



Serving Our LGBTQIA+  
Jewish and Non-Jewish  
Community Since 1974

## CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

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Dear Current and Future Member,

Our Congregation, Etz Chaim, has started its new fiscal year, June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025. There will be many new and exciting activities planned beyond our regular Friday night prayers. Last year we had an amazing turnout at our Seder at Tropical Acres with 49 paying guests, a record amount in attendance! It looks like we will have another remarkable turnout this Passover, 2025. Our Tu b'Shevat Seder with Ruach and instruments, our Purim Party with costumes and play, our Chanukkah Party with gifts exchange, and our "Pizza in the Hut" Sukkot event are only parts of the Etz Chaim experience.

Our services, each Friday Shabbat, keep growing with diversity as all members, whether new or returning, seem to be enjoying our engaging services and quite moving experiences with our spiritual leader, Marcia Weinstein.

As you probably are already aware, all of these types of activities require funds. These funds will become especially important at the beginning of each new fiscal year, June 1, and we would like to urge you to please join us in becoming a new member or renewing your membership as soon as possible.

We have a wonderful Board working together with harmony, great energy, and fresh new ideas. Our VP of Membership is always available, either in person at services or via email for any questions regarding membership. If you have any special financial circumstances, we can work with you. Please reach out to us at (954) 564-9232 or email at [info@etzchaimflorida.org](mailto:info@etzchaimflorida.org)

We want you as part of our community, as we can't grow without your support!

The packet you are receiving along with this WELCOME letter, contains our newly designed Membership application that includes cost of enhanced security. Please fill it out and return it either by mail, hand deliver it to any Board Member, or make a payment through the website.

### **WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN ETZ CHAIM?**

As a member, you can participate, free of charge,  
in all FOUR HIGH Holy Day Services – Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur.  
As a member, your needs are ALWAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT.  
You will have the support of an entire LGBTQIA+ strong community,  
its friends and allies.  
You will have a spiritual and community home always to call your own.  
Given the growing antisemitism, there is strength in community.

With much affection and anticipation,  
Board of Directors Congregation Etz Chaim



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## Shana Tova 5785! May the New Year be a blessing for us all!

Dear Etz Chaim Congregation Members and Supporters,

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Congregation Etz Chaim. We have been proudly serving our community since 1974 and are excitedly approaching our 50th anniversary! We hope you will be part of the Golden Anniversary Gala. This is our 5785 High Holy Days Packet. In it you will find information about our High Holy Days Services, how to honor the memory of a loved one through our Yizkor Book, share a warm New Year Greeting to your community, and join everyone for two Holy Days meals.

How to Celebrate the Holy Days:

1. Start your ***heshbon hanefesh***, accounting of your soul, now. Take some time to review the past year and how you responded to the events of the day professionally and personally. What event changed you, and where did you make a difference in the life of another? Know that as a supporter of Etz Chaim you have helped to make a real and lasting positive impact on the lives of countless others who have passed through our doors and remain with us today. You became a blessing when you helped us to be a safe and welcoming community for all of them.
2. **Consider an additional gift through our High Holy Days Appeal.** As in every year, your extra contributions help us keep our doors open to all regardless of their ability to pay.
3. **Renew your membership.** We rely on your support to continue providing a safe and welcoming space for the LGBTQ+ Jewish community and its many allies.

**Remember, your membership includes all High Holy Days Services!**

One of the many strengths of our community is our ability to manage new and unexpected challenges with focus and determination, while successfully keeping our commitment to the Jewish LGBTQ+ spiritual, cultural, and social life. Thank you for being a part of that commitment! On behalf of the entire present Board of Directors of Congregation Etz Chaim, we wish you and your family a **Happy and Healthy Shana Tova 5785!**

Warmly,

Board of Directors, Congregation Etz Chaim



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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2024/5785 Welcome Book High Holy Days Greeting Form

Please use and submit this form to extend your holy days wishes to your Etz Chaim family. Your kind message will be a caring reminder that we are a community, better together! You may write up to three lines of type. We request a \$45 donation for each 3-line greeting. It will be in our 5785 Etz Chaim Welcome Booklet which will be available at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and beyond.

**(example)**

*From our family to yours,  
the Einsteins wish their Etz Chaim  
friends*

**Please use these lines, below, to PRINT your 3-line / \$45 message.  
Please submit your message by Tuesday September 3, 2024.**

Line one: \_\_\_\_\_

Line two: \_\_\_\_\_

Line three: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**To pay, please use Combined Payment form enclosed in your High Holy Days Packet.**

**Use the back of this form if you would like to include more than 1 greeting.**

If you have any questions, please call Louis Levin at 352-299-0354.



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## Membership Application/Renewal June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday(Day/Month) \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Members (spouses, partners, others)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday(Day/Month) \_\_\_\_\_

Seasonal Dates and Address if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_

### OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO COVER SECURITY COSTS

Membership:	Individual	/	Family
___ Regular	___\$750		___\$1300
___ First Year Welcome	___\$525		___\$825
___ Seasonal	___\$500		___\$800
___ Other (see Adam Perlman)	___\$___		___\$___
___ Student	___\$275		___\$500

**Please consider joining The Chai Society, Etz Chaim’s Jewel levels of membership.**

#### Chai Society Individual memberships:

\_\_\_ Grand Chai \$1,050 (include 1 Free Ticket to Cong. Etz Chaim’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)

#### Chai Society Family memberships:

(include 2 Free Tickets to Cong. Etz Chaim’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration)

\_\_\_ Golden Chai \$1,850    \_\_\_ Platinum Chai \$2,550    \_\_\_ Ruby Chai \$3,650    \_\_\_ Emerald Chai \$5,450  
 \_\_\_ Diamond Chai \$12,050    \_\_\_ Pillar Chai \$18,050

#### **Make payment using second side of this form**

Please email VP Membership Adam Perlman at [eyeguy28@aol.com](mailto:eyeguy28@aol.com) for other dues or payment options and questions you may have.

**(Please complete second side of this form)**



Please specify your chosen dues commitment and method of payment:

Visa,  MasterCard,  AMEX,  Paypal,  Check,  www.EtzChaimFlorida.org

Your Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Paid in full (make check payable to Congregation Etz Chaim)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card the full amount.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ now, and \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing ZIP CODE for card: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize CEC to charge my credit card for plan selected above :

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Etz Chaim is a participatory synagogue that relies on our members to accomplish our mission. Please consider the opportunities below and you will be contacted by a board member. Thank you!

Shabbat welcome table host;  Can lead services;  Can lead singing at services;

Can give D'var Torah;  Can speak Yiddish, Hebrew, Spanish, Other;

Occupation, retired from \_\_\_\_\_ ; Interested in joining a committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising  Membership  Social  Ritual/Holidays committee

### Oneg Sponsorship

The Oneg reception is an integral part of our worship experience. We encourage all members to sponsor at least one Oneg during the year to commemorate a significant life event or occasion. Please note that group sponsorships are also welcome.

We offer a choice of Oneg sponsorships; **\$195 for Sweet Desserts and \$295 for Lox and Bagel.**

### Yahrzeits (please use an additional page if needed for additional names)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew or English Calendar (circle one)

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew or English Calendar (circle one)

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew or English Calendar (circle one)

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew or English Calendar (circle one)

**\*\*Please note that we often take pictures at our events. Please indicate here if you approve the use of your image in our publicity materials. Thank you!**

Yes, you may use my image in publicity materials.



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### *High Holy Days Schedule 2024/5785*

#### ***Your Membership Includes the High Holy Days Services Tickets\****

***\*No actual tickets are provided, virtual tickets are checked from our list, at the door.***

All High Holy Days Services are conveniently held in our synagogue space located in Building B, Auditorium, at the rear of The Pride Center Campus, Wilton Manors, Florida 33307

#### **Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

Erev Rosh HaShanah at 7:30 pm..... Ticket required - Membership includes ticket

#### **Thursday, October 3, 2024**

Rosh HaShanah Service at 10:00 am..... Ticket required - Membership includes ticket

Rosh HaShanah Luncheon at 1:00 pm ..... RSVP required - \$45/member \$60/non-member

#### **Friday, October 11, 2024**

Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur) at 6:30 pm..... Ticket required - Membership includes ticket

#### **Saturday, October 12, 2024**

Yom Kippur Service at 10:00 am..... Ticket required - Membership includes ticket

Yizkor Service immediately following morning service. All welcome - No Ticket required  
(approximately 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm)

Afternoon Healing Service at 5:00 pm..... All welcome - No ticket required

Concluding Service at 6:00 pm..... All welcome - No ticket required

Break-the-Fast at 7:30 pm..... RSVP required \$45/member \$60/non-member

### **Annual membership includes a complete set of all High Holy Days Services**

Guest/Non-Member Tickets \$80/individual service per person or \$275/entire series per person

Cost of your Guest/Non-Member Tickets can be applied towards your CEC 5785 Annual Membership

Pay using the High Holy Days Combined Payment Form or:

Pay on-line using our website [etzchaimflorida.org](http://etzchaimflorida.org) SUPPORT TAB-> Donate Here-> Notes

Pay by phone, please call the Synagogue office at 954-564-9232

For more info contact Congregation Etz Chaim by email [info@etzchaimflorida.org](mailto:info@etzchaimflorida.org)

**Thank you for supporting Congregation Etz Chaim, our community synagogue since 1974**





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## 2024/5785 High Holy Days Combined Payment Form

Please use and submit this form to complete payment of the figures from the other pages.

CEC paid Membership includes High Holy Days Services Tickets.

Yizkor services are open to all - no ticket required.

Please return all forms and payment by Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

**Your generous Appeal Donations, below, are very much appreciated!**

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. High Holy Days guest/non-member Series ticket (all holiday services). | \$ _____ (\$275/all services) |
| 2. Rosh Hashanah Evening guest/non-member ticket.....                    | \$ _____ (\$80 per ticket)    |
| 3. Rosh Hashanah Morning guest/non-member ticket.....                    | \$ _____ (\$80 per ticket)    |
| 4. Yom Kippur Evening (Kol Nidre) guest/non-member ticket.....           | \$ _____ (\$80 per ticket)    |
| 5. Yom Kippur Morning guest/non-member ticket.....                       | \$ _____ (\$80 per ticket)    |
| 6. Rosh Hashanah Luncheon (\$45 per member/\$60 per non-member).         | \$ _____ (total)              |
| 7. Yom Kippur Break the Fast (\$45 per member/\$60 per non-member).      | \$ _____ (total)              |
| 8. Yizkor Book of Remembrance .....                                      | \$ _____ (\$36 per name)      |
| 9. Welcome Book 3-Line Holiday Greeting.....                             | \$ _____ (\$45 for 3 lines)   |
| 10. High Holy Days Annual Appeal Donation .....                          | \$ _____                      |
| Total Enclosed.....  |                               |
|  | \$ _____                      |

You may pay by check, PayPal, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or AMEX accepted) or website: [etzchaimflorida.org](http://etzchaimflorida.org)  
If check: mail completed forms and check to CEC, P.O. Box 23399, Oakland Park, FL 33307 or give to board member  
If credit card: mail completed forms with credit card info and signature (see below) to address as above  
If website: Support Tab -> Donate Here -> Note -> specifics (example: Rosh HaShana Luncheon 2 tickets and names)

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (MM/YY) Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature (authorization to charge your card): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone (for contact): \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to celebrating the High Holy Days with you! Shana Tova 5785!

# ELECTRONIC DIGITAL MEMORIAL BOARD PLAQUE ORDER FORM



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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the deceased as you wish it to appear on the digital 'plaque',  
(English or English and Jewish):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ Yahrzeit Notice for English or Hebrew date (**circle one**)

Your relationship to the deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form with payment (\$180/member or \$250/non-member).  
With each order form you may also include up to 3 photos (in JPEG or JPG format) and  
any length bio of the deceased.

## **Please specify your chosen method of payment with this form.**

You can pay by \_\_\_check, \_\_\_credit card, \_\_\_paypal, \_\_\_website [www.EtzChaimFlorida.org](http://www.EtzChaimFlorida.org)

Name on card (Visa, Master Card, or Amex): \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Paid in full (make check payable to Congregation Etz Chaim)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card the full amount

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ now and \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address for card: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I authorize CEC to charge my credit card for plan selected above

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5785 Yizkor Book of Remembrance**

**No ticket required to attend Yizkor Service.**

**Names Will Be Read During The Yizkor Memorial Service.**

**Saturday, October 12, 2024/5785**

**Yizkor Service will start at approximately 12 p.m. immediately after the morning service.**

All names included in our Yizkor Memorial Book will be announced as part of the service. To have the names of your loved ones listed in the High Holy Days 5785 Yizkor Book of Remembrance, please complete this form, and submit with payment using a check, PayPal or credit card info on the High Holy Days Combined Payment Form.

**Please submit no later than Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

**A donation of \$36 per name is suggested. No ticket required to attend Yizkor Service. To pay, please use the Combined Payment Form enclosed in your High Holy Days Packet.**

Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT** (feel free to include a phonetic pronunciation if you feel it will be helpful)

**IN MEMORY OF:**

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**Please add any additional names to back of this page if necessary.**

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