

Congregation Etz Chaim



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ROSH HASHANA SERVICE TIMES ARE ON P. 2

Parasha Ha'azinu

3rd of Tishrei

Oct.5, 2024

Erev Shabbos

Mincha/lik ner 6:02 PM

Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest Shema 9:36 AM

Latest Tefilla 10:37 AM

Mincha 6:18 PM

Ma'ariv 6:59/7:30 PM

Shabbos Day at YI

Mincha 5:44 PM

Ma'ariv 7:00 PM

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha 5:55 PM

Ma'ariv 7:00 PM

SUNDAY ETZ CHAIM

Shacharis 8:00 AM

Mincha 5:50 PM

Weekday Mincha/Ma'ariv

Young Israel 5:50 PM

Chabad 5:57/6:44 PM

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's Sunday morning is 10/6

The link Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHAMIRAS HALASHON will meet this Monday and then again **after the chagim**. The link is sent to participants. If interested please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 am

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

Contact Melvyn Huff

(781) 784-6608) or

melvynhuff@comcast.net for more information.

Etz Chaim has weekday morning minyans: Monday through Friday at 6:45 a.m.

At the end, enjoy a cup of Keurig coffee, a cookie, and/or a cup of tea, too!

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Erev Rosh HaShanah, Wed 10/2/24

Shacharit with Slichot 5:30am
Mincha/Maariv 6:05pm

First Day Rosh HaShanah, Thurs 10/3

Shacharit 8:30am
Shofar Not before 10:45am
Mincha / Maariv 6:05pm

Second Day Rosh HaShanah Fri 10/4

Shacharit 8:30am
Shofar Not before 10:45am
Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv 6:05pm

Shabbat Teshuva, Shabbat 10/5

Shacharit 9:00am
Mincha / Maariv 6:00pm

Shanna Tova!

May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for this upcoming year!

BOARD MEETING

Etz Chaim's next **board meeting** is **Wednesday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please contact Janis Monat jbmonat@aol.com for the link.


ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 4 at 7pm** and we'll read *The American Way: A True Story of Nazi Escape, Superman, and Marilyn Monroe* by Helene Stapinski and Bonnie Siegler. The Sharon Library is ordering copies for us and hopefully they'll be in before Yom Tov.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Etz Chaim welcomes you with no cost seating. As the holidays approach, please RSVP to Janis Monat, jbmonat@aol.com, recording secretary. This is for security reasons. Both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur morning **services will begin at 8:30 a.m.** L'shana tova u'metuka!

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL

May our learning, davening, and acts of kindness be a *zechus* for the safety of *acheinu B'nei Yisrael* in Eretz Yisrael and help to protect all those engaged in the war against terror. We pray for a return of the rest of the hostages, the healing of the injured IDF soldiers and Israeli citizens maimed on 10/7 and since. May there be safety with a peaceful Israel, and a full victory over our enemies and antisemitism. **Am Yisrael Chai** 

REFUAH SHELAIMA

We continue to pray for the health of a friend's son, Ahron Yitzchak ben Berina; Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; George Monat's sister-in-law, Shayna Baila bas Rachel; a friend, Tzipporah Zlata bas Bluma Yehudis; a colleague of a congregant, Eyal ben Chaya; Miriam Aidel bas Sara Malka, a 2-year-old niece of Yoni's chavrusa, R' Hershel Yaffe; Bob Dell's brother, Sholom Avraham ben Leah, the son of Leisha Martin, Yosef Eliyahu ben Ruth. <https://gofund.me/cacf3b87>, and Ruth Brainin, mother of Janis Monat, Rivka Petal bas Chana. A full healing to all!

Thoughts on Rosh Hashana and Ha'azinu

32:1-52

By Janis Monat

We are now at the end of Deuteronomy, our Tanach. Rabbi Sacks notes that our parasha rises to a climax in the form of the **"song" of Ha'azinu**, which is preceded and followed by these words: "Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel" Deut. 31:30

From chapter 33:1 and 33:4, "This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death . . . Moses commanded us the Torah, an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob."

Moses is speaking to everyone for the Torah belongs to everyone. There is no class or caste. It is the inheritance of the entire congregation of Jacob.

From the incredible invention of the printing press to the internet revolution learning has become a reality throughout the world.

Rabbi Sacks notes that education is the key to human dignity and should be equally available to all. This concept was born in those powerful words, immediately following this week's parsha: "Moses commanded us the Torah, an inheritance of the congregation of Jacob."

Now a note about Rosh Hashana....

Rosh Hashana's commandment is to hear the shofar being blown. We heard it in Elul but that is a tradition. Hearing the blasts is the main mitzvah of the chag. Chabad notes that that the blasts not only call us to repent but to remind ourselves that Hashem is the source of all life, power, and authority.

My mother is now in the hospital getting treated for heart issues. I am in her home and it is quiet. I am humbled by what I have taken for granted. At this timely point of Rosh Hashana when our role is to align our lives with Hashem's plan I do so with belief, fortitude, trust, and hope. We all stand before G-d, recognizing that He sustains the world and each of us every day.

May you be inscribed and sealed for a life worth living as we do our part to do so.