



# The Maggid

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM

P O BOX 3752 MERCED CA 95344

MAY AND JUNE 2022

## An Everlasting Light

### Upcoming Events

*Masks are  
Encouraged  
at all Events*

**5/6 6:30 PM Potluck**  
Dinner followed by Lay  
Led Friday Night Services  
at the Chavurah House

**5/7 7:00 PM Ner Tamid**  
Dedication on the patio  
at the Chavurah House

**5/14 7:00 PM Potluck**  
Dessert Social and  
Havdalah

**5/20 6:30 PM Potluck**  
Dinner followed by Lay  
Led Friday Night Services  
at the Chavurah House

**5/22 11:00 AM Potluck**  
Sunday Brunch Social,  
Annual Membership  
Meeting, and Voting in the  
2022/2023 Board

**6/3 6:30 PM Potluck**  
Dinner followed by Lay  
Led Friday Night Services  
at the Chavurah House

**6/11 7:00 PM Potluck**  
Dessert Social and  
Havdalah

Please join us Saturday,  
May 7th,  
at 7:00 PM  
as we dedicate  
a Ner Tamid  
(an Everlasting Light)  
in loving memory of  
Mary Hofmann  
at the Chavurah House

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

by Carol Madruga

Dear Congregation Friends,

As I prepare my last message as president of Congregation Etz Chaim, I am so thankful to all of you for continuing to make our congregation so special for our community!

I was reflecting on the many things we have done since I took office in July of 2018: We made it through 2 student Rabbi's and a pandemic, we suffered loss, and celebrated joy. We improved our kids club, we learned how to conduct a service via Zoom and we increased our membership. I know I speak on behalf of the entire congregation when I say

thank you to Rachel for allowing us to make the Chavurah House as special as it is to all of us, and for those of you who constantly are there to tidy the house, pull weeds, rake leaves, plant and water flowers, you are superstars!

Thank you to my board members for wonderful monthly board meetings that were fast moving and that we got our business done very efficiently and effectively. I happily turn the gavel over to Greg Friedman who I know along with his new board members, will organize wonderful congregation services, celebrations and events.

Fondly,

*Carol Madruga*



**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 honor of Josh Shaeffer and his bride Lauren, who got married on March 19th, in San Francisco

John Hofmann - in loving memory of Mary Hofmann

Cathy and Phaedra Hofmann - in loving memory of Mary Hofmann

Rachel Hadley - in loving memory of Mary Hofmann

SaraJane Victor - in loving memory of Philip Victor

SaraJane Victor - in loving memory of Marty Victor

Marsha Rosenbaum - in loving memory of Fanny Rosenbaum

Carol Madruga - in loving memory of Francine Conae

*May their memories be a blessing*

**זכרונום לברכה**

## Other Planned Community Events

- May 1** - Friendship Picnic at United Methodist Church
- May 6** - Potluck Dinner, followed by Lay Led Friday Night Services
- May 7** - Dedication Ceremony of Ner Tamid in honor of Mary Hofmann
- May 14** - Dessert Social and Havdalah
- May 20** - Potluck Dinner, followed by Lay Led Friday Night Services
- May 22** - Potluck Lag B'Omer Sunday Brunch Picnic, Annual Membership Meeting, and Voting in the 2022-2023 Board
- June 3** - Potluck Dinner, followed by Lay Led Friday Night Services
- June 11** - Dessert Social and Havdalah
- June 17** - Potluck Dinner, followed by Lay Led Friday Night Services
- June 25** - 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social and Movie Night
- Date TBD** - BBQ and Swim Party

*1st and 3rd Friday Nights: 6:30 Potluck and 7:30 Lay Led Services  
at our Chavurah House on Parsons Ave*

*This is a May/ June Maggid  
the next Newsletter will be issued in July*

### 2022/2023 BOARD - PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Greg Friedman  
Treasurer: Rachel Hadley

Vice President: John Kirihara  
Secretary: Cathy Hofmann

#### Members at Large:

Serving their 1st year, of a two year term:  
Belinda Braunstein  
Carol Friedman  
John Hofmann

Serving their 2nd year, of a two year term:  
Linda Anne Rebhun  
Ardene Shaeffer  
Sheryl Wight

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

# May and June 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

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

# May and June Birthdays

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Howard Shainberg      | 5/10 |
| Marlowe Shaeffer      | 5/12 |
| Josh Shaeffer         | 5/23 |
| Mathew Madruga        | 5/25 |
| Sarah Giventer-Kaber  | 5/28 |
| Mathilde Hofmann Mook | 5/31 |
|                       |      |
| Anya Schwartz         | 6/7  |
| Michael Kirihara      | 6/15 |
| Judy Dake             | 6/17 |
| Richard Kleitman      | 6/17 |
| Lori Atkins           | 6/17 |



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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.

