



# Congregation Etz Chaim

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## Sukkos

Tishrei 15, 5781  
October 3, 2020

**\*See Sukkos Schedule\***

## Davening Times

~ 10/3 - 10/8 ~

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

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## 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 **Goldblatt** and **Maier** families. The **Goldblatts** "to honor and remember with love and thanks Heidi's Dad and Yaela's Poppy - Herb Etkind z"l, Tzvi Hersch ben Ze'ev Volf, on his 7<sup>th</sup> yahrtzeit today, 15 Tishrei. He was devoted to his family, willing to help everyone and a proud Jewish-American WWII Army veteran, wounded 3xs, and highly decorated. The **Maier**s in honor of the birthday of Zayde, Joel Goldberg, z"l, whose 80<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been this year on the first day of Sukkot.

### **ELEGANT GALA EVENT PLANNING MEETING**

Elegant Gala Event planning meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 7, 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**

During this Shabbat of Sukkos we read from parasha Emor, chapters 22:26-23:44 about the dates of and sacrifices for Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Sukkos is known as the holiday/chag of joy. It is mentioned 3 times according to the Midrash Yalkut Shimoni, Emor 654. Also, Ibn Ezra and Rashbam say it is a time when there is a special commandment to be joyous and grateful for the blessing of the harvest.

We take the Four Species: lulav, esrog, myrtle and hadas branches and rejoice with them before Hashem for a seven-day period. Many rabbis after the destruction of the Temple explain that the Arba'ah Minin, the four species, symbolize the Jewish people. G-d binds all kinds of Jews together. Yalkut Shimoni, Emor, 188a states, "just as the four kinds must be brought together, so the people of Israel will be allowed to return to their land when they are united."

Each of us, like the four species, has something special to contribute. We all depend upon one another. When we respect each other, we can reach the Promised Land, the fulfillment of our hopes and dreams. As the four species differ in taste, odor and form yet are united so can we work together for the good of our nation.

The bouquet of the four kinds was an ancient prayer for rain for new harvests. The Jewish people's survival depended on rain. If we come together on this Shabbos day of Sukkos with mutual appreciation and cooperation we will be a bouquet fit to bring joy to Hashem!

Have a sweet smelling, delicious tasting chag, with learning Torah and practicing good deeds. And if we meet a person who does one but not the other, or who does neither, let us be tolerant and caring toward them as Hashem is of us. May our lives be sealed for the good. A wonderful Shabbos!