner 7pm Followed by a Speaker	<b>11</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services
<b>12</b>  Happy Mother's Day!	<b>13</b>  The office is closed	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast  Kitchen Helpers wanted to help prepare shabbat kiddush	<b>17</b>  Simcha Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm & celebratory cake!	<b>18</b>  Choir Shabbat Services begin at 9:30am followed By kiddush luncheon
<b>19</b>  10am Ritual Committee Meeting	<b>20</b>  The office is closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Cedar Village Trivia 6:30pm with Hank	<b>23</b>  Lag B'Omer  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast  Kitchen Helpers wanted to help prepare shabbat kiddush	<b>24</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	<b>25</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Special Kiddush Luncheon Sponsored By Marty Ruben
<b>26</b>  Memorial Day Service at Covedale 10:30am	<b>27</b>  The office is closed	<b>28</b>  Men's Club Outing to Great American for a 6:40pm Game	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Morning Minyan 7AM followed by breakfast	<b>31</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6pm	

# COMING SOON



## Save these Important June Dates:

### Pause for Our Paws

Sunday, June 2, 2019

9am to 3pm

Come out to this great event  
Shop, eat, socialize, and lend a paw!

### Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – 7:30pm

### June Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, June 14 – 6PM

Join us for cake services

### Summer Picnic & Raffle

Sunday, June 23 – 5pm to 7pm

## Upcoming Events: May

### Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – 9:30am

Join us as our talented women lead services followed by delicious kiddush luncheon

### Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019– 7:30pm

### Israeli Friday Night Dinner & Visit from the Shaliach

Friday Night, May 10, 2019

6pm Services & 7pm Dinner

After dinner the new

Cincinnati Shaliach: Amnom Maggid will talk about our homeland \$11 to attend – RSVPs required.

### May Simcha Shabbat

Friday Night, May 17 – 6PM

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

### Choir Shabbat

Saturday, May 18 – 9:30am

Join us as the choir raises their voices in song and enhances our services. Followed by kiddush luncheon

### Memorial Day Cemetery Service

Sunday, May 26 – 10:30AM

Located at Covedale Cemetary

See flyer for more details

### Men's Club Night at Red's Game

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:40pm against the Pirates

Contact Aaron Schechtman for tickets and more details

## Congregation

# ETZ CHAIM



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



*With warm weather finally upon us come out from hibernation and experience the ruach and excitement that is Congregation Etz Chaim*

Contact the office at 513-489-3399