



Chai Lites

Agudas Israel Congregation

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Message from Rabbi Jackson



When are *Purim* and *Passover* this year? Feb. 25 and Mar. 27 respectively. So early!

Early or late, the Jewish holidays are never on time!

To be perfectly honest, I wish they were a little later this year, giving

us more of a chance to be together in person as a full community. But if we could move holidays, let me say that I would probably start by putting a bit more distance between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*!

For thousands of years we Jews have wandered from one place to the next, never quite sure what the future will hold but still persevering. So too this year.

Whether we are wandering the desert or wandering the internet, the important piece is that we are together. Unlike Esther in the *megillah*, that we read on *Purim*, we do not have to hide our identity. Unlike the ancient Israelites, we do not have to hurriedly leave in the middle of the night to our freedom.

No, our challenge this year is to embrace *what is* and do so separately from the grief of *what was* or what could have been.

This year we will join together on *Zoom* to engage in the reading of the *megillah* for *Purim*. I encourage you all to find the joy that is inherent in the holiday. Allow yourself to be silly, even if for an hour. Wear a costume, wear a different kind of mask—one over your eyes and not your mouth, wear what feels fun...anything but a birthday suit on camera please! Don't forget to stop

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The Pandemic Task Force

YOUR 'SHOT' FOR A BETTER FUTURE TIME TO GET YOUR VACCINES



The Agudas Israel Task Force wants to keep our entire congregation informed about the COVID Vaccines and how they can obtain them. It has been announced that Phase 1 and 2 for 65 or older (who do NOT live in long-term care facilities) are eligible for vaccines.

These are resources for obtaining a COVID vaccination:

[Henderson County](#)

[Polk County](#)

[Buncombe County](#)

Pre-register for COVID-19 vaccine appointments can be made by going on-line to www.yourshot.org or by calling (828) 694-8222/828-694-VACC.

Vaccinations scheduled through Pardee will take place at Blue Ridge Community College. There will be no walk-up appointments.

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COVID VACCINATIONS

*Have you gotten your vaccine yet?
Let's celebrate with you...*

- We are monitoring our congregation to see who has been able to get their vaccine.
- How can we be of help...do you need assistance?
- This information will help us determine when we can get together again.
- Please call or email the Agudas office and let us know when you received yours and which vaccine you got...828-693-9838 or

AgudasIsrael@gmail.com

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by Agudas Israel to pick up a grogger and homemade Hamantaschen! (see Ritual committee article ON PAGE 3 for full details). Find a way to infuse levity and joy into these holidays. More details about *Passover* will be in the March *Chai Lites*.

Our ancestors had to find a way to create community. Our responsibility is to find ways to keep community. I believe in us, I believe we will help our community thrive. And when we do, we will find ourselves on the other side of the wilderness and in the promised land.

May you be healthy, well, and have abundant blessings,
Rabbi Rachael Jackson

Vice Presidents' Message

Hello to all of our Agudas Israel family. Hope this finds you all well.

We hope you have had a chance to meet Hannah Williams, our new office administrator/digital coordinator. She is extremely pleasant and very efficient. We have taken the opportunity to clean out the office, and we think you all will find it more streamlined and usable. Many thanks to all of those who helped with this huge project, including: Sid Williams, Jay Naparstek, Bonnie & Alan Cooper, Zsa Lobel, Karen Jarmon, Barbara MacLachlan, Frieda Hodes, and Barbara Gittleman.

Please help us in welcoming our newest member, Gina Tapper, who comes to us from San Diego. We look forward to meeting Gina in person when circumstances allow it.

Plans are being made for the upcoming holidays, including *Purim* and *Passover*, but unfortunately we will continue to have virtual services for the foreseeable future. Get your groggers ready, as we will be reading from the *Megillah* and eating hamantaschen in just a few short weeks. Another "Shabbat in the Lot" will be planned as soon as the weather allows it.

Our Pandemic Task Force continues to gather information regarding COVID vaccines, which now are available to anyone over the age of 65. Keep an eye out for details.

Stay warm, be positive and test negative!

Richard Tanker and Sid Williams

richardtankeraic@gmail.com — sidagudasvp@gmail.com

COVID INFECTIONS: SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Non-specific: fever, cough, chills, runny nose, headache, achiness, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting

More specific: loss of smell and taste, shortness of breathe

Serious symptoms: difficulty breathing, confusion, bluish lips, inability to stay awake, persistent chest pain

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The COVID-19 vaccine requires two shots that are spaced 19-24 days apart. When pre-registered individuals are contacted to schedule their initial appointment, they must verify that they will be in town for their second dose before the first appointment is confirmed. The appointment for the second vaccination will be scheduled at the time of their first shot.

While there is no charge to the patient, those with insurance are encouraged to bring their insurance card to their appointment. Insurance will be billed for the administration costs for the vaccine. Patients do not need insurance in order to receive a vaccine. Masks will be required and all persons will be screened upon entry.

People scheduled to receive the vaccine should plan to come alone and be prepared to wait 15 minutes after receiving the vaccine before leaving. If a person with an appointment requires assistance, they will be permitted to have one person accompany them.

When can I return to normal life after being vaccinated? Life will return to normal only when society, as a whole, gains enough protection against the corona virus. Once countries authorize a vaccine, they'll only be able to vaccinate a few percent of their citizens at most in the first couple months. The unvaccinated majority will still remain vulnerable to getting infected. A growing number of corona virus vaccines are showing robust protection against becoming sick. ***But, it's also possible for people to spread the virus without even knowing they're infected because they experience only mild symptoms or none at all.*** Scientists don't yet know if the vaccines also block the transmission of the corona virus. So for the time being, ***even vaccinated people will need to wear masks*** (if cloth masks: 2-ply are recommended), ***avoid indoor crowds, and keep social distancing.***

Once enough people get vaccinated, it will become very difficult for the corona virus to find vulnerable people to infect. Depending on how quickly we, as a society, achieve that goal, life might start approaching something like normal by the fall 2021.

Here are some interesting articles to read:

(Download articles by simply clicking on titles)

⇒ ***Here's Why Vaccinated People Still Need to Wear a Mask:*** *The vaccines will probably prevent you*

from getting sick with COVID. Scientists worry that if vaccinated people are silent spreaders of the virus, they may keep it circulating in their communities, putting unvaccinated people at risk.

⇒ ***Important information for Grandparents:*** *How vaccinated grandparents should approach visiting loved ones now.*

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You didn't think your Ritual Committee would let *Purim* go by unobserved, did you? But because we are still unable to gather in our sanctuary, and who knows what the weather will be, we'll just refrain from wishing for 'The Way We Were' (*great Streisand song, by the way*), and do what we've been doing since March 2020, putting a new spin on an old tradition. And there's food... ***Hamantaschen!***

With sincere thanks to the wonderful Sisterhood Balabusta Bakers for co-sponsoring our Purim festivities, we will have fresh, delicious, yummy hamantaschen for everyone who doesn't mind a short drive to the ***Agudas Drive-Thru Cookie Stand:***



COOKIE STAND HOURS
on February 25th:
10am—12noon
1pm —3pm

PURIM
MEGILLAH READING
February 25, 7pm
ZOOM link

[id: 848 4387 2103 /pw: shalom]

That's right! We'll have them bagged and ready. All you have to do is drive up and roll down your window and pick up your FREE *Hamantaschen!*

Just like that, you'll have fresh Hamantaschen to munch while you Zoom in to watch a very creative ***Purim Megillah reading***, presented by the Agudas 'Will-Work-For-Cookies' Players, because that's how we roll.

In preparation for the festivities, here's a fun fact taken from Washington Jewish Week:

Esther was a vegetarian, or at least a 'flexitarian', while living in the court of King Ahasuerus, to avoid breaking the laws of kashrut. This is why we eat beans and peas on Purim. This is also why the whole 'eat dessert first' campaign started.



We hope you will join us on the 25th for a little cookie dough and a lot of laughs.

Cookie Crumb Hugs,
Your Ritual Committee and the Sisterhood Balabusta Bakers

From The Board Room

The AIC Board of Trustees met via Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Although the building remains closed, your Board and Rabbi Jackson have been busy.



Many thanks to all those who gave countless hours to clean and reorganize the office. Their hard work assured that Hannah has an efficient and welcoming work area. Sisterhood has also been busy cleaning their files and the kitchen. I look forward to the day that we can all be back in the building to enjoy everyone's hard work!

The Ritual Committee has been working with Rabbi Jackson to provide the Congregation with a meaningful and fun *Purim* celebration. They have also been busy discussing our *Passover* celebration. Details will be provided when they are available.

A big thank you to Zsa Lobel and her committee for the wonderful job they have done with "The Giving Tree" fundraiser. Be sure to check out the details on the latest fundraiser: "Knives Out." Simply bring your knives (no serrated knives, please), scissors or pruning shears to the Temple, place them in a bin with your information and Jay Naparstek will sharpen them and return them to the Temple for you to pick up (payment of \$10 per item will be made upon pick-up). Further information can be found in this edition of *Chai Lites* and the weekly email.

Rabbi Jackson will continue to offer Lunch 'n Learn on Wednesdays at noon. The Forward Discussion Group has resumed meeting on Thursdays at 12:30 via Zoom.

It is the goal of the Pandemic Task Force to be sure that all Congregants receive information regarding receiving the COVID vaccine. They will update the Congregation as information becomes available. As always, even though the building is closed, Rabbi Jackson and your Board are just a phone call or email away. *Stay well!*

Sue Hassett, Secretary
susanhassettaic@gmail.com

COMMUNICATION

Please let us know if someone is in need of help or if you know of something that is important to the congregation. We are a small community and have to take care of each other. Contact Rabbi Jackson, or someone from the Board or the Caring Committee.

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	Jeffrey Barrett
Rene Barrett	Joshua Bentley
Thomas Elisha Dellinger	David Fike
Elizabeth Kapstein	Linda Perkel
Blane Sherer	Patty Torcellini
Barbara Wiener	
Miriam Chava Bat Hannah Leah	

O God, in our hearts, we name those who are facing illness and pain. We join our prayers with the prayers of all who love them.

Give them renewed comfort and courage. Strengthen in them the healing powers You have placed within us all. Guide the hands and hearts of those who are entrusted with their care.

May the knowledge of Your love and ours give added hope to them and to their dear ones. May they find even greater strength because our prayers are linked with theirs.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, ro-fei ha-cholim.
We praise You, O Lord, the Source of healing and health.*

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 8:30-10:30am and 12:30-2:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-12 noon

Thursday and Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm

Note that the Synagogue remains closed until the Pandemic Task Force approves reopening.

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

Welcome to our Newest Member

We are very pleased to welcome **Gina Tapper** to our Agudas Israel Congregational family. (*Pronounced Gin Na*)

Gina has moved here from San Diego, California, and now lives here in Hendersonville full time. We are happy she has decided to join Agudas Israel and become a valued member of our community.

Her credentials include a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University); MSN (Masters of Science in Nursing, University of Pennsylvania); and an MBA from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management. Before entering business school, Gina was a clinical nurse specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital Dept. of Pediatric Neurology. She established Tapper & Associates, consultants to the health care industry. Very impressive credentials!

Gina is single, lives in Champion Hills, and loves to do lots of things she says she can't do now because of COVID. She loves the east coast and the four seasons.

Gina is in our Instant Church Directory. Help us welcome her to our family. We look forward to meeting her in person.



Submitted by Marilyn Rosen

Membership Committee

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 828-290-5333 or domino2085@morrisbb.net or call the Agudas office.

OUCH... LET'S GET SHARP!



Since the Agudas fundraising committee raised the idea of creating the "Knives Out" sharpening program, I have learned more than I ever cared to about knives.

In particular, I've learned that dull knives are actually dangerous because in order to cut with it, you have to apply more pressure. More pressure means missed targets and sometimes slicing your finger instead of your bagel.

Please see a demonstration of this in our short video on our website and e-blasts, or click on:

["Is Your Bagel Delayed?"](#)....hilarious, and so true.

Here is a case in point: Many years ago, I went to

my local hospital Emergency Room on Saturday morning with my hand wrapped in a bloody dishtowel. The nurse just looked at my gory towel and said "Humph!" Not very sympathetic, I thought, given that I was bleeding copiously. I thought my condition deserved at least a "You poor thing.

Let's fix you up." As the doctor unwrapped my hand, he calmly looked up at me and said, "Bagel cut, huh?" How did he know? He said they averaged 11 bagel lacerations every Saturday and Sunday morning and that I should get my knives sharpened. This really happened!

So I rest my case: dull knives are dangerous and you should get your knives sharpened at Agudas. The "Knives Out" program is coming to your rescue. For a mere \$10 per knife, scissors or pruners, you can protect yourself from laceration, grumpy ER nurses and unsympathetic doctors. A worthy investment for you and a 100% profit for Agudas.

Here's how simple it is:

- Drop off your knives in a cardboard box or old dish towel during Agudas office hours. Incoming knife boxes are right inside the door on the credenza. Fill out the short form with your contact information.
- A week later you will get a call telling you to come to Agudas to pick up your sharp knives and to bring \$10 cash or check per item and carefully take your newly sharpened knives home.

For questions or more information, contact Zsa Lobel at zsalobel@gmail.com



Community Involvement

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.

Mitzvah Opportunity of the Month



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

During these challenging times, there is a very big need for food in our community.

Specific requests include: High protein items (canned tuna, salmon, chicken, and beans); comfort food for cold weather (soups, mac & cheese); in addition, canned pet food or small packages of dry food (for dogs & cats).

Please drop off at Agudas Israel Congregation in the blue bin in front of the building throughout the month of February, during the new business hours (see page 4).

Contact Laurel Ela if you have any questions:

laurelarnp@gmail.com

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.

Brotherhood Briefs

In the last six months of 2020, during the presence of COVID-19, our Brotherhood had to focus on how we would hold our meetings and limited programs. With the aid of virtual technology the programs we selected were successful.

Indeed this effort brought people together providing satisfaction and relief to the many days of inactivity, isolation, and boredom.

Our last Brotherhood meeting was on Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 via Zoom. I will continue to keep everyone informed as to continuing this focus for the remainder of our membership year, which ends on June 30, 2021.

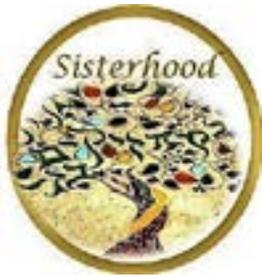
Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 21 at 11am via Zoom.

If you wish to donate tzedakah to the Brotherhood in memory of or in honor of a loved one or consider purchasing a brick paver in their honor, this would be greatly appreciated. This donation would raise the spirit of our community, and give us hope for a return to normalcy in 2021.

At this writing COVID is still with us. It's course is unpredictable and towards the wish of many the date of normalcy is unknown. Given these facts we chose to take the lead of medical science and stay the course with virtual presentations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Rosen, Brotherhood President
ptrooper01@gmail.com

A message from our Sisterhood Vice President – Karen Jarmon



So, What's New?

Updates from your Sisterhood

Sisterhood started off the new year by continuing our proud tradition of supporting Agudas Israel. We unanimously approved a donation of \$3,500 for the purchase of a new, custom-built computer. We all recognize the importance of digital communications, especially during these challenging times. Videotaped services continue to keep us connected. Zoom meetings are a lifeline. And the weekly updates and *Chai Lites*, which are produced digitally, keep us informed. The new computer is an investment in our future. It will give us the tools to handle our communication and management needs for now and years to come.



It's that time of year when we start thinking about **Purim**. Since there will not be a Purim Spiel this year, Sisterhood is joining with the Ritual Committee to give our Agudas members a sweet Purim gift (no charge) — **Hamantaschen**. Many thanks to our Sisterhood *Balabusta Bakers*: Barbara Gittleman, Sue Kopel, Karen Murray, Marie Reed, and Deanna Warshauer, who once again have volunteered to bake these delights for us all to enjoy at Purim.

New ways to come together safely. We are looking at new ways to socialize as we continue to abide by state and local pandemic protocols. Hopefully, with the availability of vaccines, we will be able to be together safely later this year. Be sure to check your email and weekly newsletters for information about programs that will bring us together.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Sisterhood. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated. *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.

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.



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⇒ [Can you spread Covid-19 if you get the vaccine?](#)

⇒ [Once you and your friends are vaccinated, can you quit social distancing?](#)

The Synagogue building will remain closed for all indoor group meetings, services, and other events, for at least another three months. We will continue to update the congregation as the information is available. See page 10 for another tip to stay safe!

The Agudas Israel Pandemic Task Force is here to provide our members with the safest information possible to protect ALL of us.



Here is a helpful visual for anyone who doubts the effect of vaccines:
 (Click on smiley face ↑)



Know your Ws!



WEAR a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.



WAIT 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Download this helpful app onto your phone for **COVID tracing: [SlowCovidNC](#)**
 (It is free and available in the app store on your phone)

Yahrzeit List for February

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

READ ON:

OBSERVED BY:

2/5-2/6/21

Theodore Becker*
 Leah Bernstein*
 Sarah Fosman*
 Joseph Kaplan*
 Jack Nathan*
 Harry Patterson*
 Morris Fosman*
 Lewis Richards
 Rose Israel*
 Elaine Ehrlich M.Cohen*
 Claire Eskenasy
 Henry Morgan Farrar*
 Ralph Linder*
 Mary Zitnick
 Lorna Wise
 Larry Patterson*
 Jacob Joseph Simonhoff*
 Jacob Meyer Williams*

Bill Lavine (Father)
 Alan Ehrlich (Sister)
 Diane Aldrich Eskenasy (Aunt)
 Bernd Linder (Brother)
 Natalie Zitnick (Mother-in Law)
 Avery Blatt (Grandmother)
 David Kaplan (Uncle)
 Sidney Williams (Uncle)
 Eileen Stang (Uncle)

2/12-2/13/21

Esther Krawcheck*
 Faye V Shumsky*
 Nathan Tarlow*
 Jean Israel Farrar*
 Kate Kaplan*
 High Salpeter
 Glenn Zerden*
 Sam Beckerman*
 Murry Shuster
 Ursula Hamm
 Louis Hantman
 Jessica D. Savitt*
 Katherine Schulman*
 Henrietta Ehrlich*

Deanna S.Warshauer (1st Father-in Law)
 Dr. Mike Beckerman (Grandfather)
 Vicky Lieber (Brother-in-law)
 Joan Kershner (Cousin)
 Carol Leaman (Father)

READ ON:

OBSERVED BY:

2/19-2/20/21

Ruth Berger
 Abe Israel*
 Harry Mottzman*
 Ely Provda*
 Irving Swift*
 Rosa Cooley*
 Patrick Joseph Crane*
 Sally Crane
 Scott Foster
 Ida Godfried Harris*
 Ray Weitz*
 Katherine Bosworth
 Frances Rose Cohen*
 Felix Kellerman*
 Isidore Lax
 Eleanor "Ellie" Michalove
 Anshel Zeder
 Harry Friedson*
 Rose Bernstein*
 Richard Knight
 Rena Benjamin Rosenfeld*
 Dora Pliskin Zheutlin*

Debra Abel
 Dr. Mike Beckerman(Grandfather)
 Peter Crane
 Peter Crane
 Lenore Foster (Husband)
 Joyce Lennert (Mother)
 Leslie Maier (Father)
 Melissa Michalove Smith (Mother)
 Rachel Michalove (Mother)
 Frieda Hodes (Father)
 Nancy Silver (Father)

2/26-2/27/21

Charlotte Lax
 John K. Wagner
 Roslyn T. Amelkin*
 Helen Fish
 Isaac Goodman*
 Hildegard Levy Heilbrunn*
 Martha Maier
 David Richard Wise
 David King Pinks*
 Cecelia Buchman
 Samuel Buchman
 Morris Ehrlich*
 Julius Mitnick
 Anna Schulman*
 Judy Wren
 Rosa (Fred) Shprintz*

Leslie Maier (Mother)
 Nancy Weintraub (Father)
 Phyllis Fish (Mother-in Law)
 Steven Maier (Mother)
 Avery Blatt (Grandfather)
 Vicky Lieber (Grandmother)
 Vicky Lieber (Father)
 Audrey Snyder (Father)
 Nancy Silver (Sister)

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



Anniversaries & Birthdays for February

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

BIRTHDAYS:

David Monoson	Feb. 6	Lenore Foster	Feb. 13
Iris Vanek	Feb. 6	Natalie Zitnick	Feb. 22
Lorraine Parker	Feb. 9	Stephen Murray	Feb. 25
Becky Banadyga	Feb. 12	Barbara Beckerman	Feb. 26

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathy & Larry Simkin Feb. 12 —21st anniversary

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

Yahrzeit
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

Tzedakah List from January

GENERAL FUND:

General Donation:

Iris & Joe Stewart
Sheila McKinna
Kathy & Mike Steinback
Books for Good (sale donated books)

Knives Out Program:

Ivan Benjamin
Bonnie Cooper
Susan Hassett
Sue Kopel
Zsa Lobel
Linda Perkel

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory Of

Ruth Gittleman
Claudia & Barry Rudes

GARDEN LANDSCAPE FUND

In Memory Of

Lorna Chassner Wise
David Richard Wise
Avery Blatt

ONEG FUND

In Memory Of

Liba Sprague, May Mimsby, and
Hyman Kaplan
Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang

MUSIC/RITUAL FUND

High Holy Days

Charles Auerbach & Lori Rosenthal

In Memory Of

Ed Lieber
Edwin Buchman
Ceclia & Samuel Buchman
Murray Shuster
Vicky Lieber

RABBI JACKSON DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory Of

Sarah Abraham Hornstein
Adele Groban Kosowsky
Ursula Hamm
Joan & Irv Kershner

Yahrzeit/Bereavement Fund

In Memory Of

Dena L. Stivers
Bernard Brodsky

Please note any donations received after Jan. 25 will be posted in the next issue. We apologize if we have missed reporting your donation. We appreciate your generosity. Please let us know and we will report it next month.

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+

*Phyllis & Rabbi Phil 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
*Dr. Marc Levine**
Allen & Charlene Marx (In memory of Ginger)
Natalie Zitnick

☆ HERITAGE CIRCLE \$1800+

*Joan & Irv Kershner**

☆ PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$3600+

*Vicky Lieber**

☆ FOUNDER'S CIRCLE \$5400+

Teddi Segal

**Represents generous contribution to the Chai Hopes Campaign*

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 Warshauer

Marlene & Ray Wiener

Natalie Zitnick

Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques

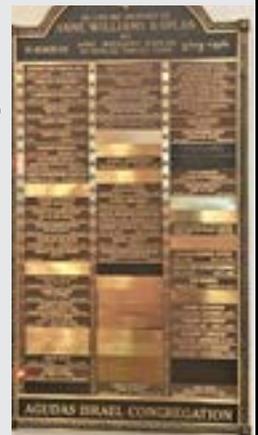
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With great disappointment, Agudas Israel Sisterhood's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon is postponed until it is safe for us to be together again.

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

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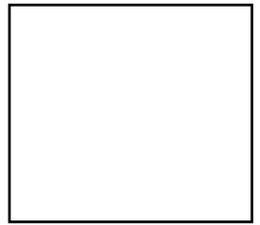

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