



# Congregation Etz Chaim

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## Erev Sukkos

15<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei, Sept. 30, 2023

## Erev Shabbos

Plag/early mincha 5:16 PM

Mincha/lik ner 6:12 PM

Nightfall 7:11/7:42 PM

## Shabbos Day

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Latest shema 9:37 AM

Latest tefilla 10:36 AM

Mincha 5:16 PM

Ma'ariv 7:09 PM/7:40 PM

## YOUNG ISRAEL

Shabbos day mincha 6:10PM

Day 2 Sukkos 6:09PM

Chol Hamoed mincha 6:00 PM

## CHABAD

Shabbos day mincha: 6:00 PM

Day 2 Sukkos 6:10 PM

Chol Hamoed mincha 6:05 PM

## Weekday Mincha/Maariv at

Young Israel: 6:00 PM

Chabad: 6:10 PM

## TORAH LEARNING:

**Shamiras Halashon WILL RESUME AFTER THE FALL CHAGIM.**

**Rabbi Hartman's Sunday 9:30 A.M. class will  
RETURN on Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m.**

The link Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

## DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

**Via Zoom: Mon - Thurs 7:30 p.m. and Tues &  
Thurs 7:30 a.m.**

**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**

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## THANKS TO RABBI GAVRIEL GOLDFEDER

Thank you to our Shabbos Shuva guest rabbi, Rabbi Gavriel Goldfeder, who stretched our thinking with imagining if Rosh Hashana was after Yom Kippur and why it is the way the Torah says it is!

## CONGRGATIONAL THANKS TO RABBI MARTIN ROSENFELD

Thank you, Rabbi Rosenfeld, for a warm and insightful experience on Yom Kippur. To keep in touch, he invites people to e-mail him at [rosenfeld@juno.com](mailto:rosenfeld@juno.com).

## SUKKAH BUILDING

Tremendous thanks to Moshe Klausner, George Monat, and Chaim Stramer for putting up the shul's sukkah.

## SUKKAH

We invite you to be our guest for Sukkah with **social**-distance seating available upon request.

## CHILDREN'S SUKKAH HOP

In conjunction with Young Israel, Etz Chaim is on the route between 3:30 – 4:30 for children to “sukkah hop”. It will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sukkot, Sunday.

## YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Yizkor Book was printed and was distributed on Yom Kippur. The electronic version is available on the shul's website, [www.etzchaimsharon.com](http://www.etzchaimsharon.com). Thank you, George Monat for this endeavor.

## A SIP OF TORAH for Chol Hamoed

Mr. Yoni Monat is presenting a chol hamoed class, Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 P.M. on the **halachos of Chol Hamoed** with some interesting questions! Please contact Merilee Maeir for link: [melmaeir@gmail.com](mailto:melmaeir@gmail.com)

## BOOK GROUP

Etz Chaim's book club is reading **The Haj** by Leon Uris to discuss **virtually** on Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Merilee Maeir [melmaeir@gmail.com](mailto:melmaeir@gmail.com) & the link will be sent out shortly before the talk.

## WEBSITE NEWS

If you have any recent photos of Etz Chaim events, please e-mail them to George Monat at [Etztreasurer@aol.com](mailto:Etztreasurer@aol.com). Thank you!

## REFUAH SHELAIMA

Alan Pass, Asher Anshel ben Miriam; a friend's son, Ahron Yitzchak ben Berina; Tuvia Dovid ben Malkah Menucha; Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Esther Dell, Esther bat Raizel; Robert Dell, Chana Reuven ben Leah; two sons of Leisha Martin, Yosef Eliyahu and Yisrael b'nei Rus; the mother of a son's friend,

Tzipporah Zlata bas Bluma Yehudis; a colleague of a congregant, Eyal ben Chaya, the sister of Janis Monat, Ann Denise, Chana Davida bas Rivka Petal; any other friends and family who need our brachot for a speedy & complete healing.

### **THOUGHTS on Sukkos**

By Janis Monat

On the first two days of Sukkos we read from Leviticus 22:26-23:44 and Numbers 29:12-16. The chagim mitzvot are listed and in ch. 23:33-44 is our chag, Sukkos, with the four species and Shemini Atzeret. "Hashem spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the Children of Israel, saying: **On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the festival of Sukkos, a seven-day period for Hashem.** On the first day is a convocation, you shall not do any laborious work. For a seven-day period of Booths to the L-rd you shall observe it... for seven days in the year; you shall observe it in the seventh month as a law for all time, throughout the ages. **You shall live in booths seven days, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I the L-rd your G-d.** So Moses declared to the Israelites the appointed festival of the Hashem."

In ch: 23:42 "You shall dwell in booths for a 7-day period, **every native in Israel shall dwell in booths.**" **Chabad explains beautifully, "The message of Sukkot is one of inclusivity,** just as the sukkah itself can house any Jew, regardless of stature. Everyone can and should be a part of what this holiday has to offer; **a person's communal standing is irrelevant. That is certainly something worth celebrating!"**

After we have been judged and have atoned we have to be careful not take our food and shelter for granted. Not everyone has a roof over their heads – think the recent flooding in Libya with 5,000 presumed dead, and the earthquake in Morocco which killed at least 3,000 people, and of course our brethren and others in the Ukraine, homeless and on the run from constant Russian shelling.

Through the centuries the lands that our homes were in, were temporary, though the houses we lived in seemed to be permanent.

Now for 7 days the sukkah becomes our "permanent" home. We eat, sleep, sing, and study in it, decorating it with our home furnishings. Yet the structure itself is temporary. Space can be temporary and time can be permanent as in Hashem being here for all time. On the other hand when we wandered in the desert the mishkan was set up and broken down many times, yet the parts themselves, especially the aron kodesh containing the 10 commandments, were permanent fixtures.

Three thoughts from Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z"l, add to the above ideas.

"Sitting in the Sukkah under its canopy of leaves, I often think of my ancestors and their wanderings across Europe in search of safety, and I begin to understand how **faith was their only home.** It was fragile, exposed to the storms of prejudice and hate. But it proved stronger than superpowers and outlived them all."

"The universe is the space God makes for us. The sukkah, with its incomplete roof and its door open to strangers, **is the space we make for God.**"

"Joy doesn't come from great buildings of brick and stone. It doesn't come from what we shut out, but from what we let in. **Joy comes from a roof open to heaven, a door open to guests, and a heart open to thanksgiving.**"

We are commanded to be joyful because life is so fragile. Everything is impermanent. We, too come and we too, go. So while we're alive let us celebrate!

Wishes for a joyous, caring and meaningful Sukkos!