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Simchat Torah (Monday night, October 1, and Tuesday, October 2, 2018) marks the end of the fall holiday season. For 23 days we have been moving through a series of celebrations, commemorations and observances that are designed to nurture our souls. The penitential period of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are familiar to all of us. The joy of the Sukkot festival culminating with the observance of Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah is a beautiful way to begin the year.

It has been taught that there is a special relationship between Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Simchat Torah, a relationship similar to that of a parent and a child. All of us know that the parental role is a complex one and the relationship between a parent and a child engages the totality of our senses. Parents teach children about obedience, reverence, choice, consequences, sadness and joy. We learn together, we feel each other’s pain and celebrate each other’s joys.

For us as Jews, our relationship with God is similar to that of a parent and a child. During the month of Tishrei this relationship is highlighted through our holiday observances. Rosh Hashana is a time when God says to us “Obey me, fulfill my Mitzvot” similar to a parent who says “Listen to what I am saying.” On Yom Kippur, God says, “Revere me, fear me,” just as parents expect respect from their children. And at Simchat Torah, God says, “Embrace me, let’s celebrate, let’s dance.” Does not the same connection hold true for parents and children who, hopefully, find the time and desire to share life’s high moments together in a loving embrace?

When I think about this analogy, it presents some interesting truths. For us, Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are sacred times when we focus on the themes of obedience, reverence and fear. Consequences are on our minds and our actions demonstrate our sincerity. By the time Simchat Torah arrives, many of us have returned to our normal routines of life and defer the celebration, the embrace, the dancing until “we have more time.” This year, I invite you to change that pattern and join us for celebration, dancing and the embrace of community on Monday evening, October 1, 2108. The celebration begins at Congregation B’nai Zion at 6 PM. I look forward to dancing with you.

-Rabbi Scott Rosenberg
I hope that everyone had meaningful High Holidays with time to reflect on the past and plan for the future.

Though the “big ones” may be behind us until next year, other holidays are still to come and daily and weekly events are always a part of our congregational life. October starts with Simchat Torah, one of the most joyous holidays of the year. If you have not attended Simchat Torah services in a while, I hope you will join us this year. It is a celebration for everyone and, in particular, a chance for our children to dance with the Torah and parade through the Sanctuary participating in the hakafot tradition, which is, of course, followed by a festive meal!

It is important for the whole congregation to be a part of the events that include our youngest members to show them encouragement and support for their love of learning and Jewish traditions. Talmud Torah is a major tool in educating the next generation, but so is leading by example by attending and participating in services. Talmud Torah provides classroom education for students in pre-K through B’nai Mitzvah age. The students learn Hebrew, prayers, study the weekly parshah, and prepare for holidays, all building up to their B’nai Mitzvah celebrations. However, all this learning works best when complemented by involvement in religious services. Attending Talmud Torah also establishes bonds between Jewish students, helping build pride in their Jewish identity that they take with them into whichever schools they attend during the day and throughout the rest of their lives.

After Simchat Torah is over, there will be many more reasons to show up at B’nai Zion. Twice daily minyanas, Shabbat and Havdalah services are always there for you, and are better when experienced with a large group. Volunteer opportunities also abound for existing events and committees, and you are always encouraged to reach out with ideas you have for things that you want to do that you believe will improve our spiritual and community life. It will take engagement and participation from each and every one of us to sustain and grow B’nai Zion.

It is inspiring to see members step forward to share their love of Judaism and special expertise with the congregation. We are lucky to have many members who have been doing this for years, and others who have recently begun. Larry Lesser’s musical introduction to Kabbalat Shabbat adds a personal and unique touch to the start of Shabbat, Tanny Berg’s years of devotion to morning Torah study have provided insights and knowledge, and Harold Peitzer’s orchestration of services have been instrumental to our worship. These are a just few of the volunteer contributions that keep us moving forward every week.

In the new year, it would be wonderful if we all find a way to make our mark and show our presence and have a positive impact on the B’nai Zion community. Here’s to all of us spending more time together in 5779!

Sincerely yours,

-Shane Lipson
In my mind is an image of a new dad sitting in a rocking chair near the window in a dark room. The window is open, and a breeze softly blows a lace curtain while moonlight streams into the room. In the dad’s arms is a baby whose birth, the dad believes, is a miracle. The baby’s name is Sarah.

For me, the image is both literal and symbolic. I always see it when I hear Joe Buchanan’s song, one of my favorite prayers, “Sarah Laughed:

Miracles abound, In front of you and all around  
You and I, and she and him, It’s a miracle that life begins  
Every time we think we’re lost for good  
The world keeps on turning, just like it should  
And out of the darkness came let there be light  
And it’s a miracle that we’re sharing space, here in this life  
The universe is a concert, and everything moves in time  
And anything can happen when the moment is right  
And Sarah laughed…

The day begins the same way each time  
The sun and moon and stars, they all know their lines  
Life has this heartbeat of its own, you know  
The only thing unpredictable is… human soul  
And out of the darkness came let there be light  
It’s a miracle we’re sharing space, here in this life  
The universe is a concert, everything moves in time  
And anything can happen when the moment is right  
And Sarah laughed…

We’re the change in things  
We’re the dreamers and the shapers, we’re the crafters and the makers  
Building our lives  
I try so hard to find G-d’s plan in mine  
But I’m a rocky start… and maybe that’s by design  
And then I laugh, And Sarah laughed  
And out of the darkness came let there be light  
It’s a miracle that we’re sharing space, here in this life  
The universe is a concert, and everything moves in time  
And everything can happen when the moment is right  
And Sarah laughed…

These words sustain me: “…Out of the darkness came let there be light…anything…everything can happen when the moment is right.” They remind me that God’s plan is bigger than my disappointments. They give me courage to believe, to dream, to act. And it is this prayer that assures me that we’re on the right track at B’nai Zion.

As the holiday season draws to a close and we return to our normal routines, let’s make 5779 a year of believing, of dreaming and of action together. Remember, if your dreams don’t scare you, they aren’t big enough and that everything can happen when the moment is right.

Wishing you, once again, all the best in 5779,

-Debra Pazos
As we start 5779, we pray it begins with a clean slate. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could leave parts of the past behind and start fresh every year, keeping the good and leaving the bad? From a financial perspective, 5779 will not be an easy year. Dwindling membership and depleting endowments are not a good way to start a year. We have a projected budget shortfall of around $450,000 (this includes line items for a new roof and/or repair, elevator repair, several air conditioning unit replacements and cemetery security). We number 270 families in the congregation, 58 members are Special and Donor/Out-of-Town, who provide about 1.5% of our annual $750,000 budget. General Members number 146, and provide 13.5% of our budget. We have 32 Sustaining members, 18 Benefactors, and 16 Pillar members providing 35%. A total of 50% of our expenses is covered by dues. Another 20% comes from endowments income with the remainder either in donations or represented as a capital loss. This is not a sustainable way to run and keep our Synagogue Financially Healthy. The Finance Committee, past presidents, and large donors have been tasked with finding ways and developing ideas to build our endowments such that they will provide for shortfalls going forward.

What would the theme or themes be for these campaigns? The Finance Committee was asked to think outside of the box and return with ideas. I sat back thinking about the assignment; what can we do to attract the greatest attention, a cause worthy of our congregants’ commitment and drive? Why not get a spokesperson; would it be a person of faith, a celebrity, perhaps a survivor, someone who has experienced a loss of freedom, or loss of someone close? Something in my thoughts told me to think bigger. An idea slowly coalesced, why not ask “Hashem” for a matching campaign with us? After all, we sit in His house and seek Him in joy and in sadness, in contemplation and in understanding, so why not in our time of need? Who would dare not take notice of this matching gift? Literally, we would be inundated with gifts to be matched by “Hashem.” Jew and gentile alike, the poorest and the richest, the educated and uneducated, the sick, the feeble, kings, presidents all would seek to participate in our program. All of this makes for a good story, but the skeptical would say, “Let ‘Hashem’ go first, after all, I’ve never seen a check from ‘Hashem’.”

How would “Hashem” match your contribution? The answer is simple, “Hashem” has gone first, He has paid His part forward. I consider “Hashem’s” currency/matching gift as blessings received. A blessing, as in “I have my wife and my children,” “I have my parents,” “I have food on my table,” the list goes on forever. So, if “Hashem’s” currency is blessings, then how should we match His gift? As you walk into our Synagogue you see in both Hebrew and English “What can I render unto the Lord for his gifts to me.” The answer to this question is simple and yet hard in many respects. If you feel blessed, then the answer is clear that “Hashem” has kept His part of the bargain; you must honor your part.

As we start 5779, it is incumbent upon each one of us to answer the question posed at the entrance to our Synagogue, and, hopefully, it is to “Pay it forward” to provide for not only us, but for our children, and our children’s children. If you are not a member- join, if you are a member reach out and help us make our congregation richer in programing and Jewish experience.

As Treasurer, I look to all of you and at all of you as the treasure that our Synagogue must protect, and I want to share this story that I feel will leave you with a meaningful thought;

Hidden Treasure

An elderly Farmer who worked every day in his fields toiling to make ends meet and provide for his family finds himself taken ill. The farmer feels that it is time to turn over his fields and a secret to his 5 children. He asks them to sit down, and tells them that he fears he will not see the light of morning. He tells them that there is treasure hidden in the fields for them, but he has forgotten where he buried it. He tells them that after his death, he wants them to dig the treasure out and with that he passes on. The children dig up every inch of the farm, and while doing so planted crops to live on. They never found a treasure, but that year they had the very best crops in the history of the farm. They now understood what their father had meant about a treasure.

We have much to do to revitalize our Congregation. When called upon for your help, think of all the hidden treasures that we can uncover together. Let’s make use of the gifts our Synagogue gives, as well as our Rabbis’ knowledge and wisdom. We are truly blessed having two Rabbis in residence, ready to teach, ready to answer, and to discover with you.

Every journey begins with a first step, let us take these steps together to find our treasure and preserve it for future generations.

Le Shana Tova Tikka Tevu.

-Fred Hirsh
It was gratifying to spend Kol Nidre with so many of you this year. It was a beautiful and new service for our congregation that brought new insights from Rabbi Rosenberg, soulful chanting from Cantor Schubert, and a spiritual cello introduction.

It was also an opportunity, as always, to speak about the importance of B’nai Zion to each of us and make our appeal that addresses the financial realities of the importance of our annual Kol Nidre-inspired donations.

For those of you who were there and for those who could not be there, the truth remains that you have a connection to B’nai Zion that is causing you to be reading The Messenger today. And by choosing to do this, it means that some “thing” or “things” about B’nai Zion matter to you, no matter what the “thing” may be.

Whether you come to services daily or once a year; whether you participate in Sisterhood or have children that attend Talmud Torah; whether it is USY that is important, or our kosher kitchen; perhaps it is the Mikveh or having a sustained place to come to say Kaddish for a loved one; whether it is a community to celebrate a holiday with, or even if it is just to know that you are connected with the Jewish community; whatever your reason being part of the CBZ family, it’s important to know that sustaining our Congregation and the services it provides takes money.

Almost 50% of our annual budget is strictly salary dollars. Over half of our budget is dedicated to those who sustain CBZ including Clergy, the office, facilities, and teachers. We start approaching 60% just by adding cemetery upkeep. And these numbers don’t include capital expenses like addressing our 35 year old roof.

However, most importantly, only 45% of the operating budget is met by annual dues revenue. That’s right, let that sink in. Only 45% of our budget is covered by membership dues. So how do we do it every year? We have to close that gap through events such as Casino Night, grants from sources like the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso, El Paso Jewish Community Foundation, and Garbar Foundation. But no single source means more to us than the annual Kol Nidre drive from our congregation. Not just in terms of dollars, but in terms of commitment by our community.

Four months ago, I gathered 18 past presidents, trustees, and benefactors to come together about our future. Seventeen of them made a true commitment, both in time and money, to our future. Some of them have re-engaged in ways they haven’t in years with heavy lifting – Gary & Judy Weiser who helped transform the High Holiday Aliyah process; Gary Nadler now on the dues committee; Myer Lipson & Cliff Eisenberg who are driving our new CBZ Strategy committee. Their commitment is to the future.

Two months ago, I stood in front of the new Board of Directors and brought up the same topic. All 20 of them…every one of them…were so committed to the future that they each made financial commitment to CBZ beyond their annual dues. And each of them has embarked on a mission to contact every single CBZ member.

This is now the moment we are asking all members to help in this Kol Nidre appeal. For those who have, CBZ thanks you. For those who haven’t yet had an opportunity, you will be receiving donation cards in the mail. We ask that you consider your connection with the future of our community and respond in kind.

-Shane Lipson
October has finally come and brought us cool weather. Along with the seasonal change, some of us experience one with our attitude as well. We start looking forward to our next “holiday” and reason to give.

Sisterhood in the upcoming months, encourages you to do both. First, October is dedicated to our social action project. Please participate in our “soctober” event and contribute socks for the homeless shelter. It will help so many, at a cost of a few pennies. Second, join us on October 21st to “relive history” through the program “If This Old Thing Could Talk.” Feel free to bring any family heirlooms, Judaica, mementos or photographs. We will also have the Sisterhood scrapbooks on display.

Stay tuned for November, which will feature new and vintage programs. It will begin with our Tupperware fundraiser in which you can peruse and purchase your favorites. Then, towards month end, B’nai Zion Sisterhood will sponsor a Book Review, along with Temple Mount Sinai’s Sisterhood and Hadassah (details to come). Finally, in December, we plan to enjoy a great party with our “Latkes and Vodka” activity (women only). However, as stated before, Sisterhood is not possible without “you.”

Before the High Holidays, I attempted to contact every Sisterhood member. For those of you I reached via the phone, we had wonderful conversations. Whether the call was to inform you about upcoming programs, provide a reminder with regards to dues or the Directory, the objective: Member Rapport. Sisterhood cares about each of our members, “you.” To demonstrate this, I also solicited suggestions for improvement. Not many were offered but those which were, will be considered. Your “voice” does matter to us and is “heard.” Thank you to our members, sponsors, Torah Fund contributors and B’nai Zion family for your ongoing support. We are honored to work with you to make a positive difference. That is the “gift” you give us.

In Sisterhood,

-Debbie Cohen
Sunday, October 21, 2018 CBZ Sisterhood presents:
If This Old Thing Could Talk!

Another opportunity for Sisterhood members to share treasured items and their stories (just as we did last year with our jewelry)!

For more information contact Patty Hutman
833-1566, 525-6882 (text only) or pahutman@gmail.com
We want to see you there!

SOCKTOBER

Every day in El Paso, almost 1400 people are homeless, including over 300 children.
This October, help CBZ Sisterhood prove that even the smallest acts of love,
like donating a new pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.
The #1 clothing need in most shelters is for socks.
Donate a new pair of socks to the collection basket in the CBZ foyer during the month of October.
Sisterhood will be working with the El Paso Coalition For The Homeless
to direct these donations to the appropriate shelter.
For those who do not know, LTI or Leadership Training Institute, is a USY convention that is designed to teach future leaders in USY skills to run their chapters. For me, this was my second LTI convention and it was very insightful. The theme of the convention was teamwork and the programing, designed around it. One activity that we did required us to be blindfolded and get into a circle with chairs and try to find our way out without climbing over or under the chairs. To get out of the circle, you had to raise your hand, and someone would help you out. This game taught me that to accomplish certain tasks, you must be willing to ask for help.

Another activity that we did was to sit in a chair across from a person and try to convince them to join USY. Let me explain: the person across from you had to pretend to not know what USY is, and you had to overcome the person’s excuses to convince them to join. After a turn, the roles would switch, and you would be the non-member. This activity taught us how to recruit members and get them involved in USY. All in all, this convention was very informative, and it taught me the importance of teamwork, recruitment, and remaining calm under pressure.

Thank you to all who made this possible,

Julian Cohen
BZUSY-President

_USY and Kadima Members having fun at Top Golf._
For information on becoming a member please call or text Consuelo Madero @ (915) 861-6265.

_Congratulations to our new USY BOARD:_
_Julian Cohen, President_
_Elijah Hagins, Israel Affairs_
_Noah Hagins, Membership_
Chavurah Kickoff

On August 19th, Congregation B’nai Zion hosted its first Chavurah Meet & Greet with more than 90 attendees. All enjoyed a delightful smorgasbord, drinks, games and music. Everyone had so much fun from the beginning till the end.

Join the fun and sign up to be a part of a Chavurah!
• Reconnect and have lunch with friends
• Build new connections
• Singles, Couples, Families, Empty - nesters, everyone is invited!

Submit your Chavurah questionnaire now via email at programs@cbzep.org or by mail. If you did not receive a questionnaire, please contact us at (915) 833-2222.

A very special thanks to the Jewish Community Foundation of El Paso and to all our volunteers who made this event possible.

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YOM HASHIR
Day of Song

Sunday,
Oct. 7, 2018
12pm - 3pm

Keystone Heritage
Park Botanical Gardens
4200 Doniphan

Admission: $10 adults,
$5 seniors/military, $1 child
(under 18 years with adult)

Lunch package: $6
(hotdog, side, drink, & treat)*

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915-833-2222

*vegetarian option available with advance purchase

Chava Mirel at 2pm
www.chavamirel.com

Local Artists at 12pm
- Larry Lesser
- Alison Westermann & Emil Chaparro
- Israeli Dancers
- And more!

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OF GREATER EL PASO
Seattle-Based Singer Chava Mirel Headlines Yom HaShir at Botanical Gardens
By Kristin Kimmelman

Celebrate Jewish music in the beautiful outdoors on Sunday, October 7, 2018! Join us for the biennial Yom HaShir—a day of song featuring Jewish music and dance and award-winning Jewish music composer, singer, and instrumentalist Chava Mirel. This program is possible because of a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso and your support. Yom HaShir begins at noon with local performers and an opportunity to explore the Botanical Gardens. Hungry? Kosher hotdog (and veggie dog) lunch packages will be available for purchase.

Chava will close the program at 2pm with her rich, luxurious vocals and deep pocket rhythms. With themes of gratitude, self-acceptance, balance and responsibility for each other, Chava’s songs bring comfort and uplift the spirit.

Chava’s songs are featured on the URJ Dunst Social Justice Music Project album, in the Behrman House “Hebrew in Harmony” curriculum, and the “Gift of Music” collection curated by Jewish Rock Radio. She has recorded two full-length albums, “Journey,” and “Make the Two Sides Meet,” as well as in a duo project, Josh and Chava, with musical partner Josh Niehaus. Learn more about Chava and listen to her music at www.chavamirel.com.

Chava will also be leading a Tot Shabbat service at Congregation B’nai Zion on Saturday, October 6, at 11am. Keep an eye out in the weekly e-blast for other activities featuring Chava during her stay.

Other Yom HaShir performers include:

Award-winning songwriter/educator Larry Lesser has had his original Jewish songs recorded on CDs by several artists (Ellen M. Wilson, Sababa, Larry Bach), been featured on an NPR station interview, and performed at festivals/concerts, including his song “Break” performed at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall by UTEP’s stellar middle eastern music ensemble Layali Al-Sham. His songs have played featured roles at many community events, including fundraiser concerts, congregational services, Stop the Sirens community program, B’nei Anusim conferences, and musical presentations for Yom Limmud, EJPA, and Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Alison Westermann and Emil Chaparro have been writing together since 2011, when they wrote their first song “Holes in the Future” about Alison’s grief over losing her dear younger sister Lauren Marlowe. They have since gone on to write many songs together and performed all over El Paso. They look forward to writing (and hopefully recording!) more over the next few months.

CBZ Israel Dancers have been starting off their Sunday mornings with learning Israeli dance for over a year, thanks to instructor Dora Roe. They are looking forward to sharing their moves!

Your admission and lunch packages can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.congregationbnaizion.org or 915-833-2222. I hope to see you there!
Welcome New Members!
Pinni & Nancy Kachel

Thank you to the following members for sponsoring:

**Friday Shabbat Oneg:**
8/17  David & Kristin Kimmelman
     In loving memory of Lupe Holland

**Saturday Kiddush Lunch:**
9/01  Ramos Family
     Celebrating Sammy’s life, and the 10th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah
9/01  Friends of Ann & Bruce Gronich
     Wishing them good health and happiness in the new chapter of their lives in Albuquerque
9/08  Jaime & Martha Rubinstein
     In loving memory of grandfather, Menachem Wernicky

**Saturday Seudat:**
9/15  Sandy Dula
     In loving memory of husband Thomas Dula and parents William & Anne Beleck and Ruth & Julius Dula

**Sunday Bagel Breakfast:**
8/26  Tanny Berg & Lee Chayes
     In loving memory of Jack Berg
9/09  Blanche Brown & Janice Schuffman
     In loving memory of Robert Brown
9/16  Nieces & Nephews
     In loving memory of Henry Schlusselberg

**Monday Bagel Breakfast:**
8/20  David & Kristin Kimmelman
     In loving memory of Samuel Kimmelman

**Beautiful Flowers that adorn our Bimah:**
8/31  Ramos Family
     In loving memory of Sammy Ramos
9/7   Felicia Rubin
     In memory of beloved mother Edith Frankel

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**Of Note**

CBZ Embraces Newcomers
The newly reconstituted and energized membership committee is eager to welcome people to El Paso and Congregation B’nai Zion. You can help in this effort! Please contact the committee chair, Kristin Kimmelman (575) 640-5806 or kristinkimmelman@gmail.com) if:
- You know of someone new to the community who would like information about Congregation B’nai Zion,
- You would like to be a new member’s “buddy” to help him or her become a part of Congregation B’nai Zion’s family, or
- You would like to help with the committee’s outreach

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**A Very Special Thank you to:**

- Felicia Rubin whose generosity made bringing Cantor Anita Schubert to B’nai Zion for the High Holidays possible.
- Sonny Ospovat for loaning us his golf cart and making our Yom Kippur door-to-door transportation assistance possible.
- The Nadler Family for the beautiful flowers that adorned our Bimah during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in memory of Irwin, Alicia and Marvin.
- Cesar Pazos for repairing our Torah covers.
- Mike Batkin for the beautiful flowers that adorned our Bimah during Sukkot.
**Simchas**

**Birthdays**

10/01
Neftali Maldonado
Jaime Rubinstein

10/02
Sheri Rosenbaum
Lee J. Nadler

10/03
Sheri Cohen

10/04
Monica Kimmelman

10/05
Helen Pearlmutter

10/08
Richard Grodin

10/09
Noah Hagins
Julian Cohen

10/11
Cesar Carrasco
Joani Schonberg

10/12
Salomon Holland
Adam Levine

10/14
Julie Otis
Paulette Newberger
Margie Hauptman

10/15
Robert French
Howard Goldberg

10/16
Rose Gallardo-Herrera
Mady Hunter
Ellyn Bork

10/17
Nat Holzer
Lisa Nadler
Dr. David Schecter
Esther Kishk

10/18
Marshall Ethan Lipson
Ross Theodore Lipson

10/19
Henri Rafael
Moises Aaron Holland

10/20
Yolanda Radcliffe

10/21
Jack Cohen
Sandra Nadler

10/23
Brynne Blaugrund
Cesar Pazos
Brett Goldberg
Ninette Altus

10/24
Sara Blaugrund

10/25
Beverly Reiter

10/26
Gil Kimmelman
Arlene Feinberg
Mona Goldberg

**Anniversaries**

10/02
Dr. Jeffrey & Catherine Weislow

10/05
Mario Ochoa-Gurany & Ariela Orellana

10/08
Dr. Todd & Sheri Reiter

10/16
Alia Garcia-Ureste & Gilberto Ureste Sr.

10/24
Tibor & Ann Schaechner

10/26
Randy & Loretta Fertel

10/29
Jack & Sandy Peitzer

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Irwin, Beth, Debra, Maurice and Shayna Kurland

Rabbi Scott Rosenberg - Welcome to El Paso and B’nai Zion.
Irwin, Beth, Debra, Maurice and Shayna Kurland

Irwin Kurland - Happy special 85th birthday.
Your loving children and grandchild, Beth, Debra, Maurice, and Shayna Kurland
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Susie Schaechner, Lillian and Elaine Krasne

Martha & Cliff Eisenberg – Happy Anniversary.
Beth & Myer Lipson

Lt. Col. Sidney Blum – Wishing you a speedy recovery.
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

Miriam Spitz-Domnitz – Wishing you a speedy recovery.
Herbert & Brenda Ehrlich

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What do you do with those leftover etrogim now that Sukkot is over? Here’s one idea:

EtrogCello

Ingredients:
5-6 Etrogs (citrons)
1 (750 ml) bottle 100-proof vodka*
1 vanilla bean
2 cups sugar
2 1/2 cups water

* Use 100-proof vodka, which has less flavor than a lower proof one. It also keeps the finished liquor from being too sweet and the high alcohol content ensures that the liquor will not turn to ice in the freezer.

Step 1:
Wash the etrogs with a vegetable brush and hot water to remove any residue of pesticides or wax. Pat them dry.
Pour 1/2 the vodka into a large glass jar with the vanilla bean. Carefully zest the lemons with a zester or vegetable peeler so there is no white pith on the peel. Use only the outer part of the rind. The pith, the white part underneath the rind, is too bitter and would spoil your liquor. Add the lemon zest directly to the jar as it is zested.
Cover the jar and let sit at room temperature for at least ten days and up to forty days in a cool dark place. The longer it rests, the better the taste will be. As it sits, the vodka will slowly take on the flavor and rich yellow color of the zest.

Step Two:
In a large saucepan, combine the sugar and water. Cook until thickened, approximately 5 to 7 minutes. Let the syrup cool before adding it to the vodka mixture. Once the syrup is cool pour it into the jar with the vodka. Add the remaining vodka. Allow to rest for another ten to forty days.

Step Three:
After the liquor has rested for the second time strain the mixture, discarding the lemon zest and vanilla bean. Pour into bottles. The liquor is best served chilled, so store it in the freezer until ready to use. It will keep fine at room temperature as well, but should be chilled before drinking.

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