



JANUARY 21 - 27, 2023
28 TEVES - 5 SHEVAT, 5783

THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

PARSHAS VA'ERA SHABBOS MEVARCHIM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Mincha	5:35PM
Earliest time to light	4:47PM
Candle lighting	5:35PM

SHABBOS, JANUARY 21

Sephardic Minyan	9:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Latest Shema	10:00AM
Gateway to Prayer Class with Rabbi Uhr	10:00AM
Mincha	5:25PM
Maariv	6:40PM

Following services, Kiddush will be served in the Social Hall.

Sponsored by David and Kim Robbins in honor of the Sephardic Minyan.

Seudah Shlishis will be served in the Social Hall.

For more information and educational opportunities on Shabbos, please see the separate Winter Shabbaton schedule. Sponsored by Michel and Suzette Allen.

MINYAN THIS WEEK:

SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:30AM
Monday (Rosh Chodesh Shevat)	6:30AM
Tuesday-Friday	6:45AM
Second Minyan	8:15AM

MINCHA - MAARIV

Sunday-Thursday	5:35PM
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DAF YOMI

Monday - Friday	5:45AM
Shabbos	8:15AM
Sunday	7:30AM

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It is with profound sadness that we mark the passing of Harry Frisch. Although Harry lived until he was 99, and his death is not tragic, it is nonetheless a time of sadness for the Etz Chaim community as it's the end of an era.

For those that are relatively newer to the community, it's important to know that our shul campus on San Jose Blvd came to reality with the generous support and dedication of Harry and Lilo Frisch. Harry told me numerous times that he was committed to the shul being relocated to Mandarin and wanted to see Etz Chaim flourish. He also ensured that we could relocate our synagogue to its new campus (in 1986) without a mortgage. There are not too many synagogues out there that have that privilege!

The passing of Harry Frisch reinforces another layer of sadness. Harry escaped the Nazi regime in Austria when he was just a teenager. He was able to survive the horrors of the Holocaust by gaining access to place a ship that was traveling to Israel. Along with other Holocaust survivors in Israel and, subsequently, in the United States, Harry rebuilt his life with faith and optimism. Some have referred to that generation as the "Greatest Generation." They did not perceive themselves as victims but rather focused on building the next chapter in a long Jewish history story. It is a painful truth that this chapter is closing before our very eyes. The youngest Holocaust survivors are in their eighties. The day of no living Holocaust survivors in our midst is rapidly approaching. The world will be very different when no one among the living can look someone in the eye and declare, "I was there!"

With that reality that we are confronted with, what are the most effective ways to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust survivors and those who per-

ished? There is not one perfect answer to this question. Different people and organizations have suggested a variety of approaches.

One method of education in this important area is something we experienced this week here in Jacksonville. Rabbi Joey Hamaoui and the larger Southern NCSY team organized an effort that took careful planning to bring a most enriching program in Holocaust education. The "Hate End Now" program featured a "Cattle Car." All attendees had an immersive 360-degree experience from within a replica, "Cattle Car." In addition, there was a multimedia presentation within the "Cattle Car," educating us about their personal stories of survivors. We were fortunate to host a Holocaust survivor that was featured in the multimedia presentation, and she came especially for this program. Standing in the "Cattle Car", I tried to envision an actual experience of men, women, and children crammed together in unsanitary conditions for days. The average transport took about four days. I imagined much sadness, pain, and agony as our brethren were taken to be gassed to death.

The tour lasted thirty minutes, and I was relieved to walk out of the "Cattle Car" and back into a warm Florida afternoon. I had mixed feelings at that moment. I was relieved to step out and continue with my day. I was also mindful that a few hours earlier, we buried a 99-year-old legendary Holocaust survivor. I now have an increased responsibility with the number of living Holocaust survivors dwindling. It is now up to us to ensure the "Greatest Generation" is not forgotten.

Have a Peaceful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch.

Thank you to
 Michel and Suzette Allen,
 Rabbi Yosef and Gitty Cohen,
 and David and Kim Robbins,
 for your sponsorships!

Thank you volunteers!

Thank you to
 Leah Babadzhanov, Meir Cohen, Tzippy Zaguri
 and the Torah Academy High School girls
 for helping put together the amazing
 meals for this Winter Shabbaton.

MINI-SERIES WITH HENNY FISCH

Parenting tips & tricks

The challenge of parenting effectively has always been one of the most difficult and proud moments of any parent. In the myriad situations that arise, it can be confusing to navigate in a way that is beneficial to your child. Through the various challenges, there are various approaches. In this four-part series, we will explore many parenting tips and tricks from various sources.

JANUARY 9, 23, & 30
 7:00 PM

THE MIRKIS CHAPEL

WINTER SHABBATON • FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

SHABBATON WITH....
RABBI YOSSI BENSOUSSAN

JANUARY 20-21, 2023



SPONSORED BY MICHEL AND SUZETTE ALLEN

Friday, January 20, 2023

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| 5:35 PM | Mincha |
| 5:50 PM | Kabbalas Shabbos |
| | Between Kabbalas Shabbos and Marriv, Rabbi Bensoussan will be talking on the topic of "Being Emotionally Tough in Spiritually Tough Times". |
| 8:45 PM | Oneg with Rabbi Yossi Bensoussan hosted by the Cohen Family
Sponsored by Rabbi Yosef and Gitty Cohen |

Shabbos, January 21, 2023

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| 9:00 AM | Shacharis |
| Following Davening | Enhanced Kiddush sponsored by David and Kim Robbins in honor of the Sephardic Minyan |
| | Lecture following Kiddush "How to Maintain Your Joy in Judaism" |
| | Babysitting will be provided |
| 4:45 PM | Lecture "Making Judaism Exciting for Our Children" |
| 5:25 PM | Mincha |
| 5:40 PM | Community Wide Seudah Shlishis |
| 6:40 PM | Maariv |



MENS NIGHT OUT
JANUARY 24, 2023
7:30 P.M.



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 GOLF**

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 \$11/ PERSON



Another Exciting....

PARENT & CHILD LEARNING

Pizza | Learning| Prizes

MOTZAI SHABBOS, JANUARY 28TH,
7:30PM
ETZ CHAIM SOCIAL HALL

SPONSORED BY JACK SONNENSHEIN

Next Episode:
Jan 25



Special Guest
David Miller
Executive Chairman and Co-Founder,
Brightway Insurance

 Watch the interview Wednesday evening at 8:00pm on Etz Chaim YouTube and Facebook channels 



HATE ENDS NOW TOUR IN JACKSONVILLE

January
15th- 29th



Today, in the wake of antisemitic attacks and a rise in racism and bigotry in America, hatred is spreading like a virus. The Hate Ends Now Tour takes you on a 360 immersive 3D multimedia journey while inside an exact replica of a cattle car used to transport Jews to concentration camps during the Holocaust. Participants walk away empowered to have a voice against intolerance.

For more information contact info@hateendsnow.org



The Hate Ends Now cattle car was at Etz Chaim Synagogue this past Monday, January 16 as part of their tour. We were very fortunate to have Hedy Bohm, Holocaust survivor, visit us and talk with so many people. Thank you all for joining! Special thanks to Rabbi Joey and NCSY for making this happen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MORRIS BENDIT
ELI JAISON
MARK KRAEMER
DEINYA MAUTZ
RIVKA OHAYON
FAYE SMITH

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RABBI MENASHE & SHAYNA UHR

REFUAH SHELEMAH

FERN ESTNER
SUSAN GOLDMAN
HOPE KULISH
FOMA MAKHTINA
BONNIE HARDY
MYRON FLAGLER
RIVKA OHAYON
BOBBY HANDMAKER
CHANA FISHMAN
ELANA CLAYMAN
ROD ZIMMERMAN

YAHRZEIT

LILLIAN ANSBACHER
EDITH CHEFER
SAMUEL GAMCE
KYM SPILL-HARRIS
THERESA HENSCHEL
CHANA TALPALAR

Welcome

Welcome Craig and Rachel Morgenthal
and their beautiful family
to the Etz Chaim Synagogue!

**COAT CLOSET
CLEANOUT**

Please take a look in the Coat
Closet and bring back home
with you any items that
belong to you or your family.



The Coat Closet will be
emptied out on Friday,
February 3rd.

**The Passing of Harry Frisch**

With profound sorrow, we regret to inform you of the passing of Hans "Harry" Frisch. A graveside funeral service was held this past January 16, 2023, at the Arlington Park Cemetery. We extend our condolences to the Frisch Family: sons, Ben Frisch and Karl Frisch (Missy); also Pat Frisch, seven grandchildren: Adam Frisch (Sierra), Mark Frisch (Meredith), Steven Frisch, Daniel Frisch (Amanda) and Erin Frisch, Britney Norton and Eddie Norton; seven great-grandchildren: Lyla, Hannah, Abby, Emmitt, Jacob, Jeremiah and Jack, also nieces and nephews in Florida and in Israel.

Contributions in Hans "Harry" Frisch's memory may be directed to Etz Chaim Synagogue, River Garden Hebrew Home, Hadassah, or to Jacksonville Jewish Center.

May the Holy One comfort the family among the
other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Etz Chaim Synagogue