



Chai Lites

Agudas Israel Congregation

Established in 1922

Rabbi Rachael Jackson

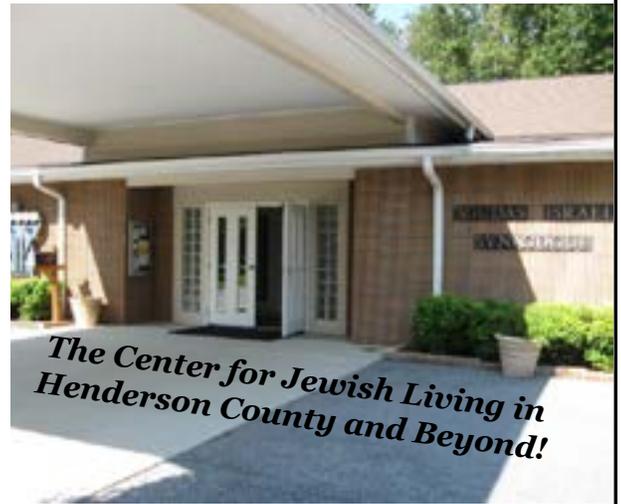
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Message from Rabbi Jackson



We made it.

For months we've been talking about just getting to the end of 2020. Well, here we are. The question is, what are we going to do about it.

Judaism, especially modern Judaism, seems to straddle the lines of holding on to "what was" and looking toward the "what can be."

Here is what I believe *can be*.

We can be understanding of changes. For example, we can welcome our new office manager and digital coordinator with warm words and gentle hearts. We can be open to the possibility of learning from other congregations and other teachers. We can be willing to engage through digital platforms in meaningful ways.

We can come to realize that there is no going back to what used to be, and that it is ok and even good. For example, we used to only have services for those who could meet in person. This meant that anyone who lived here part-time would be excluded when not here. This meant that if it rained or snowed or was foggy, people up high wouldn't feel safe coming. Hopefully later this year, when it again is safe, we will join together in our sanctuary. But having spent months engaging in services from the comfort of our homes means that we can still have that as an option. Whether you live here or whether you would rather stay in your lounge pants, even when we're in person fully, we'll still be fully accessible digitally.

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The Giving Tree Invites You to Get Your Knives Out!

**We Came, We Saw, We Conquered....
Now What?**

The Giving Tree donation project has received over 35 items from congregants that have sold for more than \$5,000 in the past three months. We are thrilled with your generosity and we continue to accept donations of sterling silver, scrap gold, estate jewelry and signed/number high end art. But we are also looking ahead to continued fundraising to help our synagogue meet its financial obligations during these difficult times. Now we are on to our next adventure in creative, Covid-safe fundraising:



Our Board member, Jay Naparstek, is an expert knife sharpener with his own shop and tools and has been sharpening knives and scissors as a side-gig for a number of years. He has now volunteered his time and expertise to sharpen congregant's knives for a low-cost of \$10 per knife.

Starting January 19, you can drop off your dull knives, scissors or pruning shears in a cardboard box at Agudas and a week later you will get a call letting you know that they are sharpened and ready for pick-up (No serrated knives). Please enclose your name, phone number, and email address.

See more GIVING TREE on page 2

Rabbi Jackson - continued from page one

Speaking of safety, we have a pandemic task force which presently meets every couple of months to evaluate the safety of us coming together in person. We will meet again in January. Please know that our heart is for the best interest of our entire congregation.

As said so eloquently in this COVID haiku:

*We isolate now
So when we gather again
No one is missing*

Questions about our decisions should be directed to this group. And when we do gather, we will not make judgments about who is here or who is opting to stay home. Each of us weathers the storm in our own ways.

Not judging, rather accepting and appreciating what comes our way in 2021 can make us better than we were.

And no matter the changes we experience, we can rely on the stability of being a community to get us through. We can rely on our friendships and our support at Agudas Israel. We can rely on one another, regardless of what the future may have in store.

May you be healthy, well, and have abundant blessings,

Rabbi Rachael Jackson

Vice Presidents' Message

Greetings and Happy New Year! 2020 was a unique and difficult year for all of us. 2021 certainly looks like it will be a big improvement over 2020 as vaccines to fight the coronavirus are becoming available. But we are not out of the woods yet! Please continue to wear masks, social distance and wash your hands frequently. The building will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our normal activities soon.

Please welcome our new office administrator/digital coordinator, **Hannah Williams**. Hannah will begin January 5 and will be in the office 20 hours per week. Hannah has experience with nonprofits and we think she will be an outstanding addition to our synagogue. Please join us to welcome Hannah!

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

Our **Giving Tree** fundraising efforts are winding down. What a success! We have raised over \$5,000! This effort will continue, in case you find some additional treasurers or have not had the opportunity to submit them, and a new fundraising effort will begin in mid-January, thanks to Jay Naparstek. Thanks again to Zsa Lobel and her wonderful committee for making this happen.

Stay warm, be positive and test negative!

Richard Tanker and Sid Williams

richardtankeraic@gmail.com - sidagudasvp@gmail.com

The Giving Tree - continued from page one

We are talking about these:



and these:



and these:



and even these:

**Here's the instructions for "getting sharp":**

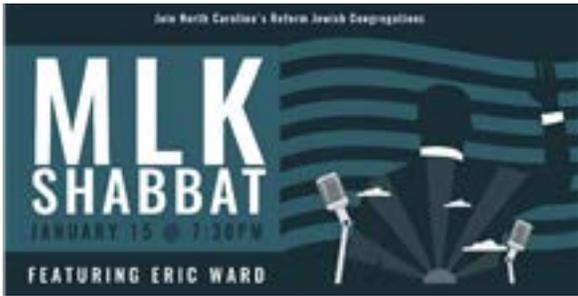
1. Drop off your knives, wrapped in an old kitchen towel or rag, in a cardboard box, at Agudas any Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am-2pm (beginning Jan. 19 - see page 3 for new office hours). Make sure you include your name and phone number on a slip of paper inside the box. In about a week, you will get a phone call or email letting you know that your items are ready for pick up and the amount of the check/cash to bring with you.
2. *That's it!* No other rules, hassles or contact. You'll get your expertly sharpened items back in a week and the proceeds are a 100% donation to Agudas.

For questions or more information, contact your Fundraising Chair, Zsa Lobel at zsalobel@gmail.com or 813-514-3114.

Hey Agudas, let's look sharp!

CONFRONTING THE MACHINERY OF HATE: WHITE SUPREMACY, WHITE NATIONALISM, AND ANTISEMITISM

Friday, January 15, 2021



Join North Carolina's Reform Jewish Congregations as we worship and learn together. The service will feature Eric Ward, a civil rights leader and national expert on the relationship between hate violence and preserving democratic institutions, governance, and inclusive societies. He'll share how antisemitism forms the theoretical core of white nationalism, driving racism, anti-immigrant bias, and other forms of minority hate.

Join at 6:45pm for Kabbalat Shabbat on [Zoom](#) [id: 814 9255 3798]

Join at 7:30pm for the speaker on [Zoom](#) [id: 890 9545 2102]

Or watch with [Facebook](#) or [StreamSpot](#)



Eric K. Ward is a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy. In his 30+ year civil rights career, he has worked with community groups, government and business leaders, human rights advocates, and philanthropy as an organizer, director, program officer, consultant, and board member. The recipient of the Peabody-Facebook Futures Media Award, Eric's widely quoted writings and speeches are credited with key narrative shifts. He currently serves as Executive Director of Western States Center, Senior Fellow with Southern Poverty Law Center and Race Forward, and Co-Chair for The Proteus Fund.

Welcome to Hannah Williams



Join us as we welcome Hannah Williams as our new office administrator/digital coordinator.

Hannah Williams grew up in East Tennessee and has a background in theatre and nonprofit administration. She has a bachelor's degree from Millikin

University. Hannah works virtually as Chief People Officer with a social justice nonprofit in Raleigh, NC. Hannah values people and centers her work to make sure the needs of others are met safely and equitably. At home, Hannah has three cats, and she will show you pictures of them any time. Her job is to make sure the needs of staff and members are met and assist in creating digital synagogue content.

Hannah will begin at Agudas Israel on January 5, 2021. See the new office hours below. We look forward to welcoming her to our congregation.

NEW BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS beginning Jan. 5:

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.

Our Virtual Chanukah Celebration

Happy Chanukah 5781!

Each night we celebrated together. The platform may have been digital but the warmth and community was palpable.

Enjoy these pictures of various *chanukiyot* from a few of our homes at Agudas Israel. Let us bring these lights into the new (secular) year.



From The Board Room

As we begin this new year of 2021, your AIC Board would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!



It is necessary for us to continue to have the building closed at this time. The Pandemic Task Force will meet in January to discuss the ongoing situation and make determinations that are in the best interest of the Congregation. In the meantime, be sure to continue checking the monthly *Chai Lites* as well as the weekly newsletter for ways to stay connected to your Agudas Israel family. The Rabbi will continue to record Friday Night Services for *YouTube* and Saturday Morning Torah Study via *Zoom*. Lunch & Learn will also continue on Wednesdays. Sisterhood and Brotherhood continue to work on virtual programs to offer their members and the Congregation.

Remember, even though the building may be closed, the Rabbi and your AIC Board continue to be available by phone or email.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help keep Agudas Israel "The Center For Jewish Living In Henderson County and Beyond."

Here's hoping that we will be able to meet in person in the very near future. Stay well!

Sue Hassett
Secretary
susanhassettaic@gmail.com

All About Israel

1) Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and health minister are the [first in Israel](#) to receive the Corona virus Pfizer vaccine.



2) Israel developed [vaccine](#) now in phase 2 trials. Israel Institute for Biological Research has over one thousand volunteers signed up for this next phase.

3) "[Oddities of the Underground](#)" award from International Tunneling and Underground Space Association was given to Israel for the careful way of digging underground.

4) New [vegan milk](#) developed which is chemically identical to cow's milk.

5) Young Israelis [won](#) Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University.

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.

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	Joshua Bentley
Thomas Elisha Dellinger	David Fike
Shepard Harris	Elizabeth Kapstein
Linda Perkel	Blane Sherer
Patty Torcellini	Barbara Wiener
Cindy Zajac	

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.*



The Agudas Israel **PANDEMIC TASK FORCE** will meet again in mid-January to review the best protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your safety and health continues to be our primary concern.

We will continue to analyze the metrics and follow the Henderson County and North Carolina guidelines and results. The Committee has concluded that it is not yet safe to have a full reopening of

our building to meet inside. With the winter months upon us, it is 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 possibilities that we will be able to have the vaccine available to us soon and then 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 occasional outdoor Shabbat services on Saturday mornings, if the weather forecast is warm enough. **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 with new hours (see page 3), please call for an appointment. Masks MUST be worn.
- 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.
- Bathrooms and kitchen will be closed.

Download this app onto your phone for COVID tracing: SlowCovidNC

(it is free and available in the app store on your phone).

Thank you for your cooperation, Bonnie Cooper, Task Force chair



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



A special **THANK YOU** to Dr. Arthur Lebowitz for giving a very informative talk on Zoom to the members of our Sisterhood and Brotherhood on Dec. 20 on COVID, infectious diseases, viruses and more.

Dr. Lebowitz is a retired Assistant Professor of Medicine (NYU School of Medicine) who practiced for 40 years in NYC in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. In addition, he was the chairman of the NYU-Tisch Hospital's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for 12 years.

Arthur and his wife, Rebecca, are members of Agudas Israel. We are very pleased that Arthur will be joining our Task Force and we feel that his wealth of information will be a great asset to this team.

This talk is available on [YouTube link here](#).

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

Wear Your Mask Correctly

DO NOT wear your mask below your nose.

DO wear your mask above your nose and below your chin.

Prayer before receiving a vaccine

May it be your will Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, that the vaccinations that we are about to receive will bring health, blessing and redemption, and protect us from suffering and terrible diseases. Blessed is the One who hears prayer.

יהי רצון מלפניך
ה' אלקינו ואלקי אבותינו ואמותנו
שנחטין ונחטותינו ונחטותינו ונחטותינו
יביא רפואת, ברכה וחסד
ונג עלינו מוסורים ומעקלות קשות
ברוך שומע תפלה

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

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 are here and Agudas Israel is continuing the **warm clothing collection drive** through the end of **January**. 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, new warm socks, boots, queen size linens and blankets for IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry).
- **NEW REQUEST>>THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR CHILDREN’S WARM CLOTHING AND NEW UNDERWEAR IN SIZES 7-12.**
- 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

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

“Chazak-ve-emate”, Be strong and we will be strengthened”

After the passing of Moses, Joshua needed strength and courage to lead the Israelites into the promised land. When we, as a congregant community, are faced with fear or danger, we have to decide either to walk away, or face it with courage.

In the history of our religion, if our code was to walk away rather than engage our foe, our lives and our freedom would have been effected.

Since March of 2020, the AIC Board, along with Sisterhood and Brotherhood, have had the courage to stand and help rather than retreat from COVID. To simply ignore the threat of COVID is an unacceptable solution.

Brotherhood is a vital and progressive auxiliary of Agudas Israel. We have held outdoor and virtual meetings to keep our members connected and informed about our synagogue. We also have donated funds to paint the Library and Kaplan Room.

Starting in January 2021, a virtual speaker series will become an integral part of our programming and will be offered to the entire congregation.

Going forward, our goal is to continue to connect and support our congregational family with strength and courage. “Chazak-ve-emate”,

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*

December was a busy month for Sisterhood. We were honored to lead the virtual Shabbat service on Dec. 4. Our deep appreciation goes to sisterhood members Cya Ashley for her beautiful singing, and to Bonnie Cooper for creating and being part of the service. Our heartfelt thanks go to members Joan Kershner, Karen Jarmon, Sue Kopel, Lynn Lewis, Vicky Lieber, Karen Murray, Marlene Wiener, and Natalie Zitnick for their participation in this service.

Every year Sisterhood joins together to celebrate Chanukah. Unfortunately, this past December our plans to gather in The Park at Flat Rock were canceled due to inclement weather. Thankfully we were able to be together for the congregational and community candle lighting services.



On Dec. 20, Sisterhood joined with the Agudas Israel Brotherhood to host an informative Zoom presentation by AIC member Dr. Arthur Lebowitz. With 40 years experience in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Dr. Lebowitz answered many questions surrounding COVID-19 such as prevention, quarantining, therapeutics, and vaccines. With the current rise in COVID cases and hospitalizations, this on-line session was timely and very well received. **We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Lebowitz for sharing his knowledge and insight.**

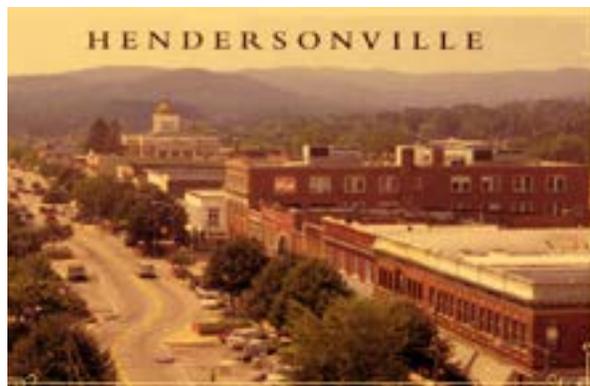
We are looking at new ways to socialize virtually as we continue to abide by state and local pandemic protocols. Be sure to check your email and weekly newsletters for information about programs that will bring us together.

Wishing you a healthy, joyful 2021. Your ongoing support of Sisterhood is truly appreciated. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Be safe, be well.
Karen "Kish" Jarmon, VP,

AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com

THE JEWISH MERCHANTS OF HENDERSONVILLE



Join Dr. Mike Beckerman, our resident historian, as he takes us on a walking tour of the streets of Hendersonville. Learn about the Jewish merchants of Main Street going back to the early 1900's.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join Mike's tour.

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.

Yahrzeit List for January

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

Read on:**Observed By:**1/1-1/2/21

Martin S. Cooper Alan J. Cooper (Father)
 Florence Wagner Nancy Weintraub (Mother)
 Mary-Grace Eckenroth Barbara Monoson (Grandmother)
 Billie Fike Cya Ashley (Mother)
 Irving Scheer Bonnie S. Cooper (Father)

1/8-1/9/21

Joseph Kosowsky Laurence Kosowsky (Father)
 Alex M. Kramer*
 Bernard Schechter Lynn Durbin & Peter Crane
 Paul Sobel Marcia Hecht (Father)
 Susan Joerger Audrey Shemesh (Sister)
 Myrtle Junov* Barbara Kay Beckerman (Mother)
 Bertha Mottzman Dr. Michael Beckerman (Aunt)
 Florence Schiff Marilyn S. Rosen (Mother)
 Eugene Berman*
 Frances Hepner C. Susan Kaplan (Aunt)
 Alberta Peshkin Daniel Peshkin & Bari Bradley
 Ed Lieber* Vicky Lieber (Husband)
 Sandra Miriam Mordujovich*

Gertrude S. Sherman*

Libby Sterling*

Babette Thorpe Iris Vanek (Mother)
 Mildred B. Weintraub Ronald Weintraub (Mother)
 Ruth Epstein Landey Elissa Kaplan (Mother)

Meyer M. Levinson*

Jac M. Lovell*

Edwin Buchman Vicky Lieber (Grandfather)

Philip A. Mann*

1/15-1/16/21

Max Weintraub Ronald Weintraub (Father)
 Judge Sidney Aronowitz* Elinore Aronowitz (Husband)
 Rachel Fred*

Sophie Tursky Lessing*

Evelyn Gaines*

Louis Heller* Tobie Heller (Husband)

Max Herman* Mynra Herman

Harry George Stone*

Manuel Rudes Barry Rudes (Father)

Jack Kaplan*

Gertrude Schimek*

Read on:**Observed By:**1/15-1/16/21

Nathan Fred*
 Sidney Rosen Allen Rosen (Father)
 Bernard Schwartz*
 Seymour Lieberman* Norma Pasternack (Brother)
 Pamela Pinks*

1/22-1/23/21

Morris Weisberg*
 Harry Bernstein*
 Daniel Brown*
 Joe Israel*
 Rosena G. Sherman*
 Edward Simkin Larry Simkin (Father)
 Harry Zoller*
 Hyman Goldstein*
 Bessie Fred Patterson*

1/29-1/30/21

John Kronenfeld* Barbara & Alan Ehrlich (Uncle)
 Carl H. Schlosburg*
 William Gilmore Cya Ashley (Friend)
 Sarah A. Hornstein* Adele Groban Kosowsky (Mother)
 Molly Kaplan Joseph Kaplan (Mother)
 Ruth Gittleman* Linda Liebman (Mother)
 Claudia Rudes (Mother)
 Barbara Gittleman (Mother-In-Law)

Max Karp*

Samuel Robinson*

Max Schlessinger*

Evelyn Brodes Schulman*

Jack Wise

Laurel Ela

Grace Goldberg

Dr. Stephen Goldberg (Mother)

Eve Hantman

Carol Leaman (Mother)

Helen Holcombe

Daniel Peshkin & Bari Bradley

Bella Cohen*

Stuart Cohn

Ellen Cohn & Nancy Cohn (Father)

Irving I. Levitt*

Bennie Brodsky*

Bernard Brodsky (Father)

Leonard Kellerman*

Belle Steinberg*

Lloyd Fike

Cya Ashley (Father)

Rose Levy*

See the next page for ways to remember your loved ones.**Anniversaries & Birthdays for January****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Marilyn & Burt Black Jan.1 —57th anniversary
 Dr. Judi Berson-Levenson & Steve Levinson
 Jan. 4—34th anniversary

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Perry Reihs	Jan. 1	Elissa Kaplan	Jan. 22
Steve Maier	Jan. 8	Lori Rosenthal	Jan. 25
David Kaplan	Jan. 9	Ezra Grossman	Jan. 27
Tim Aldrich	Jan. 15	Dr. Judi Berson-Levinson	Jan. 27
Danyul Jackson	Jan. 20	Richard Tanker	Jan. 27
		Nancy Weintraub	Jan. 30

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

YAHREIT
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 December

ANGELS

Joan & Irv Kershner

CHAI HOPES for GENERAL FUND:

Sue Kopel
Patricia & Richard Morgan
Rhona & Richard Reagen

GENERAL FUND:

In Honor Of
Foward Group
David O'Connor
In Honor Of Speedy Recovery
David Kaplan
Shepard Harris
Dr. Mike & Barbara Beckerman
In Memory Of
Jocelyn Scheer
Bonnie & Alan Cooper
Sheila Dunn
Natalie Zitnick
David Fritz
Abraham Fritz

Laurie Naparstek

Jay Naparstek

MUSIC FUND

In Honor Of Speedy Recovery
Bill Lavine
Sherry Harris

RABBI JACKSON DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor Of
Rabbi Jackson
Marilyn & Allen Rosen

YAHREIT/BEREAVEMENT FUND

In Memory Of
Don Michalove
Rachel Michalove
Sophie Glickman Aftel
Iris & Joe Stewart
Ginger Marx
Ernest D. Levinson
Pat Cohen
Ray & Marlene Wiener

Anna & Nathan Ehrlich

Alan & Barbara Ehrlich

Oscar Maier

Steven & Leslie Maier

GARDEN/LANDSCAPE FUND

Gladys Sweet

SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In Memory Of
Marty Cooper
Irving Scheer
Bonnie & Alan Cooper
Barbara Weinman
Sue Kopel
Stan Zitnick
Natalie Zitnick

Please note any donations received after Dec. 22 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*

SIMCHA SPOT



Dr. Steven Hecht, son of Marcia and Mel Hecht, was just made a full professor at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He was formerly an

Associate Professor.

We are especially happy to share this good news with our Agudas community in the midst of such a difficult time.

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

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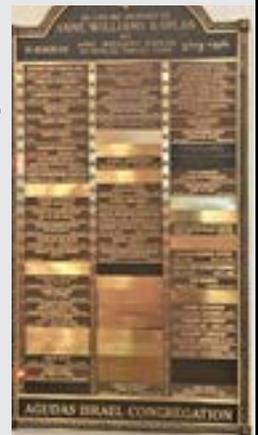
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Many contacts/phone numbers have changed and we need your updated information. Email or mail to the office. Thank you.

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

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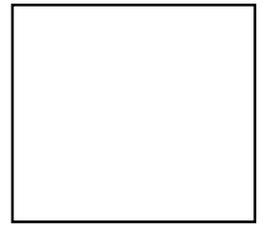
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