



Chai Lites

Agudas Israel Congregation

Established in 1922

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Message from Rabbi Jackson



In Judaism we are tied to our calendar for most of our events, personal and communal. We come together

to laugh during *Purim*, we come together to rejoice during *Pesach*, we come together to learn for *Shavuot*. We also come together to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and *yahrzeits*. We make note of events and mark them on our calendars.

Well, we're at a new milestone: we've been connecting with each other digitally for a year. I would like to put this milestone under commemoration: it is not only grief, so I don't want to consider it like a *yahrzeit*; it is not only enjoyment, so not a *simcha* celebration. But rather a time to reflect, on all sides of the prism—neither *kvetch* nor *kvell* in isolation.

We have missed sharing challah during our oneg after Friday night services. We have missed sitting in the sanctuary hearing each other's voices. We are saddened to not be around the board room

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You have asked...and we are responding:

Shabbat Sha-zoom

March 12, 2021
Friday 7pm

id: 833 1566 7343 / pw: shalom

Join Rabbi Rachael Jackson and Songleader Penny White as we all welcome in Shabbat from our sanctuary and our homes!

Agudas Israel Congregation



Click for this Shabbat Zoom [Link](#)



See attached PASSOVER flier for second night Seder.

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table engaging in *torah lishmah* with all the subtle body language communication. We have grieved being alone and without physical touch. We have struggled over not seeing our loved ones who live away from here. We have anguished over the broader loss of life and living. Yes, there has been sadness in this last year.

While holding and honoring this heartache, we can simultaneously hold up that which was good.

We have had the ability to continue with many of our programs, something not possible before the digital age. Not only that, but we have been able to all year round welcome in people who are not in our state full time. We have been able to have our holidays, albeit differently, but without interruption. We celebrated every night of *Chanukah* together for the first time ever. We have made more calls to one another than we ever have before. People have stepped up to help in countless ways, both for one another and for our community at large.

We can hold all the feelings at the same time.

As we look toward the future, we can use this time to reflect on what we want to keep and what we have learned. With so many possibilities open before us, we can focus on what we want the future to look like and then strive to make it so. Will you join us in the building of this future?

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

Rabbi Rachael Jackson

agudasrabbi@gmail.com

Vice Presidents' Message

Greetings to all! It looks like winter is finally winding down. Hopefully the weather will allow us to have more *Shabbats in the Lot* as the warmer weather approaches. Watch our Friday blasts for updates. As more and more of us are getting COVID vaccines, we inch closer to the day that we can have services in our sanctuary, and enjoy the other activities that bring us together as a congregation and which we miss so much.

For now, the building remains closed, but the office is open Tuesday 8:30-10:30am and 12:30-2:30pm, Wednesdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm. We will be looking at implementing some standard operating procedures for the use of the office by the congregants. Stay tuned for more details.

Some of you have expressed an interest in attending Board of Trustees meetings. Please know all are welcome! Information about how to listen in on our monthly meetings can be found on our calendar. We always welcome input from you but in order for the meetings to run smoothly we will need you to advise us in advance if you wish to be heard at the meeting. Unless you are a Board member, you must be on the agenda to speak at the meeting. Anyone attending has the option to use the *Zoom* "chat" function to communicate with the Board during the meeting. We are always looking for more people to join committees and participate in synagogue activities. Get involved!

That's all for now. Please stay safe!

Richard Tanker and Sid Williams

richardtankeraic@gmail.com

sidagudasvp@gmail.com

The Pandemic Task Force



The Pandemic Task Force continues to research data to bring you the most up-to-date information that is available. Many of our congregational family have already received both vaccinations. If you are still trying to make an appointment, note that at the time of this writing, the delivery of the vaccines to facilities has been delayed because of extreme winter weather across the country. However, it is being reported that more is on its way...don't be discouraged and keep trying. Use the information below to make your reservation:

These are resources for obtaining a COVID vaccination:

[Henderson County](#)

[Polk County](#)

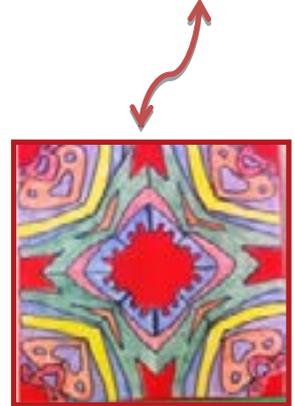
[Buncombe County](#)

Here's some additional helpful information: [How to register for your vaccine.](#)

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From The Fund Raising Committee

You know what this is....and you know what this is...**BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?**



- Our COVID-safe fundraising endeavors started in October with “**The Giving Tree**” and we made it our mission to try and continually have active, fun projects for the congregation until we can safely get together again.
- So, next, we embarked on “**Knives Out**”. Crazy videos, flyers, postcards and all our initiatives paid off handsomely. From Oct. 18 through Feb. 18 (just 4 months) we’ve raised over \$5,500 for our synagogue.
- Again we’ve put our creative thinking caps on and have come up with an ambitious plan to bring the Hendersonville community into fundraising efforts. Our next venture will be an outdoor, masked, socially distanced fun-filled day in our parking lot. We took a page out of our “Shabbat in the Lot” experience in the past months and are asking everyone to **Save the Date:**

ART IN THE LOT

A Pop-Up Art Fair

Sunday, June 6th, 10am-3pm

- Get ready for fine art, amazing crafts, food, toys, fashion & jewelry, garden items, soaps, creams and so much more, as we turn our parking lot and backyard into a festive and fun destination. We’ll keep you posted on further plans, but be sure to mark this day on your calendar.
- In the meantime, remember that “**The Giving Tree**” (gold, sterling silver and estate jewelry donations) and “**Knives Out**” (expert sharpening for \$10/knife or pruner) are still going full steam ahead and it’s not too late to join in.
- For more information, please contact Zsa Lobel at zsalobel@gmail.com.



STATE ASSOCIATION NAMES SARAH MONOSON JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Mazel Tov to Sarah Monoson, 17, West Henderson High senior, and daughter of Barbara and David, who has been named the 2021 Rachel Rivers-Coffey North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year by



the N.C. Scholastic Media Association. She will receive a scholarship and the West Henderson journalism program will also get an award.

“I just always really loved writing,” Sarah said to the Times-News paper. “Before high school it was mostly creative writing. People have always told me that it’s something I’m good at, so I saw journalism as a way to pursue that hobby and talent of mine.” Monoson dreamed of one day being editor-in-chief since her first day on school staff, but saw it as a “pipe dream” because she doesn’t think she’s a naturally outgoing leader, she said. “Then over the years I improved and fell in love with journalism and became more confident, (so) it became reality”.

“Sarah is an outstanding writer and journalist but, more importantly, she is an outstanding person. She has met the adversity this pandemic has created head on, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this bright, young star”, says her journalism adviser and English teacher, Jason Livingston.

Sarah will represent the state in the National High School Journalist of the Year scholarship competition.

From The Board Room

The Agudas Israel Congregation Board met via Zoom on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.



All congregants are welcome to observe the Board Meetings. If you have an issue to discuss, please contact me at susanhassettaic@gmail.com so that I can add you to the agenda. The Zoom link for the meetings can be found on the Agudas calendar or in the weekly email.

The Pandemic Task Force has been keeping the Congregation informed regarding information concerning the COVID vaccinations. If you need help scheduling an appointment or have questions, contact the Agudas office for assistance. Once you have received your vaccinations, please contact Hannah by phone or email to let her know. This information will be helpful to determine the safety of reopening the building (agudasisrael@gmail.com or 828-693-9838).

Be sure to check this issue of *Chai Lites* and the weekly emails to keep up-to-date on AIC happenings.

Looking forward to warmer weather and the time when we'll be able to meet in person again! Stay well!

Susan Hassett
Secretary

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
George Feldman	David Fike
Darin Jennings	Laurence Lefkowitz
Linda Perkel	Patty Torcellini
Barbara Wiener	Phyllis Fish
Miriam Chava Bat Hannah Leah	

Our prayer:

*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.*

SAVE THE DATE TO HELP SAVE LIVES BY DONATING BLOOD

Agudas Israel & The Hendersonville
Woman's Club will again join forces for
a Blood Drive on:

Sunday, April 11

More details to follow.



All About Israel

- 1) Tel Aviv University's [Dan David Prize](#) was awarded to Dr. Anthony Fauci for his incredible work during this pandemic. [Read more here.](#)
- 2) Previously kept medical data sets used to receive high number of COVID-19 vaccine doses, and administer them, also adding to the Pfizer trials data. [Read more here \(2\).](#)
- 3) Drone deliveries bringing small goods right to your doorstep but how to manage hundreds (if not thousands) in the air at the same time. [Read more here \(3\)](#) about the testing and innovation going on.
- 4) Would you eat an environmentally friendly and kosher rib-eye steak? And if it were vegan, and 3-D bio-printed would that change your mind? All the flavor and all the texture, with none of the animal or land use, among many other benefits. The future is becoming a reality. [Read more here \(4\)](#) about this innovation.
- 5) 39 houses built in Guatemala completed and turned over to residents after a volcano eruption several years ago. [See more here \(5\).](#)

ISRAEL

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

A message from our Sisterhood Vice President – Karen Jarmon



So, What's New?

Updates from your Sisterhood

Gathering at The Park at Flat Rock on **Monday, March 15**. Back by popular demand is our outdoor gathering for lunch at The Park at Flat Rock (on Highland Golf Drive, off Spartanburg Highway) on Monday, Mar. 15 at noon.

Last October we enjoyed a very successful lunch get-together at the park. So, thanks to Joan Kershner, our VP of Programming, we're doing it again. We will meet in the parking lot near the Pavilion then walk a few steps to an area where we can safely distance and enjoy being together. Here's what you need to bring: a folding chair, your picnic-style lunch, and a face covering. Please RSVP by Friday, Mar. 12 to kershner@morrisbb.net or call 828-243-2929. If it's too cold or raining or snowing or sleeting – you get the idea – the rain date is Monday, April 19, same time and place. We hope to see you soon.

A huge round of applause for our Sisterhood Balabusta Bakers — Barbara Gittleman, Sue Kopel, Karen Murray, Marie Reed, and Deanna Warshauer — for baking delicious hamantaschen for us to enjoy at Purim. Sisterhood was happy to be a co-sponsor with the Ritual Committee to help our congregation celebrate the holiday with the great cookie giveaway.



We are looking at safe 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 do more together later this year. Be sure to check your email and Weekly Newsletters for details 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.



COVID VACCINATIONS WE NEED TO KNOW...

Have you gotten your vaccine yet?

We are monitoring our congregation to see who has been able to get their vaccine. This information will help us determine when we can get together again in-person in small groups and for services.

Can we be of help...do you need assistance making an appointment? Please call or email the Agudas office and let us know...828-693-9838 or

AgudasIsrael@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD GET-TOGETHER MARCH 15 THE PARK AT FLAT ROCK

Last October the Sisterhood enjoyed a very successful Get-together in the Park at Flat Rock at the Pavilion. We're planning to do it again.

Hope to see you on **March 15 from 12 noon to 1:30pm**. Wear your mask, bring your chair and your lunch.

Please RSVP by March 12 to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net or 828.243.2929.

Rain date is Mon., April 19.



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: Mac & Cheese, bags of lentils, 64 ounce juices, and tomato sauce.

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

Please drop off items at Agudas Israel Congregation in the blue bin in front of the building **extended through the end of March**, during the office business hours (see page 7).

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

As of this writing, I have no idea when life as we knew it prior to January, 2020, will return to some type of normal "heartbeat" for our synagogue.

My best guess would be anywhere between the middle of May to early fall. However, we need to consider the uncertain path of COVID-19, and some form of normalcy has to be predicated on health safety protocols, and medical science.

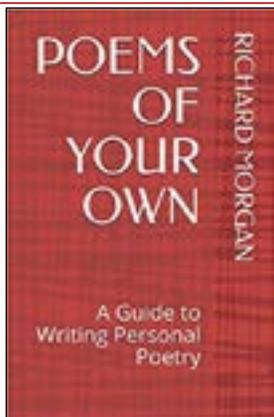
Rather than dwell on the past, we choose to dwell in the realm of possibilities, in what we can do: Staying in touch with others via Zoom and having conversations on the telephone can be both constructive and beneficial.

History reflects that our synagogue has always provided the ability to achieve progress despite the challenges of adversity. Brotherhood will continue to do the best we can, when we can, through friendship, support, and understanding.

Brotherhood is encouraging all of its members to participate in the Food Drive for IAM. (See article above for specific needs). Your food donations encourages the consumption of necessary proteins and carbohydrates needed to sustain health and well being. This act is greatly needed as people are affected by the virus, food shortages and a deadly deep freeze.

Our next Brotherhood Zoom meeting will be on Sunday morning, March 21 at 11am. Zoom meeting # is: 7606059792; password; Brother.

Stay Safe, Allen Rosen, Brotherhood President



POEMS OF YOUR OWN: A Guide to Writing Personal Poetry

Our own congregant, Richard Morgan, has written a new book, his ninth. *Poems of Your Own* is a guide, not a textbook. In it, Richard, a lifelong teacher and poet, inspires, instructs, and encourages each of us to find our own words and use poetry as our means.

Richard tells us what he has learned in the past 60 years, the insights and appreciation for the poetic process. He has organized his lessons into 39 Poet Points, each a small step in our effort to write a better poem, one that resonates between our intention and our reader's imagination.

Putting feelings into words makes the feeling more real. This is true whether you write solely for yourself or to share with others. He shows us there is delight in both the poem and the process.

About Richard Morgan:

Richard grew up in Newburgh, New York, a small city 60 miles north of Manhattan. He wrote poetry, plays and short stories encouraged by his 10th grade English teacher. At SUNY-Albany, Richard was the lone physics major in his creative writing class. The professor was not gentle like his high school muse, but the criticism was accurate and necessary. Richard wrote a weekly column for the college newspaper. His writing followed the imaginative wanderings of his mind. He was fired after one semester.



After 40 years in education, Richard retired to New Jersey's Long Beach Island where he lived with his wife, Pat, a watercolor artist and teacher. Her love of watercolor and his of words, weave together in his books of poetry.

Early mornings Richard walked the water line alone while the waves and gulls competed for his attention. He collected sea glass and shells and let his mind wander. Here the island muse's visits gave him ideas for poems. He wrote and rewrote until no other words seem right. His work never seemed done.

Richard is a member of the LBI Writers Group where he received both criticism and encouragement from fellow writers. Here he couldn't get fired! He then saw the need for a poet's group. He started The Poets Studio which continues beyond his tenure on LBI.

Richard and Pat, the illustrator of his book, moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina, in 2018. They traded the blue Atlantic for the Blue Ridge Mountains. Here they have found poets and artists in abundance.

For more information on Richard's book and others he has written [click here](#).

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

We recommend you reading these interesting articles by clicking on the title:

- [How to register for your vaccine.](#)
- [We are NOT out of the woods yet. Please continue to wear your mask](#)
- [What is safe to do after your have both vaccines?](#)
- [Can mouthwash be an aide to prevent spread of COVID?](#) – an ongoing study by UNC Dental Association and CVC.

If you have obtained additional information, please share it with the AIC Task Force. We also understand that you may be able to obtain your vaccination in Spartanburg/Greenville/Landrum, S.C. (Ingels)/and Transylvania. Information changes daily. We are hoping that the pharmacies (Walgreens, CVS, Ingles, and Walmart) will soon be able to administer the vaccine as well.

Please contact the AIC office (828-693-9838 or agudasisrael@gmail.com) and let Hannah know that you have had (or are scheduled for) your vaccines. Your input will help us get the data we need to decide when it will be safe to open the building for small meetings and services.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 8:30-10:30am and 12:30-2:30pm; Wednesday: 8:30am-12:30pm Thursday and Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm
Note that the Synagogue remains closed until the Pandemic Task Force approves reopening.

Yahrzeit List for March

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

READ ON:

3/5-3/6/2021

Meyer Goldberg
Leonard Kaplan*
Ilse Schwarz
Alfred Werther
Morris Bratin
William Chubin
Mildred (Mitzi) Lerner*
Ken Robinson
Minnie G. Williams*

OBSERVED BY:

Dr. Stephen Goldberg (Father)
Joan Kershner (Mother)
Marlene W. Wiener (Father)
Phyllis Bentley (Father)
Joyce Lennert (Father)
David Kaplan (Grandmother)
Sidney Williams (Grandmother)
Eileen Stang (Grandmother)
Laurel Ela (Mother)

Mildred Wise

3/12-3/13/2021

Larry Kopel*
Sadie Gold Liebman

Naomi Zeder
Robert Dorfman
Jacob Herbert Rosenberg*
Hank Segal
Harry Perkel
Elaine B Horwitz*
Jerry Mandelbaum
Frances Dorfman

Sue Kopel (Husband)
Jon Blatt (Grandmother)
Avery Blatt (Great Grandmother)
Frieda Hodes (Mother)
Audrey Shemesh (Father)
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Blatt (friend)
Dr. Linda Perkel (Father-in-law)
Phyllis Bentley (Mother)
Debbie Lavine (Father)
Audrey Shemesh (Mother)

READ ON:

3/19-3/20/2021

Rose Donofsky
Lillian Swift Gaeser*
Dr. Norman Polansky
Philip Gaeser*
George Harold Katz*
Anna Shuster
Nettie Wirtzbaum
Malvina Kronenfeld*
Murray Udel Rosen*
Morris Kirsh*
Arline Lieber
Sophie Salatino
Michael Hodes
Max Lemelman
Rachel Rosen

OBSERVED BY:

Laurel Ela (Grandmother)
Nancy Polansky
Dr. Francine Varady (Father)
Vicky Lieber (Ed's Mother-in-law)
Dr. Francine Varady (Grandmother)
Barbara Ehrlich (Grandmother)
Vicky Lieber (Ed's first wife)
Jerry Salatino (Mother)
Frieda Hodes (Husband)
Mark Lemelman (Father)
Allen Rosen (Mother)

3/26-3/27/2021

Abraham B. Sutker
Israel Willinger*
Miriam Levinson*
Bonnie Sue Friedland*
Geraldine Birnbaum
Seymour Harris
Syd Harris*
Betty Lebowitz

Neal Sutker (Father)
Steven Z. Levinson (Mother)
Phyllis Fish (Sister-in-law)
Natalie Zitnick (Brother-in-law)
Dr. Arthur Lebowitz (Mother)

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

Another Reminder from your Pandemic Task Force:



Anniversaries & Birthdays for March

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

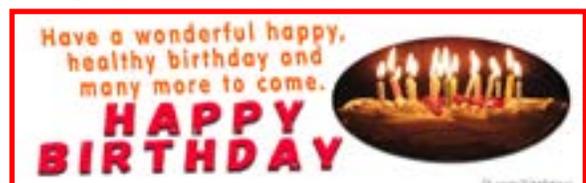
ANNIVERSARIES:

Diane A. Eskenasy & Tim Aldrich Mar. 3—37th Anniversary



BIRTHDAYS:

Rabbi Rachael Jackson	Mar. 2	David Leiman	Mar. 18
Debbie Lavine	Mar. 11	Sharon Salatino	Mar. 18
Barbara MacLachlan	Mar. 12	Jerry Salatino	Mar. 24
Barbara Gabel	Mar. 14	Rebecca Burns	Mar. 29
Patricia Morgan	Mar. 17	Karen Murray	Mar. 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

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 25 to February 24

GENERAL FUND:

Karen Jarmon

In Honor of:

Natalie Zitnick birthday

Sherry Harris

Gina Korda Birthday

Iris & Joe Stewart

In Memory of:

Marshall Warshauer

Bill & Louise Warshauer

Knives Out Program:

Deanna S. Warshauer

Frieda Hodes

Jeffrey & Lynn Lewis

Karen Moore

Laurel Ela

Chai Hopes Donations:

Sue Kopel

Pat & Richard Morgan

BUILDING FUND:

In Memory of:

Claire Eskenasy

Diane A. Eskenasy & Tim Aldrich

ENDOWMENT FUND:

Eleanor Michalove

Rachel Michalove

ONEG FUND

In Memory of:

Jacob Meyer Williams

Dr. Michael & Eileen Stang

RABBI JACKSON DISCRETIONARY FUND:

Sheila McKinna

Neal Sutker

RITUAL FUND/MUSIC FUND:

In Memory of:

Anna Shuster

Arline Lieber

Vicky Lieber

Alfred Wiener

Marlene & Raymond Wiener

SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND

In Memory of:

David and Mary Zitnick

Natalie Zitnick

Larry Kopel

Sue Kopel

Yahrzeit/Bereavement Fund:

In Memory of:

Scott Foster

Lenore Foster

Ruth Gittleman

Linda Liebman

Martha Maier

Isadore Lax & Charlotte Lax

Leslie & Steven Maier

Please note: donations received **after Feb. 24** will be posted in the next issue. We appreciate your generosity and apologize if your donation was missed. Please let us know and it will be reported 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

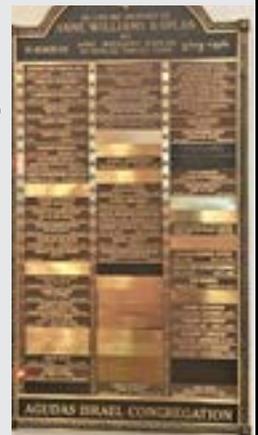
Honor your loved ones who have passed or you may reserve a place for anyone you choose to memorialize, including reserving one for yourself and your family members.

The cost of each engraved brass name plate is \$300.

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.



*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.

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 who you think we should contact.

Contact Jay Naparstek, Chair, at 508-769-8495 or jnaparstek@msn.com 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, 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.

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:

THE SANCTUARY BOUTIQUE

101 1st Ave West, Hendersonville, 828-698-2645
www.thesanctuaryboutiquehendersonville.com

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53 S. French Broad Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801
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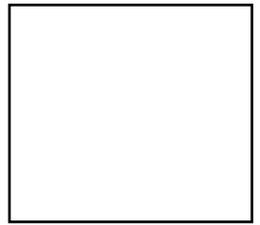


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MISSION: Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives through 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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