



SEPTEMBER 4 - 10, 2021
27 ELUL 5781 - 4 TISHREI, 5782

THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

PARSHAS NITZAVIM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Early Mincha	6:15PM
Earliest time to light	6:28PM
Candle Lighting	7:29PM

SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 4

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

Kiddush will be served
in the Social Hall.

Pirkei Avos class with Rabbi Fisch at
6:35pm.

NCSY Boys Chaburah with Joey
Hamaoui at 6:30pm in the
Mirkis Chapel.

Mincha	7:20PM
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Seuda Shlishis will be served in the
Social Hall.

Maariv & Havdallah	8:29PM
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Minyan This Week:

SHACHARIS

Sunday	8:10AM
Monday-Friday: Please see Tishrei Schedule.	

MINCHA

Sunday	7:25PM
Monday-Thursday: Please see Tishrei Schedule	

DAF YOMI

Shabbos	8:15AM
Sunday	7:30AM

TORAH READING

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The final Shabbos of the Jewish Calendar boasts one feature that does not change from year to year. We always read the Parsha of Nitzavim. What is it about this Parsha of a mere forty verses that make it required reading for the final Shabbos of every year? There are various fundamental themes in Judaism that include Free Will and Teshuva that are recorded in Nitzavim. I will highlight one central theme of the Parsha, which is necessary to internalize before bringing in the New Year. These words feature an unusual characteristic marking above the written words in the Torah. It has several dots above these words. Indeed, if you look into a Sefer Torah, you will see these dots above the words **וְהִגַּלְתָּ לָנוּ וּלְבָנֵינוּ עַד-עוֹלָם**. This is translated as the "revealed are to our children and us forever." This is a continuation of the beginning of the verse "the hidden belongs to Hashem our G-d." The deeper meaning here is that the private action of Man is under the purview of the Al-Mighty, for better or worse. However, what Man does in public is the responsibility of the Jewish Nation.

The Rabbis have interpreted this to mean that we are responsible for one another. In Hebrew, this dictum is famous as **כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲרֵבִים זֶה לָזֶה**. The literal translation is that we are the guarantors of one another. The role of a guarantor carries great responsibility. It reflects a legal commitment for the borrower who

committed a liability. The Chofetz Chaim writes that if a guarantor sees the borrower act in a financially irresponsible manner, he will be worried as ultimately he assumes responsibility.

Similarly, the Chofetz Chaim wrote that if we see the majority of Jews estranged from Torah Judaism, then we bear the responsibility for that. It is unfortunate for us to shrug our shoulders when hearing about the deteriorating numbers of Jews engaged in Judaism. It's incumbent for every one of us to be the best ambassadors that we can be for G-d and Torah Judaism. The notion of being responsible and a guarantor has brought out the best in Jews over the years. We most recently witnessed it with the collapse of the Surfside towers. Immediately after the tragedy, a group of Israeli soldiers boarded a plane to travel to the other side of the world to assist in a most daunting challenge. That is being a guarantor to the highest degree. As we read the final Parsha of the year, it is a timely reminder that ultimately we are all in this together.

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

MAKE ROSH HASHANAH #MoreThanJustSocial



Join Etz Chaim For A
More Meaningful Rosh Hashanah
With Our Interactive Explanatory Class!

Day 1- Monday, September 10
10:30am with Rabbi Avi Feigenbaum
The Moment of Vulnerability is the Beginning of Growth

Day 2- Tuesday, September 11
10:30am with Rabbi Uhr
One Step Closer - Finding Meaning in all the Rituals

A Very Special Thank You To Arthur & Vanessa Solomon
For Sponsoring This Program In Loving Memory Of
Arthurs sister Carol Mervis Nee Solomon !

Lulav & Esrog Set for Sale

Its time to do wave!

To order your Lulav & Esrog and Hoshana bundles
visit EtzChaim.org and click on
the Lulav & Esrog Order tab.

The Deadline for ordering your Lulav & Esrog is
Thursday, September 9 at 4:00pm
Lulav and Esrog will be available for pickup on
Monday, September 20 after 12:00pm



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NCSY JAX is excited to announce we have been selected to receive a \$2,000 grant from the Jewish Federation and Foundation of NE Florida for our new JSU Family Experience program. This funding will help us to expand the reach of our Jewish Student Union programming and impact the lives of our teens as well as their families. We are humbled to be a recipient this year and grateful to our partners at the Jewish Federation for their support.



Kibbudim on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

The Aliyahs for the Yamim Nora'im of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are reserved for our Bei Tefila and for those making a financial contribution to the shul. If you would like to receive an Aliya please contact Steven Shapiro or Rabbi Fisch.

SAVE THE DATE!

EMTZA NCSY SUKKAH HOP

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





YOU'RE INVITED!

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





NCSY

Rosh Hashana Teen Workshop

1st Day of Rosh Hashana
NCSY Lounge @10:30 AM



Featuring Guest Speaker:
Sam Clarke
Yeshivat Orayta | University of Florida

JSU PRESENTS:

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WITH JOEY HAMAOU

FOUNDATIONS OF JUDAISM

Join us each week as we explore the foundations of Judaism and enjoy some delicious food.
BOYS & GIRLS | GRADES 9-12
Earn 15 NCSY Elite Points for each session.

 Mondays 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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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"> • Sept. 4 - Leah: Dignity Personified • Sept. 11 - Rachel: Sacrificial Lamb • Sept. 18 - Devorah: A Woman in a Man's Job? • Sept. 25 - Chana: Praying Inspired • Oct. 2 - Esther: Hidden Strength • Oct. 9 - Bruria: Brilliance in Binah • Oct. 16 - CHAZARAH Week 	<p>Hosted At:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Smith Family The Rosenbaum Family TBD The Feigenbaum Family The Zagari Family The Finkelstein Family The Gahanian Family
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DR. CRAIG SANDLER
CAROLE SOLOMON

REFUAH SHELEMAH

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

YAHREZIT

NANCY ALTMAN
LEAH COOPER
FAY METZ
ABRAHAM SELEVAN
BERNARD SELEVAN



Yizkor Memorial Booklet

We are preparing our Annual Yizkor Memorial Booklet
for our departed loved ones.

If you would like to participate with a new dedication or would like to
change your existing dedication, please email ECoffice@EtzChaim.org or
call (904) 262-3565. If you do not notify us

we will assume you have no changes and your
dedication will go to print "as is".

Deadline for new dedications and modifications to existing dedications is
September 5, 2021.

Thank you so much for your support!

With profound sorrow, we regret to inform you of the passing of Charles Ohayon.

We extend our deepest condolences to his entire family.

May the Almighty comfort the family among all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

JSU Learn & Earn



Foundations of Judaism
with Joey Hamaoui

YOU'RE INVITED

Ahuva Goldenthal would like to invite you
to a special gathering in memory of her husband
Abe Goldenthal's Yahrzeit.

Sunday September 12 at 5:00pm

At her home, located at:

3724 Crown Point Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32257