



# Agudas Israel Congregation

## **Chai Lites**

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## **Welcome to our Board of Trustees for July 2021 — June 2022**

President  
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Trustees:

Richard Tanker  
Sue Kopel  
Sue Hassett

Laurel Ela  
Rebecca Lebowitz  
Lynn Lewis  
Zsa Lobel  
Richard Morgan  
Jay Naparstek

Immediate Past Pres. Bonnie Cooper

*We wish them the best of luck and hope that their leadership and guidance will lead us from strength to strength. Please respond to their directions and offer help in anyway you can.*

## Message from Rabbi Jackson



This last month of June has been a thrilling one as we have welcomed to our sanctuary lots of people after being away from our sanctuary for a long while. We have realized in the last year plus what community means, and we have been able to

gather fully again. Well, almost fully...we do miss the food and conversations around the tables, though this too, will come back soon. Watching people greet one another, pray together, plan together, commune together has started to fill the lack that we've been experiencing. We also have become familiar and comfortable with digital meeting spaces. This is not only the convenience factor for those who live in town, but also access overall for those who do not live here and are now being able to integrate in a way not previously possible.

In our Torah readings for July, we finish the Book of Numbers, finish the wandering forty years in the desert and stand at the precipice of the promised land. And in a way, this is where the Torah ends. Because the Book of Deuteronomy is a recap of the preceding three books, not a continuation of what happens on the other side of the river when we move into the land promised to us.

I believe our situation is akin to theirs. We stand at the precipice of a promise.

A promise to learn from the past, a promise to not forget. What did you promise yourself this last year? How will you now fulfill that promise?

Remember how scared the Israelites were when they first came to fulfill their promise and yet they worked together and pulled through. We can do the same.

As Rabbi Nachman of Breslov taught us:

*The whole world  
Is a very narrow bridge  
and the main thing is  
to have no fear*

Let us move into this new month, this new season, this new promise together, and with no fear.

*With prayers for abundant blessings,*

*Rabbi Rachael Jackson*  
[agudasrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:agudasrabbi@gmail.com)

## President's Message

*Greetings!*

As we undertake our new fiscal year, let me first thank all of you for having confidence in me and electing me president of Agudas Israel Congregation. I am humbled by this honor and I pledge to give my best effort for our continued success. Also congratulations to our new Board of Trustees. I look forward to working with all of you. 2020-2021 has been a very challenging year for all of us, but we now can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We all deserve hearty congratulations for making through these tough times.

**Art in the Lot** was a huge success and major kudos to our fundraising chairwoman, Zsa Lobel, for an outstanding job organizing the event. Zsa has done an amazing job in the short time she has been in that role. We are fortunate to have her! Of course, thanks also to all of the volunteers who gave willingly of their time and efforts. A special shout out to Jay Naparstek, who seemed to be everywhere at once! I view this event as a major step forward in bringing us together again as a congregation.

Speaking of getting back to normal, live Shabbat services have resumed. It is wonderful to see our friends and congregants in the sanctuary together again. Of course, we will continue to offer virtual access for those of you still not comfortable with being in the building yet.

**Membership commitment forms** for fiscal year 2021-2022 have gone out to you in the mail and the letter was emailed to you on June 27. There are some minor changes, so please read it carefully. As you know, membership commitments are our main source of income and we rely on each of you to promptly remit payments. Thank you for doing so!

Finally, we would like to revive two important customs that were tabled during the pandemic. The first is the **President's Club**. The President's Club is comprised of generous members who make a five year commitment of at least \$500 per year, in excess of their current annual commitment made. It is the objective of the members of the President's Club to erase our deficit. The other is **Agudas Angels**. This involves a onetime donation to the General Fund that will help offset our deficit for fiscal year 2021-2022. These generous members donate anywhere from \$180-\$5,400+. More details can be found on page 10 in this issue of *Chai Lites*. Please consider these giving opportunities.

*Please enjoy your summer and we hope to see you soon!*

*Richard Tanker, President*

[richardtankaic@gmail.com](mailto:richardtankaic@gmail.com)

# ART IN THE LOT



## IT WAS A GREAT DAY!

**NO RAIN!**

**542 Guests**

**38 Volunteers**

**30 Artists**

**\$3,300 Raised for Agudas  
Israel's General Fund**

**THANK YOU** to all members who participated, baked, set up, cleaned up, transported to and from Coats Factory, attended parking and security, sold stuff, and so much more...

If you missed it this year...We hope you will participate next time...

### **YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

Zsa Lobel, Chair

Jay Naparstek

Bonnie Cooper

Lynn Lewis

Frieda Hodes



*The Giving Tree just keeps giving...  
And giving...To Agudas Israel!*

Many of our congregational family have been looking through their belongings for the past year and are finally realizing that their kids do NOT want their silver or gold or those paintings on the wall...

We are happy to announce that the GIVING TREE for Agudas Israel is still accepting donations. Simply **email Zsa Lobel** and send her a photo of what you are thinking of donating. She can determine if it is something we can sell. All of the proceeds go directly into the Agudas Israel General Fund.

## From The Board Room

The Board met on Wednesday, June 2, in person at Agudas Israel and also via Zoom.



As you are reading this edition of *Chai Lites*, we are beginning a new fiscal year. Many thanks to our outgoing Board Members: Cya Ashley, Sid Williams and Jeff Lewis for their hard work and many contributions to our Congregation. We are happy to welcome Sue Kopel as AIC's new Treasurer and Rebecca Lebowitz, our new Trustee. We look forward to working with you!

The Annual Commitment letters have been sent to you for the fiscal year 2021-2022. We hope you will complete them and send them back as soon as possible.

We would also like to thank Zsa Lobel and her fantastic committee for their many hours of hard work to make **Art in the Lot** a huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered to help make this a wonderful event.

Continue to check *Chai Lites* and the weekly email blasts for upcoming events. Believe it or not, we will soon begin seeing information for the High Holy Days. We are so thankful to be able to have in person services this year.

Looking forward to seeing you as we welcoming Shabbat in our beautiful Sanctuary!

Stay well! Susan Hassett, Secretary  
[susanhassettaic@gmail.com](mailto:susanhassettaic@gmail.com)



**We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with us in this Suggestion Box. Simply click on the above box and you can send us your suggestions anonymously.**

## 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.

If there is someone you think we should contact, please contact [Jay](#) or someone on the committee.

We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with us in this suggestion box.

*Simply click on the above box and you can send us your suggestions.*

For more information on Membership, contact Jay Naparstek, Chair, at 508-769-8495 or [jnaparstek@msn.com](mailto:jnaparstek@msn.com) or call the Agudas office.

## The Pandemic Task Force Update

### THE AIC PANDEMIC TASK FORCE Guidelines are as follows:

Governor Cooper has extended his executive order until July 30 with a plan to continue lifting restrictions as more people are vaccinated and the state winds down pandemic response efforts.

- We will continue to have wearing of masks mandatory in the sanctuary or any large meetings and restrict family style serving of oneg items/challah, etc.
- Any food that is offered after a service or meeting will require a masked person with gloves serving it or pre-portioned out in advance to avoid anyone touching or breathing on it.
- Small meetings with vaccinated people without masks are allowed.
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing is still recommended.

If you have any questions about this update, please contact Bonnie Cooper, Chair, Pandemic Task Force Committee, via [email here](#).

Feel free to reach out to Rabbi Jackson at any time with any comments or questions, [email here](#).



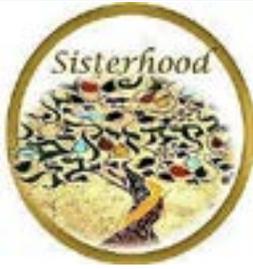
### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday: 8:30-10:30am & 12:30-2:30pm; Wednesday: 8:30am-12:30pm; Thursday & Friday: 8:30am-2:30pm

*Please contact the office to reserve a room for your meeting at 828-693-9838.*

**The Agudas Israel Congregation email is: [AgudasIsrael@gmail.com](mailto:AgudasIsrael@gmail.com)**

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



### So, What's New?

*Updates from your Sisterhood*

Sisterhood held our Annual Sisterhood Meeting at Agudas on Monday, June 21. At the lunch meeting, we had time to welcome new members and enjoy the camaraderie of our Sisterhood friends. We approved the 2021-2022 budget and talked about plans for the coming months and the new year ahead.

Since July of last year, the Sisterhood board has operated under a leadership by committee format and this structure will continue through June 2022. We are very pleased to announce that Phyllis Bentley is assuming the position of treasurer, which had been held by Sue Kopel. Sue was recently elected to serve as AIC treasurer. We extend our deep appreciation to Sue for her dedication and contributions to Sisterhood this past year.

Continuing as board officers are Karen Jarmon, vice president; Joan Kershner, vice president; Lynn Lewis, recording secretary; Vicky Lieber, corresponding secretary; and Marlene Wiener, membership secretary. The board also includes Karen Murray, immediate past president, and trustees Rebecca Burns, Barbara Gittleman, and Natalie Zitnick. Together, we look forward to continuing the traditions of Sisterhood and exploring new ways to support our members and Agudas Israel.

**Lunch on the town.** We will be gathering for a delightful lunch on **Monday, July 19 at 12 noon** at **Arabella**, 536 N. Main Street in Hendersonville. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP by July 14 to Joan Kershner at [kershner@morrisbb.net](mailto:kershner@morrisbb.net). Be sure to check your email and Weekly Newsletters for details about upcoming programs.



**Thank you** to our Sisterhood members who helped support Art in the Lot by baking cookies, banana and zucchini breads, cookie bars, and Bundt cakes for us to sell. Your baking talents are truly appreciated.



**Bloomin' Buddies of Sisterhood's premium Holland flower bulbs** are still available. If you haven't placed your order, do it now. These are high quality bulbs that produce stunning flowers. And the bulbs make a perfect gift for your family and friends, too. Order on-line at <https://www.tisisterhoodbulbs.com>.

The **Sisterhood Judaica Boutique** is offering a **10% discount to members** only with a cash or check sale...come in and see the new items available.

**Sisterhood wants you.** Now is the time to renew your membership or become a member. You'll join a group of caring, committed, and compassionate women who come together in friendship to serve and support Agudas Israel and our community. For more information, contact Marlene Wiener, membership secretary, at [marlenewiener@gmail.com](mailto:marlenewiener@gmail.com).

As always and in all ways, thank you for your ongoing support of Sisterhood. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed and appreciated. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to us.

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



**There is still time to order your HOLLAND FLOWER BULBS FOR SPRING 2022**

*Agudas Israel Sisterhood Bloomin' Buddies are offering you premium*

*flower bulbs directly from Holland that produce magnificent flowers. Ordering is easy to do:*

**YOU MAY ORDER YOUR BULBS ONLINE FROM US...**

**IT IS SIMPLE AND USER FRIENDLY...[Click here](https://www.tisisterhoodbulbs.com) or**

**go to: <https://www.tisisterhoodbulbs.com>**

*Brochures are available in the office*

**SISTERHOOD LUNCH OUT**

at

*Arabella*

536 N. Main Street, Hendersonville  
(across from Mast General)

**MONDAY, JULY 19 - NOON**

Lunch on your own.

RSVP to Joan Kershner  
[kershner@morrisbb.net](mailto:kershner@morrisbb.net) or

828-243-2929

# Ritual Committee

Let's talk holidays and observances...

Every year, on every Jewish calendar, there are..... *many!* And most all of our holidays and observances have associated activities and rituals that require planning and execution. The Ritual Committee's role is that of an advisory committee to the Rabbi; we discuss, debate, propose ideas and suggest changes, and then execute the final plans as determined by the Rabbi.

Every once in a while, a month comes along with just a few, or on rare occasions, no such events. And when that happens, the Ritual Committee will dance and sing and.....*kidding!*

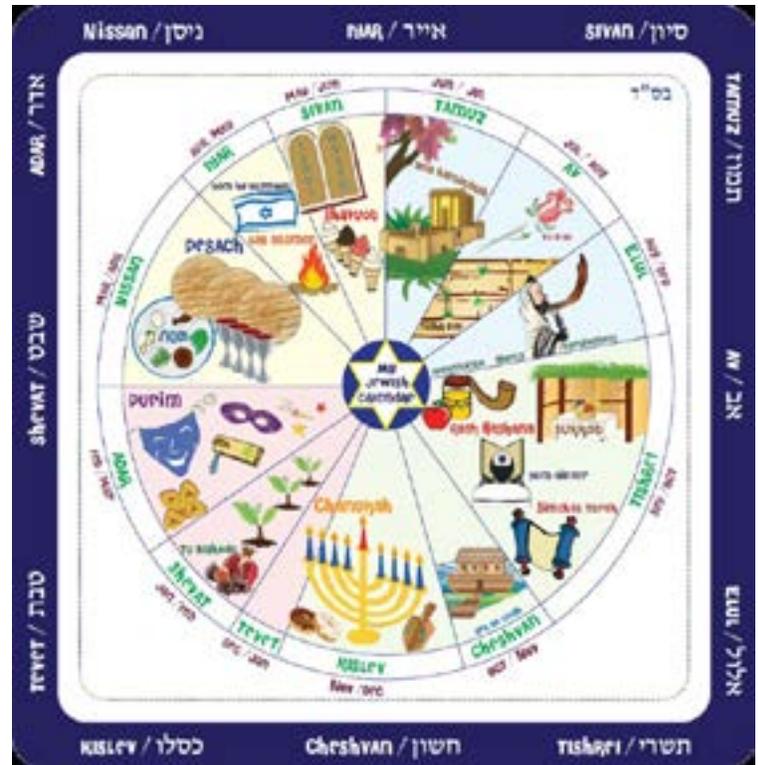
What we really do is look at *What's Next* that we can start planning for *Now*. And this year it's our **High Holy Days**, beginning the first full week of September. And wow, that's early! *No month off for us!*

Without the pandemic and lockdown of 2020 to keep us isolated from each other (*so far, so good!*), we can be in the sanctuary of our synagogue and not in front of our computers, iPads or phones. We can be face-to-face.

We can share in the traditions that have sustained and connected Jews around the world in the best of times and the worst of times. We can (*maybe*) even share a hug. Last year, although stressful and lonely and frightening, we were blessed (*or cursed*) with the ability to connect on *Zoom* - to learn, to hold meetings (*okay, that one may or may not count as a blessing*), and to mark occasions.

This year we have the opportunity to once again celebrate a new year together; to pray for strength and hope and forgiveness in the good company of our congregation at Agudas Israel. In the meantime, we can celebrate Shabbat together! At Agudas Israel! Every week! Join us!

We miss you, and look forward to seeing you at Friday services. *Love, Your Ritual Committee*



## JEWISH HOLIDAY CALENDAR

### Rosh Hashanah

*Erev* Monday, Sept. 6  
*Day one* Tuesday, Sept. 7  
*Healing Service Day two* Wednesday, Sept. 8

### Yom Kippur

*Kol Nidre* Wednesday, Sept. 15  
*Day/Neilah* Thursday, Sept. 16

### Sukkot

Sept. 20-27

### Simchat Torah

Tuesday, Sept. 28

### Chanukah

*First Candle* Sunday, Nov. 28  
*Last Candle* Sunday, Dec, 6



**Community Involvement  
Mitzvah Opportunities of the Month**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**for The Boys & Girls Club**

School will start on August 17th and we want to help to supply their 400+ kids with new school supplies to start off their new year.



**Most needed supplies include:**

- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Washable Markers
- 24 pk Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- #2 Pencils

There is a blue drop-off bin in the Synagogue entrance way for your donations.

*Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.*

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

*Both men & women are encouraged to join our team of volunteers who are interested in helping our community.*

*Please contact:*

**Laurel Ela, Board Trustee liaison,**  
at 954-732-2819 or  
[laurelarnp@gmail.com](mailto:laurelarnp@gmail.com)

**Leslie Maier, Blood Drive,**  
at 914-329-1152 or  
[lesmaier@icloud.com](mailto:lesmaier@icloud.com)

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

*If you know of a Community project that needs our help please contact Laurel Ela.*

**Mishberachs**

*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:*

- |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Darin Jennings   | Linda Perkel                 |
| Allen Rosen      | Eileen Stang                 |
| Patty Torcellini | 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.*

**EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE  
Sunday, July 18, 12 noon-5pm**

**There is a tremendous need for Blood in our community.  
Please see the information on page 11 to sign up today.**

**Caring Committee**



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

Please contact [Rebecca Lebowitz](#), [Richard Tanker](#) or [Rabbi Jackson](#) if you are interested in helping with this committee.

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



**Protect yourself.  
Protect others.  
Get vaccinated.**

# Yahrzeit List for July

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

<b>READ ON:</b>	<b>OBSERVED BY:</b>
<b><u>June Yahrzeits observed on July 2-July 3, 2021</u></b>	
Esther C. Lewis*	
Suzanne Lois Lerner*	
Dorothy Leveille	Cya Ashley (Mother-in-law)
Gabriella Benczei	Zsa G. Lobel (Mother)
Annie Mandelbaum	Debbie Lavine (Mother)
<b><u>July 2-July 3, 2021</u></b>	
Jean Friedberg Blum*	Joe Stewart (Sister)
Rosalind Rosen Harris*	
Robin Dozier	Laurel Ela
Miriam Alt Sud*	
Charles Kellerman*	
Sidney Levine	Vicky Lieber (1st Father-in-law)
John G. Walters*	
Marilyn Zide	Barry Rudes (Sister)
<b><u>July 9-July 10, 2021</u></b>	
Rose D. Oliner*	
Sidney Prakin*	
Mary Lou Lennert	Joseph Lennert (Mother)
Sophia Michalove*	
Artie Bloom*	
Suetelle Kurzweil*	
Harry Skolnick	Frank Skolnick (Father)
Thomas Vanek	Iris Vanek (Father-in-law)
Harry Lavidor*	Linda L. Sauter (Father)
Rae A. Leff*	
Myer Goodman*	
<b><u>July 16-July 17, 2021</u></b>	
Minne Berlin	Barbara Gittleman (Aunt)
Jacqeline Kaplan*	
Seymour Kaplan*	
Arthur H. Savitt*	
Doris H. Patterson*	
Paul Tanker	Richard Tanker (Father)
Martin A. Fish*	Phyllis Fish (Husband)
	Gail Tate (Father)

<b>READ ON:</b>	<b>OBSERVED BY:</b>
<b><u>July 16-July 17, 2021 (continued)</u></b>	
Jennie Zelda Kalin*	
Sam Cooley*	
Grant Levin	Nora Levin (Husband)
Alice Becker*	
Saul P. Barrett	Rabbi Philip Bentley (Father)
June Bentley	Rabbi Philip Bentley (Mother)
Samuel Brown*	
Regina Kerner*	
Fanny De-Kijner*	
<b><u>July 23-July 24, 2021</u></b>	
Mark Bloom	Nancy Bloom (Husband)
Robert S. Groban*	Adele Groban Kosowsky (First husband)
Henry Lefkowitz	Linda Reihis (Father)
Jacob Wirtzbaum	Dr. Francine Varady (Grandfather)
Blanche Cohen Berlin*	Barbara Gittleman (Mother)
Saul Hershkovitz	Karen Jarmon (Father)
Shirley A. Levinson*	
Jack Morgan	Richard S. Morgan (Father)
Kalman Sherman*	Rebecca Banadyga (Father)
	Barbara Banadyga (Grandfather)
<b><u>July 30-July 31, 2021</u></b>	
Philip Groob	Lenore Foster (Father)
Mickey Berman	Lynn Lewis (Father)
Sarah Leah Rathman*	
Joseph Michael Rubin*	Stuart Rubin (Son)
	Carole Sitzer (Son)
William Tannenbaum*	
Lena Hecht	Melvin Hecht (Mother)
Lilyan Sobel	Marcia Hecht (Mother)
Anne W. Kaplan*	Eileen Stang (Mother)
	David Kaplan (Mother)
Harry Weintraub*	
Bessie Achler*	
Franklin Lipton*	
Jennie Rosenberg*	
Gertrude Sappin*	

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

## Anniversaries & Birthdays for July

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Barbara & David Monoson	July 4	23rd anniversary
Barbara & Dr. Jack Gabel	July 6	47th anniversary
Susan & Sidney Williams	July 13	41st anniversary
Danyul/Rabbi Rachael Jackson	July 17	10th anniversary
Becky & Rex Banadyga	July 22	48th anniversary



### BIRTHDAYS:

Joyce Lennert	July 3
Sarah Monoson	July 4
Joe Stewart	July 7
Alan Pollack	July 10
Linda Reihis	July 12
Richard S. Morgan	July 20
Irv Kershner	July 23
Sid Williams	July 24
Susan Williams	July 27
Arthur Langer	July 28
Teddi Segal	July 30



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

# The Power of Giving

*Live Generously ~ 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.**

## **Ways in which you can help support Agudas Israel:**

There are many giving opportunities at Agudas Israel and we appreciate your generosity more now than ever before. Here are some options. Remember Agudas for **Memorials, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations, Get Well wishes, and Yahrzeits.**

- Funds:** Honor a loved one with a donation to one of our Funds that speaks to you or to the person you are honoring or memorializing for their Yahrzeit, Birthday, or Anniversary or other special occasion. (Pick up a Fund donation envelope in the office.)
- Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques:** Lining the walls of our Sanctuary are plaques used in memory of a loved one or reserved for your family members. (Cost is \$300 per brass name plate.)
- Tree of Life Leaves:** Engrave a brass leaf for the wall in the social hall for a loved one or for any special occasion.
- Golden Book:** Inscribe a name in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha. (Minimum \$10)
- JNF Trees for Israel:** Have a tree planted in Israel in honor of, in memory of, or celebrating any simcha. (Minimum \$18)
- Join the Angels or the President's Club** (see page 10).
- Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat** in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one.
- Brotherhood Paver Project** - Purchase *Pavers* to honor or memorialize any individual for "Mitzvah Memories" including family, friends, events, Military service, or special achievements. (4x8 Engraved text \$50; 8x8 Engraved Text \$100) Contact [Alan Cooper](#) for more information.

**If you have any questions, please call our office manager for more information at 828-693-9838.**

## Tzedakah List from May 22 - June 25

### GENERAL FUND:

Deanna S. Warshauer

### Chai Hopes Donations:

Sue Kopel

Pat & Richard Morgan

Rhona & Richard Reagen

### Art in the Lot:

Barbara & David Monoson

Barbara Maclachlan

### In Memory of:

*Our Loved One's Yahrzeits*

David Bashkin

*Sandy Marx*

Stanford Werther

Patric Fox

Rabbi Phil & Phyllis Bentley

*Pauline Eskenasy*

Diane Aldrich Eskenasy &

Tim Aldrich

### BUILDING FUND

#### In Memory of:

*Barton Bohnen*

Susan Bohnen

### LANDSCAPE/GROUNDS:

#### In Memory of:

*Harry Lavidor*

Linda Sauter

*John "Randy" Taylor*

Lois Taylor

### MUSIC/RITUAL FUND:

#### In Memory of:

*Grant E. Levin*

Nora Levin

*Sadie Buchman*

Vicky Lieber

### ONEG FUND:

#### In Memory of:

*Louis Williams*

Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang

#### Please note:

*Donations received **after June 25** 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 next month.*

### RABBI JACKSON'S DISCRETIONARY

#### FUND:

#### In Honor of:

*Rabbi Jackson*

Vicky Lieber

#### In Memory of:

*Barton Bohnen*

Susan Bohnen

*Albert Pasternack*

Norma Pasternack

*Robert S. Groban*

Adele Groban Kosowsky

*Sandy Marx*

Don & Eve Booth

Ronald & Judith Borinstein

Larry & Susan Hazan

Joel Jurnovoy

Dana Kind

Helene Krupp

Harry Miller

Ronald Rafal

### SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND:

#### In Honor of:

*Rabbi Ze'ev Smason*

Ann Stringfield

## The Agudas Israel Angels

The Agudas Israel Angels program begins its 21st year for the fiscal year 2021-2022. These donations will go directly to our General Fund and will help to offset our deficit.

Please consider adding your name to this list of generous people.

To make a donation to the Angels, please contact the office. The categories are:



☆ **SPONSORS \$180+**

☆ **FRIENDS \$360+**

☆ **PATRONS \$500+**

☆ **BENEFACTORS \$750+**

☆ **TRUSTEES \$1000+**

☆ **HERITAGE CIRCLE \$1800+**

☆ **PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$3600+**

☆ **FOUNDER'S CIRCLE \$5400+**

## Brotherhood

The Brotherhood wishes a very speedy recovery to our immediate past president, Allen Rosen.

We also send our condolences to the family of Sandy Marx, past Brotherhood president.

## In Memory

### SANDY MARX

We are sad to inform you know that Sandy Marx died on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Sandy and Ginger had been members of Agudas Israel for decades, each deeply involved throughout Hendersonville. Just under a year ago, Ginger passed away and it was time to move Sandy to be closer to their children in Florida.

He always enjoyed his time with the Jewish community, no matter what city they were in. It was sad when he moved and heartbreaking now.

While in Hendersonville, NC his greatest joys were working for the Interfaith Assistance Ministry and donating to various Jewish charities, as well as golf and bridge. He was also president of the Agudas Israel Brotherhood.

Sandy will be remembered for his wit, quiet strength, and dedication to his wife and family. Our hearts and prayers go out to his sons, and their families and grandchildren.

The family has requested that donations in his memory be made to the Rabbi's discretionary fund for Agudas Israel Congregation.

At some point in 2022, a celebration of life will be held in Hendersonville; details will be sent as available. He will be missed.

**Z'chronon Livracha- May his memory be for a blessing**

## 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 Lieber*

*David Leiman*

*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.





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Agudas Israel & The Hendersonville Woman's Club are joining forces for an

**EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE**



**SUNDAY, JULY 18**



**NOON to 5PM**

**Look for the Blood Vessel at:  
Belk's parking lot in the Blue Ridge Mall  
1800 Four Seasons Blvd, Hendersonville**



**Blood is desperately needed.**  
Please note that all blood donated stays locally and supports the local hospitals. \$20 Visa gift card and COVID-19 antibody testing when you donate.

To schedule an appointment [click here](#).

Questions or problem registering, please contact Leslie Maier at: 828-513-1311 or [lesmaier@icloud.com](mailto:lesmaier@icloud.com)



**B'NAI B'RITH INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM  
AT WILD ACRES  
LITTLE SWITZERLAND, NC  
AUGUST 16-19**

The 74th B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism is planning to hold their next session in August. Six speakers are lined up.

Make your reservation for Wild Acres by calling 919-781-4207 or emailing Bill Carr at [bcarr3533@gmail.com](mailto:bcarr3533@gmail.com).

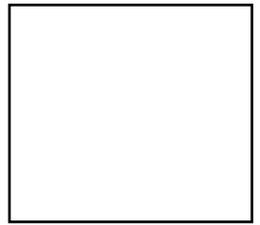


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**MISSION:** Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives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