



## Upcoming Events

5/5 7:00 Formal Services  
at our Chavurah House

5/7 1030 AM Annual  
Membership Meeting  
Brunch on the patio at  
our Chavurah House

5/19 6:00 Potluck Dinner,  
7:00 Lay Led Services at  
our Chavurah House

6/9 6:00 Potluck Dinner,  
7:00 Lay Led Services at  
our Chavurah House

6/24 Saturday Social -  
no - host meal at Wool-  
growers. Details will follow  
via email

7/8 Saturday Swim Party  
at John and Judith's

7/10 Monday, 6:15 PM  
Board Meeting at Carol  
Friedman's house

7/21 6:00 Potluck Dinner,  
7:00 Lay Led Services at  
our Chavurah House

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CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

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MAY / JUNE 2023

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please Join Us  
Next Sunday, May 7th  
On the patio of our Chavurah  
House at 10:30  
for our  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
The Board will provide  
A Bagel Brunch

We will review the past year,  
propose activities  
for the upcoming year,  
and vote on the  
Slate of Officers

*The Slate of Officers can be reviewed on Page 2*

SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Greg Friedman  
Treasurer: Rachel Hadley

Vice President: Belinda Braunstein  
Secretary: Cathy Hofmann

Members at Large:

Serving their 1st year, of a two year term:    Serving their 2nd year, of a two year term:

John Kiriara  
Ardene Shaeffer  
Sheryl Wight

Carol Friedman  
John Hofmann  
Linda Anne Rebhun

Thank you all for your willingness to serve on the Board of Officers for our Congregation!

Tributes

Anytime you are celebrating a special event, let us share in your joy. We welcome tributes in honor or in memory of loved ones, births, weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and honoring special events.

Send your Tributes to PO Box 3752 Merced CA 95344

Ardene Shaeffer - in loving memory of her Uncle LeRoy Katz  
Ardene Shaeffer - in loving memory of her Grandmother Frances Katz  
Ardene Shaeffer - in loving memory of her Grandfather William Katz  
Carol Davis in loving memory of Mary Hofmann

May their memories be a blessing                      זכרונם לברכה

Rachel Hadley with thankfulness for all those who worked to make this year’s Passover Seder successful  
Carol Madruga in appreciation of the fabulous weekly Challah Rolls.

Other Planned Community Events

May 5 - 7:00 Formal Services

May 7 - 10:30 - Annual Membership Meeting - 2023/ 2024 Board Elections -  
the Board will provide a Bagel Brunch.

May 19 - 6:00 Potluck followed at 7:00 with Lay Led Services

June 9 - 6:00 Potluck / Social

June 24 - No Host meal at Woolgrowers (609 H St, Los Banos)

July 8 - Swim Party at John and Judith’s

July 21 - 6:00 Potluck followed at 7:00 with Lay Led Services



Tables set by Carol and Belinda  
Table decorations by Linda Anne

Brisket, chicken, salmon,  
potatoes and vegies



Hand Washing Station, with Ruth Wax demonstrating the process



Chocolate Mousse, cookies,  
and strawberries for dessert

Linda Anne led the Seder



Belinda adding Charoset to the  
Seder Plates



John Hofmann and Carol Madruga cleaning up



*Pictures by Linda Anne*

## May Yahrtzeits

Mortimer Cohen  
Francine Conae  
John Cornejo  
LeRoy Katz  
Jenny Kleeblatt  
Elliott Lewis  
Chaya Lieberman  
Maureen Miller  
Max Osband  
Abraham Reiter  
Rose Robinson  
Willard Robinson

## June Yahrtzeits

Elaine Drucker  
Frances Fromson  
Max Giventer  
Hyman Greenwald  
Mary Kirihara  
Samuel Lerer  
Celia Matlin  
Nettie Reiter  
Hyman Reiter  
Evelyn May Shoemaker  
Margaret Stohr-Stephenson

*Those we remember in the  
year of their passing:*  
Mireille Csapo 10/4/2022

*זכרונום לברכה*

*May their memories be a blessing*

## May Birthdays

Howard Shainberg 5/10  
Rena Tacdol 5/10  
Marlowe Shaeffer 5/12  
Dempsey Hofmann 5/14  
Mathew Madruga 5/25  
Sarah Giventer-Kaber 5/28  
Mathilde Hofmann Mook 5/31

## June Birthdays

Anya Schwartz 6/7  
Michael Kirihara 6/15  
Judy Dake 6/17  
Richard Kleitman 6/17  
Lori Atkins 6/17



## Campership!

**Amazon.com** donates to our Campership Fund when you make purchases by accessing them through their link on our webpage  
([www.jewishmerced.org](http://www.jewishmerced.org))



John Hofmann and Greg Friedman have donated gallons of blood in the Congregation's name.  
Any Congregant can access blood via the credit accumulated under the Congregation's name.