



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-Thursdays	5:35PM
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##### DAF YOMI

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

#### TORAH READING

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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 Babadzhanyan, Meir Cohen, Tzippy Zaguri  
and the Torah Academy High School girls  
for helping put together the amazing  
meals for this Winter Shabbaton.**

**WINTER SHABBATON ● FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**

**SHABBATON WITH....**

**RABBI YOSSEI BENSOUSSAN**

**JANUARY 20-21, 2023**



**SPONSORED BY MICHEL AND SUZETTE ALLEN**

**Friday, January 20, 2023**

5:35 PM Mincha

5:50 PM Kabbalas Shabbos

Between Kabbalas Shabbos and Maariv, 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**

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



**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**



# MENS NIGHT OUT

**JANUARY 24, 2023  
7:30 P.M**



## TOP GOLF

**RSVP TO: TAMMY@ETZCHAIM.ORG OR 904-762-8980**

**\$11/ PERSON**






*Another Exciting....*

# PARENT & CHILD LEARNING

## Pizza | Learning| Prizes

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

SPONSORED BY JACK SONNENSCHNEIN



# JOURNEYS OF Challenge

WITH RABBI YAAKOV FISCH

Next Episode:  
Jan 25



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

Covering these topics and more:

- Why did you and your family decide to make such a large contribution to fight antisemitism and hate?
- Do you think that Jacksonville has a bigger problem of bigotry than other major cities?
- What can every individual do to combat antisemitism and hate?
- What are the challenges in making the wider public stand up against antisemitism and hate?

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](mailto: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 NCSJ 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

### YAHARZEIT

LILLIAN ANSBACHER  
EDITH CHEFER  
SAMUEL GAMCE  
KYM SPILL-HARRIS  
THERESA HENSCHER  
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