



January 29,
2019

This Week at Etz Hayim

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Weekly Services

27 Shevat 5779: Parashat Mishpatim

[CLICK HERE](#) for USCJ's Torah Sparks, discussion and notes on the weekly Torah portion

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

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

- **Candle lighting** -- Friday, February 1: 5:12pm
- **Havdalah** -- Saturday, February 2: 6:12pm

Weekly Calendar

[CLICK HERE](#) for the complete online calendar

Thursday, January 31

*Minyan: 7:00am

*Monthly Mitzvah Mission - Feed the Homeless: 5:30pm

Friday, February 1

*Shabbat Services with Kitah Dalet (4th) and Potluck: 6:15pm

Greeter: Naomi Harris, Barry Ginsberg

Saturday, February 2

*Shabbat Services: 10:00am

Shaliach Tzibur: Benjamin Bass, Jerry Jacobs

Torah Reading: Mike Stein, Alan Savada, Rabbi Bass, Benjamin Bass, Ellie Rosenberg

Haftarah: Harold Dorfman

Gabbais: Ben Simon, Sylvia Gordon

Greeter: TBD

Saturday Kiddush Helpers: Jeanne Howard

*Congregational Gala Event: 7:00pm

Sunday, February 3

*Religious School: 9:30am

*Adult Education - All-Shull Learning: Shabbat: 10:15am

*Youth Group: 12:30pm

UPCOMING SMACHOT

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Abrenio: May 11, 2019
Bat Mitzvah of Lia Sylvester: June 15, 2019
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Carleton: June 22, 2019
Bar Mitzvah of Harris Lechtman: September 14, 2019
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Herzfeld: October 26, 2019
Bar Mitzvah of Ian Alcorn: November 23, 2019
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Coleman: December 14, 2019

Etz Hayim Events & Notices

Events at or sponsored by CEH

Adult Education:

- All-Shul Learning - Shabbat: **Sunday, February 3, 10:15am**
- Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bass: **Thursday, February 7, 12:00pm**
- Book Discussion: The Liar's Gospel with Eva Kleederman: **Saturday, February 16th: 12:30pm**
- Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bass: **Thursday, February 21, 12:00pm**
- Jewish History - The Last 175 Years, Part 2 with Noam Vinokor: **Sunday, February 24, 10:15am**
- Jewish Comedy - Why Are We So Funny?: **Saturday, March 2, evening program**

Preschool:

- **Preschool CLOSED: Monday, February 18 - President's Day**
- Preschool Havdalah: **Saturday, February 23, 6:00pm**
- What's Jewish about Libraries? Young Families Event: **Sunday, February 24, 1:00pm**

Religious School:

- Shabbat Service with Kitah Dalet (4th): **Friday, February 1, 6:15pm**
- Youth Group: **Sunday, February 3, 12:30pm**
- Junior Congregation: **Saturday, February 9, 11:00am**
- **Religious School CLOSED: Sunday, February 17th**
- Religious School Kitah Chet Philadelphia Field Trip: **Sunday, February 17 and Monday, February 18**
- Shabbat Service with Kitah Zayin (7th): **Friday, March 1, 6:15pm**
- Youth Group - Pizza and Pictures: **Sunday, March 3, 12:30pm**
- Shabbat Service with Kitah Zayin (7th) and Cantor Jake Greenberg: **Friday, March 1, 6:15pm**

Congregation:

- Musical Shabbat: **Friday, February 8, 6:15pm**
- 9:30 Club Meditation: **Saturday, February 9, 9:30am**
- Shabbat Service with Cantor Jake Greenberg: **Friday, February 15, 6:15pm**
- **Office CLOSED: Monday, February 18 - President's Day**
- Monthly Mitzvah Mission - Feed the Homeless: **Thursday, February 21, 5:30pm**
- Executive Committee Meeting: **Thursday, February 21, 6:30pm**
- Board Meeting: **Thursday, February 21, 7:30pm**
- Monthly Mitzvah Mission - Feed the Homeless: **Friday, February 22, 5:30am**
- Shabbat Service with Kitah Zayin (7th) and Cantor Jake Greenberg: **Friday, March 1, 6:15pm**
- AZA Bakesale: **Sunday, March 3, 9:00am**

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Survey for the Congregation

The Board and the Emergency Preparedness Committee are seeking the appropriate balance between two imperatives: the mitigation of security threats and the openness of the Congregation.

We are looking for input regarding people's preferences regarding other security measures that could be taken. We appreciate your participation in the survey and look forward to sharing the results of the survey with the community as well as taking actions based on the responses we receive.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey.

Helping Hand for Federal Workers in Financial Need - Donation boxes

Join us for our Adult Education events: As the Federal government shutdown drags on, our community service partners are in being called on even more to help furloughed federal workers and contractors in need.



Next time you come to the synagogue (except on Shabbat) please give generously to the lobby donation boxes for the Arlington Food Assistance Center and DC Diaper Bank.

AFAC requests low sodium soups, low sugar cereals and high protein canned goods. Let's try to fill up those boxes by next week!



CEH Membership & Communications Committee Introduces Name Tags for All Members

The Jewish value of hachnasat orchim (welcoming guests) is a mitzvah modeled in the Book of Genesis by Abraham and Sarah when they welcomed visitors. This level of warmth, security, and comfort is something we want all members and guests to feel each time they participate in an event with the Etz Hayim community.

We're creating a magnetic, kosher-for-Shabbat name tag for each of our members as well as the children of members enrolled in our religious school so that we can better identify and more easily get to know one another. No more will we whisper to one another "Oh my gosh, what is his name?!" in services, social events, or classes.

We love our preschool-aged kids, and that is why we will not provide them magnets that can present a choking hazard to our youngest members. They're the future of our congregation; let's keep them safe.

What you need to do:

Please email vp.membership@etzhayim.net by January 31st, to indicate how you would like your name to appear on the name tag (No, we will not address you as "SuperMensch;" given names only, please). If we do not receive your reply by January 31st, name tags will be printed for you and your school-aged children with first names only.

Once name tags have been printed they will be available on a magnetic board in the lobby. Please return them when you leave the building!

Virginia Jewish Advocacy Day All Ages Are Welcome!

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30am -3:30pm

What?

Join this statewide day of civic participation during the Virginia General Assembly.

Meet with your state representatives on issues that matter to our community and make your voice heard! Hear from Governor Ralph Northam, Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax, and Attorney General Mark Herring.

Registration deadline is February 2, 2019.

Transportation from JCC of Northern Virginia to and from Richmond, VA. If enough people from our congregation register, a second bus will leave from Temple Rodef Shalom. Kosher snacks and lunch: \$36

For more information click [HERE](#).

Why?

All congregants, including students are encouraged to participate. Students younger than high school must attend with their parents. This is a great opportunity to learn about state politics and represent the Jewish community. If you would like a letter on JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington) to request an excused absence from your school, contact [Rachel Waldstein](#).

Questions?



Contact [Rachel Waldstein](#), CEH Social Action Committee Chair.



Adult Education Events

Join us for our Adult Education events:

**All-Shul Learning: Shabbat
Sunday, February 3, 10:15am**

Location: CEH

"More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews". The Jewish people are commanded to observe Shabbat and keep it holy. How does observing Shabbat bring meaning to our lives? What are we permitted to do and what are the restrictions? All ages will learn about the day of rest. You may even create a new tradition or ritual object.

**Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Bass
Thursday, February 7, 12:00pm - 1:30pm**

Location: CEH

Bring a vegetarian/dairy lunch, and the Book of Joshua for an in-depth learning of this fascinating text which contains the story of the conquest of Canaan. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary, just your desire to learn! The lunch group meets at CEH the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 12-1:30pm.

**Book discussion: The Liars' Gospel with Eva Kleederman
Saturday, February 16, 12:30pm**

Location: CEH

Come for services, stay for great literature discussions. After services, CEH congregants will lead discussions about books of particular interest to them. There are copies of each title in CEH library.

**Jewish History - The Last 175 Years, Part 2 with Noam Vinokor
Sunday, February 24, 10:15am - **new date!****

Location: CEH

Our second session will cover the first half of the 20th century. We will discuss Zionism and its primary opponent, the Jewish-Socialist Bund movement, the rise of fascism in Europe, the Holocaust and the formation of the State of Israel. We will also touch upon the relationship between the US and Israel.



This Saturday! February 2nd!

Join us! You still have time to get your ticket. Tickets are \$54 per person.

To RSVP, call: 703-979-4466 or email: office@etzhayim.net

Please Note - Reserved Handicap Parking on Route 50

As you know, Congregation Etz Hayim does offer reserved handicap parking on S. Fenwick St. The availability we offer today is not enough to attend the needs of all congregants.

With that thought in mind, we are working together to make sure our 3 first spots on Route 50 are also reserved for handicap parking for our congregants during Shabbat



Services on Friday nights, Shabbat Services on Saturday mornings and Religious School on Sunday mornings.

Please, help us share this initiative!

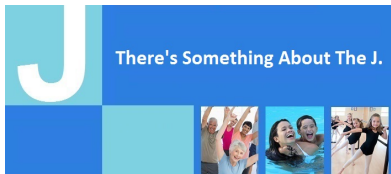
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JCCNV Adult 55+ Outreach February Programs

- **Tuesday, February 5, noon-2:00pm:**
Joint Program with Agudas Achim Congregation - Connecting Millennials with the Jewish Community. Click on the link below for more details.

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

Unless otherwise specified, all events are held at Beth El Hebrew Congregation and cost \$5/per-son. 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.

Monthly Recurring Events

Potluck Shabbat: 1st Friday of each month

Musical Shabbat: 2nd Friday of each month

9:30 Club: Meditation on 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30am

Need a Minyan?

Please [contact the office](#) or a member of the Religious Affairs Committee with the specific date you need a minyan and we will do our best to accommodate. When possible, please notify us 2-3 weeks in advance of your requested minyan date.

Bikkur Cholim (Helping the ill) & Bereavement Committees

These committees are on standby to help in the hour of need for those who are ill or recuperating (Bikkur Cholim), or to assist a bereaved family in arranging for the funeral, Shiva Minyan, and meal of condolence (Bereavement). [SEE MORE...](#)

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