



# Chai Lites

## Agudas Israel Congregation

Established in 1922

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*The Center for Jewish Living in Henderson County and Beyond!*

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### Message from Rabbi Jackson



We can certainly be honest with ourselves that this High Holy Day Season has been unlike any other in the past, and we hope in the future, too. I hope you tuned into our premiere broadcasts on YouTube, or watched them at a later time when it felt right for you. If you missed any of them, all are posted to our [YouTube High Holy Day Playlist](#),

found here. Included in that playlist are also separate files for my sermons, in case you prefer to watch those independent from services themselves.

But the holidays are not over yet, as you see. Early this month we are providing a lulav/etrog set during business hours for anyone who would like to “*leshevbasukkah*—dwell in the sukkah” and recite the blessings. A copy of all the blessings will be posted near the sukkah too. I hope you take advantage of it this year as the weather is currently perfect for enjoying dwelling in impermanence.

This season is one of contemplation and it does not end with *Yom Kippur* but is encouraged throughout *Sukkot* and even *Simchat Torah* too. How do we fit within nature? What is our place in the cosmos? How are we different than we were the last time the Book of Genesis was read? What will we create and call it good, as we start the cycle anew? These and so many more are the questions and opportunities for growth which await us. Some might have answers, some will not; there is insight in merely asking the questions.

Wishing us all a beautiful end to this beginning of the year 5781. May it be one of happiness and health, growth and creation, inclusion and patience, love and love.

*Prayers for abundant blessings,  
Rabbi Rachael Jackson*



### The High Holy Days Continue:

#### SUKKOT

Sukkah available at Agudas Israel **Oct. 2 — Oct. 8.**  
Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-3:30pm  
Lulav/Etrog set will be available for use.

Thank you to our Brotherhood for once again putting up our Sukkah.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 12pm our **Zoom Lunch ‘n Learn** will focus on this holiday.  
([link here](#); id: 817 2266 1967)



#### SIMCHAT TORAH

**Friday, Oct. 9** services on-line will include reading from the Torah.

**Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:30am.** In-person at Agudas Israel parking lot. More details on page 4 and 5.

## All About Israel



☆ Diplomatic deal between [Bahrain](#) and Israel.

☆ Diplomatic deal between [UAE](#) and Israel, removes boycott and allows for business deals and more open flights.

☆ 2000-year-old seeds from extinct Judean palm trees have [produced dates](#).

☆ Ancient palace from First Temple times found in Jerusalem; beautifully intact [architecture and artifacts](#).

☆ Israel sends team for the first time to [Tour de France](#) and even finds its way onto the podium with an award.

Note that the words in blue and underlined are linked to the articles.

## Vice President's Message

Greetings members and friends,

The High Holy Days are upon us!

I hope many of you had the opportunity to watch the *World Premiere* of the Agudas Israel Congregation Virtual High Holy days Services on *YouTube*.

I thought the presentation was outstanding and the next best things to being there live. It was so nice to see members of the congregation on the bimah participating in the service.

The Rabbi, as always, out-did herself. We are fortunate that we have a Rabbi who really goes the extra mile for our congregation. Of course, we cannot forget the invaluable work and dedication of the Ritual Committee and especially Sid Williams on the technical side. The ability to schmooze after services on *Zoom* was an added bonus.

Our *Kol Nidre Appeal* continues, see page 3. Please give generously. We continue to collect new socks and underwear for IAM. There is a blue plastic collection bin in front of the building for dropping these off. Also, please remember to bring food for the High Holy Days Food Drive.

The building remains closed, however, there will be another parking lot service on Oct. 10, to celebrate *Simchat Torah*. Please bring a chair and a mask. Hope to see you there!

Stay Well and Safe,  
Richard Tanker  
[richardtankeraic@gmail.com](mailto:richardtankeraic@gmail.com)

## High Holy Days Food Drive 5781

**REMINDER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO AGUDAS ON SIMCHAT TORAH ON SAT. OCT 10 at 10:30am.**



For the eleventh consecutive year our congregation will participate in our annual *High Holy Days Food Drive*.

We are challenged to continue our efforts and reach our objective, together with Interfaith Assistance Ministries (IAM), to eliminate hunger in Henderson county.

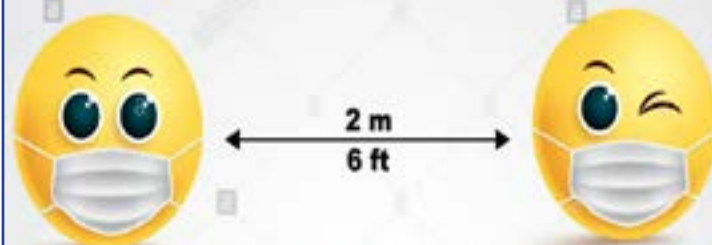
Since the inception of our Food Drive, we have donated over 20,000 pounds of food and other nonperishables to the food pantry at IAM.

Each of us can help by **bringing a grocery bag to Agudas, Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3pm, filled with food and other non-perishables. PLEASE, no outdated food.**

Your donations are one more way that we at Agudas Israel are able to participate in *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) while helping those folks in our community who are in need.

Deanna Warshauer and Barbara Gittleman, Chairs

## COVID- DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN NOW!



**KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE  
STAY SAFE**

## KOL NIDRE APPEAL – From Our Vice Presidents

***We thought it would be appropriate to repeat the letter that was mailed to you for our Annual Kol Nidre Appeal. If you have not yet responded, we would appreciate your donation:***


Greetings Agudas Israel Family and Friends:

As we prepare for the Jewish High Holy Days, we are once again reminded of our Shul’s presence in our lives. The holidays give us the opportunity to reflect on our relationships - with God, with family and with friends. As we come together in observance of our Jewish faith, we choose to share this time surrounded, albeit virtually, by our community and the secure and inviting environment it provides.

The ***Kol Nidre Appeal*** is a vital component in supporting our Shul’s continued presence in our lives. The donations bridge the gap between the annual dues and our operating expenses. In addition to supporting education and maintaining a safe building environment, these funds enable us to continue providing support for social outreach, philanthropy and long term planning for our community. Whether you are a member or a friend, we encourage your generous support in making a contribution to the ***Kol Nidre Appeal*** for Agudas Israel. We need your help to do the things we want to do for our synagogue and perpetuate Agudas Israel as the center for Jewish life in Henderson County and beyond. This year, even with the physical building closed, we need your help more than ever, since we are limited in the things we can do to raise funds because of the pandemic.

Enclosed is a pledge card. (***See below***) Please return it in the mail, with your check, to the synagogue. You also can pay on-line with PayPal or a credit card. On behalf of the Rabbi and our entire Board of Trustees, we thank you in advance for your support.

*L’shanah Tovah,*  
Richard Tanker and Sid Williams  
Vice Presidents

 <p style="margin: 0;"><b>AGUDAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION</b> <b>Hendersonville, NC</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>The Center for Jewish Living in Henderson County and Beyond!</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>HIGH HOLY DAYS</b> <b>Kol Nidre Appeal</b> <b>2020-5781</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Simply circle the amount of your donation and please submit with your check for the High Holy days.</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b><i>Thank you for your generosity.</i></b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">                 Please write your name(s) here...             </div> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>The custom has arisen in Judaism to give donations and monetary gifts in multiples of 18 as an expression of blessing for long life. Please consider an amount which is meaningful to you.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"><i>Circle the amount below:</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,000</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 900</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 720</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 360</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 180</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 100</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 54</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 36</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$ 18</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"><i>Other:</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$</p>
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## Ritual Committee

### On Celebration of Jewish Holidays:

In the Jewish calendar, July and August are pretty slow. I mean, unless there's a pandemic and a global quarantine, not much happens for a couple of months. And then, BAM! It's September, and a whole new year of holidays, memorials and observances begins.

I was asked to prepare an article on *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. And while looking for inspiration online, I found that most material also included references to *Shemini Atzeret*. I confess not paying much attention to the day that falls between *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* in the past. I learned that *Shemini Atzeret*, although also an agricultural holiday, is not part of *Sukkot*. Historically, this was a day of reflection, and separate also from *Simchat Torah*, although it is now common practice to observe them on the same day.

Here's the thing. There are no specific dishes or food associated with *Shemini Atzeret*. How can this be a Jewish holiday, an agricultural holiday, no less, and not have food associated with it? Seriously?

According to an article in [Tablet Magazine](#), all that is required for *Shemini Atzeret* is to begin reciting a prayer for rain, *tefilat geshem*, to mark the beginning of the rainy season. How powerful if our prayers this year bring relief to the states struggling to contain wildfires?

But before *Shemini Atzeret* is the celebration of *Sukkot*, five days after Yom Kippur, when we've been inscribed in the Book of Life (or we wouldn't be celebrating anything), and are ready for another year of all things Jewish. We build a sukkah (thank you, Brotherhood!). We shake things, recite blessings, and focus on what is truly important: shelter, however humble, and food, however basic, to sustain us and to share with others. Every year we donate bags and boxes of food on Yom Kippur, because these two most basic needs are not met for many in our own community, and because we take seriously our responsibility to help others.

And following *Sukkot* and *Shemini Atzeret*, we celebrate *Simchat Torah*, to honor the completion of the annual reading of Torah and the beginning of another new cycle. In past years, we gathered in the sanctuary, passing the scrolls to one another.

I remember the first time I took part in this celebration at Agudas, dancing and singing and holding a scroll in my hands, I felt something precious and good that I could look forward to every year.

This year the global pandemic will surely limit our ability to observe *Simchat Torah* as we have in the past. But together or apart, we are Israel, we are the people who carry Torah in our hearts. And no matter what the new year has in store for us, that's reason enough to celebrate every day.

*Wishing everyone happiness and good health in the New Year,*

*Cya Ashley*

*Ritual Committee Chair*



## Shabbat Speaker Series

Our Shabbat Speaker Series continues and we are looking for your input.

This month, Rabbi Jackson will be speaking with **Dot Case**, a member of the Henderson County School Board.



We need your questions! We are grateful to her for speaking with us and are encouraging your inquiries.

Please submit them to Rabbi Jackson by Oct.14 [[agudasrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:agudasrabbi@gmail.com)].

## Membership Committee

The livelihood of Agudas Israel Congregation relies on it's membership to keep us going. All of our current members should act as our ambassadors to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. We are the only synagogue in Henderson County.

Although our programming is still restricted, we hope that you will let us know if there is someone who you think we should contact.

Many people enjoyed our High Holy Days Services on YouTube and might be interested in joining.

Contact Marilyn Rosen, Chair, at [domino2085@morrisbb.net](mailto:domino2085@morrisbb.net) or 828-290-5333 or the Agudas office.

## Digging for Treasure for Agudas: Ha 'ets Hanadiv (Giving Tree)



Join your Agudas Israel family on **Oct. 10, 10:30am** in our parking lot, where we will be celebrating Shabbat for *Simchat Torah* and find out how you can help Agudas **"Dig For Treasures"** to benefit the synagogue.

This unique, no-contact/no-pain fundraiser promises to be loads of fun at a time when fun is hard to come by in our Covid world.

Join us for this outdoor celebration as we "rejoice with the Torah" and hear about our *Ha 'ets Hanadiv* (Giving Tree) project.

What in the world is *Ha 'ets Hanadiv*? We'll give you these clues but you have to come on Oct. 10 to find out the details!

*Is it a treasure hunt? Is it a tree? Is it a Mitzvah?*



# העץ הנדיב



### From The Board Room

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, Sept. 8, via Zoom.

We would like to thank Rabbi Jackson, Sid Williams, Cya Ashley and the Ritual Committee, as well as all those who participated, in making our High Holy Day Services special and meaningful.



**Shabbat in the Lot** (thanks Lynn Lewis for this great name!) has been well attended. We will have another Saturday Shabbat Experience in the AIC parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 10, to celebrate **Simchat Torah**. See pages 1, 4, & 5. Also check out the weekly e-blast newsletter for all upcoming AIC happenings.

Thank you to our new committee chairs: Marilyn Rosen, Membership, and Zsa Lobel, Fundraising.

You will continue to receive weekly links for Friday night Shabbat Services and Saturday Torah Study. Also check the weekly e-blast newsletter for Lunch 'n Learn links.

Until we meet again in our beautiful Sanctuary, or in the Parking Lot, be well.

*Sue Hassett, Secretary*

### Yasher Koach



*On behalf of the Agudas Israel Congregation, our Sisterhood has made a High Holy Days donation in honor of **Sid Williams** for his dedication and the unbelievable amount of long hours spent (as a volunteer) working with Rabbi Jackson on making our virtual*

*High Holy Days Services not only enjoyable and meaningful, but lending his expertise and professionalism. We cannot thank him enough.*



## Mitzvah Opportunities – Community Involvement Team

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

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](mailto:laurelarnp@gmail.com)

Leslie Maier, Blood Drive,  
at 828-513-1311 or  
[lesmaier@icloud.com](mailto:lesmaier@icloud.com)

Jayne Jennings, Mitzvah Day  
Chair, at 828-318-5615 or  
[emailjaynej@gmail.com](mailto:emailjaynej@gmail.com)

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

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

**REMINDER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO AGUDAS ON  
SIMCHAT TORAH ON SAT. OCT 10:30am.**

## DONATE NEW SOCKS & UNDERWEAR for IAM

Agudas Israel Community Involvement team is sponsoring a **MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY** for IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry).

We are collecting NEW socks and underwear for children and adults (all sizes needed).

Bring them to Agudas Israel and place them in the specially marked blue bin in the front of the building (Tuesday-Friday from 9am-3pm) until end of October. No need to come into the building, which remains closed.



Our Sept. 13 we participated in a Blood Drive for the Henderson County hospitals, that we ran in conjunction with the Hendersonville Woman's Club. There were a total of 28 successful full blood donations with nine of them directly from our congregation. We will schedule another Blood Drive in approximately six months.

## 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 wedding, B'nai Mitzvah, anniversary, birthday, and just because.

If there is something that you need, we can make an appointment or 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.



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



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

**Welcoming in the New Year.** Thank you to everyone who ordered a High Holy Day Gift Bag filled with treats that symbolize the time of renewal — honey, mini-challah, fresh apples, and assorted home-baked treats. A huge thank you to our talented gift bag team of Bonnie Cooper, Frieda Hodes, Sue Kopel, Lynn Lewis, Karen Murray, Linda Perkel, Deanna Salpeter and Hikma Salpeter for helping us welcome in a sweet New Year.



**Gathering at The Park at Flat Rock** on Monday, Oct. 19. Our Programming VP, Joan Kershner, has organized a way for us to gather safely for lunch at The Park at Flat Rock on Monday, Oct. 19 at noon. We all miss getting together and this outing will be a chance to do just that. We will meet in the parking lot near the Pavilion then walk a few steps to an area where we can safely distance and still be together. Here's what you need to bring:

a folding chair, your picnic-style lunch, and a face covering. Face coverings will be required except while eating. Please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 16 to [joankershner@gmail.com](mailto:joankershner@gmail.com) or call 828-243-2929. In the event of rain, the gathering will be on Monday, Oct. 26 at noon.

**Plans for more activities in the works.** 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 programs that will bring us together.

**The more the merrier.** Thank you to the women who have renewed their Sisterhood membership. It is because of your commitment that we are able to support each other, Agudas Israel and our community. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please join us now. Simply click [Membership Application](#), print and complete the form, and then send it with your check to Agudas Israel Sisterhood. If you have any questions, contact Marlene Wiener, membership secretary, at [marlenewiener@gmail.com](mailto:marlenewiener@gmail.com).

**Your support matters.** Your ongoing support of Sisterhood is truly appreciated, especially during this time. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to us. Remember together we do more than each of us can do alone.

*Be safe, be well.*

Karen "Kish" Jarmon, VP, [AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com)

# Sisterhood October Get-together...Outdoors Monday, October 19 - Noon

Join Sisterhood for a gathering at The Park at Flat Rock 55 Highland Golf Dr, Flat Rock, NC 28731  
(Between Greenville Highway and Spartanburg Highway, off of Highland Lake Road)

We will meet in the parking lot near the Pavilion. Masks are required except while eating.

Each of us will bring our folding chairs and lunches and we will walk a few steps to an area where we can safely distance, and still be together.

We all miss seeing one another in person - this will be our opportunity.

Please RSVP to Joan Kershner at [joankershner@gmail.com](mailto:joankershner@gmail.com) or 828-243-2929 by Friday, Oct. 16.

In the event of rain, we will meet on the following Monday, Oct. 26 at noon

*(if that doesn't work - we will cancel)*

Looking forward to seeing you at our gathering.....



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 the 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-Friday; please call Susan for an appointment. **Masks MUST be worn.**
- Date and time reservations for the outside 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 carried out.
- 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.**

## Brotherhood Briefs

In the midst of the COVID virus, the Agudas Israel Brotherhood is staying safe and healthy. We have planned three upcoming events. Brotherhood member Bill Lavine will provide either a virtual or real time **Veteran's Day ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11**, which will honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans. Post #77 of the American Legion Honor Guard will participate in the ceremony. We will have more information to share with you as the date gets a little closer.

Prior to Oct. 2, the traditional assembly of the Agudas Israel Sukkah will be prepared by a team of Brotherhood members.

The Brotherhood had planned to schedule a walking tour of downtown Hendersonville, pointing out locations and storefronts that Jewish merchants owned and who were also members of our synagogue. This helped develop the business district. However, in light of social distancing concerns, the tour will be formatted to a virtual presentation. More information will be shared at a later date.

**Next Brotherhood outdoor meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18, at 10am at the synagogue's Founder's Garden. Please bring your own chair, mask, and refreshments.** The Pandemic Task Force guidelines apply.

Allen Rosen  
Co-Vice President  
[ptrooper01@gmail.com](mailto:ptrooper01@gmail.com)

## Program Links

Sisterhood is fortunate to be able to offer to our congregation on-line links from the David Posnack JCC Cultural Arts Program:

<https://www.dpjcc.org/cultural-arts/cultural-arts-programs/>

*We hope you find a program to enjoy.*

## 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 for more information.

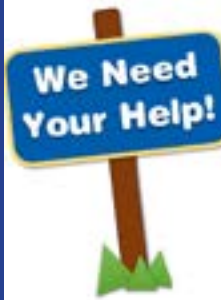


4x8 Engraved Text \$50; 8x8 Engraved Text \$100- 16 characters per line

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



## Caring Committee



The Caring Committee is looking for volunteers to make calls to some of our members.

Please contact Marilyn Rosen, Chair, at [domino2085@morrisbb.net](mailto:domino2085@morrisbb.net) or 828-290-5333.

*If you know of anyone who might need assistance or a prayer from the Caring Committee, please let us know.*

## 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:*

Gregg Ashley	Linda Perkel
Lonnie Darr	Elaine Rinder
David Fike	Tom Sauter
Cynthia Gottman	Patty Torcellini
Ezra Grossman	Barbara Wiener
Darin Jennings	Susan Williams

## Agudas Israel **CHAI HOPES** Campaign

We express our sincere gratitude to those who have made generous donations to this campaign. In case you missed our previous asking, it is **not too late** to respond to our **Chai Hopes Campaign**.

The financial effects of the COVID-19 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 this "**Chai Hopes**" campaign to help our budget shortfall.

If you are able, please make a donation to Agudas Israel to help sustain us during this difficult time.

Visit our website [www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org](http://www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org) to donate online by credit card.

## 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\*  
Marlene & Ray Wiener\*  
Natalie Zitnick\*

### ☆ FRIENDS \$360+

### ☆ PATRONS \$500+

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

### ☆ BENEFACTORS \$750+

Jan Finander Scott

### ☆ TRUSTEES \$1000+

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

*It is through the generosity of people like these that we prosper and grow...*

*Please think of supporting Agudas Israel with your donations.*

*Thank you.*

## Yahrzeit List for October

**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><u>Read on:</u></b>	<b><u>OBSERVED BY:</u></b>	<b><u>10/23 &amp; 10/24/20</u></b>	<b><u>OBSERVED BY:</u></b>
<b><u>10/2 &amp; 10/3/20</u></b>		Harvey Stephen Aftel*	Iris Stewart (Brother)
Lena Barr Brumer*		Adeline Barowsky	Diane Eskenasy Aldrich (Grandmother)
Mary Brodsky Goodman*		Harry Michael Fritz*	
Joan C Kosowsky*		Fannie Krawcheck Gold*	
Sol Leiman	David Leiman	Moe Greenberg*	
Leonard Lewis	Jeffrey Lewis	Rubin Levine*	
Bella Schulman*		Josef Levinson*	Steven Levinson (Father)
Myron K. Simes*		Morris W. Liebman	Avery Blatt (Great Grandfather)
Mae Weisberg*		Edward Maffett	Cya Ashley (Brother-in-Law)
		Juliette Monoson	David Monoson (Mother)
<b><u>10/9 &amp; 10/10/20</u></b>		Benjamin Nathan Patterson *	
Benjamin A Gallant	Janie Skolnick	Morris Pollock*	
Saul Gold*		Samuel G. Robinson*	
Hershel Goodman*		Barbara Rosen	Vicky Lieber (Sister)
Morris Kaplan*	David Kaplan (Father)	Herbert Lee Simon*	
	Eileen Stang (Father)	Samuel Spiegel*	
Bertha Kershner	Irving Kershner (Mother)	Molly Topolski*	
Sam Kershner*		Nathan Wiener*	Ray Wiener (Father)
Shirley Morgan	Richard Morgan (Mother)	Samuel J. Wise	Laurel Ela (Grandfather)
Pearl Mottzman*	Dr. Michael Beckerman (Grandmother)	Louis Emanuel Zerden*	
Arthur Howard Rubin*	Stuart Rubin (Brother)		
Nathan Samuels	Vicky Lieber (Grandfather)	<b><u>10/30 &amp; 10/31/20</u></b>	
Trudy H. Shapiro*		Jacob Barowsky	Diane Eskenasy Aldrich (Grandfather)
Stanley Herbert Sitzer*	Carole Sitzer (Husband)	Sadie Karg Brown*	
Gladys Yank*		Jonathan Seth Diamond*	Lynne Durbin Crane (Son)
		Charles Eckenroth	Barbara Monoson (Grandfather)
<b><u>10/16 &amp; 10/17/20</u></b>		Robert S. Gittleman*	Barbara Gittleman (Husband)
Barbara "Babe" Blatt	Avery Blatt (Grandmother)	Mollie Gordon*	
Rebecca Rachel Daitch*		Herbert J. Halpern*	
Frances Gaeser*		Morris Kalin*	
Joseph Gittleman*	Linda Liebman (Father)	Albert A. Kaplan*	
	Claudia Rudes (Father)	Myer Kirsner	Marilyn Black (Father)
	Barbara Gittleman (Father In-Law)	Felix Kolodkin*	
Nathan Hoffman*		Mitchell Levine	Vicky Lieber (1st Husband)
Sylvia Kessler	Deanna S. Warshauer (Mother)	Sara Mollie Michalove*	
Michael Peter Lewis	Jeffrey Lewis	Sylvia Chizik Patterson*	
Elizabeth Meltzer*		Harry Morton Zheutlin**	
Frances S. Ryttenberg*	Harry Ryttenberg (Wife)		
Alfred Salatino	Jerry Salatino (Father)		

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

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

## 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 Yahrzeit, 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 9).
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 (see page 12). (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 (\$125).
4. **Golden Book:** Inscribe a name in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha (Minimum \$10).
5. **JNF Trees for Israel:** Have a tree planted in Israel in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha (Minimum \$18).
6. **Join the Angels** (see page 9) **or the President's Club** (see page 12).
7. **Brotherhood Paver Project** - Contact Ray Wiener 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 September

### CHAI HOPES CAMPAIGN for GENERAL FUND:

Sue Kopel  
 Patricia & Richard Morgan  
 Rhona & Richard Reagen  
**In Memory Of**  
*Marshall Warshauer*  
 Deanna S. Warshauer

### GENERAL FUND:

**In Memory Of**  
*Dudley & Beatrice Berson*  
*Josef Levinson*  
 Dr. Judi Berson & Steven Levinson  
*Doris Patterson*  
 Alan & Diane Patterson  
*Valerie Pfeffer*  
 Ira Pfeffer  
*Richard D. Salpeter*  
*Sylvia & Joseph Kessler*  
 Deanna S. Warshauer  
*Gerty Weiss*  
 Natalie Zitnick  
*Jacob & Adeline Barowsky*  
 Diane Eskenasy Aldrich & Tim Aldrich  
*Alfred Salatino*  
 Jerry Salatino

### GARDEN LANDSCAPE FUND:

**In Memory Of**  
*"Babe" Blatt*  
 Avery & The Blatt Family  
*Frankie Ryttenberg*  
 Harry Ryttenberg  
*Stanley Sitzer*  
*Arthur Rubin*  
 Carol Sitzer

### KOL NIDRE APPEAL 2020 HHD

**In Honor Of**  
*Sid Williams*  
 Agudas Israel Sisterhood  
 Diane Eskenasy Aldrich & Tim Aldrich  
 Dr. Bernie Apple  
 Melanie Baxt  
 Susan Bohnen  
 Rebecca Burns  
 Bonnie & Alan Cooper  
 Laurel Ela  
 Susan & Jerry Garfinkle  
 Barbara Gittleman  
 Susan Hassett  
 Karen Jarmon  
 Joan & Irv Kershner  
 Adele & Laurence Kosowsky  
 Sue Kopel  
 Debbie & Bill Lavine  
 Vicky Lieber  
 Sheila McKinna  
 Leslie & Steven Maier  
 Pat & Richard Morgan  
 Karen & Stephen Murray  
 Jay Naparstek  
 Norma Pasternack  
 Nancy Polansky  
 Marilyn & Allen Rosen  
 Sharon & Jerry Salatino  
 Ed Smolowitz  
 Iris & Joe Stewart  
 Richard Tanker  
 Deanna S. Warshauer  
 Marlene & Ray Wiener  
 Lisa & Tom Wolford  
 Natalie Zitnick

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND:

**In Memory Of**  
*David Berlin*  
 Linda Liebman  
*Bertha Kershner*  
 Joan & Irving Kershner  
**In Honor Of**  
*Thank you to Rabbi Jackson*  
 Lewis Marks  
*Joan Kershner's 80th Birthday*  
 The Kershner Family

### RITUAL FUND

**In Memory Of**  
*Ruth Bader Ginsberg*  
 Marlene & Ray Wiener  
**In Honor Of**  
*Rabbi Jackson & Sid Williams*  
*HHD Virtual Service*  
 Deanna S. Warshauer

### Yahrzeit/Bereavement Fund

**In Memory Of**  
*Frances Hecht Lavidor*  
 Linda & Tom Sauter  
*Herbert Simon*  
 Barbara & Alan Ehrlich

*Please note any donations received after Sept. 25 will be posted in the next issue.*

**Giving is not just about making a donation,  
 it's about  
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE.  
 Thank you for your contribution.**

## Anniversaries & Birthdays for October

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang	Oct. 14	47th
Lillian & Roger Dashner	Oct. 21	47th
Rebecca & Dr. Rodney Burns	Oct. 28	20th



### BIRTHDAYS:

Leslie Maier	Oct. 3
Lonnie Darr	Oct. 11
Marilyn Rosen	Oct. 17
Audrey Shemesh	Oct. 17
Dr. Michael Stang	Oct. 29



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

# 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*

*Barbara & Dr. Jack Gabel*

*Vicky & Ed (of blessed memory) Lieber*

*David Leiman*

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

*Dr. Linda Perkel*

*Stuart Rubin*

*Teddi Segal*

*Deanna Salpeter Warshaurer*

*Marlene & Ray Wiener*

*Natalie Zitnick*

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

May we see the smiles behind the masks  
 May we hug without keeping distance  
 May we enjoy a fragrance without the smell of sanitizers  
 and may Corona return to be just a beer

**Wishing you a better year!**

**SHANA TOVA!**



### Blessing For The Mitzvah Of Putting On A Mask

Baruch ata, Adonai Eloheinu, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
 Melech ha-olam, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
 asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
 v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh. וְצִוָּנוּ עַל שְׁמִירַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ

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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**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM**

If you have not yet done so, please complete and return the Emergency Contact Form that you received.

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

*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](http://www.thesanctuaryboutiquehendersonville.com)

**FINE ART WATERCOLORS**  
Pat Morgan, 845-926-0198  
[www.PatMorganArt.com](http://www.PatMorganArt.com)

**KITCHEN BOARDS BY BETTY**  
Betty Rickman  
[kitchenboardsbybetty@gmail.com](mailto:kitchenboardsbybetty@gmail.com)  
828-243-8456



**SHULER FUNERAL HOME**

125 Orr's Camp Road ~ 828-693-5220  
[www.shulerfuneralhome.com](http://www.shulerfuneralhome.com)

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2 Doctors Park, Ste E417, Biltmore Ave, Asheville, NC 28801  
828-253-2900  
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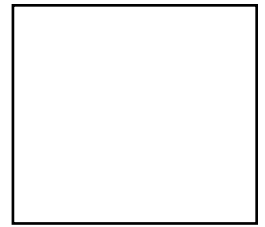
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**MISSION:** Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives 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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