



# Congregation Etz Chaim

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**Parshas Ha'azinu  
Shabbos Shuva**  
Tishrei 8, 5781  
September 26, 2020

## Friday Night

Candle Lighting 6:17PM

## Shabbos Day

Latest Shema 9:36AM  
Latest Shacharis 10:35AM  
Sunset 6:34PM  
Shabbos Ends 7:16PM

*\*See Separate Yom Kippur Schedule\**

Erev Shabbos/Erev Sukkos Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>

Candle Lighting 6:05PM

## Davening Times

~ 9/25 - 10/1 ~

**\*\*Before attending, please review  
our COVID-19 policy in its  
entirety and pre-register. The  
signup can be found on the shul  
website.\*\***

## Shabbos

Friday Mincha 6:17PM  
Shacharis 8:30AM  
Mincha 6:10PM  
Maariv 7:16PM

## Weekday

### Shacharis

Sunday (Erev Yom Kippur) 8:00AM

**\*See Yom Kippur Schedule\***

### Mincha/Maariv

Tues-Thurs 6:10PM

## Torah Learning

### Daf Yomi

Motzei	Approx. 75 Min
Shabbos	After Sunset
Sun & Fri	7:00AM
Mon-Thurs	7:30PM

Zoom ID: 822 979 966

## ~ Announcements ~

### DRASHA SPONSORSHIP

This week's drasha is sponsored by the **Flig** family in honor of Yaakov's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday! Happy birthday and many more!

### LULAV & ESROG

To order lulav and esrog please call Alan & Tzila Pass at (781) 784-3107. The categories are \$30, \$45, and \$55. You must specify if you want your esrog to come with or without a pitom. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, September 27, by 12 noon..

### ELEGANT GALA EVENT PLANNING MEETING

Elegant Gala Event planning meeting is Wed., Sept. 30 at 6:15 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING**

Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.

**RABBI HARTMAN'S CLASS**

Rabbi Hartman's class is on hiatus and will resume Sunday, October 18th.

**RABBI GORIN'S CLASS**

Rabbi Gorin's Tuesday class is being postponed until October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**VIRTUAL ANNUAL GALA EVENT**

Our annual Elegant Gala Evening is Sunday, October 25. We are honoring our past presidents by placing ads in our virtual ad book. We will also have an opportunity to buy a special dinner by Tova and enjoy it before or during the MC inspired evening. Letters have gone out to our members and phone calls will be following up. Businesses are encouraged to advertise! The fundraising is to help cover the shul's operating costs, utilities and general maintenance as well as our security needs. For additional information please contact Nina Rogoff at (781) 883-3764.

**DRASHA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Our Etz Chaim community has opened up the Rabbi's weekly Shabbat Drasha video for sponsorships. The Rabbi will open his broadcast with the messages of sponsorship. We would like to ask for a donation of \$18 to Etz Chaim per message. If you would like to sponsor this in honor of a yahrtzeit of a loved one, a simcha in the family or just to offer your gratitude, please email Janis Monat with your message at [jbmonat@aol.com](mailto:jbmonat@aol.com) and send a donation to the shul via PayPal through the shul's website or mail your donation to the shul, 74 Billings Street, Att: the Treasurer.

**REFUAH SHELAIMA**

Please daven for Len Gerber's mother, Chaya bas Leah; David Goldblatt's mother, Chava Yehudis bas Chana Zelda; Shira Picard's uncle, Chanan David ben Rochel; Shulamis bas Bryna Bashie; and for all those who need our prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

**PARASHA NOTE**

**"Ha'azinu"** - "Listen in" - Moshe "sings" to the Jewish people this 70-line song on the last day of his life. With humility, "anavah", Moshe recognizes his place. He lets go at the appropriate moment wisely leaving a message the Jewish people will remember - through song. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks describes in "The Spirituality of Song (Haazinu 5777)." "The last thing Moses did before giving the people his deathbed blessing was to teach them a song... When the soul longs to break free of the gravitational pull of the earth it modulates into song."

Some of Moshe's words were: Devarim 32:2 "May my discourse come down as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, (both life-giving), Like showers on young growth, Like droplets on the grass. (The Torah is like dew and gentle raindrops; even small amounts do much good. (Sforno on Devarim 32:2).

Moshe wants the Israelites to experience his poetry as nourishment, as a melody that will help them to thrive. He doesn't have his thoughts as commandments. It's a hope that his song be life-giving and thirst quenching.

In humility Moshe sings, "For the name of the Eternal I proclaim, give glory to our G-d!". He could have listed what he did to help the Jewish people such as leading them from slavery to freedom, but he asks that they remember it is

the presence or absence of G-d that determines the quality of their (and our) life. No matter what we achieve in life G-d is the true object of praise, our HaKaras Hatov, our great thanks.

Tying this in with upcoming Yom Kippur Moshe was **at one** with being a **mentch** or **at one** with his **ment**(ations). He was at one with his atonements and responsible for his relationships with his people and with Hashem. May we merit to have the anavah, humility, of our great ancestor, as we approach people to ask their forgiveness and from that of Hashem. May we have peace and be at one when forgiveness, Im Yirtzeh Hashem, is given, as Moshe was upon finally seeing the Promised Land before dying on Mt. Nebo.

Just as Moshe's life was ending so is the past year of ours. All we have done and lived through will continue in us to some degree, shaping who we are. Equally Moshe's teachings from Hashem stay within us and help us be as good a people as we can be and encourage us to strive to be even better. As Hillel said, "That which is hateful do not do to your fellow." Moshe's legacy, our legacy, remains v'ahavta lareicha kamocho. Let us bring this type of thought, speech and action into our new year.

**G'mar chatima tov! May we be sealed for a good year of health and happiness with Hashem's love and by Moshe's inspiration.**