

This Week at Etz Hayim

Week of: December 25 – December 31, 2017

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

Candle Lighting – Friday, December 29: 4:37pm

Havdalah – Saturday, December 30: 5:37pm

View our [Calendar](#) for upcoming events

Weekly Services

12 Tevet 5778: Parashat Vayechi

- Thursday Minyan, 7:00am
- Friday Shabbat Services, 6:15pm
- Saturday Shabbat Services, 10:00am

[CLICK HERE](#) for discussion and notes on the weekly Torah portion

– Monthly Recurring Events

- **Potluck Shabbat:** 1st Friday of each month
- **Musical Shabbat:** 2nd Friday of each month
- **Shabbat Unwrapped:** 3rd Friday *and* Saturday of each month
- **9:30 Club:** Meditation on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am; Parashat HaShavuah (Torah portion discussion) on 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30am.
Sponsored by the Samuel & Jean Koshar Rothstein Memorial Fund
- **Israeli Folk Dancing Classes:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, 8pm-10pm

+ Bikkur Cholim (Helping the ill) & Bereavement Committees

Etz Hayim Events & Notices

- Adult Education class “Judaism, Folklore & Feminism” part 3: **Saturday, January 6 (during Kiddush)**
- Adult Education class “Is Teshuvah Possible? Rethinking Mass Incarceration”: **Sunday, January 7, 10:15am**
- 9:30 Club Meditation: **Saturday, January 13, 9:30am**

- Junior Congregation: **Saturday, January 13, 10:30am**
- Adult Education class “Modern Day Slavery and Our Ethical Responsibility”: **Sunday, January 21, 10:15am**
- Monthly Mitzvah Mission – Feed the Homeless: **Thursday, January 25, 6:00-7:00pm & Friday, January 26, 5:30am-11:30am** at *Central United Methodist Church of Ballston*
- Pajama Havdalah: **Saturday, January 27, 6:00pm**
- Social Action Committee event – Board Games for Bridges: **Sunday, January 28, 4:00pm**
- Adult Education class “The Israeli Intelligence Community”: **Sunday, February 4, 10:15am**
- Adult Education class “Foods of Purim Around the World”: **Sunday, February 11, 10:15am**
- The Party of the Decades: **Saturday evening, February 17, 2018**
- Purim Services with Partial Megillah Reading, Spiel & Dinner: **Wednesday, February 28, 6:00pm**
- Purim Services with Full Megillah Reading: **Thursday, March 1, 7:00am**



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December Articles from the Blog

[A Jewish Founding Father? New Cookbook by Laura Kumin](#)

[Age-Appropriate Rough and Risky Play](#)

[Congregational Chanukah Party was a Rousing Success!](#)

December Value: Ometz Lev (Courage of the Heart)

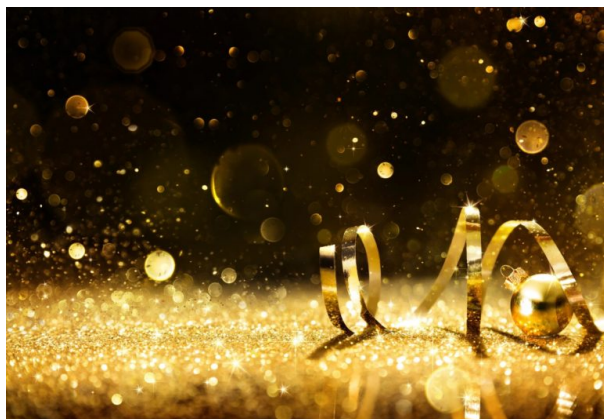
Pajama Havdalah

Saturday, January 27, 6:00pm

For children ages 0-7 and their parents. Older siblings are welcome.

Join us for a short Havdalah services and kids' activities to celebrate Havdalah. Havdalah is the ceremony that marks the end of Shabbat.

Light kosher snacks will be served. Please RSVP to preschool@etzhayim.net by January 24th.



The Party of the Decades

Saturday evening, February 17, 2018

Mark your calendars now for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, dancing, desserts, and more! Support our community by becoming a sponsor for this annual live auction and gala fundraiser. Table Sponsor,

\$180; Cocktail Sponsor, \$360 or in-kind alcoholic beverage donation. *Sponsorships are not required for attendance.*




Full sponsorship details available here: etzhayim.net/party-of-the-decades/

Adult Education: Guest Speakers

Sunday, February 4, 10:15am: Liat Lisha, "The Israeli Intelligence Community"

Sunday, February 11, 10:15am: Laura Kumin, "Foods of Purim Around the World"

Sunday, April 29, 10:15am: Mike Stein, "How to Chant Torah and Haftarah"

		
February 4	February 11	April 29

Native Novelists: New Book by Jay Jacob Wind

Member Jay Jacob Wind has published a new book, *The Man Who Stole The Sun*:

Native Novelists

A techno-thriller written in style of 24 and set entirely in Arlington, the suspenseful story revolves around the Marine Corps Marathon and the active fusion reactor adjacent to the race.

Buy the book

here: www.amazon.com/dp/B0789VMT9D

**Published Works
by Etz Hayim Authors**

Artist Expo – December 3, 2017



Photo by Ryan Gaynor

Tzedakah Touts

The following represents contributions made to the synagogue from November 1 to November 30, 2017. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

Annual Fund

- Rabbi Marvin & Dr. Deborah Bash in memory of her father's yahrzeit
- Martin & Colette Convisser in memory of Freda Convisser
- Lester Droller in memory of Margot Droller
- Halley & Ruth Anne Faust in appreciation of the Sukkot holiday services
- Gordon & Myra Gondos in memory of Margaret Gondos
- Edward & Deborah Krakow in memory of Ashleigh Posey



- Deborah Meyers in memory of Jesse Rosenthal's father
- Deborah Meyers in memory of Rochelle Lipsitz's mother
- Deborah Meyers in honor of Kamryn Lute's Bat Mitzvah
- Beatrice Suskin in memory of Harold Suskin
- Bruce & Lisa Sussman in honor of Roberta Wasserman's 75th birthday
- Marvin & Rochelle Wolf in memory of Abe Kramer
- Marvin & Rochelle Wolf in memory of Hyman Kramer
- Beth Wolffe in memory of Joseph Wolffe

CEH Endowment Fund

- Philip Rosenthal

Enhancement Fund

- Michael & Rachel Jacobs in honor of CEH's cool t-shirts

Jean Koshar Rothstein Memorial Fund

- Gail Korb in memory of David Korb
- Robert Rothstein & Christie Phillips

Molly Sandler Children's Book Fund

- Judith Levin in memory of Samuel Levin
- Phyllis Sandler and Family in loving memory of Molly Sandler, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & friend

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Douglas & Jane Lute with thanks for Rabbi Bass' help preparing Kamryn for her Bat Mitzvah
- Neil Parker in memory of Benjamin Peltzman
- Marcia Thomas in memory of Lester Finkelstein
- Judith Waldman in memory of Lester Finkelstein

Social Action Fund

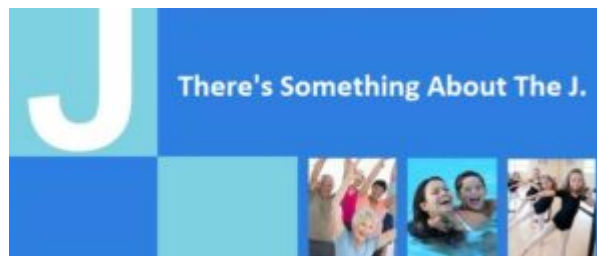
- Deborah Kaplan in memory of Beatrice S. Kaplan

JCCNV Adult Outreach Program for 55+ Adults – January Programs

Upcoming programs:

- Tuesday, January 9, 12:00pm: ***Joint Program with Agudas Achim Congregation: Behind the Collections of the United States Holocaust Museum***

- Wednesday, January 17,
10:30am: **Adult Department Winter Film Series: Loving – A film in honor of Martin Luther King Day**
- Wednesday, January 31,
10:30am: **Special Book and Author Event with Stuart Newberger: The Forgotten Flight, Terrorism, Diplomacy and the Pursuit of Justice**



[CLICK HERE](#) for complete program details and descriptions.

Unless otherwise specified, all events are held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation and cost \$5/person. For programs at the synagogues, bring a dairy lunch and stay for coffee and dessert. This program is a warm and friendly group of men and women age 55+. They are funded by the JCCNV and graciously supported by Beth El Hebrew Congregation and Etz Hayim Congregation. For more information contact Shelly at Shelly.Rosenstein@jccnv.org or 703-537-3062.

Events Out & About in the Community

Internships in Israel

Is your teen or college grad interested in interning in Israel? Check out [this blog post](#) for a comprehensive

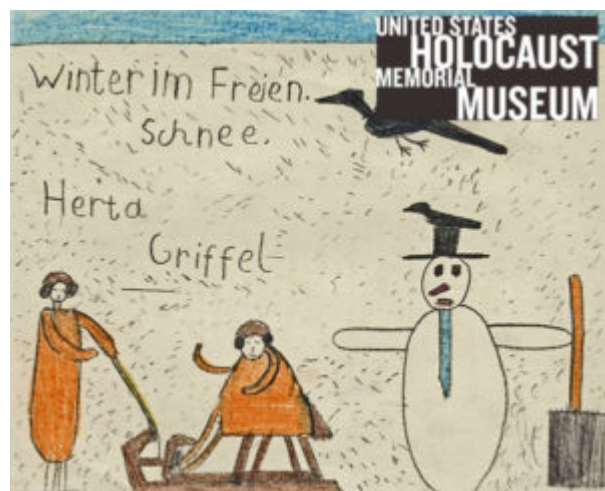
list of both semester-long and summer program internships.



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US Holocaust Memorial Museum collection: A Reminder of Innocence Lost



Herta Griffel was the sole survivor of her elementary school class in Vienna. Just last year, the Museum acquired hundreds of drawings by Herta and her classmates. This collection preserves some of the last remaining creations and photographs of a generation of children whose lives were destroyed by the Holocaust.

[Discover more about Herta and honor the memory of the Holocaust's youngest victims by learning more about their experiences.](#)