

# THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

## MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

### PARSHAS VAYEILECH SHABBOS SHUVA

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Earliest time to light	6:20PM
Mincha	7:20PM
Candle lighting	7:20PM

#### SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 11

Sephardic Minyan	9:00AM
Shacharis	9:00AM
Latest Shema	10:15AM

Kiddush will be served  
in the Social Hall.

Mincha	6:30PM
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Followed by the Shabbos Shuva  
Drasha presented by Rabbi Fisch on  
the topic of Dear G-d: Where Are  
You?

Seuda Shlishis will be served in the  
Social Hall.

Maariv & Havdallah	8:20PM
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#### Minyan This Week:

#### SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:10AM
Monday & Tuesday	6:05AM
Wednesday & Thursday: Please see Tishrei schedule.	
Friday	6:45AM

#### MINCHA

Sunday & Monday	7:20PM
Wednesday & Thursday: Please see Tishrei schedule.	

#### DAF YOMI

Shabbos	8:15AM
Sunday	7:30AM
Monday, Tuesday & Friday	5:30AM

#### TORAH READING

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Over the course of a person's lifetime, there might be a few events that occur that are so extraordinarily significant and seismic that one most likely will remember precisely where they were located when hearing the news. The events of 9/11 fit the bill. No matter where the individual was, he most likely remembers exactly where he was and what he was doing during the morning of September 11, 2001. There have been approximately 75 million people born in the U.S.A in the last twenty years, and the day will come when 9/11 is no longer a lived experience but just another part of history. The Torah put such a premium to remember or Zachor on the evils that Amalek inflicted upon you because even the greatest atrocities have a way of feeling less important over time. Therefore, as we observe the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, it behooves to keep its lessons relevant.

September 11, 2001, did more than take the precious lives of nearly three thousand innocent souls and destroy the World Trade Center and part of the Pentagon. It also broke the widely held belief the American homeland was somehow immune to acts of terror that routinely occur in other parts of the world. The mighty symbols of the American military and economic powers came to its knees. In the years that followed, a resilient nation regrouped and rebuilt and even took the war on terror to the enemy's backyard. Things started feeling back to normal, or so we hoped. The financial meltdown in 2007-2008 was a shock to America that many will never forget. Prominent financial institutions went bankrupt overnight, and the effect went from Wall Street to Main Street. The economic meltdown exposed the fault lines of a previously imagined unbreakable American economy. The most brutal era of the economy since the Great Depression took no prisoners. The economy finally did return to pre-crisis levels, and America began to party again. The stock market began to reach unimaginable levels, and many thought good times were here to stay.

In the early part of 2020, we first heard about a distant virus in China, and not too many people imagined the possibilities of how an idyllic American society was about to unravel. Unfortunately, it took just a few microscopic pathogens to bring America to its knees. The previously vaunted healthcare infrastructure was put under tremendous strain and exposed to be far weaker when put to the test. These microscopic pathogens grounded a mighty U.S. Naval Aircraft Carrier and dealt a catastrophic blow to the economy. In March 2020, the Dow drop in stock prices was so massive that the New York Stock Exchange suspended trading several times during those days. Over a year and a half later, America is afflicted with the Delta variant, and hospitals in many areas of the country (including Jacksonville) are struggling to cope. To make things worse, the withdrawal from Afghanistan was such a debacle that it left what little prestige America has with its allies evaporating.

In the 20 years since 9/11, America has shrunk in its prestige, power, and influence. In areas from military strength, economic power, and diplomatic credibility, America is sadly a shadow of its past. Meanwhile, dangerous adversaries have strengthened and threatened American interests. This is not a political statement. This decline occurred over two decades with various presidents and governments in power. In Jewish communities around the country, its shuls and schools invest more in security as it realizes how vulnerable and precarious its standing is.

September 11, 2021, is the twentieth anniversary of 9/11. It also coincides with Shabbos Shuva 5782. This is the time of year we realize how fragile our personal and communal standing is in this chaotic world. Let us utilize these auspicious days to return to the Al-Mighty as we pray for the gift of nothing less than life itself.

Have a peaceful Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

## Elul Daily Insights with Rabbi Fisch

The month of Elul begins a 40 day journey of spiritual purification which will culminate on the fortieth which is Yom Kippur. The Torah teaches that after the sin of the Golden Calf, Moshe went up to Mount Sinai to pray on behalf of the Jewish People. On the fortieth day, G-d declared סלחתי or I have forgiven. For thousands of years, tradition has taught us that Elul is a time for reflection, introspection and connection not only to G-d but reconnecting to one's inner self. Rabbi Fisch is sharing daily insights over the course of Elul. Listen to them on [www.RabbiFisch.podbean.com](http://www.RabbiFisch.podbean.com)



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**Join Etz Chaim For an uplifting Yom Kippur  
with our exciting explanatory classes !**

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<b><u>Wednesday, September 15</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday, September 16</u></b>
7:10pm - Kol Nidre	11:30pm - Rabbi Feigenbaum Turning your Yom Kippur into a spiritual experience.
7:30pm - Sermon with Rabbi Fisch	5:45pm -Rebbetzin Rena Schochet As The World Turns: Turning Travesty to Triumph
7:50pm - President's Address	
8:10pm - Rabbi Feigenbaum I said I'm Sorry: OK! The power of letting go and forgiving others.	

**8:14pm Conclusion of Yom Kippur and Shofar Blowing**



ETZ CHAIM SYNAGOGUE

## Standing for the Tree of Life

We are so appreciative of all the outpouring of support that we have received from our membership. As the shul is transitioning to a new phase, the financial stability of the shul is dependent on a diverse donor base. Please consider signing up so you can help secure our future.

Yasher koach to the following generous donors who have signed up for the program.

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If you would like to sign up for the program,  
please contact Barry Chefer or the shul office or go to [www.EtzChaim.com](http://www.EtzChaim.com)  
and click on the link to Get Involved.





Have a Peaceful Shabbos,  
Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# EMTZA NCSY SUKKAH HOP

16th Tishrei, 5782  
September 22, 2021  
Details To Follow.

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# PIZZA IN THE HUT

September 23, 2021 | 7:15 pm at the Hamaoui's Sukkah  
Grades 9-12 | Limited Spots  
RSVP to Joey Hamaoui (305) 764-7212

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## GIRLS CHABURAH

with Eidel Pearl

Join us each Shabbos, 50 minutes before Mincha  
for learning, snacks and prizes!  
Girls Only | Grades 5-12

**Summer B Season**  
Topic: Women in Judaism

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sept. 4 - Leah: Dignity Personified</li> <li>Sept. 11 - Rachel: Sacrificial Lamb</li> <li>Sept. 18 - Devorah: A Woman in a Man's Job?</li> <li>Sept. 25 - Chana: Praying Inspired</li> <li>Oct. 2 - Esther: Hidden Strength</li> <li>Oct. 9 - Bruriah: Brilliance in Binah</li> <li>Oct. 16 - CHAZARAH Week</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hosted At:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Smith Family</li> <li>The Rosenbaum Family</li> <li>TBD</li> <li>The Feigenbaum Family</li> <li>The Zaguri Family</li> <li>The Finkelstein Family</li> <li>The Gahanian Family</li> </ul>
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foundations of Judaism and enjoy some  
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**Monday's at 7:15 PM**  
Starting Aug. 16th

**Jacksonville Community Kollel**  
3651 Crown Point Rd

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Body or Soul: Who's The Real You?
- Teshuva: Returning to What?
- What If Your Prayers Could Be Answered?
- Torah Study: What's On God's Mind?
- Shabbat: Day of Eternity
- Who is Moshiach?
- Techiat Hametim or the Walking Dead
- Torah: Blueprint for Life
- 5 Levels of Pleasure
- Introduction to Halacha

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ELIEZER FEIGENBAUM  
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DAVID PEARL

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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## **JOINT JCA & ETZ CHAIM SOCIAL DISTANCING**



**Monday, September 13 @ 12:00PM**

With: Rabbi Feigenbaum

Hosted by: JCA 8505 San Jose Boulevard, 32217

## **Yom Kippur** **How To Achieve A Breakthrough, Not Just A Break Fast!**

To register please email: [Rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org](mailto:Rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org)

The L&L will also be on Zoom  
Zoom Meeting ID: 843 906 9742  
Passcode: Etz

**Special thank you to Ken & Allison Jacobs for sponsoring  
in honor of our children, Sarah and Josh.**

## **SHMOOZE, BOOZE KUMZITZ & LEARNING IN THE SUKKAH**



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 8:00PM**  
**ZAGURI SUKKAH • 2969 MANDARIN HOLLOW DRIVE**