



THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

PARSHAS SH'LACH

SHABBOS MEVARCHIM

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Early Mincha	6:40PM
Earliest time to light	6:57PM
Late Mincha	8:05PM
Candle Lighting	8:07PM

SHABBOS, JUNE 5

Sephardic Minyan	9:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Latest Shema	9:55AM

Kiddush will be served
on the Sukkah patio. Sponsored by
Torah Academy.

Pirkei Avos class with Rabbi Fisch
at 7:10PM on the topic of:
Compound Interest with Spirituality.

Mincha	7:55PM
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Seuda Shlishis will be served
on the Sukkah patio. Sponsored by
Nessim Hamaoui.

Maariv & Havdallah	9:08PM
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Minyan This Week:

SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:30AM
Monday - Wednesday	6:45AM
Thursday - Friday	
(Rosh Chodesh Tammuz)	6:30AM

MINCHA

Sunday - Thursday	8:10PM
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DAF YOMI

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

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The last fifteen months have been extraordinarily challenging on many levels. Our generation was afflicted with a lethal pandemic that few people anticipated would occur in our lifetime. The world as we knew it unraveled, and many societal norms fell by the side. Congregational and communal life did not have immunity in the pandemic. Along with shuls around the world, our shul made the unprecedented and painful decision to close its doors in March of 2020 with the hope of containing an unknown and unpredictable virus from spreading throughout our community. In May of 2020, we began a phased and deliberate reopening of our beloved shul. We started with outdoor minyanim held in the parking lot and eventually moved back to the building with strict protocols. We assembled a blue-ribbon COVID task force and gave them the responsibility of advising us through this unknown maze. Our task force is comprised of lay leaders, physicians, and rabbis and meets regularly to assess and evaluate the situation on the ground regularly. All the taskforce's decisions and policies were guided by two core values to which we profess our fidelity. Those two values are Pikuach Nefesh/Saving Lives and Communal Tefila. Every decision that was made was because of our steadfast commitment to our values. One value that regrettably did not make it to the top of the list was convenience. We recognize that many of the protocols, including mandatory mask wearing, were inconvenient and burdensome. While we regret some of the inconveniences that we had to endure, we are proud of our accomplishments over the last year since our phased reopening began. To our knowledge, while several individuals tested positive for COVID in our community, there wasn't any transmission of the virus in the shul building! We are also proud that we have a consistent daily minyan under sometimes very trying circumstances without missing a day! It is a remarkable testament to this community,

and we are so grateful to everyone that participated in our Daily Minyan! I also want to express my appreciation to all the members of the COVID taskforce for spending so much time and energy on this most important issue.

As we thank G-d seem to be finally turning a corner with COVID, we are pleased to move forward with the next phase of the reopening that will roll back the policy of mandatory mask-wearing. This is an important milestone, and we first and foremost need to be thankful to G-d for getting us to this moment. I believe that this is an essential time for reflection as hopefully, the harsh reality of COVID continues to fade in our lives. One of the outcomes of COVID was the widening gap of trust and respect among different groups and people. There is a diversity of viewpoints on many issues, including public health. Unfortunately, disagreement sometimes leads to polarization and division. It's essential to realize that while others may not share your view on critical issues; it's imperative to engage in respectful dialogue. Achdus or Unity is quite easy with people with like-minded opinions. It is slightly more challenging to foster achdus/unity with people that we disagree. Yet, that is our challenge, and we must live up to the moment.

COVID has created a new reality in many areas of life. Some are positive, and some are disappointing. Healthy dialogue, Derech Eretz and respect for people with differing views mustn't become another casualty of the pandemic.


Have a Peaceful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

PIRKEI AVOS CLASS with RABBI YAAKOV FISCH

COMPOUND INTEREST
WITH SPIRITUALITY

Shabbos June 5, 2021
7:10pm



THE PERFECT WAY TO
**START
YOUR DAY**
Now's the time to join
DAF YOMI

Daf Yomi is held in the Mirkis Chapel. Rabbi Fisch will teach the Daf Yomi class

Monday-Friday 5:45am
Sunday & Legal Holiday 7:30am



Java For The Soul



In Person With Social Distancing Guidelines & Zoom

With Rabbi Feigenbaum
The "Peh" (mouth)
Is Mightier Than The Sword

Sticks and Stones will break my bones - but in Jewish Law and Morality, words kill. We will be studying the works of the Chofetz Chaim to better understand the complexity and thought process of Jewish Law & in regards to the incredible power our words have to affect our families and communities.

Zoom ID: 843 906 9742
Password - Etz
Dial by your location
929-205-6099 312-626-6799

Located in the Etz Chaim Chapel
Wednesdays @ 8:45am

COVID Taskforce Reminder

We are pleased to remind everyone that effective, Shabbos June 5, the Shul will no longer require mandatory face-coverings in the building.

We thank everyone who has chosen to vaccinate, thus enabling us to reach this stage and strongly encourage people to become vaccinated.

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We are excited to remind everyone that as we move forward with our phased reopening, we will continue having Kiddush at the conclusion of Services on Shabbos Morning.
During this phase, Kiddush is outdoors in the Sukkah area.

There are sponsorship opportunities available.
Please contact the office for more details.

UNLOCKING THE CLOSED BOOK With Rabbi Feigenbaum

EVERY OTHER SHABBOS
NEXT CLASS Jun. 11 @ 10:15am

We are learning the
AMIDAH!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CLIFFORD ALSBERG
BEVERLY EHRLICH
RINA FISCH
BONNIE MELAMED
DR. GARY PERLMAN
DR. ANDREW SAUER
SHMUEL SCHARMAN
DEBORAH SHAPIRO
MELVIN SPILL

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MORRIE & KATHY OSTERER
DR. SCOT & ALEXANDRA ACKERMAN

REFUAH SHELEMAH

BERTICA HUBSCH
FERN ESTNER
SUSAN GOLDMAN
MURRAY HUSNEY
HOPE KULISH
MARTIN SCHWARTZ
FOMA MAKHTINA
LINDA ROSENTHAL
BONNIE HARDY
JANET HUSNEY
GAD LEE
ELIYAHU ROSENTHAL

YAHREIT

RICKA ABRAMOWITZ
GLORIA PROCTOR

FROM THE OFFICE OF TORAH ACADEMY

How does one follow in the ways of Hashem?
By emulating His ways. By being kind and generous (Sotah, 14b).

Thank you to Dr. Ackerman, Rabbi Fisch and the Etz Chaim community for accommodating and loving the Torah Academy middle school during this challenging year. Your graciousness and kindness were a key part in the growth of the middle school students. The middle school students thrived in their Torah studies and they scored in the 90th percentile on their national standardized tests!

May Hashem bless the entire Etz Chaim community with good health, and with many opportunities to emulate the ways of Hashem through acts of kindness and benevolence.

With much love and appreciation,

Rabbi Shalom Horowitz and the entire Torah Academy family.

Thank you Rabbi Horowitz and Torah Academy family for your kind words and for sponsoring this Shabbos' Kiddush!
Etz Chaim Synagogue

**THANK YOU TO NESSIM HAMAOU FOR
SPONSORING THIS SHABBOS' SEUDA SHLISHIS
IN MEMORY OF THE RISHON LESION HARAV
MORDECHAI ELIYAHU ZATZAL**

MAZEL TOV CLASS OF 2021!

Please send us your pictures to be included in our special Graduation piece coming up this month.

