



# Chai Lites

## Agudas Israel Congregation

Established in 1922

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### Message from Rabbi Jackson



Here we are in the dog-days of summer. I was eating lunch outside with my son one day and internally complaining of the heat and humidity when I wondered aloud how long it would take to acclimatize to summers here. I have been honored to serve as Rabbi of Agudas Israel for the last five years. And this year, my sixth, is

feeling a bit different than all previous. I am sure it is for all of you as well.

What does it take to acclimatize to a situation? Do we eventually stop *kvetching* and start fully accepting and then even appreciating the reality of what is?

Some of us have been in Hendersonville for decades, while some of us are here not even a year, and everything in between. We all come from different places, different experiences, different society and cultures. We all also have in common that we are all here now. Together, we are all in this place.

The same can be said for our place in time as it pertains to the ever-evolving pandemic. Many of us initially *kvetched* at the inconveniences, maybe we still do. Many of us thought it might be short-term and just something to wait-out. I think most of us realize that we are in a new reality and not simply experiencing a phase.

This is our opportunity to acclimatize and appreciate what is. We are fortunate to have a strong community who will call one another just to check in. We are fortunate that we have people willing to make grocery

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Agudas Israel **PANDEMIC TASK FORCE** continues to review the best protocols to keep our congregation safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. Your safety and health are our prime

concerns. We will continuously define the metrics and create a timeline for the safe full re-opening of our building and operations.

### The following protocols have been set by Task Force for gatherings on Synagogue property and must be followed:

- The building will remain closed until we announce re-opening. The business office will be open Tuesday through Friday; but please call Susan for an appointment. Masks **MUST** be worn.
- Date and time reservations for the space must be made through the office.
- Participants must provide their own chairs.
- Food must be brought in for yourself or individually wrapped in single servings for each participant.
- All trash must be taken with you when you leave.
- Masks are required when not eating.
- Social distancing must be followed – minimum of 6 feet apart.
- If you are not feeling well, or have been with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home.
- Bring your own hand sanitizers or wipes and use often.
- Bathrooms and kitchen will be closed.
- Limit your gatherings to no more than one hour or less. Even outdoors, prolonged person-to-person interactions are dangerous.
- Handshakes, hugs, or fist bumps are **NOT** allowed.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

**[Rabbi's column continued from page one]**

store runs and those who have donated to help others needing relief. We are fortunate that we have the technology to do programming digitally. We are most fortunate because we have each other.

So, yes, we know that coming months are going to be different than what was in the past or different than we might like. My call to us is find ways of moving from *kvetching* to appreciating.

I encourage you to find a place in your home to engage with services or other programming—put some art, or Judaica in that space to invite the feeling of a sanctuary. Turn your phone off, just like you would in the building. Find a comfortable spot that still holds some sanctity to it. Have a glass of grape juice or wine ready to enjoy. What I am really saying is be as intentional with your surroundings and your actions and your attitude as you were in a different scenario. These intentions can illuminate internal gratitude.

May we all be healthy, safe, and intentional.

*With blessings,*

*Rabbi Rachael Jackson*



### **From The Board Room**

The new Board of Trustees held their first meeting on Tuesday, July 14 via *Zoom*. The new members of

the Board were introduced and welcomed by our Vice President, Richard Tanker. We thanked Bonnie Cooper for her guidance and patience as we learn our new jobs.

The Membership/Social and Program/Fundraising Committees need Chairpersons. If you are interested, please let us know.

The Agudas Israel Office will remain closed on Mondays. Although the building is officially closed, the office is open Tuesday-Friday for business needs only. Please call Susan to make an appointment. Masks are required to be worn if entering the office. Pandemic Task Force protocols must be followed. Outside meetings on the grounds need to be reserved through the office.

Annual Commitments for 2020/2021 were due by end of July. If you have not yet submitted your form and check, we would appreciate it as soon as possible.

The *Chai Hopes Campaign* is going forward to support our congregation during COVID-19 to help sustain us during this difficult time. It is our *hope* that you will make a donation to this campaign.

*Submitted by Susan Hassett, Secretary*

### **From Our Vice Presidents**

Greetings to all of the members of our Agudas Israel Congregation family! We hope this finds you all healthy and happy. Our first Board of Trustees meeting was last week and everyone is excited to start the new fiscal year on the right foot.

There are a number of committees needing members and especially chairpersons. We are asking each of you to consider joining or leading a committee for the upcoming year. This is your chance to participate in the future direction of the synagogue. It is extremely rewarding to give back to something that is so important in all of our lives. In particular, we are looking for leaders and members for the following committees: Membership, Fundraising, and Social. There is always room for more involvement, so come on and join! Speak to a Board member if you are interested.

The Rabbi is busy preparing for the upcoming High Holy Days, which are fast approaching. A heartfelt thank you to all of those who have participated in readings that will be shown during Shabbat and our High Holy Days virtual services.

The building will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We hope to revisit this issue in the fall, depending on the progress of our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and the evaluation by our Pandemic Task Force. We encourage all of you to practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, and wear masks when in public and when entering the Agudas office. Let's all do our part!

The Rabbi continues to hold Lunch 'n Learn, Torah study via *Zoom* and offer weekly pre-recorded Shabbat services. She has done a wonderful job keeping our spirits together under these unusual circumstances. *Thank you Rabbi Jackson!*

If anyone has questions about these virtual gatherings, contact the office ([agudasisraelinc@bellsouth.net](mailto:agudasisraelinc@bellsouth.net)) for more information. Any other questions, feel free to direct them to us or any other member of the board.

*Stay well and be safe!*

*Richard Tanker and Sid Williams, Vice Presidents*

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# Agudas Israel

# ***CHAI HOPES***

## Campaign

We express our gratitude to those who have made generous donations to this campaign. In case you missed our June/July asking, it is **not too late** to respond to our **Chai Hopes Campaign**. During this unprecedented period, Agudas Israel has managed to be active and present in your life. Our dedicated Rabbi has ensured that we are here for you to provide spiritual, educational, and social opportunities to benefit all of us.

While sheltering at home, many people have attended our Zoom Lunch ‘n Learn and Torah Study and have been watching the pre-recorded Friday night Shabbat services. We have also celebrated the end of Shabbat with a Zoom Havdalah service. We are encouraged by how many of you have been attending these meaningful gatherings and hope your needs for spiritual and community connections are being fulfilled.

The financial effects of this virus are widespread, and Agudas Israel is not immune from it. We are experiencing much of the same. We have had to cancel many fundraising activities and donations have ground to a halt. Sources of revenue that support our congregation, operating costs, and building repairs have also been affected.

We have created an opportunity that we are calling **“Chai Hopes”** to help our budget shortfall. We are asking our members and friends to make a donation to the campaign or a monthly “Chai” pledge (\$18 or multiples thereof). This small monthly amount *repeated over the course of a year* can make a big impact on our ability to continue to fulfill our mission.

If you are able, please make a donation to Agudas Israel to help sustain us during this difficult time. See tear-off coupon below or visit our website [www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org](http://www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org) to donate online by credit card.

Support our warm house of Jewish tradition, our open and inclusive spiritual community, as we strive to strengthen ourselves, each other, and the community as a whole — not just during this challenging period, but for the brighter days ahead.

If you are in need of support, feel free to contact Rabbi Jackson. Stay well and safe.

**Please return this form with your donation to Agudas Israel Congregation “Chai Hopes”**

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:**

- \$18
- \$36
- \$54
- \$180
- other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Ritual Committee ~ Day of Ritual

Thank you to our Ritual committee for calling each of our members to participate in our "Day of Ritual" project. What was just a simple idea seemed to spark much interest as we had over 30 households participate. Each person or household recorded a few prayers in our sanctuary; or for our remote members, via *Zoom*. These will be used in future Shabbat services. It was wonderful to see so many people individually in the building again. I cannot wait to share these videos with our community. In any given week, in the Shabbat email, I will indicate who is participating, so that we may feel even more a community as we navigate this time of being away from our building. Here are just some pictures of these days in action!

A huge thank you goes to Sid for his phenomenal setup and his editing mastery.

--Rabbi Jackson



## Lunch 'n Learn Welcomes Special Guest Speaker on September 2nd

Lunch 'n Learn is an important and lovely program here at Agudas Israel. In the last five years, we have studied well over 125 different topics together. I know I have personally learned much from all those who participate. In every field, it is beneficial to bring in a fresh perspective every once in a while. So that is exactly what we at Agudas Israel are going to do.

The **Institute of Southern Jewish Life** has recently created a program for adult education learning. We have full access to their database and curriculum should we choose to use it. In addition, this year, we will have a fellow from the ISJL who will guest teach a few classes and get a program idea up and running. In traditional years, this fellow would fly to Hendersonville and spend a weekend with us. For health and safety reasons, that is not happening this year.

However, on **September 2**, we are excited to have **Rena Lubin** as our guest lecturer.

Rena Lubin, a 2nd-year Education Fellow with the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, is so excited to be working with Agudas Israel Congregation! Originally from Asheville, NC, Rena now lives in Jackson, MS, for her fellowship, but misses the mountains and seasons in the Carolinas. She went to the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where she got her B.A. in Religious Studies with a minor in history. As the congregation's Education Fellow for this year, Rena is looking forward to being an educational resource and support for Rabbi Jackson and the vibrant adult learning community that already exists at Agudas Israel.



On September 2, Rena will be leading a Lunch 'n Learn on one of her favorite subjects and biggest passions! We will be discussing the often stereotypical and one-dimensional representations of Jewish women characters found in American popular culture. Join Rena for an engaging, funny but complicated, exploration into how TV shows and movies we know and love depict Jewish women!

Over the next year, we will use all the wonderful elements the ISJL provides to small southern congregations.

Please feel free to join us via *Zoom* not only for this special guest but weekly!

Check your Sunday weekly for all log-in information. *Happy Learning!*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Annual Commitment is Due for 2020/2021*

We appreciate those who have promptly returned your commitment.

If you have not yet done so, please complete this **commitment form** and send it along with your check to Agudas ASAP.

Thank you.

## A message from our Sisterhood Vice President - Karen Jarmon



### So, What's New? Updates from your Sisterhood

Sisterhood is off to a busy start this summer with a general meeting and new Board Installation Service, membership renewals, virtual programs and on-going ways to support your Sisterhood.

Mark your calendars for our *Zoom* general meeting and new Board Installation Service on August 13 at 12:15pm.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127738243?pwd=VEFHADNyamtMYVZ2LzRYL1JVdWhLdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2773 8243 - Password: sisterhood; Phone in audio only: 646-558-8656

Following the short service will be an online webinar led by Lee Schrage, founder of New York City and Miami Food Network food and wine festivals, who will interview Israeli food cookbook author **Adeena Sussman**. Sussman's latest cookbook is *Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors from My Israeli Kitchen*. Register to join this webinar, at no cost to you, (courtesy of the JCC in Davie, Florida and Sue Kopel) here: <https://dpjcc.wufoo.com/forms/q1hgy1d51dhkqfv/> (See page 6 for details.)

More than 50 women have renewed their Sisterhood membership – thank you all! It is because of you that we are able to support each other, Agudas Israel and the community in which we live. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please join us now. Simply complete this [Membership form - click here](#) or contact Marlene Wiener at [marlenewiener@gmail.com](mailto:marlenewiener@gmail.com).

We are looking at new ways to socialize virtually as we continue to abide by state and local pandemic mandates. Be sure to check your email and Weekly Newsletters for information about events like a trivia night coming soon.

Don't forget that the High Holy Days are just weeks away. Celebrate with a Sisterhood Holiday Gift Bag filled with honey, mini-challah, fresh apples, and assorted home-baked treats. Share the sweetness of the New Year with your family, friends and neighbors, or just enjoy the treats at home. See the ad on page 7 for details on placing your order by August 28.



Also, you have until August 28 to order Holland flower bulbs through Sisterhood's *Bloomin' Buddies* program. You may order online at <https://tisisterhoodbulbs.com>. More details are also on our website: [www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org](http://www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org). (See page 6.)

Your ongoing support of Sisterhood is truly appreciated, especially during this time.

If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to us. We are always here for you.

Be safe, be well.

On behalf of Sisterhood, Karen "Kish" Jarmon,

860-817-4500, [AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com).

## SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION AND ISRAELI COOKBOOK AUTHOR PROGRAM

Thursday, August 13, 12:15pm

Mark your calendar and join your Sisterhood for an installation of the new officers for 2020/2022 and brief remarks from Rabbi Jackson on Zoom link:

Meeting ID: 871 2773 8243 - Password: sisterhood  
Phone in audio only: 646-558-8656

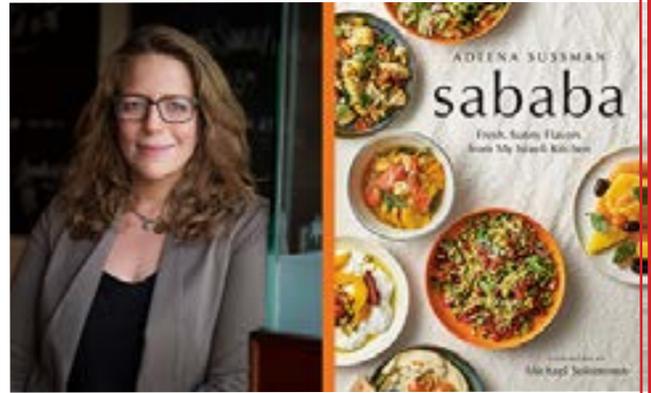
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87127738243?pwd=VEFHAD-NyamtMYVZ2LzRYL1JVdWhLdz09>

Immediately following, we will join an online Webinar at 1pm (**please register - see link below**) led by Lee Schragar, founder of New York City and Miami Food Network food and wine festivals, who will interview Israeli food cookbook author Adeena Sussman.

Ms. Sussman is a best-selling book author, food writer, recipe and product developer, and consultant based in Tel Aviv. Her Israeli cookbook *Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors from My Israeli Kitchen* was released last fall. Her previous collaborations include *Cravings and Cravings Hungry for More* with Chrissy Teigen and *The Sprinkles Baking Book* with Candace Nelson.

Register to join this webinar at no cost to you, (courtesy of the JCC in Davie, Florida and Sue Kopel) here:

<https://dpjcc.wufoo.com/forms/q1hgy1d51dhkqfv/>



## LAST CALL TO ORDER YOUR HOLLAND FLOWER BULBS FOR SPRING 2021



Have you forgotten to send in your bulb order? Agudas Israel Sisterhood's **Bloomin' Buddies** are continuing to be able to offer you gorgeous flower bulbs from Holland again for Spring 2021...Final deadline is August 28th. **Ordering is easy to do:**

**YOU MAY ORDER YOUR BULBS ONLINE FROM US...IT IS SIMPLE AND USER FRIENDLY...Go to:**

<https://tisisterhoodbulbs.com>

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Cooper at [bonniescooper@gmail.com](mailto:bonniescooper@gmail.com) or 901-233-9465.

## Agudas Israel Sisterhood Judaica Boutique

The Judaica Boutique, although closed while the building is shut down, is still available for your shopping convenience.

We are stocked with *Shabbat, Havdalah, and Yahrzeit* candles and many other gift items for a weddings, B'nai Mitzvahs, anniversaries, birthdays, and just because.

If there is something that you need, we can send you a photo suggestion and arrange for a drive-by/curb-side pick-up.



Please contact Bonnie Cooper, [bonniescooper@gmail.com](mailto:bonniescooper@gmail.com) or 901-233-9465.



**Deadline: August 28th**

# Celebrate the New Year With Something Sweet – A Sisterhood Holiday Gift Bag



**Share the sweetness of the  
New Year and High Holy Days  
with a Sisterhood  
New Year Holiday Gift Bag  
filled with honey, mini challah,  
fresh apples, and assorted  
home-baked treats.**

**Order today for your friends,  
your neighbors or to enjoy  
yourself.**

No shipping available. We will be able to do some local deliveries.

Cost - \$36 per bag. Pre-order deadline is August 28.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Sisterhood New Year Holiday Gift Bags @\$36 each.

Enclosed is my check made payable to Agudas Israel Sisterhood for \$\_\_\_\_\_

You will be notified when the bags will be available for pick up at Agudas Israel.  
*Thank you for your order.*

## Brotherhood Briefs

On Friday, July 17, the Brotherhood Board had an outdoor meeting at The Park at Flat Rock. The Board will communicate with its members with plans for the Brotherhood this year.

We are going to see if there is an interest in having an outdoor breakfast on August 23rd. If there is interest, the breakfast will be in compliance with all protocols set for us by the Agudas Pandemic Task Force to ensure our health and safety. Our entire group falls into the high risk categories and we must be careful. Please respond if you plan to attend to Allen Rosen, ptrooper01@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who have sent in their annual dues for 2020/2021. We would appreciate you responding if you have not yet done so. If you need an [application -click here.](#)

Last year the Brotherhood arranged for the painting of the Social Hall and Board Room. This year we will take care of the Kaplan Room and the Library, when conditions allow us to re-enter the building.

For our Annual Veterans' Day celebration, we plan to again have a service, as we have had for the last two years. It will be according to the guidelines in place at the time. Anyone who would like to honor a Veteran with a memorial paver, your order must be in by August 20, 2020, to be included in this year

's event. We also have a general area for other recognitions, memorials, or remembrances.

Jerry Salatino will continue as activity planner when circumstances allow.

We would appreciate any input from our Brotherhood members. We value your support.

*Please stay safe,  
Brotherhood Board*

*Ray Wiener, Allen Rosen, Alan Cooper, and Neil Sutker*

## BROTHERHOOD PAVER PROJECT

Brotherhood continues to offer the opportunity to purchase Pavers on the **Walk of Honor** to honor or memorialize any individual for "Mitzvah Memories" including family, friends, events, Military service, or special achievements.

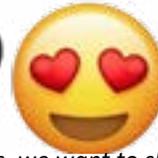
Contact Ray Weiner or Alan Cooper for more information.

*4x8 Engraved Text \$50; 8x8 Engraved Text \$100- 16 characters per line*



Make checks payable to Brotherhood and mail to Agudas, Attn: Brotherhood.

# SIMCHA SPOT



*During these unsettling times, we want to share as many simchas as we can from our Congregational Family. If you would like to share your family's simcha, please submit to (with photo whenever possible) bonniescooper@gmail.com. Thank you.*

## RYOUMA ROMULUS SALATINO

*Born: July 15, 2020, Weight: 7 lbs, 2 oz. Length: 19.5"*

**IT'S A BOY!!!!** It has been a long wait, but well worth it. After loving, adoring, cherishing and doting on their four beautiful granddaughters, Sharon and Jerry Salatino have a grandson.

Proud parents are Fred and Yukako Akai Salatino, from Cary, NC. Ten year old twin sisters, Sakura and Koharu are delighted by the new addition.

We wish a heartfelt *Mazel Tov* to the entire Salatino family.



## Community Involvement-Mitzvah Opportunities

### Agudas Israel Congregation's

#### C.I.T.s: Community Involvement Team

Both men & women are encouraged to join our team of volunteers who are interested in helping our community.

#### Please contact:

**Laurel Ela, Board Trustee liaison, at 954-732-2819 or laurelarnp@gmail.com**

**Jayne Jennings, Mitzvah Day Chair, at 828-318-5615 or emailjaynej@gmail.com**

***MITZVAH DAY has been postponed, but it will be rescheduled as soon as we can.***

*Please continue to save items for collections that we will need once we reopen.*

## NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IN SEPTEMBER

***Watch your weekly email for date and time.***

*Blood is desperately needed during this pandemic.*

Please note that all blood donated stays locally and supports the local hospitals.

***\$10 visa gift card and Covid-19 antibody testing when you donate.*** Please email Leslie Maier at lesmaier@icloud.com or call the Agudas office to set up an appointment at 828-693-9838.

## Caring Committee

### MISHEBERACHS

Comforting words said on behalf of those who are ill.  
(Please let us know if someone needs our prayers.)  
We, as a community, wish a Speedy Recovery and Get Well Wishes to:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Gregg Ashley</b>    | <b>Tom Sauter</b>       |
| <b>David Fike</b>      | <b>Patty Torcellini</b> |
| <b>Cynthia Gottman</b> | <b>Barbara Wiener</b>   |
| <b>Ezra Grossman</b>   | <b>Susan Williams</b>   |
| <b>Darin Jennings</b>  |                         |

If you know of anyone who might need assistance or a prayer from the Caring Committee, please contact Marilyn Rosen, Chair, at domino2085@morrisbb.net or 828-290-5333.

## Our Condolences

### SUSAN VIRGINIA "GINGER" MARX

"Ginger" Marx passed away on Friday, June 26, 2020. She was 90 years-of-age. Ginger met "Dr. Sandy" while they were both teachers at a nursery school. They were married for 68 years. Ginger and Sandy have three sons – Paul, Allen, and Ken. Grandchildren include Sara, Erin, Sammy, Gary, Zoe, Jason, Jonathan, Alexandra and Melissa. She had a brother David Abraham and sister-in-law Doris Abraham.

Ginger was an active member of all the communities she lived in. Ginger and Sandy were long time members of Agudas Israel. She was an active golfer and tennis player, however, her forte was at the bridge table. She was a Duplicate Life Master earning thousands of Master Points.

We will miss Ginger and her shining smile.

### BARTON "BART" BOHNEN

Bart passed away, after a long illness, at Elizabeth House on Thursday, July 2, 2020. He was 82 years-of-age. When Bart was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, he went to work at Western Union Corp. as an electrician. Bart is survived by his wife Susan and son Steven, as well as a sister, Judy Millman and her husband Irwin. He also has a grandson, Gabriel.

Bart was a longtime member of Agudas Israel with Susan, and very often he could be seen around Agudas helping out around the building. On monthly Sunday Brotherhood breakfasts, he was often in the kitchen slicing tomatoes and onions. Bart also volunteered his time at Habitat for Humanity. Bart will be missed.

### DAVID BERLIN

Our sympathies reach out to Barbara Gittleman and her family on the loss of her younger brother David. He was 67.

*Z'chronon I'vracha*  
*May their memories be for a blessing*

## The Agudas Israel Angels

The Agudas Israel Angels program begins its 20th year for the fiscal year 2020-2021. These donations will go directly to our General Fund and will help to offset our deficit. Won't you add your name to this list of generous people?



To make a donation to the Angels, please contact the office. The categories are:

### ☆ SPONSORS \$180+

Rabbi Phil & Phyllis Bentley\*  
Barbara Gittleman\*  
David Leiman\*  
Richard & Pat Morgan\*  
Norma Pasternak\*  
Richard & Rhona Reagen\*  
Iris Vanek\*  
Natalie Zitnick\*

### ☆ FRIENDS \$360+

### ☆ PATRONS \$500+

Sue Kopel\*  
Ann Stringfield & John McElwee\*  
Nancy & Ron Weintraub

### ☆ BENEFACTORS \$750+

### ☆ TRUSTEES \$1000+

Joan & Irv Kershner\*  
Dr. Marc Levine\*  
Allen & Charlene Marx (In Memory of Ginger Marx)  
Natalie Zitnick

### ☆ HERITAGE CIRCLE \$1800+

### ☆ PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$3600+

Vicky Lieber\*

### ☆ FOUNDER'S CIRCLE \$5400+

Teddi Segal

\*Represents generous contribution to the Chai Hopes Campaign

**Giving is not just about  
making a donation,  
it's about  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE.**

**Thank you for your  
contribution.**

## Yahrzeit List for August

**Tzedakah is Acts of Loving Kindness in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone or something.  
According to the Talmud, giving is as important as all of the other commandments combined.**

| <b>Read on:</b>                  | <b>OBSERVED BY:</b>                 | <b>Read on:</b>                  | <b>OBSERVED BY:</b>                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b><u>8/7 &amp; 8/8/2020</u></b> |                                     | <b><u>8/21 &amp; 8/22/20</u></b> |                                    |
| Bessie Achler*                   |                                     | Charles I. Berger*               |                                    |
| Harry Auerbach                   | Charles Auerbach(Father)            | Irene L. Berger*                 |                                    |
| Jay Berger                       | Michelle Berry/Langel (Brother)     | Elizabeth P. Cohen*              |                                    |
| Mickey Berman                    | Lynn Lewis (Father)                 | Jacob Cohen*                     |                                    |
| Mary Brodsky                     | Bernard Brodsky (Mother)            | Helen Gassman                    | Dr. Philip Gassman (wife)          |
| Arthur Cowen                     | Charles Auerbach (Father-in-Law)    | Sylvia Z. Goldenberg*            |                                    |
| Samuel David Finander*           | Jan Finander Scott (Father)         | Ethel Goodman*                   |                                    |
| Joanna Gittleman                 | Barbara Gittleman (Daughter-In law) | Pattie Mandelstamm*              |                                    |
| Anne W. Kaplan*                  | David Kaplan (Mother)               | Richard McKinna                  | Sheila J. McKinna (Father)         |
|                                  | Eileen Stang (Mother)               | Jerome Rubin*                    |                                    |
| Abraham Kronenfeld*              | Barbara Ehrlich (Grandfather)       | Melvin D. Seeman*                | Barbara Seeman ( Husband)          |
| Peter Perkel*                    | Linda Perkel (Husband)              | Louis Simes*                     |                                    |
| Sarah Leah Rathman*              | Myra Herman (Mother)                | <b><u>8/28 &amp; 8/29/20</u></b> |                                    |
| Gertrude Sappin*                 |                                     | Anna Beckerman*                  | Dr. Mike Beckerman (Grandmother)   |
| William Tannenbaum*              |                                     | Beatrice Berson                  | Dr. Judi Berson-Levinson (Mother)  |
| Mary Tursky*                     |                                     | Sylvia Browde*                   |                                    |
| Sam Watsky                       | Harold Watsky (Father)              | Dorothy Chaplin                  | Sarah Bookspan (Mother)            |
| Harry Weintraub*                 |                                     | Louis S. Friedman*               |                                    |
| <b><u>8/14 &amp; 8/15/20</u></b> |                                     | Lillian Edith Goldstein*         |                                    |
| Mary Auerbach                    | Charles Auerbach (Spouse)           | Dr. Marvin Liebman               | Avery Blatt (Great Uncle)          |
| Mariam M. Block*                 |                                     | Isaac Michalove*                 |                                    |
| Patricia Sue Cash*               |                                     | Harriet S. Rudnick*              |                                    |
| Fannie Cowen                     | Charles Auerbach (Mother-in-Law)    | Muriel Schechter                 | Lynn & Peter Crane                 |
| Henry Grossman                   | Ezra Grossman (Father)              | David Samuel Smolowitz*          | Edwin Smaolowitz                   |
| Darrel Eli Mandelstamm*          | Mark Mandelstamm                    | Victor Stern                     | Ruth Samad & Jessica Beir (Father) |
| Harold Monoson                   | David Monoson (Father)              |                                  |                                    |
| Paul Novoselsky                  | Seth Novoselsky (Father)            |                                  |                                    |
| David Schwarz                    | Joan Kershner (Father)              |                                  |                                    |
| Ethel Shay                       | Jerell London-Gonzalez (Mother)     |                                  |                                    |
| Jennie Simonhoff*                |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Isadore "Pop" Sterling*          |                                     |                                  |                                    |
| Rose Zatlén                      | Lori Rosenthal (Mother)             |                                  |                                    |

\* Indicates Yahrzeit memorial plaque in our Sanctuary  
and a light will be lit for their Yahrzeit.

**See below for ways to remember your loved ones.**

## AGUDAS ISRAEL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many giving opportunities at Agudas Israel and we appreciate your generosity. Here are some options: Remember Agudas for **Memorials and Yahrzeits, Birthdays and Anniversaries, Celebrations and Get Well, or just because.** *Your donations are needed more now than ever before.*

1. **"Chai Hopes" Campaign:** Donate to help Agudas Israel during these difficult times (see page 3).
2. **Funds:** Choose the Fund that speaks to you or to the person you are honoring or memorializing for their Yahrzeit, Birthday, or Anniversary or other occasion.
3. **Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques:** Lining the walls of our Sanctuary are plaques used in memory of a loved one or reserved for your family members. (Cost is \$300 per brass name plate.) **Tree of Life Leaves:** Have a brass leaf engraved for a loved one or for any special occasion (see page 12).
4. **Coins for Tzedakah:** Save your loose change (e.g., Mah Jongg/Canasta winnings) and bring in when we reopen.
5. **Golden Book:** Inscribe a name in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha (Minimum \$10).
6. **JNF Trees for Israel:** Have a tree planted in Israel in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha (Minimum \$18).
7. **Join the Angels** (see page 9) **or the President's Club** (see page 12).
8. **Brotherhood Paver Project** - Purchase *Pavers* to honor or memorialize any individual for "Mitzvah Memories" including family, friends, events, Military service, or special achievements. (4x8 Engraved text \$50; 8x8 Engraved text \$100) Contact Ray Wiener or Allen Rosen for more information. (see page 8)

**If you have any questions, please call our office manager, Susan LaRue, for more information at 828-693-9838.**

**Tzedakah List from July****CHAI HOPES CAMPAIGN for  
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**In Memory Of***David Berlin*

The OyOys

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**In Honor Of***New Board of Trustees*

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**DONATION OVER ANNUAL****COMMITMENT for GENERAL FUND**

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Rabbi Phil &amp; Phyllis Bentley

Sherry Harris

Natalie Zitnick

*Bart Bohnen*

Barbara &amp; Mike Beckerman

Rabbi &amp; Phyllis Bentley

Natalie Zitnick

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Sue Kopel

**In Honor Of Agudas Israel**

Books for Good

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*Stay Safe Stay Healthy*

Sheila McKinna

*Hope to see you soon*

Beverly &amp; Verne Snyder

**ENDOWMENT FUND****In Memory Of***Sophia Michalove*

The Michalove Family

**GOLDEN BOOK****In Memory Of***David Berlin*

Claudia &amp; Barry Rudes

**KOL NIDRE APPEAL 2020 HHD**

Dr. Linda Perkel

**MUSIC FUND****In Memory Of***David Berlin**Shirley Younger**Ginger Marx**Bart Bohnen**Sidney Levine*

Vicky Lieber

**ONEG FUND****In Memory Of***Mary Lou Lennert*

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**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND****In Memory Of***Lena Hecht**Lilyan Sobel*

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*Ginger Marx**David Berlin*

Marlene &amp; Ray Wiener

**SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND****In Memory Of***Ginger Marx**Bart Bohnen**David Berlin*

Bonnie &amp; Alan Cooper

**Anniversaries & Birthdays for August**

|                         |         |                  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Nancy & Ron Weintraub   | Aug. 9  | 56th Anniversary |
| Lois & Stephen Goldberg | Aug. 10 | 62nd Anniversary |
| Sharon & Jerry Salatino | Aug. 17 | 48th Anniversary |
| Sharon & David Leiman   | Aug. 23 | 17h Anniversary  |
| Claudia & Barry Rudes   | Aug. 31 | 45th Anniversary |

**Birthdays:**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Deb Abel                 | Aug. 1  |
| Holden Baxt-Moore (13th) | Aug. 10 |
| C. Susan Kaplan          | Aug. 17 |
| Charlie Auerbach         | Aug. 18 |
| Meta Berkowitz           | Aug. 19 |
| Sue Hassett              | Aug. 19 |
| Allen Rosen              | Aug. 22 |
| Norma Pasternack         | Aug. 29 |

***Wish your Congregational  
Family a Mazel Tov and a  
Happy and Healthy  
Birthday and/or  
Anniversary!***

**Thank You**  
FOR YOUR DONATION!

# Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

Honor your loved ones who have passed or you may reserve a place for anyone you choose to memorialize, including reserving one for yourself and your family members. The cost of each engraved brass name plate is \$300 each. Name plates can include both English and Hebrew names as well as date of death in either or both English and Hebrew.



A light will be lit and their name will be recited in perpetuity on the Shabbat of their Yahrzeit as a continuation of their memory and impact in our world.

Contact Susan LaRue in the Agudas Israel office, 828-693-9838, to place your order.

## President's Club

The Agudas Israel President's Club has a distinguished membership. Membership requires that a five year pledge of at least \$500 per year be made, in excess of your current annual commitment.

It is the objective of the members of the President's Club to erase our deficit and enhance our Synagogue while accomplishing the goals of our Long Range Plans.

Both new and current Congregants are encouraged to join. Current members include:

**Becky Banadyga**

**Barbara & Dr. Michael Beckerman**

**Phyllis & Rabbi Phil Bentley**

**Bonnie & Alan Cooper**

**Barbara & Dr. Jack Gabel**

**Vicky & Ed (of blessed memory) Lieber**

**David Leiman**

**Dr. Sandy & Ginger (of blessed memory) Marx**

**Dr. Linda Perkel**

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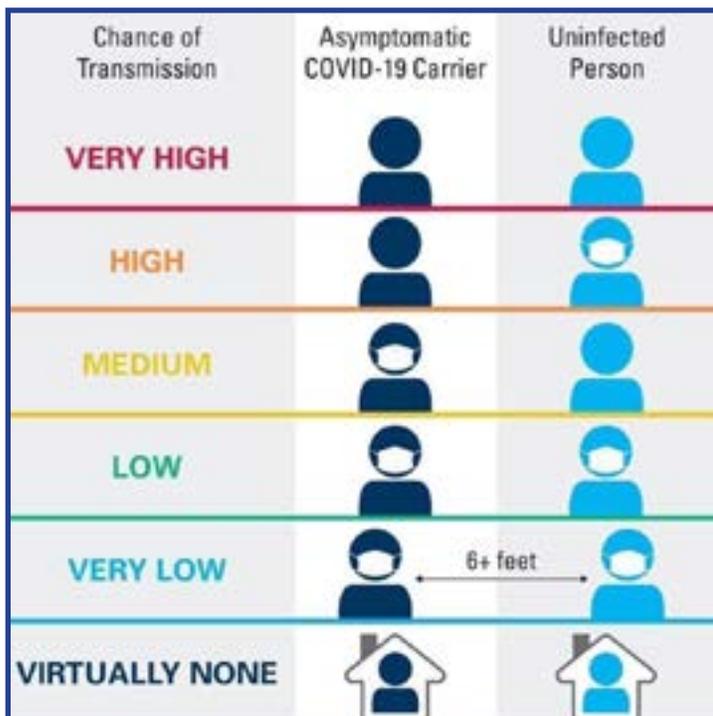
**Teddi Segal**

**Deanna Salpeter Warshaurer**

**Marlene & Ray Wiener**

**Natalie Zitnick**

## For Your Safety and the Safety of Others - Please wear a Mask



## Blessing For The Mitzvah Of Putting On A Mask

Baruch ata, Adonai Eloheinu, ברוך אתה יי אלהינו  
 Melech ha-olam, מלך העולם  
 asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav אשר קדשנו במצותיו  
 v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh. וצונו על שמירת הנפש.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God,  
 Sovereign of the world,  
 who has sanctified us with commandments,  
 and commanded us to protect life.



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Many contacts/phone numbers have changed and we need your updated information. Email or mail to the office. Thank you.



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*With great disappointment, Agudas Israel Sisterhood's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon is canceled for this year and we hope to reschedule for next season.*

In the meantime, we hope that you will support our vendors. Here is some of their contact information and websites for you to explore:

**THE SANCTUARY BOUTIQUE**  
101 1st Ave West, Hendersonville, 828-698-2645  
www.thesanctuaryboutiquehendersonville.com

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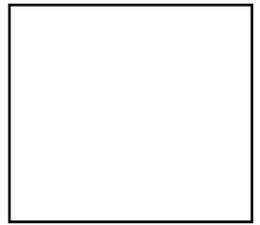
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Thank you - thank you to Marilyn Rosen, Vicky Lieber, & Karen Jarmon for their "eagle eyes" in proof-reading this issue of the Chai Lites.



# Agudas Israel Congregation

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**MISSION:** Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives through worship, learning, community involvement, culture and social interaction. We are committed to keeping our Jewish heritage intact for present and future generations.

**VISION:** Agudas Israel is a center for Jewish living in Henderson County and beyond, inclusive of all aspects of worship, learning, community, and culture.

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