

OUR MISSION: TO EDU-CATE, TO MOTIVATE, TO AC-TIVATE, TO MAKE A DIF-FERENCE IN THE LIVES WE TOUCH

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Office: 732-251-1119

Coming Events

Simchat Shabbat

January 5-6, 2024

Temple Book Club

December 21, 2023

International Holocaust Day Service

Jan 26, 2024

Havdalah, Dinner & Cabaret

Feb 3, 2024

Yom Hashoah

May 3, 2024

Shavuot

June 11, 2024

Blood Drive

November 5, 2024

Etz Chaim Roots

January 2024, Tevet 20 to Sh'vat 21, 5784 Volume 202401

Congregation Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Havdalah, Dinner & Cabaret



February 3 @ 5:15pm

Fundraising Event to benefit Etz Chaim Monroe Township
Jewish Center
30-minute performance by Joyce Kay, Jon Martinez, Lori
Natrass, and Rabbi Levy!!!
50/50
Music Trivia

Saturday, February 3, 5:15pm Etz Chaim MTJC, 11 Cornell Ave, Monroe

See p. 8 for details and re4gistration form



From The Rabbi

Shalom Chaverim,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits as we embark on the month of January. As we delve into this month, let us reflect on our Torah portions and the importance of blessings and honor (kavod). This past week we read Parshat Vayechi and learned about the importance of honor, legacy and of the blessings given to each of Jacobs children who will carry on the name of Klal Yisrael with the twelve tribes of Israel.

There is much to unpack in these readings but I want to focus upon the importance of legacy in particular. These past few months have been hard on our people. We faced the attacks of October 7th, followed by a wave of anti Semitism with which we are still struggling.

These incidents have affected our own community. We felt the pain of both vandalism and also a recent bomb threat directed at our Temple. It has been a challenging time for most Jewish communities.

However, it is at moments exactly like this when we are most called to be together with our community. The support we have in one another builds and affirms the legacy we read about in our Torah readings of this week.

We look forward to continuing to honor this legacy at our Temple and I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

Kol tuv v'Am Ysrael Chai,

Rabbi Polin

LEARN TORAH BLESSINGS WITH RABBI LEVY

Do you want to learn the songs of our Kabbalat Service? Have you ever wanted to practice the torah blessings or learn the blessing for the Haftorah reading in Hebrew?

Now you can hear our own Rabbi Levy chanting these prayers and blessings from our website.

https://etzchaimmtjc.org/learning/learn-blessings-songs

ADULT BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASS

Are you interested in joining a new Adult Bar/Bat mitzvah class. Please call the Office if you are interested.

Do you know someone who is interested in converting to Judaism? Would you or someone you know like to learn more about Judaism? Rabbi Polin is offering an Introduction to Judaism class. Please reach out to Rabbi Polin if you are interested in the course.

Bikur Cholim means "visiting the sick".

Some authorities maintain that Bikur Cholim is one of the 613 commandments of the Torah, while others hold it as a rabbinic command, derived from "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." (Lev. 19:18)

A group of your fellow congregants would like to visit you or your loved one if homebound or ill.

SHOPPING FOR SHABBAT

We need helpers (men/women) for the Friday & Saturday services. Please call the Office 732-251-1119

Congregation Etz Chaim

Monroe Twp Jewish Center

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Donations

Thank you for contributing to:

General Fund

Beth Dempsey Thinking of you all during this difficult time, and want you to know you are surrounded by support in your neighborhood. We stand with you.

Larry & Sandy Richek In memory of Mickey Silver

Anonymous - In honor of our members who do so much for our temple.

Cornerstone Fund:

Iris Ivers

PLEASE NOTE: All donations for Rabbi's Discretionary Fund MUST be made out to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

GET WELL TO:

Claire Davis, Harriet Katz, Myra Levis, Bill Nattrass, Sharon Wander, Debbie Yivrakes.

CONDOLENCES TO:

May his memories be a blessing and may he be comforted by the family.



We Remember Our Loved Ones



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Birthdays

Benjamin Faigin

David Rothman

Gwendolyn Singer

Harriet Blumenstock

Hope Fisher

Iris Rabinowitz

Jody Grant

Jon Martinez

Laurie Faigin

Lori Nattrass

Marcia Sincoff

Sam Rabinowitz

Tracy Spalding

Anniversaries

Jerry & Ellen Yochelson

Join the Etz Chaim Book Club

December 21 @ 2pm

at Rashe Farber's house. Call the office for her address and to let her know you will be coming.

The book this month is "All Other Days" by Dana Horn.

Join the Etz Chaim Matmidim

Adult Education Group



Make your Torah study
A regular thing!

Watch for a new day/time

From the financial secretary:

Our senior family rates start at age 65. When one of the household members turns 65, please let me know at finsecv@mtic.org

From the office manager:

If anyone leaves cash in the box or on my desk, please leave your name and indicate what the money is for. Otherwise, the money will be entered under anonymous donor and you won't get credit for it.

Thank you,

Immediate Past President

Dear Members and Friends of Congregation Etz Chaim,

Lately, there have been a lot of news stories about volunteering, and its link to decreasing depression, or increasing contentment. As you know, being Jewish has been very difficult lately, and you know we need each other more than ever. We need to help each other more than ever!

The Board needs help badly. Ann, Marilyn, Robynn, Lynn, Rhoda, and I can't keep doing this. Alan and Rick are getting older. Evie, Ellen and others from the Membership committee have helped decrease our workload ever since they volunteered last year You can volunteer with accounting, billing, and Hebrew School. There is a lot to choose from. It could be an opportunity for you and a friend to hang out and be co-chairs together. None of these positions have to be solo positions. We are willing to shadow you, and if you think you can't do it after 6 months...no hard feelings.

Keep in mind, like many of you, we work full-time, and take care of our families. I can only speak for myself, but volunteering for our congregation has helped with my mental health.

If you need more information, contact the office, and they will get back to me (Laura).

Thank you in advance,

The Board of Trustees

From the Treasurer and Financial Secretary:

All checks for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund have to be made out to "Rabbi Polin's Discretionary Fund", not to Congregation Etz Chaim. The Rabbi has his own account to manage his discretionary fund and writing the check to Etz Chaim, causes a delay in providing the funds to the Rabbi and increases the work of the financial team to track this and to write the Rabbi additional checks.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn via email - finsecy@mtjc.org

Haydalah, Dinner, & Cabaret performance



Fundraising Event to benefit Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish Center 30-minute performance by Joyce Kay, Jon Martinez, Lori Natrass, and Rabbi Levy!!!

Saturday, February 3, 5:15pm Etz Chaim MTJC, 11 Cornell Ave, Monroe

Includes:

Fred & Murray sandwiches (vegetarian/vegan options available), salads, pickles, coffee, tea, and dessert \$36 per person BYOB

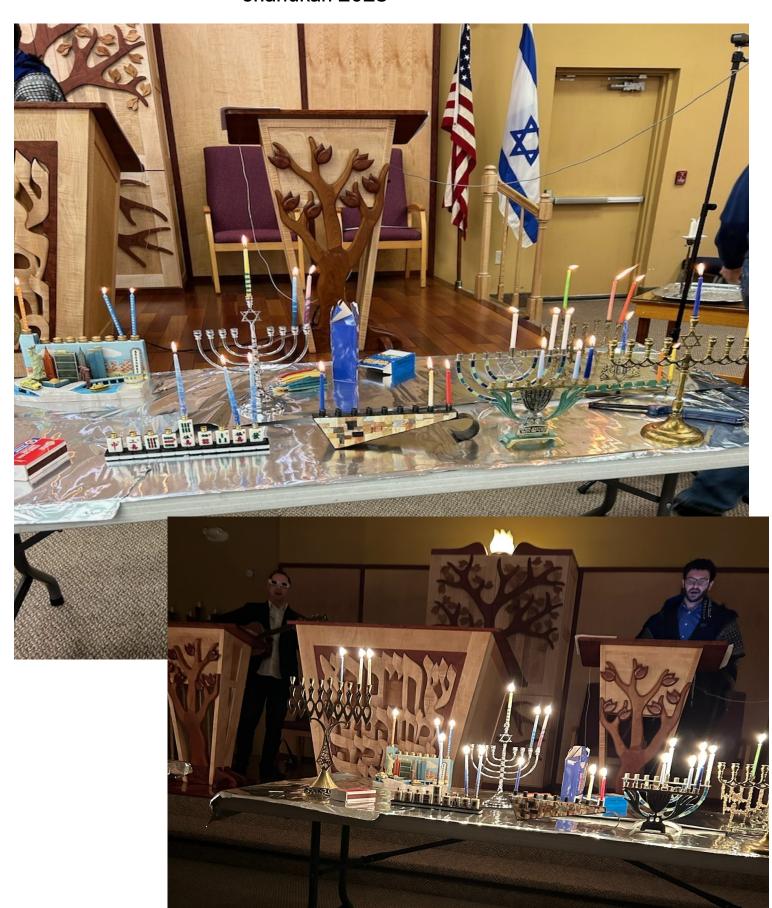
Event is not limited to Temple members, please invite your friends and family!

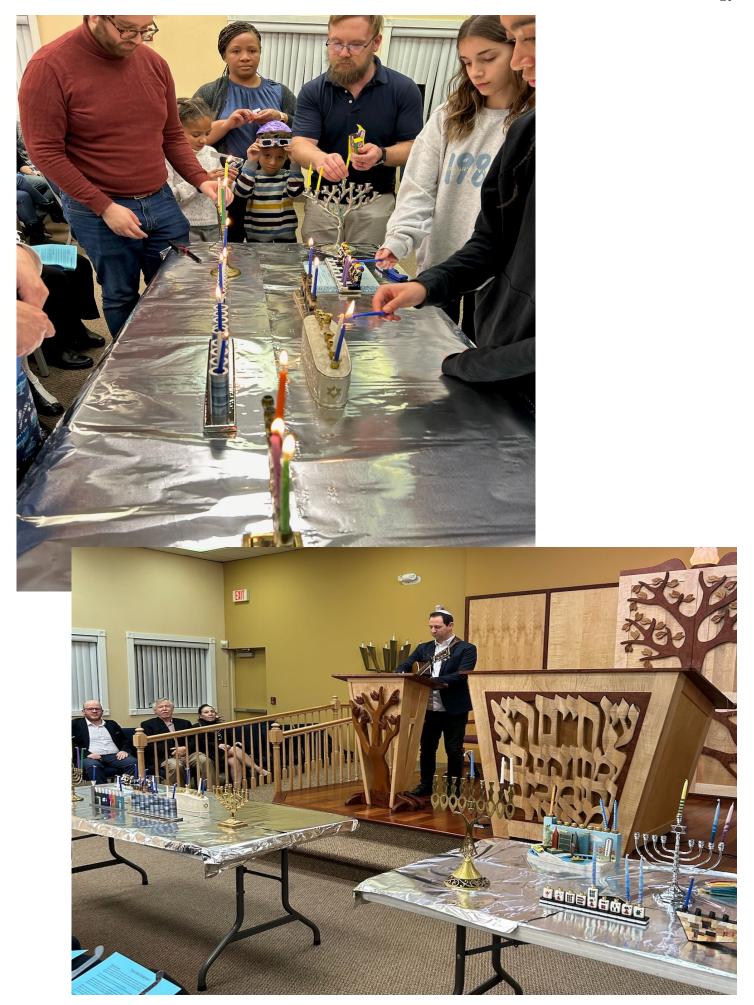
Music Trivia!!
50/50!!!

Register by January 24 by calling the office 732-251-1119, returning the form & check (payable to Congregation Etz Chaim) to 11 Cornell Ave, Monroe, NJ 08831, or going online: https://www.etzchaimmtjc.org/event/havdalah-dinner--cabaret-night.html#

Name:	Phone #:
Email:	
# attending (\$36):	Total Amt (\$):

Chanukah 2023





CORNERSTONE FOUNDATION

When writing a check for the Cornerstone Foundation, make it out to **Monroe Twp Jewish Center**. You must **put Cornerstone in the memo section** of the check.

Since its formal inception in Nov 2017, we have received generous donations from over 25 member and non-member families ranging from \$18 to \$25,000. As promised, Cornerstone funds are being used for major projects, general operating expenses and we are retaining funds in reserve to build a cushion of funds for future use.

The project funds have been used to replace the vinyl flooring in the rear of the sanctuary in the classroom space, for repairing the driveway and for the HVAC and exterior repairs. (In the future, depending on donations, we hope to make improvements to the bimah. We would like to replace the Torah reading table, the two podiums, and the chairs. We have made the bimah itself more accessible to those who have some difficulty walking by making the stairs and ramp more compliant.

Donations in any amount are welcome. You will find the brochure pages here in Roots or you can make a direct donation on our website.



Pledge & Payment Plan

I/We have committed today to a charitable donation to Congregation Etz Chaim Monroe Twp Jewish Center Cornerstone Fund.

I/We agree to make the following payments to Cornerstone:

- • • •	
Contribution:	
\$	

Payments are to be made (circle one)

Monthly
Quarterly (Every 3 months)
Semi-Annual (Every 6
months)
Yearly

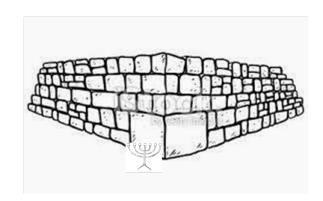
In the amount of	
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Cornerstone Fund

Congregation Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish Center



To Educate, To Motivate, To

Activate;

Congregation Etz Chaim
Monroe TipoJe Makenta
Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 411 Cornell Ave, Monroe
Twp. NJ 08831

Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555

Email: someone@example.com

Cornerstone Fund



Facts about the Cornerstone Fund

What is the Cornerstone Fund?

It is a fund established to ensure the continuity of our synagogue for the next 30 years.

Why should I donate to the fund?

Donating to Congregation Etz Chaim is a mitzvah but more importantly, because you want your synagogue family to thrive in the coming years.

How will the funds be managed?

The funds will be managed by a steering committee with spending approved by the Board of Trustees. Up to 35% of each year's income will be applied to current operational expenses to maintain services, 30% will be applied to large projects, such as building improvements or ritually related projects; the final 35% will be invested in order to create future income. All donations will be invested in a fiduciary manner with an eye to maintaining principal.

How will donors be recognized?

Donors will be recognized at special Shabbat celebrations and other events.

A Message from Rabbi Levy

In ancient days, our ancestors paid membership dues to the Temple in Jerusalem, Judaism's focal point. However, dues alone did not ensure the continuity of the Temple and its holy function. Rather, the Torah invites the congregation to bring "Terumah," that which is lifted up in holiness; freewill offerings of the heart.

Congregation Etz Chaim shines as the focal point for Judaism in southern Middlesex County, the only full-service synagogue in Monroe Township. Like the Temple in ancient days, we require the Mitzvah of freewill offerings of the heart to maintain our holy function.

Our Board has managed our financial affairs wisely and the funds built through the generosity of our members have in the past sustained us. But without enhanced revenue our reserve may soon be depleted. We have never needed you more. Your generosity will make a big difference, now and for our future.

When we complete a Book of the Torah we declare: Chazak, Chazak V'nitchazeik! Let us be strong, be strong, and strengthen one another! May all of us in the Etz Chaim family of families know the support of one another; that's what it means to be part of a Jewish community.

Rabbi Ben Levy

Giving Levels

Diamond \$25,000+
Platinum \$15,000 to \$24,999
Gold \$5000 to \$14,999
Silver \$1000 to \$4,999
Chai \$18 to \$999

Payment Plans: Payment plans are available at the discretion of the donor. Suggested payment plans are as follows:

Diamond: Payments may be spread over 4-5 years.

Platinum: Payments may be spread over 3-5 years.

Gold: Payments may be spread over 2-5 years depending on commitment level.

Silver: Payments may be spread over 2 years. Depending on commitment level, please consider making an annual commitment for 2-5 years.

Chai: Full payment would be appreciated within one calendar year. Please consider making a commitment to donate at this level for 3-5 years.

Thank you for your generous contribution and continuing support of Congregation Etz Chaim Monroe Twp Jewish center.

Congregation Etz Chaim is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is taxdeductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation.

The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life Spring 2024 Programs

► Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual)

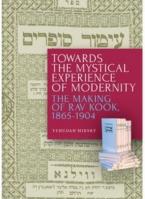
Mystical Zionism's Surprising Origins:

Rav Kook's Early Decades

YEHUDAH MIRSKY, Brandeis University

Supported by the Sagner Family Foundation





▶ Thursday, February 29, 7:30 p.m.

A Conversation with Pioneering Female Cantor Susan Mandell

Presented by the **Jewish Music Forum**, a Project of the American Society for Jewish Music



ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

Black Americans, Jewish Americans: Historical Intersections, Collisions, and Passings

March 4−5, 2024

This interdisciplinary symposium will reexamine the relationship of Black and Jewish Americans to each other and to White Christian American society. It will explore politics, culture, nationalism, and religion with a focus on how Black and Jewish Americans have negotiated their participation in American society.

Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

The Abram Matlofsky Memorial Program funded by the Karma Foundation

Not Quite White in Fiction and Film: Laura Z. Hobson's

Gentleman's Agreement
and Nella Larsen's Passing

- DONAVAN L. RAMON, Bildner Visiting Scholar, Rutgers University
- RACHEL GORDAN, University of Florida
- · GENE SEYMOUR, Film and Cultural Critic







Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

The Toby and Herbert Stolzer Annual Program

Jews by Nature: Summer Camp, Youth, and American Jewish Culture

SANDRA FOX, New York University

The Herbert and Leonard Littman Families Holocaust Resource Center

Professional Development for Middle and High School Teachers

Free Mini-Course on Theresienstadt

JUSTIN CAMMY,

Aresty Visiting Scholar, Rutgers University

Contact Sarah Portilla at Sarah.Portilla@rutgers.edu.



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More information available on the website:
BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu
Email: RSVPBildner@sas.rutgers.edu



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Committee Reports

Membership

Hello one and all,

Ellen and I left the membership Shabbat relieved and happy. Relieved because everything went smoothly and without a hitch. Happy because our members shared about the committees and activities they are involved in. Happy because all but two of our new members were there. Happy because the membership committee helped in every aspect of the evening. Happy because the kiddish was delicious.

Thank you all

Hope you have a very Happy Hanukkah.

Evie and Ellen, aka e&e

Sisterhood

Our annual Chanukah pot luck dinner & white elephant party was a major success. As usual, Stephanie did a great job.

We are off for the winter, January and February. Our next meeting is March 12th. We will do a book club. Judy will pick the book to read and review and run the discussion. Watch for an email about the event.

Rhoda & Marcia

Social Action

The Social Action food drive continues. Please donate non-expired, non-perishable food items. Thanks also for your contributions to our ongoing clothing drive. Those donations are always needed.

Our next blood drive will be on Superbowl Sunday, February 11. We have 8 donor appointments as of this writing. You can <u>make an appointment online</u>.

Last call for our Holiday Gift Drive for the benefit of the Women Aware Shelter in New Brunswick. We have already raised and delivered more than \$200. Once again, they request that we contribute gift cards that the women can use to get appropriate gifts for their children. The cards can be either from local stores or undesignated. Please look for our collection box in the lobby.

Ongoing Fundraising

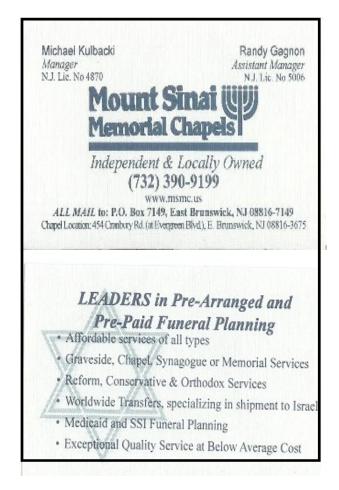
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	ontribution to Etz Chaim Monroe Township Jewish ow and mail it to us at: Etz Chaim MTJC,	
11 Cornell Ave., Monroe Twp., NJ C	08831	
In honor of:		
In memory of:		
On the occasion of:	Amount of your Donation:	
In hope for complete and speedy recovery of:	[]\$18[]\$36[]\$54[]\$72[]\$118[] Other\$	
This donation is being made by: Name:	Please Allocate Donation to one of the following categories:	
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<u>Iree</u>	e of Life Order Form	

Help to make our **TREE OF LIFE** grow with the celebration of family –generation to generation. Let it flourish with honored life cycle events. Share your celebrations of life with Etz Chaim. Questions can be directed to the Tree of Life Coordinator, Rhoda Jacobs. Call the office: 732-251-1119.

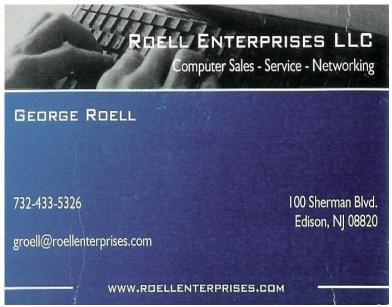
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Each leaf costs \$136 and holds 4 lines of engraving. Wording is entirely up to the discretion of the purchaser, provided it will all fit on the leaf. Refer to leaves on the Tree of Life in our lobby for examples of wording for different occasions.

	PLAQUE ORDER FORM
	e-mail:
Please provide the following i	
Full English Name:	
Full Hebrew Name (including	parents, if known)
Date of Death (include time, i	if known)
,	must accompany this order form. Make checks payable to Etz I take 4-6 weeks. Questions: Call Jody Grant via the office:
	orial Plaque" in the subject heading of check.







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CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM MONROE TOWNSHIP JEWISH CENTER

DIRECTORY 2023-2024

Rabbi Shmuel Polin 609-468-1768

Cantor President

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Rabbi Emerita	Shera Stern	
Etz Chaim Roots E-Mail	rhoda-jacobs@comca	st.net
Office Assistant	Diana Mikhaylov	732-251-1119
Temple Office	Office Hours: Call	732-251-1119
Website	www.EtzChaimMTJ C.org	
Address	11 Cornell Ave.	NJ 08831

ADVERTISING IN ETZ CHAIM ROOTS						
Size	Annual Con- tract	Single Issue	Each issue of Etz Chaim Roots reaches over 170 homes. Roots is published 11x/yr, monthly			
Full page	\$250	\$35	except for July (double July/August issue).			
Half page	\$200	\$30	2023 Advertising Rates			
1/4 page	\$150	\$25				
Business Card	\$120	\$20				

SUBMISSIONS TO ETZ CHAIM ROOTS

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All submissions and correspondence for Etz Chaim Roots should be sent to:

rhoda-jacobs@comcast.net . Please send MS-Word files (.doc/.docx). No special fonts or graphics in the text file will be guaranteed. All submissions will be acknowledged via e-mail.

Graphics and photos should be submitted separately, rather than inside other files or documents. All images and graphics should be saved as a JPEG and converted to grayscale. All images submitted for scanning must be photo or photo quality images.

All forms & flyers are subject to editing and need to be in to the editors by the 15th of the month.

Submission about congregation events, group activities, and other material relevant to the Jewish community are welcome. All is subject to available space and editorial constraints. Comments and suggestions are welcome too.

The deadline for submission to the monthly issue of Etz Chaim Roots is the 15th of the prior month. "Roots" is published monthly except for the double July/August issue.

Advertising/Publicity Manager **Position Available**

Volunteer sought for marketing, tracking and managing advertising for Etz Chaim Roots.

Training provided. Attention to detail and some basic knowledge of excel helpful.

PLEASE NOTE: Office hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10 am-2 pm

Wednesday: 10 am-2 pm

Thursday: 10 am-2 pm

Friday: 10 am-2 pm

Call the office before you come in

January, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	4 Gesher 5:30 pm Board of Trustees meeting 6:45 pm	5 Simchat Shabbat Kabbalat Shab- bat 6:30 PM	6 Simchat Shabbat Torah Study 10:00 Shabbat Worship 10:30
7`	8	9	10 Henry Rickliss Holo- caust Committee Meeting 2:00 pm Hebrew School 4:30 pm	11 Gesher 5:30pm	12 Kabbalat Shab- bat 6:30 PM	13 Torah Study 10:00 Shabbat Worship 10:30
14	15	16	17 Social Action meeting 11:15 am Hebrew School 4:30 pm	18 Gesher 5:30pm	19 Kabbalat Shab- bat 6:30 PM	20 Student Shabbat Torah Study 10:00 Shabbat Worship 10:30
21	22	23	24 Hebrew School 4:30 pm	25 Gesher 5:30pm	26 International Holocaust Day Service Kabbalat Shab- bat 6:30 PM	27 Torah Study 10:00 Shabbat Worship 10:30
28	29	30	31 Hebrew School 4:30 pm			



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Candle lighting times are determined for Monroe Township, New Jersey area.

Friday, January 5, 2023 4:27 pm

Friday, January 12, 2023 4:34 pm

Friday, January 19, 2023 4:42 pm

Friday, January 26, 2023 4:51 pm