



Chai Lites

Agudas Israel Congregation

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Message from Rabbi Jackson



I find it no coincidence that the world over, cultures and the religions which spawn from them, have created festivals of light during the winter months. Judaism is no exception.

Our story recounts the Maccabees, a small band of Jews, defeating the mighty Greeks and rededicating the sacrificial Temple with oil,

miraculously lasting eight days. Which part of the story is emphasized depends on the period of time the question is being asked. In our time, I want to focus on the lights.

The Hebrew calendar is a complex one, where each month follows the moon, but the years follow the sun—shifting days and even adding months around over a 19 year cycle. That way every holiday will fall in the season in which it is meant to occur (can you imagine Passover in August??). Chanukah will always happen in the winter, starting on the 25th of Kislev and going until the 3rd of Tevet. As a reminder, the new month starts with a new moon. And the night sky on a new moon is nearly devoid of light.

We have the darkest months of the year and the darkest days in those months and that is when we light our Chanukah candles.

Take this idea of light more figurative rather than literal though. In our darkest times, we bring the light, slowly, candle by candle. Even as the world gets darker around us, we continue to bring the light, slowly.

As the darkness sets in, know that you have the power

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Digging for Treasures: The Giving Tree – Ha'ets Hanadiv

THE ART OF GIVING AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES

As the Giving Tree fundraiser for Agudas is taking off, we see some angst among our donors. Our generous donors with whom we meet with virtually and COVID-safely to value their articles, tell us about their items and are sometimes conflicted about parting with their treasured possessions. Here's what we're hearing and here's a different way of looking at these decisions.



“My Great Aunt Sadie left this ring to my mother who left it to me. I feel that I will be dishonoring Aunt Sadie's memory by giving it away instead of treasuring it.”



Your children don't want that strange ring depicting a dragon in platinum? We don't blame them. It's so small that it could only fit an infant? So, basically, it's useless as a piece of jewelry, no? But wouldn't Aunt Sadie be thrilled to know that someone (Agudas) is benefiting from its value instead of being in the depths of your jewelry box. Instead of disrespect, wouldn't your donation be a sign of great respect?

“These were Morrie's cuff links and he loved them. They give me a sense of connection with him when I see them. I hate to give them up.” So what would Morrie say about that? Would he say,



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to light a candle. Not for warmth or visibility aid but for hope.

Light your candle to see our way out of systemic racism. Light your candle to find a way to mend the deep divide our country feels. Light your candle to find a way to halt the pandemic plague that ravishes our country. Light your candle to find a way to ease the loneliness so many feel at this time. Light your candle to find a way to bring peace to the individual and to us all.

May this month, and this holiday of Chanukah, be filled with light.

May this be our blessing and may this be so.

Rabbi Rachael Jackson

Tzedakah is said to be equal in value to all the other mitzvot combined.

Agudas Israel is grateful to those who have found it in their heart to generously choose us:

**Doris Graef
Dr. Marc Levine
Ann Stringfield**

Vice Presidents' Message

Greetings!

Life goes at Agudas Israel!

Despite COVID, we were able to have another "Shabbat in the Lot" on Nov. 14. A strong crowd braved the weather as we all prayed together. Future outdoor Saturday Shabbat celebrations will take place as the weather allows. Look out for your Friday e-blast email for details.

We are now collecting **warm weather clothing** for IAM. Place your contributions in the blue collection bin at the front door to the synagogue.

Our Giving Tree fund raising efforts continue to pay big dividends. Please participate!

Finally, plans have been made for a virtual **Chanukah** celebration (see page 3).

The building remains closed for activities but office hours are now Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 2pm.

Be safe! Wear your mask!

Richard Tanker, richardtankeraic@gmail.com

Sidney Williams, sidagudasvp@gmail.com

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"Esther, I want you to treasure those cuff links forever in my honor." Or would he say, "Esther, the boys don't wear cufflinks, I'm no longer here to wear those cufflinks and you only look at them once a year. Are you crazy....donate them so they can benefit others." We think that's what Morrie would say.

"I've never liked this silver tray but someday I might have a dinner party and use it to serve coffee." Really? When was the last time you had a dinner party and dragged this tray out and polished it for an hour and served coffee on it? Or did you just make coffee in your Keurig and pass around the mugs? Are your friends really the kind that are impressed by silver trays or would they think you've gone over the top? We think you should divest yourself of this burden that no longer suits your current lifestyle. It really doesn't go with those paper plates and napkins anyway....



"I'm familiar with Maimonides' ladder of giving, so I worry that my gift will be known to others."

The Giving Tree fundraiser is completely anonymous. No one will ever know if that bizarre painting or weird cocktail ring ever came from you. Zsa Lobel does the valuation, research and sales and Bonnie Cooper does the accounting.

We are as mum as Trappist Monks about the items we receive and sell. Unless you blab about your donation yourself, no one will ever hear it from us.

In case you might have missed the intro to this program, take a minute to check out this [video](#).

Please take some time to think about what you may have in your home to donate to the Giving Tree fundraiser. Parting with beloved items that hold special memories is never easy. Remember...

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ...Winston Churchill



EVEN IN THE DARKEST TIMES, THE LIGHTS OF THE CHANUKIAH ILLUMINATE THE SEASON



Here we are again, same Pandemic, different Holiday!

It's Chanukah, in the fourth month of OUR calendar and the ninth month of the COVID-19 lockdown calendar. And even though we are still physically separated, we can share the happiness of Chanukah with each other, from the safety and comfort of our homes.

Rabbi Jackson will lead a daily Chanukah candle lighting for our Agudas Israel congregation, beginning Dec. 10 on Zoom.

We hope to include our larger Hendersonville community in Chanukah celebrations by placing a Chanukiah in a Main street business window, along with an invitation to a virtual community candle lighting.

Beginning DECEMBER 10 at 5:15pm

This is the *Zoom* link to join in a *daily* Chanukah candle lighting with Rabbi and other members of our congregation. [Click here](#) [meeting ID # 829-733-0336 - password shalom]

DECEMBER 12 at 5:15pm

There will be a congregational Chanukah candle lighting, with a Havdalah service to follow.

DECEMBER 13 at 5 pm

Rabbi will lead a virtual community candle lighting. We will be asking area church leaders to share with their congregations our invitation to join us in celebrating Chanukah. [Click here for Community Candle Lighting Zoom link](#)

[meeting ID# 845 6744- 9371 - password shalom]



The Jewish people are a resilient people, who have always been able to find a glimmer of light...



in the darkest night. And this year, in this season, we will create our own light, one evening,



one candle, one *ZOOM* link at a time.

Chag Urim Sameach!
Your Ritual Committee
Cya Ashley, chair

From The Board Room

A big thank you to Zsa Lobel and her committee for the fantastic job they are doing with our fundraising project, **The Giving Tree**. This is an opportunity for everyone to participate in supporting AIC. Scrap pieces of gold, such as broken chains or earring backs, can help generate cash for the Synagogue. Be sure to let your family and friends know about our fundraiser, they may have something to contribute!



See this edition of Chai Lites to find out about the exciting plans that the Ritual Committee and the Rabbi have scheduled for this year's **Chanukah celebration**.

The Community Involvement Committee is collecting **warm winter wear for IAM**. IAM has also requested queen-sized bed linens. You donated almost 500 pounds of food to our HHD Food Drive - *Great job!*

The Agudas Israel office manager position has been revamped with reduced hours and new skill set requirements. We hope to have this position filled shortly, in the meantime, please be patient with us and the volunteers who will be "manning" the office.

Wishing you a Happy Chanukah! Stay well!

Submitted by Sue Hassett, Secretary

Thank you to Susan LaRue

For years Susan LaRue has been the friendly voice on the other end of the line, the helpful person at the door, or even the occasional listening ear.

Her heart had a special place in it for Agudas Israel. And she holds a special place in our hearts.



We have much gratitude for all that she has done for this community. We wish her success and blessings for the future.

Membership Committee

We welcome back to our congregation former members Rebecca and Dr. Arthur Lebowitz.

The livelihood of Agudas Israel Congregation relies on its 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 whom you think we should contact.

Contact Marilyn Rosen, Chair, at domino2085@morrisbb.net or 828-290-5333 or the Agudas office.

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 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
Thomas Elisha Dellinger
David Fike
Shepard Harris
David Kaplan
Linda Perkel
Blane Sherer
Patty Torcellini
Barbara Wiener

Our Condolences

Agudas Israel Congregation would like to extend their condolences to the family of Dr. Judi Berson-Levinson and Steven Levinson, on the passing of their niece, Yael Rozen, in Israel. Yael was 37 years old, and she will be missed. *Zchronon L'vracha, may her name be for a blessing.*



The Agudas Israel **PANDEMIC TASK FORCE** has met to review the best protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your safety and health continues to be our primary concern.

We have analyzed the metrics and then followed the Henderson County and North Carolina guidelines and results. The Committee has concluded that it is

not yet safe to have a full re-opening of our building to meet inside. With the winter months upon us, it will soon be too cold to meet outdoors. Our congregation is in the high-risk category and with the cases soaring it is prudent to keep the building closed. With the recommended 6-10 ft apart, at best, we could only house 2 people per pew for a total of a maximum 30 in the sanctuary and would have to count and turn people away once we reached that number.

We will continue our set parameters and re-evaluate in January. Hopefully we can meet in person and inside in the spring.

In the meantime, we will proceed virtually with our weekly Shabbat services. Links will continue to be sent every Friday afternoon. We will also have outdoor Shabbat services on Saturday mornings every other week - weather permitting. ***This will be announced on Fridays with the Shabbat service links.***

To review, we must follow the protocols that have been set by the task force for gatherings on Synagogue property:

- The building will remain closed until we announce reopening. The business office will be open Tuesday-Friday, 10am-2pm; please call 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 you 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.
Bonnie Cooper, Task Force chair*



*For Your Safety and the Safety of Others:
Please wear a Mask*

**Masks, social distancing
and hand washing effective
against COVID-19**



**IMPORTANT NOTE...The new Agudas Israel
Congregation email is:
AgudasIsrael@gmail.com**

Shabbat in the Lot

Another beautiful sunny Shabbat morning in Nov.14 brought 30 of our masked and socially distanced. Congregation together to worship. We hope to be able to do this again, weather permitting.



Be sure to check the Friday email with the Shabbat service link to see if the weather will allow us to repeat an outdoor service that week.

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

Leslie Maier, Blood Drive, at 828-513-1311 or

lesmaier@icloud.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 get together.

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



- The cold winter temperatures will be here before you know it and Agudas Israel is once again having a **warm clothing collection drive** during the months of November and December to prepare. There are more people out of work and in need of our help during these challenging times.
- We are collecting coats, warm sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks, boots, queen size linens, and blankets for IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry).
- Please bring new or gently used and clean items to Agudas and place in the specially marked container.
- Contact Laurel Ela if you have any questions: laurelarnp@gmail.com

We received a thank you letter from IAM for our High Holy Day Food Drive — You donated almost 500 pounds of needed food. It is very much appreciated.

Brotherhood Briefs

On the morning of November 11, 2020 we were getting ready to start filming our annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony. This event had to be canceled due to the significant weather conditions that were headed our way. I would like to thank “Veteran’s Day Ceremony Team” for their great effort. We all look forward to a live event next year, minus weather and minus virus.

The last Brotherhood meeting was **Sunday, Nov. 22, via “Zoom”.**

Until further notice, our limited programs and future meetings will be virtual. This will help our members stay connected through the winter months especially to the ongoing existence of the virus.

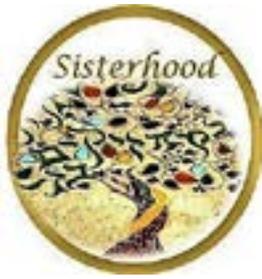
The painting of the Kaplan Room and Library was completed on Nov. 9. The painter has been asked to submit a quote for painting of the two offices.

Submitted by Allen Rosen, President

WE HONOR OUR VETERANS:

Stephen Aftel	Z. Guttenberg	Albert Pasternack
Harvey Aftel	Seymour Harris	Nathan Patla
Albert Banadyga	Martin Heilbraun	Peter Perkel
Rex Banadyga	Sidney Junov	Ann Robinson
Seymour Barowsky	David Kaplan	Sid Prakin
Dr. Michael Beckerman	Jeff Kaplan	Leonard Proper
Martin Beckerman	Joseph Kaplan	Kenneth Robinson
Martin Block	Louis Kaplan	Allen Rosen
Dudley Berson	Morris Kaplan	Jerry Salatino
Dr. Stuart Cohn	Irving Kershner	Frank Sandler
Alan Cooper	Robert Kershner	Bernard Schwartz
Martin Cooper	Sharon Kershner	Irving Scheer
Lonnie Darr	Lorraine Klinghopper	Milton Shapiro
Harold Dick	Larry Kosowsky	Carter Sherman
Dov Sud Burtold	William Landry	Gertrude Sherman
Dr. Harry Ein	William Lavine	Kalman Sherman
Edith Eskenasy	Meyer Abe Lewis	Standford Stevens
Isaac Eskenasy	Richard Lewis	Joe Stewart
Dr. Stan Faigin	Jeffrey Leiman	Kolma Sutker
David Fike	Ed Lieber	Jack Ugell
Martin Fish	Seymour Lieberman	Max Weintraub
Frank Forrester	Ira Martenhoff	Ronald Weintraub
Max Glickman	Abe Louis Mayer	Nathan Wiener
Saul Glickman	David Monoson	Jacob Williams
Russel Graff	Harold Monoson	Sam Williams
Dr. Steven Gurland	Edward Mottzman	Joseph Zucker

A message from our Sisterhood Vice President – Karen Jarmon



So, What's New?

Updates from your Sisterhood

Sisterhood to lead Shabbat Service. Sisterhood is honored and pleased to be leading the virtual Shabbat service on Friday, Dec. 4. Our sincere appreciation to our Sisterhood members Cya Ashley, Bonnie Cooper, Joan Kershner, Karen Jarmon, Sue Kopel, Lynn Lewis, Vicky Lieber, Karen Murray, Marlene Wiener, and Natalie Zitnick for their participation in this recorded service. The Zoom link for the service will be emailed to all Agudas Israel members Friday afternoon, Dec. 4.

Chanukah Lunch in the Park on Monday, Dec. 14. Every year Sisterhood joins together to celebrate Chanukah. This year, we will keep the tradition going but are just changing the venue as we continue to practice safe, social-distancing guidelines. Because we so enjoyed our outdoor gathering at The Park at Flat Rock in October, we'll head back there for a Chanukah lunch on Monday, Dec. 14 at 12 noon. Bring a picnic-style lunch, a folding chair and a face covering (required, please) to The Park at Flat Rock (55 Highland Golf Dr., Flat Rock). We'll meet near or at the Pavilion — only a few steps away from the parking lot. Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 11 to Joan Kershner at joankershner@gmail.com or 828-243-2929. In the event of inclement weather, the lunch will be canceled.

New ways to come together. 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.

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



Join the women of Sisterhood for another outdoor celebration... Just in time for Chanukah!

**Monday, Dec. 14
12 noon**

The Park at Flat Rock

Bring your chair, mask, lunch, and perhaps a jacket. Weather permitting, we will once again meet to enjoy the company of our sisters!

Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 11 to Joan Kershner at joankershner@gmail.com or 828-243-2929.

In the event of inclement weather, the lunch will be canceled.



Be safe, be well.

Karen "Kish" Jarmon, VP,

AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com

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.

The first night of Chanukah is December 10 - let us know how we can help you prepare with candles, a new menorah, and gifts for your friends and family.

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 or 901-233-9465.



Yahrzeit List for December

Read on:**Observed By:****12/4 & 12/5**

Sophie Glickman Aftel* Iris Stewart (Mother)

Isaac Bernstein*

Gladys R. Braunstein Sherry Harris (Aunt)

Morris Goldstein*

Lillian Halpert*

Samuel W. Kalin*

Charles Lubart Lois Goldberg (Father)

Morris Monoson David Monoson (Uncle)

Laurie Naparstek Jay Naparstek

Stephen Peshkin Daniel Peshkin & Bari Bradley (Father)

Max Schiff Marilyn Rosen (Father)

12/11 & 12/12

Jeanette Beckerman* Mike Beckerman (Mother)

Herbert L. Feldman*

Abraham Fritz David Fritz (Grandfather)

Milton Gitlin*

Sidney Grossman Susan Hassett (Father)

Joseph Kessler Deanna Warshauer (Father)

Sara Kirsner Marilyn Black (Mother)

Oscar Maier Steve Maier (Father)

Max Minsey* David Kaplan & Eileen Stang
(Great Uncle)

Mordecai Judah Patla*

Nathan Patla*

Herman Rackear*

Charles Rosenfeld*

Evan Fredric Rubin*

Bertram Thorpe Iris Vanek (Father)

Elias Fevil Winter*

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

Read on:**Observed By:****12/18 & 12/19**

Patricia Cohen

Nathan Ehrlich*

Moe Fenster*

Sidney T. Kalin*

Rose Katz

Edward Kellerman*

Shirley Golden Krause*

Louis Sherman*

Benjamin Hersh Sweet*

Roy Vanek

Raymond G. Wiener (Cousin)

Dr. Francine Varady (Grandmother)

Iris Vanek (Brother-in-Law)

12/25 & 12/26

Sarah Alpern*

Morris Fish

Michael Morris Kaplan*

Jacob (Jack) Lerner *

Janet Rosenberg Provda*

Joseph Rubin*

Jocelyn Scheer

Irving Schimek*

Barney Sherman*

Roy Sherwood*

Ida G. Weintraub*

Stanley Zitnick*

Phyllis Fish (Father-in-Law)

Stuart Rubin (Father)

Bonnie S. Cooper (Mother)

Natalie Zitnick (Husband)

**See the next page for ways to remember
your loved ones.**

Tzedakah List from November

CHAI HOPES for GENERAL FUND:

Sue Kopel

Patricia & Richard Morgan

Rhona & Richard Reagen

GENERAL FUND:

Doris Graef

Karen & Stephen Murray

Harold Gabel & Melinda Berman

Henry Dufour & Susan Kurtz

In Memory Of

S. Freund

S. Silverstein

A. Slapin

L. Lewis

M. Lewis

E. Lewis

Jeffrey & Lynn Lewis

Isaac Eskenasy

Diane Eskenasy & Tim Aldrich

Benjamin Kerner

David Fritz

Joyce Grossman

Sidney Grossman

Sue Hassett

In Honor Of

Sid Williams

Jeffrey & Lynn Lewis

MUSIC FUND**In Memory of**

Bob Rosen

Mitchell Levine

Vicky Lieber

In Honor of

Timothy Wilds

Debbie & Bill Lavine

RITUAL FUND**In Honor of Speedy Recovery**

David Kaplan

Sherry Harris

Ritual Committee

Rabbi Philip & Phyllis Bentley

YAHRZEIT/BEREAVEMENT FUND**In Memory Of**

Herman Donofsky

Ida C. Wise

Laurel Ela

Please note any donations received
after Nov. 23 will be posted in the
next issue.

THE POWER OF GIVING

GIVING IS POWERFUL! WHEN YOU GIVE TZEDAKAH TO AGUDAS ISRAEL IT IS AN ACT OF LOVING KINDNESS. GIVE TODAY 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.

Support the Agudas Israel FUNDS

CHAI HOPES CAMPAIGN for much needed funds during the Pandemic

Donate items to THE GIVING TREE project

Become an ANGEL or join The PRESIDENTS CLUB

YAHARZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES in our Sanctuary

Purchase a PAVER for our Walk of Honor

Purchase a TREE IN ISRAEL or an inscription in the GOLDEN BOOK

SIMCHA SPOT

We are excited to extend a Mazel Tov to Linda and Perry Reihls on the birth of a grandson,

Joshua Ari Keller

Born Nov. 18, — 8lbs. 2 oz. — to their daughter Heather and her husband Ben Keller.



Anniversaries & Birthdays for December

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rhona & Richard Reagen Dec.8 —47th anniversary
 MaryAnn & Alan Pollack Dec. 10—53rd anniversary

BIRTHDAYS:

Melvin Hecht	Dec. 4	Larry Simkin	Dec. 18
Eileen Stang	Dec. 4	Mike Beckerman	Dec. 19
Ray Wiener	Dec. 8	Nora Levin	Dec. 22
Nancy Polansky	Dec. 10	Barbara Monoson	Dec. 24
Phyllis Bentley	Dec. 12	Marie Reed	Dec. 25
MaryAnn Pollack	Dec. 14		

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



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+**

Doris Graef
*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*

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 Allen Rosen 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.

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

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

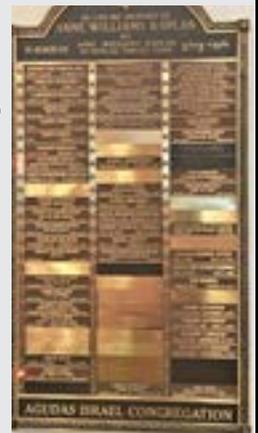
Honor your loved ones who have passed or you may reserve a place for anyone you choose to memorialize, including reserving one for yourself and your family members.

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 the Agudas Israel office, 828-693-9838, to place your order.





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Hendersonville, NC 28739 • 693-4256

Michael W. Cole
Owner/Manager

PLACE YOUR AD HERE!

*Business card ad or
we will design it for you...*

*Call the Agudas Israel office to check on
the rates and to make arrangements...*

Great place to be seen!



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

FINE ART WATERCOLORS

Pat Morgan, 845-926-0198
www.PatMorganArt.com

KITCHEN BOARDS BY BETTY

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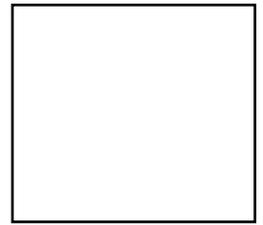


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