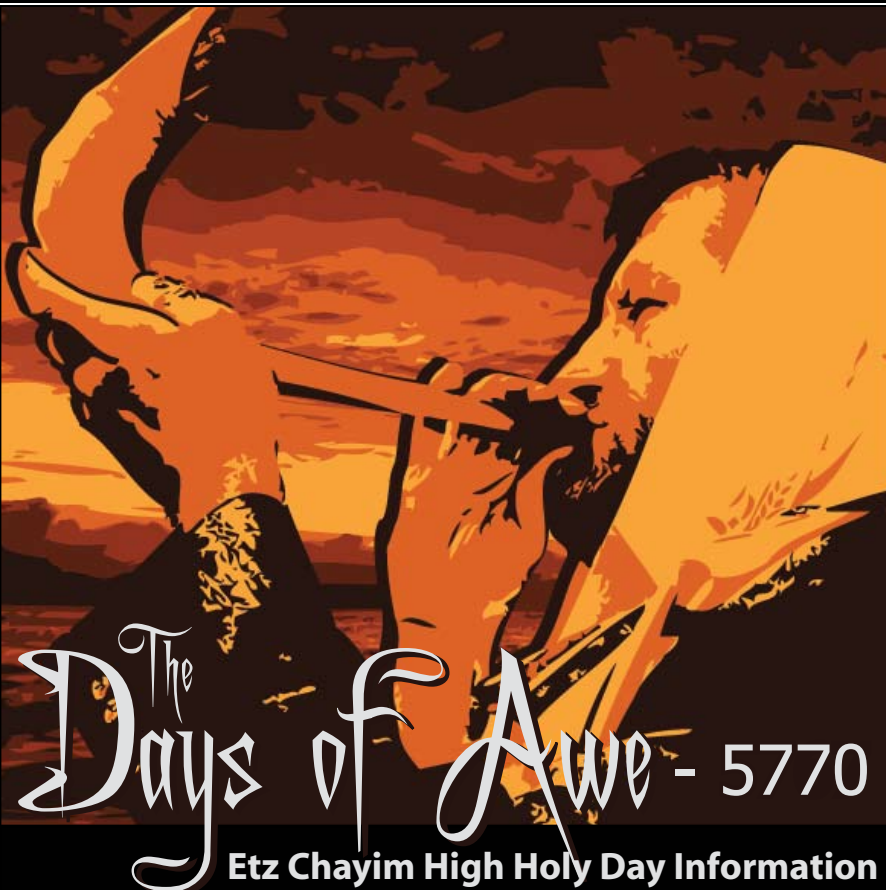


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Etz Chayim Conservative Synagogue Monthly Newsletter



This year we will have Rosh Hashanah starting on Friday evening Sept. 18 with the two day observance being on Saturday and Sunday 19,20 Sept. Yom Kippur will begin with Kol Nidre on Sunday evening, 27 Sept and conclude with a Break the Fast Dinner on Monday evening, 28 Sept. Rosh Hashanah day services are 09:30 to 13:30 and Yom Kippur day is 09:30-14:30 & 17:00 to 19:00.

As in past years, we encourage member participation in leading the services in many ways. Members can read a Torah portion, have a Torah Aliya & recite Torah blessings, Open /Close the Ark for a specific prayer, and Lead English or Hebrew reading of a prayer. Of course everyone can participate as a congregant and member of the minyan.

We will have a limited number of Torah, ark opening and reading honors, and we want to share those with our membership. Please look at your calendars and plan to let us know what kind of role you wish to have in our Holy Day services. We will be in contact soon with detailed questions to help you request specific participation.

- The Etz Chayim Religious Committee

Welcome Rabbi Glusman



We are very pleased to welcome Rabbi Brian Glusman this month as Etz Chayim's new visiting rabbi. He joins Etz Chayim after serving as rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Birmingham, Alabama, for eight years. Rabbi Glusman was born in Huntsville, in 1961, where his father, Fred Glusman, was one of the original founding members of Etz Chayim.

Rabbi Glusman received his rabbinic ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York, one of the only multi-denominational pluralistic rabbinical seminaries in the U.S. Rabbi Glusman has an M.A. in counseling and advanced training as a marriage and family therapist. He has served congregations in Colorado Springs, CO, Philadelphia, PA and Palm Beach, FL. Rabbi Glusman is well known for his ability to introduce people of all backgrounds to a unique blend of Judaism and spirituality that provides warmth, meaning and excitement.

Rabbi Glusman has conducted many workshops for Jewish educators and has been a featured speaker at seminars for Jewish leaders. He served as scholar-in-residence at the JNF's National Young Leadership Retreat and at the Southeastern UJC's Young Leadership Conference. Rabbi Glusman lectures at University of Alabama's School of Education in Birmingham. He has also been a featured panelist at Samford University.

From Rabbi Glusman

Shalom to all of my friends in Huntsville!

I would like to express my appreciation to the leadership of Etz Chayim for choosing me to be your next visiting Rabbi. As many of you may know, returning to Huntsville is a homecoming of sorts. It is especially meaningful for me to be your next spiritual leader. I was born in Huntsville and my parents, Gloria and Fred Glusman, were some of Etz Chayim's founders. My grandmother, Rose Tunkle and her husband, Nathan Marlin, owned a popular Huntsville restaurant and gourmet food store, Marlin's Delicatessen. Some of my early childhood memories include attending Friday night services and celebrating holidays with the Etz Chayim community. I remember returning to Huntsville some years ago to celebrate Etz Chayim's Bar Mitzvah year, a celebration which was held in a local hotel. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to getting to know you during our Shabbat and holiday visits.

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In Hebrew, our High Holidays are called Yamim Noraim, Days of Awe. This is an intense season and our prayers are reflective of this mood. From the beginning of Elul through Yom Kippur, we look into our souls, repent for our wrongdoing, and commit to make changes in our lives. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mark a unique spiritual journey. However, this is only part of the process. Many Jews spend hours and hours in synagogue during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and do not come back for the reward. The reward is Sukkot and Simchat Torah! These are two magnificent holidays during which we express our gratitude to God and celebrate the beauty of our Torah. We eat in the sukkah, we wave the lulav, we dance, we wave flags, we affirm life and – at the same time – we assure the continuity of our religious tradition. Come celebrate at Etz Chayim and enjoy the beauty of this holiday season.

I look forward to seeing you during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

However, remember, the best is yet to come!

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Brian Glusman

President's Letter

I hope everyone has had an incredible summer. I am very excited about the upcoming year. In preparing the Shofar with Jennifer, I realize that there is so much going on at Etz Chayim the next couple of weeks, that I am going to relinquish my space for my presidential message to Bob Burdeshaw who will introduce a great new program being offered at Etz Chayim for children K-12.

Shalom,

Sandy Pepper

This fall, Etz Chayim will begin a Jewish Education Enrichment Program, JEEP for short, as a series of Wednesday classes for your children ages Kindergarten through High School. We understand that today's families are over-scheduled; however, we are offering these classes as a weekly retreat where your child can learn Hebrew, learn Jewish traditions and, most importantly, hang out with other Jewish kids in a quiet, stress-free environment.

JEEP classes will be taught by Etz Chayim members who are experienced in teaching the many aspects of Judaism. We are aware that many children have different levels of knowledge and exposure to Judaism. These classes are designed to provide individual attention to those who need it and also provide more challenging lessons to those who show a more advanced knowledge.

This weekly program is not meant as a substitute for Shabbat services but as a supplement to the holidays, traditions, customs you as parents are already doing in your home on a daily basis. These classes are open to the entire community.

• **Kitah Gan, Aleph and Bet (K-2):** 1 hour weekly at synagogue

The Kitah Gan curriculum is built around exploring Judaism. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the many different aspects of the synagogue, mitzvot, and holidays. During these Wednesday classes. This class will provide a warm environment where the children to learn in a creative and fun setting.

• **Grades 3-4:** 1 hour weekly at synagogue

In this class, Students should be able to recognize the Hebrew alphabet and vowels and have a basic understanding of the Jewish Holidays. This class will continue to learn to read Hebrew at pace comfortable for all children involved. Tutors will be available for those children who require additional time attention. The 3rd and 4th grade will be paired with Youth group members who serve as mentors, friends and teachers during specific community service projects. Throughout the year, we will bring in different speakers, who will share their Jewish experience, occupations and why Judaism is such an important part of their life.

• **Grades 5-7: B'nai Mitzvot class:**

These classes are for children preparing for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The classes will go over prayers for Friday night and Saturday morning services. The students will also have classes on History, Culture and Traditions throughout the year.

• **8th grade-High School:**

These young adults will participate in group activities throughout the year that puts their experience and knowledge in to action. Please see the calendar for the yearly events. Our first meeting will take place on September 16th at 5pm at EC and we will meet Bi-monthly.

All classes, except the High School class, will be held at the synagogue on Wednesday afternoon starting at 4pm - 5pm. I am looking forward to the first day of class on September 9th and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at rebmidwife@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Bob Burdeshaw
EC Enrichment Coordinator

News from Pam and Lisa about TBS Sunday School:

We are so excited about the upcoming year at Sunday school. We have been working on a calendar we think everyone will enjoy. We will start the year with registration on August 30th at TBS and the first day of school we will have a poltuck breakfast and open house. We will also have sign up sheets for volunteering opportunities

We are in need of teachers. If you have a child in religious school (or, even if you don't..), please consider teaching. The ISJL curriculum is easy to follow. You don't have to have a great knowledge of all things Jewish, just a desire to learn, teach and help. The only way to make our Sunday school successful is for everyone of us to participate. We can make this the best year ever....TOGETHER!!!

We are also open to suggestions! If there are ideas anyone has that may help us to improve the Sunday school, we would LOVE to hear them. Email any ideas or questions to alissalapidus@aol.com, and we will do our best to accommodate. Please go to the website calendar for important dates.

Sisterhood News:

Hello Ladies. This is my first article as the new Sisterhood President and I am excited to let you know that we have a great year planned for our members and for our Synagogue. The Sisterhood supports the Synagogue in many ways. Three examples are keeping the kitchen supplied, paying for and

preparing all of the Kiddush luncheons when the Rabbi visits, and arranging and subsidizing the Passover Seder. We also have social activities for the members such as the craft project at the November meeting, the bi-monthly Lunch Bunch and the White Elephant Sale. Our first activity of the year will be the Membership Tea at the home of Dennis and Sheri Bulgatz on Aug 23 at 2:00. All women in our congregation are invited as well as any other Jewish women you might know who are interested in celebrating Jewish Life and supporting Etz Chayim Congregation. The Nosh will be provided by the Sisterhood Board. It would be wonderful if we could get 100% of the women at Etz Chayim to become members. The small dues of \$18.00 a year helps support the activities above and your membership enables you to be a contributing part of it.

I also want to remind everyone of a few additional items: Please bring a dessert on a tray to the Rabbi's Reception on Sep 18 at 7:30. The Break-the-fast will be immediately following Yom Kippur Services on Sep 28 and it is donated by Bill and BJ Brigadier and prepared and served by the Sisterhood. Sunday School age children and teens are invited to help decorate the Sukkah on Sep 30 at 4:00. Pizza will be provided by the Sisterhood at 4:30. Please don't forget that the Sisterhood will also sponsor a light dinner on Oct 10 at 6:30 for Simchas Torah. The Etz Chayim Chanukah and Latke Party for the Sunday School and all Synagogue members will be at Etz Chayim on Dec 13 at 11:00. Come for Bingo and stay for lunch!

I also heard that our teens will be attending a BBYO (Bnai Brith Youth) Convention this fall at MTSU. These kids did a Mitzvah project and prepared sack lunches for 150 teens at the Mental Health Center with the help of their sponsors Michelle Lapidus, Bob Burdeshaw and Holly Kent. What a wonderful idea. When I was a teen (several years ago!) Etz Chayim supported a BBYO chapter and we had great times. I know that all of the current participants will enjoy it as well; especially the weekends with other groups

Natha Hancock Etz Chayim Sisterhood President

Men's Club:

Joe Sacks invites all the guys to snack and schmooze and solve all the worlds problems on October 6th MENS CLUB Meeting. The "meeting" begins promptly at 8pm at Etz Chayim

INTERFAITH MISSION SERVICE: Deliveries made bi-weekly to Food Pantry and First Stop. Remember that your continued support is very important and much appreciated. Please drop a few items in entry way of the synagogue. This month Etz Chayim collected over 8 bags for the food bank. Keep up the good work.

SIMCHA & MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Please remember with the High Holidays coming up this is the time to remember your loved ones. \$50.00 & \$75.00 respectively. Please contact Joe Sacks for further details at 883-1889.

Upcoming Events:

August 23rd: Sisterhood Annual Tea 2pm at Sheri Bulgatz's house. Please contact sursum@comcast.net

August 30th - Get ready for the holidays. EC Ground Cleanup at 8am. Also, TBS Sunday School Registration @ 10:00 am.

September 9th: Wednesday class starts for ages K-7 at 4pm. Open to the community

September 12th: Tot Shabbat at TBS with Suzanne Druckman. This is a great program for children in preschool and their parents. The fun starts will go from 10-11:30. Contact templeoffice@knology.net

September 13th: TBS Religious school starts with a Potluck Open House at 10:00. Classes will be held at Temple B'nai Shalom on Lincoln.

September 16th: First High School "get together" at Etz Chayim starting at 5pm

September 18th: Rosh Hashanah services starting at 7:30 with a reception afterwards to welcome Rabbi Glusman. Please bring a pareve or dairy dessert.

Rosh Hashanah

September 19th: Rosh Hashana Service 9:30am
Babysitting available from 10-12:30
Kids Service at 11:00am
September 20th: Rosh Hashana Service 9:30am



September 26th: Molly Lapidus Bat Mitzvah. Services start at 9:30 and Kiddush luncheon afterwards.

Yom Kippur

September 27th: Kol Nidre starts at sundown
Babysitting available 6:30pm
September 28th: Yom Kippur Service 9:30am
Babysitting available from 10 to 12:30
Kids Service at 11:00am

Break the fast sponsored by the EC Sisterhood starts @ 7:15.

September 30th: Calling all Artists!!! Sukkah Decorating at EC at 4:30. Pizza Dinner will be sponsored by the sisterhood. Wear your messy clothes.

October 6th: Men's club at 8pm

And get ready for our Simcha Torah Celebration on October 10th Dinner and Celebration!

Donations

BUILDING FUND

From: Millie & Max Rosenthal
To: Fred Glickman & Family - We were saddened to learn of Esther's passing. She was a wonderful person and a good friend.

From: Pam Thompson
From: Natha & Scott Hancock
From: Anonymous

RABBI FUND

From: Kelley Zelickson & the Northrup Grumman Employee Charity Matching Fund

From: Diane & Stan Belsky
In Memory of Ben Fleischauer

From: Harriet & Joe Sacks
To: Fred Glickman & Family - We send our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Esther, Fred's wife.

To: Eidele Sainker - Wishing you continued good health.

GENERAL FUND

From: Jeff Yalowitz
From: Lucy & Charlie Fisher

SISTERHOOD FUND

From: Allie & Keith Lukin
In loving Memory of Joan Krupnick

RANDY SACKS MEMORIAL FUND

From: Dr. & Mrs. Alan Sacks - A generous donation
In Memory of Randy Sacks' Yahrtzeit

OUTDOOR LIGHTING FUND

In Memory of Gertrude & Perry Schlein from their daughters Natha Hancock and Robin Slomka and their families.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

From: Mrs. Beatrice Kolchin
In Loving Memory of Richard Kolchin, Husband of
Beatrice Kolchin and Father of Fred Kolchin.

Happy Anniversary

Sep 3 Sandy and Marvin Kalachman
Sep 3 Michelle and Jeff Lapidus
Sep 17 Sandy Pepper and Fernando Cerezo

Yahrtzeits

Sep-1	Elul 12	Leonard Flank
Sep-2	Elul 13	Alvin Jack Bulgatz
Sep-3	Elul 14	Albert Goldner
Sep-4	Elul 15	John Goldstein
Sep-6	Elul 17	Molly Silver Rodkin
Sep-7	Elul 18	Edward Kahn
Sep-10	Elul 21	Phil Wiederecht
Sep-11	Elul 22	William Karmioli
Sep-11	Elul 22	Beatrice Sainker
Sep-14	Elul 25	Perry Sacks
Sep-20	Tishrei 2	Daniel Flank
Sep-23	Tishrei 5	Louis B. Lepp
Sep-24	Tishrei 6	Sylvia Zarovsky
Sep-25	Tishrei 7	Sam Natt
Sep-26	Tishrei 8	Jerome Gaftman
Sep 27	Tishrei 9	Rosa Schindler
Sep 28	Tishrei 10	Shirley Irene Jacobs
Sep 29	Tishrei 11	Murray Rosenthal

Upcoming Onegs

8/21 Raven Livingston and Sandra Weiderecht
8/28 Young
9/4 Zelickson
9/11 Asburry-Weinberger
9/18 Potluck Rabbi Reception
9/25 Molly Lapidus Bat Mitzvah weekend

Don't Forget

INTERFAITH MISSION SERVICE:

Deliveries made by weekly to Food Pantry & First Stop. Please try to make an additional effort during these difficult times. The worthy programs need our support more than ever.

SIMCHA & MEMORIAL PLAQUES:

\$50.00 & \$75.00 respectively. Please contact Joe Sacks for further info.

Happy Birthday



Sep 4	Shannon Burdeshaw
Sep 4	Kaia Johnson
Sep 6	Janet Schindler
Sep 8	Arlene Polin White
Sep 14	Ken Opengart
Sep 14	Robin Slomka
Sep 15	Larisa Thomason
Sep 18	Sara Brigadier
Sep 18	Rudy Sainker
Sep 19	Aliya Opengart
Sep 19	Russell Roberts
Sep 23	Jesse Kalachman
Sep 26	Molly Lapidus

This months *Shofar* is sponsored by Fred Kolchin in honor of the ninth wedding anniversary to his beautiful wife Linda.

Ani ledodi vedodi li": "I am for my beloved and my beloved is for me

Do you have an upcoming special anniversary, birthday, Simcha, or kid got into Harvard, or perhaps Auburn? Sponsoring the Shofar is a fantastic way to get the word out! Sponsorship costs \$36. Just email info@etzchayim-hsv.org and we will make sure it gets into our monthly newsletter.

*Please join us
as our daughter*

Molly Fran

accepts the responsibilities of our tradition when she becomes a Bat Mitzvah

Friday, September 25th, 2009 - 7:30 pm

and

Saturday, September 26th, 2009 - 9:30 am

Etz Chayim Congregation - Michelle and Jeff Lapidus

Kiddus Luncheon immediately following Saturday Morning Services

**PROJECT
SHARE**



PROJECT SHARE 2009 UPDATE

During the winter months of January, February and March 2009, Project Share funds assisted 951 families in the payment of their utility bills. During the 2009 heating season, a total of \$219,588.48 was awarded in helping these families with the gas and electric portions of their bills, an average of \$230.90 per family.

Since the beginning of the program in December 1988, 18,952 families have benefited from contributions

totaling \$2,797,013.02. One hundred percent (100%) of funds contributed to Project Share are used to assist the elderly and certified disabled with their utility bills.

Be the one who cares by adding \$1.00 or more to your utility payment each month.

Cooling assistance during the summer months is offered when funds are available. In July and August of 2008, \$15,000.00 was awarded in assistance to 306 qualifying families for the electric portion of their bill.