



Agudas Israel Congregation

Chai Lites

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**STOP THE
SPREAD
TO ENTER**



**PROOF OF COVID-19
VACCINATION
REQUIRED**

The Agudas Israel Board of Trustees has accepted the recommendation by our Pandemic Task Force and has approved the following requirements for all members and guests:

⇒ Anyone entering the building for services, classes, meetings, or any other reason, **MUST** be fully vaccinated with at least two shots against COVID.

⇒ Proof of vaccines must be presented at the door or sent into the office in advance (a photo of your card emailed to agudasisrael@gmail.com is acceptable).

There will be very limited exceptions.

We are anxious to stop the spread of COVID and we put the protection of our Congregational Family first.

See page 4 for an inspirational story from Rabbi Jackson while she is away on Sabbatical.

**SERVICE
TIMES**

Shabbat Service
Fridays at **5:30pm**

See page 2
for details

**Members of Agudas Israel Congregation
are invited to be our guest at the**

Centennial Kick-Off

Celebrating 100 years

of Hendersonville's Jewish Community

1922-2022

Honoring Our Past. Building Our Future.

Sunday, February 13

Wine & Cheese ~ 5—7pm

RSVP to Agudas100@gmail.com

See page 3 for more Centennial Celebrations.

SHABBAT SERVICES FOR JANUARY

While Rabbi Jackson is away on Sabbatical, your Board of Trustees, Ritual Committee and Sisterhood are planning many inspiring Shabbat Services for you to enjoy. We hope you will continue to join us, *in person*, to celebrate Shabbat, Fridays at 5:30pm.

Jan. 7 - Service led by Debbie Lavine

Jan. 14 - Sisterhood led Shabbat

Jan. 21 - Led by our Senior Scholar Rabbi Phil Bentley

Jan. 28 - Service led by Debbie Lavine



Lunch 'n Learn: Wednesdays at noon

Jan. 5 Canceled - Happy New Year!

Jan. 12 Marlene Wiener- ASL part 1 (Alphabet & names)

Jan. 19 Marlene Wiener-ASL part 2 (Review, phrases, and a surprise!)

Jan. 26 Zsa Lobel & Frieda Hodes- "Coming to America: The Story of Two Little Girls"

Torah Study: Saturday morning at 10:30am

Jan. 1 Canceled Happy New Year!

Jan. 8 Richard Morgan

Jan. 15 Marlene Wiener

Jan. 29 Richard Morgan

Please support our volunteers and attend these interesting classes that they have prepared just for you.

President's Message

Greetings to our friends and members!

I am hoping everyone is doing well. I must say I am extremely proud of our congregation. The Rabbi has been on sabbatical for over one month and we have not missed a beat! We have had many volunteers filling in on things like Friday night services, Lunch 'n Learn and Torah Study to insure that our synagogue life goes on. Thanks so much to everyone who has chipped in to make sure it's business as usual at Agudas Israel.

Our Pandemic Task Force has been hard at work keeping up with the latest developments in the COVID war. As you all should know, we now are requiring anyone who enters the synagogue to show proof of vaccination. If you have not already done so, please get a photo of your vaccination card to the office. Once it is on file, you will not have to show it for each visit.

You may have heard how excited we are to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2022. The Centennial Committee, chaired by Zsa Lobel, has already been hard at work planning five different events for our congregation and the community. We hope that you will join in the celebration and attend as many of these events as possible.

Please stay safe out there.

Richard Tanker, President

richardtankeraic@gmail.com.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday: 10am - 3pm

Please contact Davina, office manager, to reserve a room for your meeting at 828-693-9838.

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



The best newsletter is a READ newsletter!

Therefore, if you would like a paper copy of the *Chai Lites* newsletter set aside to be picked up or mailed to you, please let the office know.

Membership Committee



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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.

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

Centennial Celebration

Mrs. Kantrowitz and Her Cookies Started Something Amazing!

The storied past of Agudas Israel Congregation will be front and center during our Centennial year of 2022 and great celebrations are in the making. There'll be wine and balloons, art and dancing, multi-media presentations and auctions, oral histories and lots and lots of pride. And cookies.....we will honor our legacy with cookies every chance we get.....read on...



We will remember during our year-long celebrations that our Agudas history started modestly. Actually, it started with a batch of cookies. On September 23rd, 1922, twenty-seven Jewish friends met in the living room of Mrs. Abe Kantrowitz and made a leap of faith in creating a dream..... a permanent synagogue in Hendersonville. Little did that small group dream that, a hundred years later, we would be celebrating their courage and sacrifice and the heritage they created for us. Mrs. Kantrowitz served tea, coffee and cookies to the assembled friends (which was actually documented in the minutes of that first meeting) and the

group committed to buying a building to house their new synagogue. By 1925 the congregation had purchased property on King Street where our Jewish story continued to be lived each day until 2002 when a new building was dedicated.

We Jews are commanded to remember our past and our often humble origins. In our Hendersonville history, we see a group of Jewish immigrants and Americans who came to this small town from Europe and other parts of America with the express purpose of creating a meaningful life. How they got to Hendersonville is less important, though, than what they brought to their new home and what they established here. The founders demonstrated a variety of religious, social and philanthropic activity and organized themselves through social and charitable, religious and educational, humanitarian and political activities.

Agudas Israel Congregation



1922-2022

**Honoring Our Past.
Building Our Future.**

Our five Centennial events this year will reach out to the community who welcomed them so long ago. It is our mission to remind Hendersonville and our congregants of the many contributions that Agudas Israel Congregation has made to the success of our community. Our events in the next nine months will demonstrate this mission:

“Honoring Our Past. Building Our Future”

Please join us as we celebrate this milestone at each and every event.

Mark your calendar for these five celebrations:

(And, of course, there will always be cookies!)

Sunday, February 13, 5:00-7:00 pm — “Our Story Begins”

Wine and Cheese Kick-Off with Multimedia Slide Show & Historical Retrospective

Sunday, April 3, 5:00-7:00pm — “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!”

Destination Themed Silent and Live Auction, Dessert and Beverages. Silent online auction begins March 27th.

Sunday, May 22, 10:00am-3:00pm — “Art in the Lot....Again”

Art & Craft Fair, Judaica Boutique, Bake Sale & Heritage Boutique

Sunday, July 10, 2:00-4:00pm — “Our Hendersonville History is Our Legacy”

History Project Displays, Oral Histories and Multimedia

Sunday, August 28, 7:00-9:30pm — Homecoming Gala Dinner & Dance

Inspirational story from Rabbi Jackson



One day, there is a farmer in the field and she is tilling away. And she's working really hard because every farmer I've ever met works really hard, from sun-up to sun-down, 365 days a year; it's incredibly hard work.

And this person, because she is a farmer, she doesn't have time to study.

She doesn't have time to pray.

She doesn't have time to be a learned scholar.

She does the best she can.

She prays to God, whenever she needs to, in whatever way she feels she can.

One day, a very learned scholar comes along, is driving his carriage and he stops and he sees her praying in the fields. He says, 'What are you doing?'

And she says, 'I'm praying'. And he responds, 'you can't pray right now; it is not the time for prayer here. Let me teach you'. She says, 'okay, I've always wanted to be a good Jew. I've always wanted to be a good pray-er', and so she agrees.

This very learned scholar comes and lives with her in the house, every day for six months. He teaches her *when* to pray, *what* words to pray, *how* to pray exactly the right things. He teaches her to do the *choreography*: when to bow, when to shuffle, all this stuff. And she learns it, because she's a great student.

Then he says, 'Thank you for giving me this opportunity to teach you the right way to pray'. He then moves on, he leaves the house, and she is still a farmer, tilling the soil every day harvesting and reaping when necessary.

Day after day, she slowly forgets is it two steps forward? Or three steps forward? And then questioning, 'how many steps back do I have to take? And do I go left first or right first, I don't know which way to bow'.

She starts getting confused. She starts getting upset because she knows she's doing it wrong. So she stops praying. She no longer goes out into the field and says the prayer of her heart. She no longer prays when she's moved to. And that's how she lives her life.

Eventually, the learned scholar dies. He goes up and he meets God. God says, 'What did you do to this farmer?'

He replied, 'God, I taught her. She was such a good student. She learned ...she learned all the prayers. And after six months, I felt my job was done. And I moved on. I thought I was doing exactly what you, God, would have wanted me to do'.

And God responds, '*How dare you? How dare you!* She has not prayed a day since you told her that she did it wrong. She was my best pray-er: every day, she would pray to me; she poured out her heart to me. But then you came along and told her she did it wrong. And now, she hasn't prayed. That is not your role. How dare you?!'

What we learned from this is even if we have all the rights and the rituals, the smells, and the bells and the choreography, there is no right or wrong.



The best prayers are the ones that are genuine, whether they be written down, or whether they be in our hearts, whether they be at prescribed times, or spontaneous ones.

The ones that affect us are the ones that we feel there is no wrong way to pray.

From The Pandemic Task Force:

WHICH MASKS GIVES YOU THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST COVID?

The most effective masks against COVID are those that are **LEVEL 3**: (97-99% effective)

BFE = Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (Good)

PFE = Partical Filtration Efficiency (Better)

VFE = VIRUS Filtration Efficiency (Best)

Your mask should be worn over your nose and mouth and closed in at the sides for the best protection. Cloth masks are not as effective.

For more information go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>



A message from our Sisterhood Vice President - Karen (Kish) Jarmon



So, What's New? *Updates from your Sisterhood*

Sisterhood Shabbat Services in December and January. On Friday evening, December 10, 18 Sisterhood members joined together in the sanctuary to lead the Shabbat service. Our Sisterhood Treasurer, Phyllis Bentley, led the service. Nancy Holstein and Cya Ashley led us in prayers and songs, warming our hearts with their beautiful voices. Please join us again for another Sisterhood in-synagogue service on Friday, January 14. The service will start at 5:30pm. Please remember that everyone attending the service must be fully vaccinated with at least two shots, must present proof of vaccination, and wear a face mask according to the recently announced requirements from the Pandemic Task Force.

Sol Y Luna Lunch Gathering in January. Mark your calendar for Monday, January 17 at 12 noon to come together for a delightful lunch at Sol Y Luna. We look forward to having a chance to spend time with friends in a safe environment. Our thanks to Joan Kershner, our VP of Programming, for organizing this January outing.

Pardee UNC Health Care presentation at AIC. On Monday, December 20, Pardee UNC Health Care representatives came to AIC to speak about our local premiere medical organization's history and future as well as answer our questions concerning the ongoing COVID pandemic. It was a very informative session enjoyed by nearly 20 Sisterhood members.

Don't forget your Judaica Boutique "members only" discount. The Sisterhood Judaica Boutique is continuing to offer a **10% discount to AIC members only** with a cash or check sale. We all love a sale, so stop by to see all the new items and enjoy the savings!

Get involved and make Sisterhood great in 2022. Now is the time to be active in Sisterhood. Join us as we plan for 2022. Get involved in working on the Fashion Show & Luncheon planned for this summer. Share your ideas about ways we can support our members and our community. As a Sisterhood member, you are 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 Hendersonville community. For more information on how to get involved, contact Marlene Wiener, Membership Secretary, at marlenewiener@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. As we begin the New Year, we hope to once again be able to enjoy the camaraderie Sisterhood offers. Please know that your well-being and safety always come first. Be sure to check your email and Weekly Agudas Updates for the latest Sisterhood news.

If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to us.
Karen "Kish" Jarmon, VP, AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com.



If you should need a ride to a Sisterhood daytime event or luncheon, Barbara Leviton has graciously offered to pick up any Sisterhood member who would like a ride (within the Hendersonville local area).

Contact Barbara: phone 828-595-9405 or cell 954-699-4278; or email barbaraleviton@outlook.com at least a few days before the event.

Sisterhood Lunch Out

SOL Y LUNA BAR & GRILL

Monday, January 17, 12 noon

1715 Brevard Road, Laurel Park

RSVP BY JANUARY 14
to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net

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.

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

Please contact [Rebecca Lebowitz](#) 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.

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 Phyllis Fish Mel Hecht
Darin Jennings Vicky Lieber Linda Perkel
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.*

From The Board Room

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, ***We wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2022!*** This coming year will



provide many exciting opportunities for us to gather and celebrate the wonderful accomplishment of the 100th Anniversary of Agudas Israel Congregation. You will find information on the exciting events that Zsa Lobel and The Centennial Committee have planned in *Chai Lites*, weekly email updates and communication from the Centennial Committee. We will learn of the history of our Congregation and celebrate through several fun events throughout the year. As always, the success of such a grand undertaking depends on everyone's participation.

Rabbi Jackson's Sabbatical continues through the month of January. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Richard Tanker or a member of the Board. Davina also has information on who to contact for situations that might arise.

Please note the policy adopted by the Board at our December meeting upon the request of the Pandemic Task Force. Everyone who enters our building must provide proof of full vaccination, having had at least two shots of the vaccine. After much research on the part of the Pandemic Task Force and discussion by the Board, we feel that it necessary to require this policy for the protection of our Congregation. Please note that masks are still required while inside the building. Thank you in advance for helping us to do all we can to keep our Congregation safe and healthy.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone as we begin our celebration of Agudas Israel Congregation!

Stay well!

-- Sue Hassett, AIC Secretary

susanhasettaic@gmail.com

*Wishing you
and yours a Very
Happy & Healthy
2022 !*

Member Menschlichkeit

The translation of **Menschlichkeit** is Humanity....for us, we are recognizing those members who have exhibited acts to enrich our congregation and our community.

If you would like to nominate one of our members for Member *Menschlichkeit*, please contact our membership chair, Jay Naparstek, at 508-769-8495 or jnaparstek@msn.com or call the Agudas office.



This month, we thank **Bonnie Cooper**, who is involved with so many aspects of our Temple life that it would be impossible to list them all. Bonnie is a ONE (WO)MAN SHOW. Her knowledge about all things Agudas Israel keeps everything humming, and we all know who to turn to when we have questions.

While we thank Bonnie for everything she does, this month, we want to recognize her extraordinary efforts while she was in Hong Kong visiting her new grandson.

Bonnie first spent much time preparing things for us before she left, so no one was left high and dry. While in Hong Kong, she continued with all of her Agudas Israel jobs by email and *Zoom*, including putting together the December issue of *Chai Lites*, continuing to lead the Pandemic Task Force, and ensuring that the work of the other various committees that she chairs continued. She also participated in Board meetings and responded to many, many Agudas related questions.

We all know there are so many things to thank Bonnie for. This month we want to thank her for all she did from 8,000 miles away! (That's way farther away than Jeff Bezos went in his Blue Horizon spaceship!)

--Submitted by Jay Naparstek, Membership Chair, as written by Vicky Lieber

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Ritual Committee

A Note About Trees

It's January! The time of year we can look forward to colder weather and even worse driving conditions on I-26.

On a happier note, there's **Tu B'Shevat**, aka the New Year for Trees.

The things you learn online! For instance, I did not know that if you plant a tree on *Shevat 14*, it begins it's second year the next day, but if you plant a tree on *Shevat 16*, it does not reach it's second year until the NEXT *Tu B'Shevat*. Now I realize this won't keep most of us up nights, but I do like the back story of this holiday in Israel.



In the diaspora, the holiday of *Tu B'Shevat* was treated as the Jewish "Earth Day". In 1890, Rabbi Ze'ev Yavetz, one of the founders of the Mizrachi movement, and his students planted trees in the agricultural colony of Zichron Yaakov. In 1908 this custom was adopted by the Jewish Teachers Union, and later by the Jewish National Fund.

In the early 20th century, the Jewish National Fund devoted the day to planting eucalyptus trees to stop the plague of malaria in the Hula Valley. And today the organization still schedules major tree planting events in large forests every *Tu B'Shevat*. And on kibbutzim today, it is celebrated as an agricultural holiday.

Did you know? The idea of this holiday is as an observance of the revival of nature, and many institutions in Israel chose this day for their inauguration. The cornerstone-laying of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem took place on this date in 1918, and the Knesset in 1949.

More than you wanted to know? Want to know more? Check out the website jewishvirtuallibrary.org.

If you are interested in planting a tree in Israel, contact our Sisterhood VP, Kish Jarmon at AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com.



Love from Your Ritual Committee

Community Involvement Mitzvah Opportunities-January



Because of the very high demand, Agudas Israel is continuing the warm clothing collection drive during the month of January to help those in need survive the cold winter temperatures.

There are more people out of work and in need of our help during these challenging times.

We are collecting coats, warm sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks, boots, and blankets for IAM (Interfaith Assistance Ministry).

Please bring new or gently used and clean items to Agudas and place in the specially marked blue bin.

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO GO THROUGH YOUR DRAWERS AND CLOSETS FOR ITEMS YOU NO LONGER WEAR BUT CAN BE A REAL TREAT FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Contact Laurel Ela if you have any questions:
laurelarnp@gmail.com

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 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**.*

SIMCHA SPOT 🥰



Mazel Tov to Marlene and Ray Wiener on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Maci Leigh Gowan. She was born on December 7th and weighed 7lbs. and 5oz. Her parents are Rebekah Maze and Chris Gowan. Both Mother and Baby are doing well.

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood will be having an in person meeting at AIC on **Sunday, January 23 at 9:30 am**. We'll send out an email for members to RSVP. Breakfast to be served. Proof of Vaccinations required. Either email a photo to: Agudasisrael@gmail.com or bring card with you. Masks will be required when you are not eating or drinking.

Any questions about the Brotherhood, please contact either of the co-presidents: Neal Sutker at sutker123@gmail.com or Jeff Lewis at drjeff6@gmail.com.

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](mailto:ZsaLobel@gmail.com) 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.



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+**

Dr. Linda Perkel

☆ **PATRONS \$500+**

Dr. Michael & Barbara Beckerman
Barbara Gittleman
Stuart Rubin

☆ **BENEFACTORS \$750**

Vicky Lieber (*In memory of Ed*)
Jan Finander Scott

☆ **TRUSTEES \$1000+**

Natalie Zitnick

☆ **HERITAGE CIRCLE \$1800+**

Joan & Irv Kershner
Dr. Sue Kopel

☆ **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

Vicky Lieber

Dr. Linda Perkel

Stuart Rubin

Deanna Salpeter Warshauer

Marlene & Ray Wiener

Natalie Zitnick

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.

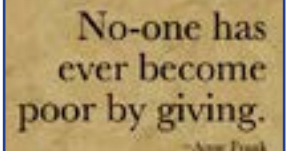
According to the Talmud, giving is as important as all of the other commandments combined.

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 12.
- 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. (On hold due to COVID).
- 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 the office for more information.
- Sisterhood Beautification Committee Fund** to help beautify and enhance our synagogue.

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



Yahrzeit List for January

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

| NAME: | OBSERVED ON: | OBSERVED BY: | RELATION: | NAME: | OBSERVED ON: | OBSERVED BY: | RELATION: |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Names read on 1/07/2022: | | | | Names read on 1/21/2022: | | | |
| Pamela Pinks* | 1/7 | | | Theodore Becker* | 1/21 | | |
| Babette Thorpe | 1/7 | Iris Vanek | Mother | Leah Bernstein* | 1/21 | | |
| Mildred B. Weintraub | 1/7 | Ron Weintraub | Mother | Sarah Fosman* | 1/21 | | |
| Morris Weisberg* | 1/7 | | | Joseph Kaplan Sr.* | 1/21 | | |
| Harry Bernstein* | 1/8 | | | Jack Nathan* | 1/21 | | |
| Joe Israel* | 1/9 | | | Harry Patterson* | 1/21 | | |
| Harry Zoller* | 1/9 | | | Morris Fosman* | 1/22 | | |
| Harry Cohen* | 1/10 | | | Rose Israel* | 1/23 | | |
| Hyman Goldstein* | 1/10 | | | Henry Morgan Farrar* | 1/24 | | |
| Edwin Buchman | 1/11 | Vicky Lieber | Grandfather | John Kronefeld* | 1/24 | Barbara Ehrlich | Uncle |
| Max Weintraub | 1/11 | Ron Weintraub | Father | Ralph Linder* | 1/24 | Bernd Linder | Brother |
| Bessie Fred Patterson* | 1/12 | | | Mary Zitnick | 1/24 | Natalie Zitnick | Mother-in-law |
| Billie Fike | 1/13 | Cya Ashley | Mother | Names read on 1/28/2022: | | | |
| Carl H. Schlosburg* | 1/13 | | | Sarah A. Hornstein* | 1/25 | Adele G. Kosowsky | Mother |
| Names read on 1/14/2022: | | | | Ruth Gittleman* | 1/26 | Linda Liebman | Mother |
| William Gilmore | 1/14 | Cya Ashley | Friend | | | Claudia Rudes | Mother |
| Max Karp* | 1/15 | | | | | Barbara Gittleman | Mother-in-law |
| Manuel Rudes | 1/15 | Barry Rudes | Father | Larry Patterson* | 1/26 | | |
| Max Schlessinger* | 1/15 | | | Jacob J. Simonhoff* | 1/26 | | |
| Evelyn B. Schulman* | 1/15 | | | Esther Krawcheck* | 1/28 | | |
| Bella Cohen* | 1/17 | | | Faye V. Shumsky* | 1/28 | | |
| Irving I. Levitt* | 1/17 | | | Nathan Tarlow* | 1/28 | | |
| Leonard Kellerman* | 1/18 | | | Jean Israel Farrar* | 1/29 | | |
| Seymour Lieberman* | 1/18 | Hermine Pasternack | Uncle | Kate Kaplan* | 1/29 | | |
| Belle Steinberg* | 1/18 | | | High Salpeter | 1/29 | Deanna S. Warshauer | 1 st Father-in-law |
| Lloyd Fike | 1/19 | Cya Ashley | Father | Glen Zerden* | 1/30 | | |
| Rose Levy* | 1/19 | | | Sam Beckerman* | 1/31 | Dr. Mike Beckerman | Grandfather |
| Daniel Brown* | 1/20 | | | George Garth* | 1/31 | | |
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| | | | | Marshall Warshauer* | 1/31 | Deanna S. Warshauer | 2nd Husband |

See page 9 for ways to remember your loved ones.

IF WE HAVE OMITTED THE YAHRZEIT OF YOUR LOVED ONE, OR LISTED IT INCORRECTLY, PLEASE CONTACT THE AGUDAS OFFICE TO CORRECT OUR RECORDS. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

Mourner's Kaddish:

Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-me ra-ba
 be-al-ma di-ve-ra chi-re-u-tei, ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei
 be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol beit Yis-ra-eil,
 ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.
 Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei al-ma-ya.
 Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam
 ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar ve-yit-a-leh v-yit-ha-lai
 she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich hu,
 le-el-la min kol bi-re-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta,
 tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma,
 ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.
 Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya
 ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.
 O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom
 a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.



**When someone you love
 becomes a memory,
 the memory becomes
 a treasure...**

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Anniversaries & Birthdays for December

ANNIVERSARIES:

Steven & Dr. Judi Berson Levinson Jan. 4 35th anniversary

BIRTHDAYS:

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Steven Maier | Jan. 8 |
| David Kaplan | Jan. 9 |
| Tim Aldrich | Jan. 15 |
| Danyul Jackson | Jan. 20 |
| Elissa Kaplan | Jan. 22 |
| Lori Rosenthal | Jan. 25 |
| Ezra Grossman | Jan. 27 |
| Richard Tanker | Jan. 27 |
| Nancy Weintraub | Jan. 30 |



Please let the office know if we missed your special day so that our records can be updated.



Wish your Congregational Family a Mazel Tov and a Happy and Healthy Birthday and/or Anniversary! See page 9 for suggestions.

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.

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January 2022 Tevet/Shevat 5782

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 (28) NEW YEAR'S DAY Parashat Vaera <i>No Torah Study Today</i> |
| | | | | | | |
| 2 (29) | 3 (1) | 4 (2) | 5 (3) 10:00am Ritual Committee Meeting (In person and on Zoom) <i>No Lunch 'N Learn Today</i> | 6 (4) 12:30pm Forward Group Meeting (In person and on Zoom) | 7 (5) 5:30pm Shabbat Services (In person only) | 8 (6) Parashat Bo 10:30am Torah Study (In person and on Zoom) |
| 9 (7) | 10 (8) 11:00am Sisterhood Board Meeting | 11 (9) 10:00am Caring Committee Meeting 7:00pm AIC Board Meeting | 12 (10) 12:00 Lunch 'N Learn (In person and on Zoom) | 13 (11) 12:30pm Forward Group Meeting (In person and on Zoom) | 14 (12) 5:30pm Shabbat Services (In person only) | 15 (13) Parashat Beshalach 10:30am Torah Study (In person and on Zoom) |
| 16 (14) | 17 (15) 11:45am Sisterhood Lunch at Sol y Luna | 18 (16) | 19 (17) 12:00 Lunch 'N Learn (In person and on Zoom) | 20 (18) 12:30pm Forward Group Meeting (In person and on Zoom) | 21 (19) 5:30pm Shabbat Services (In person only) | 22 (20) Parashat Yitro 10:30am Torah Study (In person and on Zoom) |
| 23 (21) 9:30am Brotherhood Meeting at AIC | 24 (22) | 25 (23) | 26 (24) 12:00 Lunch 'N Learn (In person and on Zoom) | 27 (25) 12:30pm Forward Group Meeting (In person and on Zoom) | 28 (26) 5:30pm Shabbat Services (In person only) | 29 (27) Parashat Mishpatim 10:30am Torah Service (In person and on Zoom) |
| 30 (28) | 31 (29) | | | | | |

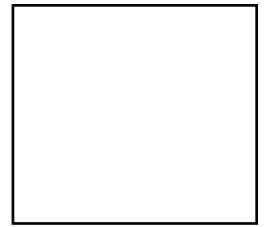


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