



Agudas Israel Congregation

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**HIGH
HOLY
DAYS**
2021 ✨ **5782**
Agudas Israel Congregation



From our
Congregational Family
to Yours...
L'Shanah Tovah!
We wish you a
Happy, Healthy, and
Sweet New Year.

High Holy Days Information and Schedule 2021/5782

HOLIDAY	DAY	DATE	TIME	SPECIAL NOTES
Selichot	Saturday	August 28	8pm	<i>Havdalah</i>
Rosh Hashanah Evening	Monday	September 6	7pm	
Rosh Hashanah Day	Tuesday	September 7	10am	<i>Tashlich following Bagged Oneg provided</i>
Healing Service	Wednesday	September 8	10am	
Shabbat Shuva	Friday	September 10	7:30pm	
Yom Kippur Evening	Wednesday	September 15	7pm	<i>Kol Nidre</i>
Yom Kippur Morning	Thursday	September 16	10am	
Yom Kippur Yizkor	Thursday	September 16		<i>*following morning</i>
Yom Kippur Afternoon	Thursday	September 16	4:30pm	
Yom Kippur Neilah	Thursday	September 16		<i>*following afternoon</i>
Sukkot	Monday	September 20-27	*TBD	
Simchat Torah	Tuesday	September 28	7pm	

*Note that your High Holy Day packet will be received mid-August. Please open it immediately for important information including: Tickets, Kol Nidre Appeal, Book of Remembrance, and more.
Your August Calendar is on page 15; September will be sent to you at the end of August.*

Message from Rabbi Jackson



A few years ago (OK seventeen years ago) a song called “Wake Me Up When September Ends” was very popular on many radio stations and album sales. I was thinking about how all our major autumn holy days fall in September

this year: from **Rosh Hashanah** on September 6 through **Simchat Torah** on September 28. For some businesses, gearing up for the busiest part of the year includes pining for the end of it. But we are not a business in that sense. We do not long for the end of the season.

I am so grateful that we have the ability to be together this year. Sometimes when I am speaking to a person about rituals and routines, I encourage them to start and to stop. We need to each “feel the lack”. We need to know what we missed and what we need, rather than simply going through the motions.

Last year was a year of lack. We added visual prayers to our services. We maintained the beautiful music provided by those who were with us in previous years. We were not in the same room experiencing the intensity of the days together. That absence was a place of lack for me; and I have heard similar from many of you as well.

Let us safely come together this year. What, after all, is Agudas Israel, if not each one of us?

You're welcome to join us as we turn our Torah covers to white on **Selichot, Aug. 28**...(see full schedule in this newsletter, on the website, and in the postal mailing sent to you) and to rejoice as we return them back to the yearly colors on **Simchat Torah (Sept. 28)**.

You are welcome to join us as we read from the very beginning of the Torah and the story of Creation on **Rosh Hashanah** and feel how we are still experiencing creation. You are welcome to join us as we remember those who have touched our lives and are no longer with us during the **Yom Kippur Yizkor**. You are welcome to join us for each and every holy day as we once again turn and return. Let us embrace these holy days together, and savor each moment therein.

With blessings for a sweet and good new year,
הקוּתֵמוּ הַבוֹט הַנֶּשֶׁה **Shanah Tovah Umetukah**

Rabbi Rachael Jackson
agudasrabbi@gmail.com

See High Holy Days reading on page 6.

President's Message

Greetings to All!

Many thanks to those of you who attended our Annual Meeting. It was nice to see so many of you. We approved a new budget, installed new officers and a new Board of Trustees and answered many questions. We look forward to a rewarding and productive year.

I am humbled and honored to take my position as the president of Agudas Israel, and I welcome our new Board of Trustees. I will put my best foot forward and work hard for the synagogue. But I cannot do it alone; nor can the Board. We are a volunteer synagogue. The only way things get done is if we, as a congregation, do them. We need your help to be the synagogue we want to be. Please, give your time, volunteer for a committee, donate funds - do something to help us achieve our goals! If we collectively do not do it, it simply will not get done.

The re-opening of Friday night services has been a great success. We are hopeful that by August we will be able to resume our onegs as well. We have had many guests and new visitors and hope to turn them into new members. The High Holy Days are right around the corner! Enjoy your summer!

Richard Tanker, President
richardtankeraic@gmail.com

HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKETS

For many years some congregants have asked to have a discount for tickets for their out-of-town family members. We are accommodating that request for our members. We are offering you a special price so that you can have **your** family join **our** congregational family for the Holidays.

Family members: \$50 per person for EACH of the holiday services .

No charge for member's grandchildren (under age 18).

Guests and non-members: \$100 per person—per holiday.

Call the Agudas Israel office, 828-693-9838, to make arrangements as soon as possible. Checks or credit cards are accepted.

Ritual Committee

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Here we are, in August. And your Ritual Committee is hard at work preparing to be with all of you for the **HIGH HOLY DAYS**. Although our congregation shared wonderful services last year on *Zoom*, it was, well, *Zoom*. Please open and read all the materials mailed to you early August.

But it's 2021, and our congregation is once again able to, well, congregate! So, let's start with **SELICHOT!** The month of *Elul* is our time of reflection, in preparation for the Days of Awe, during which we gather on *Selichot* to prepare the sanctuary and dress the Torah scrolls in their High Holy Day covers. This year we'll observe *Selichot* on **Saturday, August 28, 8pm**. Join us for **Havdalah** that evening, too! See full schedule on front page of this issue.

Before you know it, it will be **Monday, September 6, EREV ROSH HASHANAH**.

MASKS... To wear, or not to wear. Jury is still out on that one, so, please come prepared to wear one! The CDC has recommended that even vaccinated people should again wear masks indoors. We will require them for the High Holy Days services to protect each other and ourselves. And services will be a bit different this year, because, let's face it, we Jews are an affectionate people! Who doesn't love a good hug? But we must still have precautions, so there will be a minimum of unmasked traffic on the bimah, and we'll just keep the Torah scrolls up there, too. **Safety first!**

ROSH HASHANAH services will begin on **September 7, 10am**, *Tashlich* to follow. After which, we'll each grab an individually prepared and packaged lunch and adjourn to the great outdoors. *A nosh and a schmooze, what could be better?!*

Okay! Let's talk **MUSIC**. We are grateful to have Michael Brannon, Timothy Wilde and our own Rhona Reagan again this year to provide the hauntingly beautiful melodies that embody the very essence of our High Holy Days. The music that resonates with Jews everywhere, unconstrained by borders or barriers. Long after we've fasted and feasted, the music lingers.

ROSH HASHANAH-DAY 2, Wednesday, September 8, 10am, will be a **Healing Service**, and I don't know about you, but a little healing will be welcome after 2020. And Friday, September 10, 7:30pm, is **Shabbat Shuva**. *C'mon, it's the High Holy Days. Let's celebrate Shabbat together! Big turnout! We're counting on you!*

Wednesday, September 15, 7pm, is **KOL NIDRE** ("All Vows"). Did you know? *Kol Nidre* (according to *My Jewish Learning*) are the first words of a special legal formula, believed to have developed in medieval times (because of persecutions against the Jews), to enable Jews who were forced to convert, to return and pray with the Jewish community, absolving them of vows made under duress.

We'll gather again on **Thursday, September 16, 10am** for **YOM KIPPUR**, to pray throughout the day, with and for Jews of every nation. We're Jews, we pray! We pray for Israel and the world, the children, the hungry, the sick and the sad, each other and ourselves. And we will pray that we never have another year where we cannot pray together, face to face, side by side. Because this is what we do on *Yom Kippur*. We are the 'stiff-necked' people, who, on hearing the words of Torah read aloud by Moses, said "*na'aseh v'nishma*", "we will do and we will hear". And this is what we do on *Yom Kippur*.

And just to finish out September (busy month!!), don't forget **SUKKOT (September 20-27)** and **SIMCHAT TORAH (September 28)**! Let's all make the most of our newly regained freedom to assemble and participate in the ritual life of our congregation.

L'Shanah Tovah, Your Ritual Committee

From The Board Room

The Board of Trustees held their first in-person meeting (also on Zoom) of the new Board (for fiscal year July 2021-June 2022) on Tuesday, July 12, 2021.



We have addressed some of the challenges that we have going forward and to plan to work on them as soon as possible.

Be on the look-out for your **High Holy Days packet** and *please open immediately*. There are time-sensitive materials included such as ticket requests, High Holy Days schedule, Kol Nidre Appeal, Book of Remembrance, and more. Note info on HHD tickets on page 2.

We are pleased that we are back for in-person Shabbat services and hope to be able to return to having Oneg Shabbats soon. We are continuing to work through some technical difficulties transmitting services from the sanctuary while live services are in progress and hope to have this remedied shortly. We do apologize for any inconveniences.

This issue of **Chai Lites covers TWO months** (August and September). We have tried to give you the most up-to-date information at the time of this printing, but things change, so please refer to your weekly emails and the website for any updates or changes. The **August calendar** is on page 15; September will be sent to you at the end of August.

We are focusing on several **Community Outreach** programs for these two months: Collecting school supplies for the Boys & Girls Club and New Socks & Underwear for IAM, The Annual High Holy Days Food Drive for IAM, and the Hunger Walk for the Hunger Coalition (see page 7 for details).

Your **2021-2022 Annual Commitment forms** were sent to you in late June and we hope that you have taken the time to send them back with not only your payment, but also indicating your interests on the back page. If you need another copy, please contact the office.

We need you! There are a lot of committees looking for volunteers. We are a small congregation and hope that you will participate in as many activities as possible.

Do not hesitate to approach any Board Member (see list on back page) to inquire about their committee and see how you can offer some help. We are in need of a person to help with Buildings and Grounds. Also see Security Committee training on pg. 9.

The Board of Trustees wishes you and your extended family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Submitted by Bonnie Cooper for vacationing
Susan Hassett, Secretary, 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.

We have had several visitors attend Friday night Shabbat services inquiring about our synagogue. Please introduce yourself, wear your name badge, ask them to sign into the guest book, and offer a smile and a friendly face.

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 or call the Agudas office.

The Pandemic Task Force

- **The CDC has once again recommended that masks should be worn in public indoor settings even if you have been vaccinated.**



This is due to the widespread of the Delta variant and the struggle to get the country completely vaccinated.

- **We will be requiring wearing of masks during Shabbat and the High Holy Day services, as the sanctuary does not allow for social distancing.**
- **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](#).

A message from our Sisterhood Vice President - Karen Jarmon



So, What's New?

Updates from your Sisterhood

Sisterhood members gathered for lunch on Monday, July 19 at **Arabella** in Hendersonville. It was wonderful to be together at this delightful restaurant where you could order lunch or brunch.

Mark your calendar now for two upcoming events open to all AIC members that will be held at the synagogue, both at 1pm. On Monday, Aug. 16, **Pardee UNC Health Care** representatives Johanna Reed and Amy Treece will talk about Pardee's history and future plans. On Monday, Sept. 20, we welcome back **Carl Migden**, our local genealogy expert. Carl will share his knowledge about ways you can find out about your ancestors and will show us information he has garnered about some of our members' family histories. For both afternoon events, coffee/tea and cake will be served. Be sure to check your email and weekly eblasts for details about these and other programs (See ads below).

Plan ahead for the holidays and do your shopping early. 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.

Last call for the **Bloomin' Buddies of Sisterhood's premium Holland flower bulbs**. If you haven't placed your order, you can do it now until Aug. 30 (see ad on page 8). These high quality bulbs produce stunning flowers. They also make a perfect gift for your family and friends. Order on-line at <https://www.tisisterhoodbulbs.com>.

As we look to 2022 when we will be celebrating **Agudas Israel's 100th anniversary**, we are starting to plan for a return of a Sisterhood favorite event — the **Fashion Show & Luncheon**. Karen Murray will be leading the committee to work on this major event. Watch for details later this fall.

Want to get involved? If you have not yet renewed your membership or want to become a member, join us now. You'll be part of a caring, committed, and compassionate group of women who come together in friendship to serve and support each other, Agudas Israel and our community. For more information, contact Marlene Wiener, membership secretary, at 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

AIC Sisterhood welcomes
PARDEE UNC HEALTH CARE

On Monday, August 16, 1pm
at Agudas Israel Congregation

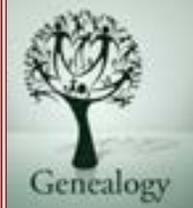
Johanna Reed and Amy Treece
will speak on the history and plans for the future
for Pardee UNC Health Care.

Pardee UNC Health Care's mission is
"To improve the health of the communities we serve"

Coffee and cake will be served.

RSVP to Joan Kershner, 828-243-2929 or kershner@morrisbb.net

All members of Agudas Israel are welcome to attend.



Join the Women of AIC Sisterhood
as we welcome back

CARL MIGDEN

Monday, September 20, 1pm

Carl will speak on:

YOUR FAMILY'S GENEALOGY

at Agudas Israel Congregation

Carl will go through the techniques he found useful in
finding his ancestors and teach us the steps we can use to
find ours. Carl will also show us details that he has already
learned about some of our family's histories.

Coffee and cake will be served.

All members of Agudas Israel are welcome to attend.

RSVP to Joan Kershner, 828-243-2929 or kershner@morrisbb.net

and if you wish, request forms for you to complete about your
family prior to the meeting.

Caring Committee



The Agudas Israel Congregation is a warm and wonderful community serving members of our congregation at all stages of life.

Together we will provide year-round opportunities to impact our congregation's needs through meaningful service, as represented by: *Bereavement support, sending*

cards, gifts of food, shopping assistance, medical care support, Passover-food and flowers, home visits, phone calls to our members, competitive grant submissions to support staff and program needs.

Contact any member of the committee about members in need or finding out how you can help.

Caring Committee Members: Rebecca Lebowitz, *chair*, Barbara Beckerman, Barbara Levitton, Avery Blatt, Iris Stewart, and Susan Bohnen...**WE NEED YOU!**

Please contact [Rebecca Lebowitz](#), or [Rabbi Jackson](#) if you are interested in helping with this committee or if you know of anyone who might need assistance or a prayer from the Caring Committee.

Reading for the High Holy Days:

A Season of the Spirit by Rabbi David Polish (amended by Rabbi Jackson)

Summer is passing. The days grow shorter. The sounds and colors of nature and the stirring of the wind, speak to us of changes in the world, in life, and in humanity's course on earth.

We are also about to enter upon a new season of the spirit, of the soul. It reminds us of our changing lives and fortunes, of the changes that take place within our homes, our communities, our world.

It bids us look upon the changes that have taken place within ourselves. Awed and subdued, we stand before the threshold of a New Year.

We recall those moments in the past year when we rejoiced in our victories and achievements, our decent impulses and our generous actions.

We are also mindful of our defeats and our triumphs. We ask how and where we have failed ourselves and each other. Did we fail ourselves by failing to reach our own level? Did we fail each other in our love and respect? At this turning point in endless time, we seek forgiveness. Lift the burdens from our souls and our hearts.

Let us approach this High Holy Day season with humility, awe, and togetherness.

L'Shanah Tovah, may this be a good year!

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 to offset our deficit.



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. See the next page for four important Community Outreach projects for August and September.

Please contact:

Laurel Ela, Board Trustee Chair, at 954-732-2819 or laurelarnp@gmail.com

Leslie Maier, Blood Drive,
at 914-329-1152 or lesmaier@icloud.com

Jayne Jennings, Mitzvah Day Chair, at 828-318-5615
or emailjaynej@gmail.com

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



**Community Involvement
Mitzvah Opportunities—August**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES
for The Boys & Girls Club**

We will continue our collection of school supplies through the end of August. School will start on August 17th and we want to help 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

Please use the drop-off bin in the Synagogue.
Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY

**Community Involvement
Mitzvah Opportunities—Sept.**

**SOCKS and Underwear
FOR I.A.M.**

Pick up NEW socks and underwear for kids and teens (sizes infants to teens) to be donated to IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry) for their children in need for this MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY for September.

Bring them to Agudas Israel and place them in the specially marked carton.



OUTREACH

**High Holy Days
FOOD DRIVE 2021/5782**

For the 11th consecutive year our congregation will participate in our annual Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur Food Drive. We are challenged to continue our efforts together with Interfaith Assistance Ministries (IAM) to eliminate hunger in Henderson County. As we have demonstrated in the past, we have the potential to accomplish this goal. Since the inception of our Food Drive we have donated more than 20,000 pounds of food and other non-perishables to the food pantry at IAM.

Each of us can help by donating items such as: dried beans, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat, fish and chicken, peanut butter and jelly, flour sugar, salt. Toilet



tissue, disposable diapers and other household products are also needed. Your donations can be dropped off at the synagogue and be deposited into the blue bin in the foyer any day until September 30.

PLEASE, *no outdated foodstuffs*.

Your donations are one more way that we here at Agudas Israel are able to participate in *Tikun Olam* (repairing the world) while helping those folks in our community who are in need.

Thank you, Deanna S. Warshaurer and Barbara Gittleman

**Hunger Coalition
Hunger Walk**

“NO NEED TO GO HUNGRY IN HENDERSON COUNTY” THAT IS THE BATTLE CRY OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY HUNGER COALITION, a partnership of Agudas Israel Congregation and local churches dedicated to supporting the work of the food pantry operations serving Henderson County. The HCHC is a support group, attacking the problem of “food insecurity” throughout the county. Through gifts from various organizations, grants and endowments, funds are raised and disbursed to the agencies pursuing the goal of reducing hunger for those in need.

Since 1982 the **ANNUAL HUNGER WALK** has been one of the major fund raisers for the Hunger Coalition. Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions last year and skepticism surrounding this year’s event we are conducting the WALK on an independent basis. You may donate or receive pledges for miles walked at a time and place of your choosing.

Each registered participant by September 1, 2021, will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Donations may be made by mail, Pay Pal, or credit card.

A goal of \$100,000 for 2021 is achievable. Agudas Israel has raised almost \$2,000 in the past. Your continued support would be appreciated.

Additional information can be found at their website: hendersonhungercoalition.org or contact Bill Lavine at (630) 202-8730.



Anniversaries & Birthdays for August & September

ANNIVERSARIES:

Nancy & Ron Weintraub	Aug. 9	57th anniversary
Lois & Dr. Stephen Goldberg	Aug. 10	63rd anniversary
Sharon & Jerry Salatino	Aug. 17	49th anniversary
Sharon & David Leiman	Aug. 23	18th anniversary
Claudia & Barry Rudes	Aug. 31	46th anniversary
Phyllis & Rabbi Phil Bentley	Sept. 1	53rd anniversary
Karen & Stephen Murray	Sept. 1	36th anniversary
Barbara & Dr. Mike Beckerman	Sept. 12	50th anniversary
Marlene & Raymond Wiener	Sept. 13	40th anniversary
Lynne Durbin & Peter Crane	Sept. 21	5th anniversary
Leslie & Steve Maier	Sept. 28	35th anniversary

BIRTHDAYS:

Debra Abel	August 1
Holden Baxt-Moore	August 10 (14th)
Charles Auerbach	August 18
Susan Hassett	August 19
Allen Rosen	August 22
Norma Pasternack	August 29
Bonnie S. Cooper	September 2
Zsa Lobel	September 6
Rebecca Lebowitz	September 12
Joan Kershner	September 20
Barbara Gittleman	September 23
Claudia Rudes	September 28
Jay Naparstek	September 29
Linda L. Sauter	September 30



See page 11 for suggestions.

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



In Memory

ALAN POLLACK

We are sad to inform you know that Alan Pollack died peacefully on Monday evening, July 26, 2021. He had been a member of Agudas Israel since 2015. He participated every time we went to Lake Pointe Landing and tried to come out to Agudas Israel when he was able. He had recently celebrated his 82nd birthday.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mary Ann, his wife of 53 years, during this difficult time. A private burial was held.

BURT BLACK

We are sad to let you know that Burt Black died peacefully on Thursday evening, July 29, 2021. He and his wife were members of Agudas Israel for many years before they recently moved to Florida. He participated in various educational opportunities at Agudas. He was 86 years old.

Our hearts and prayers go out to his whole family, especially to Marilyn, his wife of 56 years, during this difficult time.

Zirchono livracha, May their memories bring us blessings. They will be missed.

LAST CALL.... ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 30 FOR SPRING 2022 HOLLAND FLOWER BULBS



Don't miss Agudas Israel Sisterhood's Bloomin' Buddies premium flower bulbs directly from Holland that produce magnificent flowers!

No more room?? Order an AMARYLLIS for yourself and watch it grow indoors or donate one to a nursing home.

This is your LAST CHANCE TO ORDER... it is easy to do: ORDER YOUR BULBS ONLINE FROM US...

IT IS SIMPLE AND USER FRIENDLY...

Click here or go to:
<https://tisisterhoodbulbs.com>

Brochures are available in the Agudas office

Brotherhood

Newly chosen Co-Presidents of Brotherhood, Jeff Lewis and Neal Sutker, plan to be leading this auxiliary for the next year.



Please watch your emails for information about the upcoming meeting and activities.

Membership statements will also be coming out soon.

Contact Jeff Lewis at drjeff6@gmail.com or 407-267-1301 or Neal Sutker at 803-261-2025 or sutker123@gmail.com to sign up to help chair an activity or other position.

LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM ALLEN ROSEN:

To Rabbi Jackson and my Family at Agudas Israel:

The last 4 months have been very hard for me from the loss of Marilyn, my Sugar. You have truly been members of my family.

I cannot adequately express in words the outpouring of support and spirit that you have shown to me during this difficult time.

Let us all look forward to simchas and have a robust spirit of community in the months and years to come.

*Sincerely,
Allen Rosen*

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:

Please contact the office for revised business hours at 828-693-9838.

Please reserve a room for your meetings.

The Agudas Israel Congregation email is:

AgudasIsrael@gmail.com

Security Committee

THE AGUDAS ISRAEL SECURITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



This committee monitors the cameras and secures the property each Friday evening during Shabbat services and special events. We have state-of-

the-art equipment with special cameras all around the building, inside and out. **Volunteers are needed.**

Both men and women are encouraged to attend a special training on **Sheriff's Church Security Course** on **Thursday, August 5, 6pm at Calvary Chapel, Highway 280, Mills River.**

Contact Mike Beckerman, 828-388-1030 or mbeckerman@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Share your "...ologist"

Do you have a favorite 'ologist', I want to know!

A cardiologist, a urologist, an oncologist, a gastroenterologist, and beyond. I would love to know who you recommend for any of your health needs.



I keep a list of these for when people ask me but my list needs updating and I need your help.

If you also can provide any vet, car mechanic, cleaner, driver, even restaurant, I would love to add all of that wonderful information to my list.

We know how important word of mouth is, so feel free to speak and let me know!

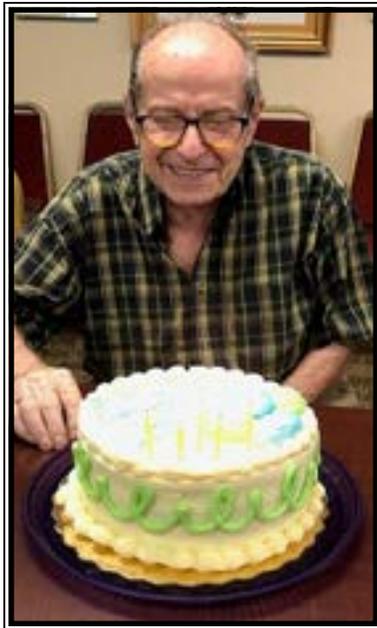
With appreciation -- [Rabbi Rachael Jackson](#)



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

SIMCHA SPOT

We are thrilled to share these Simchas with our Congregational Family. Please join us and wish them a Mazel Tov!



Joe Stewart celebrated his 95th Birthday.



Debbie and Bill Lavine celebrated the marriage of their son Gabe to Laura Alford, with their son, Mattis.

Bonnie and Alan Cooper are excited to share the news of the birth of their first grandson, **Eli Guo Cooper**. Born July 31 at 1:34pm in Hong Kong. He weighed in at 8lbs. 12oz.

Their son (Corey) and his wife (Bella Guo) and are all doing well.

Bonnie and Alan will begin their journey to Hong Kong on Sept. 2 and although they will have to spend a few weeks in quarantine, the wait will be worth it!



Welcome to our Family

INTRODUCING LAURA KELLEY

Laura came to me a bit ago interested in Judaism and in June 2021, she formally joined the Jewish people in a lovely ceremony during Shabbat. She is absolutely delightful and I hope you spend some time getting to know her. In her own words, here is a little bit more about her:



"I recently converted and am so glad to be here! I'm an Asheville native (we exist!) who serves on the Board of TAAG, a local cat rescue. I'm 33 and going back to school which is not exciting. I love reading, horror, good restaurants, and bad movies. I also volunteer with a pet food pantry as if I have the spare time for it. Anyone who is ever looking to adopt a cat or would like to foster or volunteer, come talk to me!"

-- submitted by Rabbi Jackson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER BARBARA LEVITON

Barbara moved here this past spring from Boynton Beach, Florida, with her dog Sadie to be near her daughter who is a nurse, and grandson, who live here in Hendersonville.

She is looking forward to her first winter in the mountains.

Barbara just moved into her new home this month and is getting settled and enjoying meeting her new neighbors.

She joined Agudas Israel because she wanted to meet people to whom she could relate. She also joined the Sisterhood and is looking forward to making new friends.

Barbara has also volunteered to be part of the Caring Committee and is very much looking forward to her involvement with the committee and to reaching out to those members in need.

--Submitted by Jay Naparstek, Membership Chair



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+

Joan & Irv Kershner

☆ FRIENDS \$360+

Dr. Linda Perkel

☆ PATRONS \$500+

Dr. Mike & Barbara Beckerman

☆ BENEFACTORS \$750+

Vicky Lieber (*In memory of Ed*)

☆ TRUSTEES \$1000+

☆ HERITAGE CIRCLE \$1800+

☆ PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$3600+

☆ FOUNDER'S CIRCLE \$5400+

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

David Leiman

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The Power of Giving

Give 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.

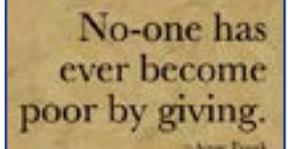
According to the Talmud, giving is as important as all of the other commandments combined.

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 or front foyer.)
- 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.) See page 14.
- 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 this page).
- 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.
- Sisterhood Beautification Committee Fund** to help beautify and enhance our synagogue.

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



Yahrzeit List for August & September

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

READ ON:	OBSERVED BY:	READ ON:	OBSERVED BY:
8/1—8/7/2021			
Rev. Samuel Hecht	Melvin Hecht (Father)	Milton David Cooper*	
Peter Perkel*	Dr. Linda Perkel (Husband)	Theodore Tursky*	
Mary Tursky*		Richard D. Salpeter*	Deanna S. Warshauer (1st Husband)
Ida Gold*		9/5—9/11/2021	
Gussie Auerbach	Charles Auerbach (Mother)	Hyman Kaplan*	Eileen Stang (Grandfather)
Mariam M. Block*			David Kaplan (Grandfather)
Patricia Sue Cash*	Lori Rosenthal (Father)	Minnie Patterson*	
Edith Perkel	Dr. Linda Perkel (Mother-in-law)	Max Weiner*	
David Schwarz	Joan Kershner (Father)	Gertrude Weiss	Natalie Zitnick (Mother)
Joanna Gittleman	Barbara Gittleman (Daughter-in-law)	Sylvia Grossman	Phyllis Fish (Sister)
Jennie Simonhoff*		Mary Herman*	
8/8—8/14/2021		Frances Hecht Lavidor*	Linda L. Sauter (Mother)
Samuel David Finander*	Jan Scott	Harry Leon Schlosburg*	
Isadore "Pop" Sterling*		Arlene Ruth Stone*	
Patricia Mandelstamm*		Herman Louis Daitch*	
Abraham Kronenfeld*	Barbara Ehrlich (Grandfather)	Louis Feit	Phyllis Fish (Father)
Ethel Goodman*		David Sherman*	
Louis Simes*		Esther Evelyn Stone*	
Harry Auerbach	Charles Auerbach (Father)	Egon Charles Timfold*	
Charles I. Berger*		Ruby Prakin*	
Irene L. Berger*		Col. Morris Edward Rogat*	
Arthur Cowen	Charles Auerbach (Father-in-law)	Sam Schulman*	
Jacob Cohen*		9/12—9/18/2021	
Sylvia Z. Goldenberg*		Hoyt Ashley	Cya Ashley (Father-in-law)
8/15—8/21/2021		Samuel Kijner*	
Elizabeth P. Cohen*		Jan Leslie Baxt*	Melanie Baxt (1 st Husband)
Lillian Edith Goldstein*		Ruth Chapman	Deanna S. Warshauer (Marshall's 1 st Mother-in-law)
Harriet S. Rudnick*			
Darrel Eli Mandelstamm*		David Rice*	
Isaac Michalove*	Rachel Michalove	SH. Lessing*	
Mary Auerbach	Charles Auerbach (Wife)	A. Marvin Block*	
Henry Grossman	Ezra Grossman (Father)	Carter Dale Sherman*	
David Samuel Smolowitz*		Pauline Becker*	
Rose Zatlén	Lori Rosenthal (Mother)	Martome Brummer*	
Beatrice M. Berson*	Dr. Judi Berson-Levinson (Mother)	David Friedberg*	Joe Stewart (Father)
Fannie Cowen	Charles Auerbach (Mother-in-law)	Genia Wilner Friedberg*	Joe Stewart (Mother)
Sylvia J. Rice*		Bessie Gold*	
Anna Beckerman*	Dr. Mike Beckerman (Grandmother)	Isaac Spanierman*	
Louis S. Friedman*		Sadie Spanierman*	
8/22—8/28/2021		Eva Stark*	
Fannie Greenberg*		Harmonne Stark*	
Rachel Simes*		Olga Stark*	
Mark C. Yolken	Barbara Gittleman (Friend)	Max Beckerman*	Dr. Michael Beckerman (Uncle)
Amalie Linder*	Bernd Linder (Mother)	Anne Morse Kenny	Sandy Morse (Sister)
Liba Sprague*	Eileen Stang (Great Grandmother)	Henry Herman*	
	David Kaplan (Great Grandmother)	9/19—9/25/2021	
Abraham Sweet*		Philip Reihis	Perry Reihis (Father)
Leonard Coleman*		Joan C. Kosowsky*	Laurence Kosowsky (1 st Wife)
Jerome Rubin*		Lena Barr Brumer*	
Frances O. Sherman*	Rebecca Banadyga (Mother)	Bella Schulman*	
	Barbara Banadyga (Grandmother)	Myron K. Simes*	
	Barbara Seeman (Husband)	Mary Brodsky Goodman*	
Melvin D. Seeman*		Anne Lefkowitz	Linda Reihis (Mother)
8/29—9/4/2021		9/26—9/30/2021	
Matilda Gallant	Janie Skolnick (Mother)	Mae Weisberg*	
Philip Kuhn*		Pearl Mottzman*	Dr. Michael Beckerman (Grandmother)
Marie R. Jackel*		Trudy H. Shapiro*	
Muriel Schechter	Peter & Lynn D. Crane	Bertha Kershner	Irving Kershner (Mother)
Dr. Marvin Liebman	Avery Blatt (Great Uncle)	Hershel Goodman*	
Dudley J. Berson*	Dr. Judi Berson-Levinson (Father)	Sadie Rubin*	Stuart Rubin (Aunt)
Sylvia Browde*			
Marvin Skolnick	Frank Skolnick (Brother)		

See the page 11 for ways to remember your loved ones.

Tzedakah List from June 26 - July 30

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

Bernard Apple
 Barbara Banadyga
 Agudas Israel Brotherhood
 Community Foundation, Hendersonville
 Joan & Irv Kershner
 Dr. Linda Perkel
 Books for Good: from sale of donated books

In Memory of:

June Bentley
Saul Barrett
 Phyllis & Rabbi Phil Bentley
Peter Perkel
 Dr. Linda Perkel
Regina Kerner
 David Fritz
Saul Hershkovitz
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Chai Hopes Donation

Dr. Sue Kopel

High Holy Days/Kol Nidre Appeal

Dr. Linda Perkel
 Allen Rosen

Presidents Club

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 Dr. Linda Perkel

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ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In Memory of:

David Schwarz
 Joan & Irv Kershner

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Memory of:

Sophia Michalove
 Rachel Michalove

BEREAVEMENT/YAHRZEIT FUND

In Memory of:

Philip Groob
 Lenore Foster

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of:

Larry Kopel
 Deanna S. Warshauer

GARDEN LANDSCAPE FUND

In Memory of:

Joseph Michael Rubin
 Carole Sitzer

ONEG FUND

In Memory of:

Anne W. Kaplan
 Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang

RABBI JACKSON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Marlene & Ray Wiener

In Memory of:

Robin Dozier
 Laurel Ela

In Honor of:

Joe Stewart's 95th Birthday
 Joan & Irv Kershner

RITUAL/MUSIC FUND

In Memory of:

Mark Bloom
 Nancy Bloom
Sidney Levine
 Vicky Lieber

In Honor of:

Gabe and Laura Lavine's marriage
Iris Stewart's Speedy Recovery
Joe Stewart's 95th Birthday
 Sherry Harris

Please note:

Donations received **after July 30** will be posted in the next issue on October 1st. We appreciate your generosity and apologize if your donation was missed. Please let us know and it will be reported next month.

Mischeberachs

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
 Eileen Stang
 Iris Stewart
 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.



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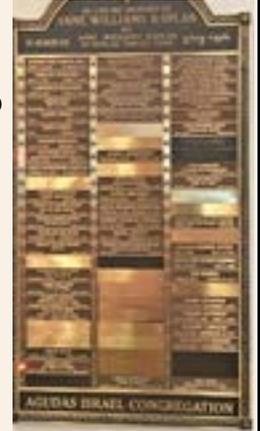
Honor your loved ones who have passed or you may reserve a place for anyone you choose to memorialize, including reserving one for yourself and your family members.

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 illuminated 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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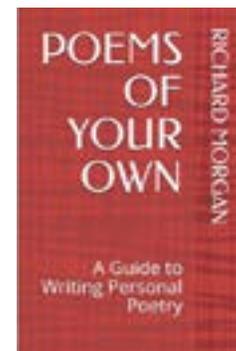
Thursdays, September 23, 30 & October 7

10am – Noon

On-Campus: SINK 233

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(register at BRCLL.com)



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for their "eagle eyes" in
proofreading this issue of the Chai Lites.*

AUGUST CALENDAR - NOTE: SEPTEMBER CALENDAR WILL BE SENT TO YOU AT THE END OF AUGUST

August 2021 Av/Elul 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (23)	2 (24)	3 (25)	4 (26)	5 (27)	6 (28)	7 (29)
	11am Sisterhood BD mtg - Zoom	10a Caring Com mtg	12p Rit com mtg	12:30 Forward - Zoom	7:30pm – Shabbat Service	Parshat Re'eh 10:30 Torah study- Zoom
8 (30)	9 (Elul 1)	10 (2)	11 (3)	12 (4)	13 (5)	14 (6)
		7pm Board Mtg - Zoom	12 Lunch ‘ n Learn - Zoom	12:30 Forward - Zoom	7:30pm – Shabbat Service: SPEAKER	Par. Shoftim 10:30 Torah study - Zoom
15 (7)	16 (8)	17 (9)	18 (10)	19 (11)	20 (12)	21 (13)
	1p – Sisterhood speaker: Pardee		12 Lunch ‘ n Learn - Zoom	12:30 Forward - Zoom	7:30pm – Shabbat Service	Parshat Ki Tzetzzei 10:30 Torah study- Zoom
22 (14)	23 (15)	24 (16)	25 (17)	26 (18)	27 (19)	28 (20)
			12 Lunch ‘ n Learn - Zoom	12:30 Forward - Zoom	7:30pm – Shabbat Service	Parshat Ki Tavo 10:30a Torah service - Zoom
29 (21)	30 (22)	31 (23)				8p Selichot

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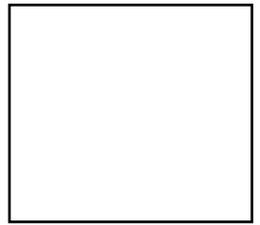


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VISION: Agudas Israel is a center for Jewish living in Henderson County and beyond, inclusive of all aspects of worship, learning, community, and culture.

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