



Agudas Israel Congregation

Chai Lites

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Welcome Back Rabbi Rachael Jackson

Rabbi Jackson will return from her sabbatical on February 1st and will be leading Shabbat Service on February 4th at 5:30pm... Let's all be there to show her how much she was missed!

SHABBAT SERVICE TIME

Fridays at
5:30pm

The Agudas Israel Board of Trustees has accepted the recommendations made 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.

**STOP THE
SPREAD
TO ENTER**



**PROOF OF COVID-19
VACCINATION
REQUIRED**

Members of
Agudas Israel Congregation
are invited to the

Centennial Kick-Off

Celebrating 100 years
of Hendersonville's
Jewish Community
1922-2022

Honoring Our Past—
Building Our Future

Sunday, Feb. 13
Wine & Cheese 5-7 pm

Please RSVP to
Agudas100@gmail.com

{Note to Super Bowl lovers: we will have the Big Screen set up at 6pm}

For your protection all attendees **MUST** show proof of COVID vaccinations and **MUST** wear a mask when not eating.

See page 2 & 3 for more Centennial Celebrations.

President's Message

Greetings members and friends.

The Rabbi has returned from Sabbatical and we are returning to our full schedule of activities, weather permitting. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who gave of their time for Shabbat services, torah study, and lunch 'n learn, as well as those who filled other roles to keep us running smoothly.

Our Centennial committee, led by Zsa Lobel, has several exciting events planned to mark and celebrate our 100th anniversary. The first such event is the **Centennial Kick-off**, a wine and cheese event scheduled for **Sunday, February 13 from 5 to 7pm**. I hope all of you can make it. **(Note for Super Bowl Lovers: we will have the big screen set up at 6pm.)**

Please remember that anyone entering the synagogue must show proof of vaccination or have proof on record. Masks also are required. The omicron variant appears to be highly contagious. Let's be safe for everyone's benefit.

Purim is just around the corner, so Spring can't be far behind! I am looking forward to our usual raucous celebration.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me by email (richardtankaic@gmail.com) or phone (828-808-0715) with any questions or comments.

Be well and be kind.

Richard Tanker, President

From The Board Room

We have an exciting Centennial Celebration year ahead of us! There will be many opportunities for us to celebrate our Congregation's past and future together and with our community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on **Sunday, February 13th** for the **Wine & Cheese Kick-off** and hope you will participate in the **\$100 for 100 Years Challenge** (see below.) Please RSVP to Agudas100@gmail.com.



Please remember that all who enter our building are required to provide **proof of vaccination** and to **wear a mask**. Davina has been compiling a list of those who have provided her with proof of vaccination. If you haven't already done so, please present this information to her. This list will be used by the Board member sitting on the Bimah on Friday nights and all who host events, meetings and classes to assure that all who enter the synagogue have been vaccinated. If you are unable to provide Davina with this information, be sure to bring your vaccination card with you. We appreciate everyone's assistance in our attempt to protect the health of our congregational family.

Special thanks to all of those who participated in filling in for Rabbi Jackson during her Sabbatical.

Stay well and let the celebrations begin!

-- Sue Hassett, AIC Secretary
susanhassettaic@gmail.com

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 jnparstek@msn.com or call the Agudas office.

\$100 for 100 Years Challenge

You should have received this challenge in your mail :

What? Agudas Israel Congregation is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Founded in 1922, we are "The Center for Jewish Living in Henderson County".

Why? Please join our members and friends in support of Agudas Israel Congregation.

YOUR GIFT OF \$100 will help sustain our congregation and make it easier to plan an outstanding "Centennial Celebration".

When? The challenge is NOW! Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. Lots of exciting and meaningful experiences and programs are being planned to commemorate this momentous event.

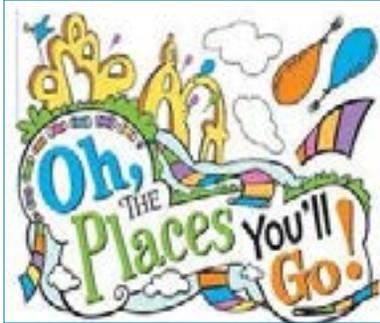
Please send your check to Agudas-marked 100 for 100.

Thank you for your support of Agudas Israel – yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Centennial Celebration

Oh, The Places You'll Go!

On Sunday, April 3rd, we continue our Centennial journey as we hold a **Silent and Live Auction** with a destination theme at Agudas. We take to heart the words of our favorite childhood author when he says, *"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.*



You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." We are asking that you put feet in your shoes and steer these donations our way as we celebrate our 100 years of history. To travel to our destinations, we need you to put your brains to good use and **ask, ask, ask everyone you know.**

- Do you have a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague who owns a **vacation property** which is vacant during certain times of the year (a ski destination in the summer time, a beach place in the off-season)? Would they be happy to donate two days of lodging to us?
- Do you have a favorite **spa or salon** that would be happy to give us a day at their spa or salon in return for marketing their business to our congregation?
- Do you have a favorite **restaurant** that would give us a certificate for a dinner for two?
- Would you be willing to **host a fancy Dinner for Six** at your home?
- How about that wonderful **caterer** that you know? Could she or he craft a special dinner for four friends at someone's home?
- Do you know a **florist** that would donate delivery of six months of flowers to a special person of your choice?
- How about that **golf, tennis or sports club** you belong to? Would they donate a few rounds or even a season of golf to one of our golf enthusiast members? How about a year's **gym membership**?

Everyone knows someone who would like to promote their business to our congregation by contributing a tax free donation to a worthy cause or someone who has a destination asset they don't always use.

First of all, mark April 3rd on your calendar and join us as we celebrate our next Centennial event. We will host fancy desserts and beverages and offer free admission to our congregants and the community. The event will be publicized to the community in the various event calendars. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime **"put feet in your shoes" and ask, ask, ask.**

"You know what you know and YOU are the one that will decide where to go!"

You and your donors can contact ZsaLobel at agudas100@gmail.com with any questions about this exciting event and how to donate.

Spotlight on:

Our Centennial "Epicurean Experts"

As a part of our Centennial focus, we'll be highlighting some of our hardworking Chai Centennial Committee members who are making our many events meaningful and special in 2022.



Barbara Gittleman

In this issue, we spotlight our "Epicurean Experts" who will be organizing all manner of food for our events. *After all, we're Jewish and we don't do anything without food, so this group of women are crucial to our amazing events.*



Karen Murray

(Privately we call them the "Food Ladies" but instead we've given them a more exalted name as the "Epicurean Experts".)

This hardworking sub-committee will make sure that all our food offerings for the events will not only be delicious and presented elegantly, but will follow the Pandemic Task Force guidelines. Whether it is cheese platters, beautiful desserts or a full-fledged Gala, our gastronomes are full of creative ideas that will bedazzle us at every turn.



Natalie Zitnick

As you attend our Centennial events this year, please be sure you thank these amazing ladies for their work in the epicurean trenches. Look for their special Centennial aprons as they ply their trade. Their work in the background will make every event special and memorable because of their motto: **"Good food brings people together and nourishes the soul."**



Special THANK YOU to William Manofsky (talented neighbor of Nancy & Gerry Holstein) for this beautiful painting of our synagogue.

Inspirational poem by Richard Morgan

SATURDAY LESSONS

Saturdays at Grandpa Jacob's,
Sitting for hours in the sun,
We'd study Torah and the law,
Then sing Yiddish songs just for fun.

His lessons were very gentle;
Many times he made me laugh.
As I grew older he'd remind me
Moses held both book and staff.

The last Saturday I saw him
We sat together on his bench.
For a moment he stopped teaching,
Whispered, "*All this means is,
Be a mench.*"

For those who do not know him, Richard Morgan is a member of the Agudas Israel Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee and can often be found teaching Saturday morning Torah Study as well as teaching classes on poetry at Blue Ridge. His books are available in the Judaica Boutique.

Nominating Committee



The Nominating Committee will be meeting shortly to begin selecting the slate of officers for the 2022-2024 Agudas Israel Board of Trustees.

These nominees will be installed June 2022 for a two- year term beginning July 1, 2022.

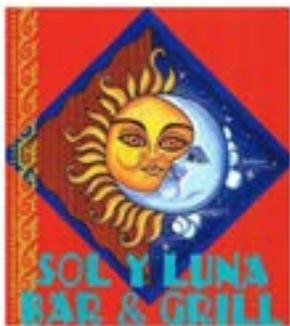
If you would like to be considered for a position or would like to submit a nomination of a member in good standing, please send submit the nominee's name to Bonnie Cooper, bonniescooper@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Bonnie Cooper,
Immediate Past President,
Chair of Nominating Committee



Sisterhood Lunch Out

RESCHEDULED



Monday, February 21, 12 noon

1715 Brevard Road, Laurel Park

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 18

to Joan Kershner at
kershner@morrisbb.net



Join Us — Free Lunch*

Monday, Mar. 21 at 12noon

Agudas Israel Social Hall

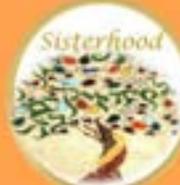
Sisterhood Soup Luncheon

Homemade!



Yummy!

RSVP by Mar. 18 to
Joan Kershner
kershner@morrisbb.net



Lunch is no charge. Of course,
donations are welcomed.

Please follow Agudas pandemic regulations in the building: proof of 2 or more vaccinations & face masks required.

A message from Sisterhood Vice President - Kish Jarmon



So, What's New? Updates from your Sisterhood



Call for Nominations. The Sisterhood Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for open Board of Trustee positions for 2022-2024. A final slate will be voted on in May and nominees will be installed in June for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2022. All nominees must be Sisterhood members. Positions to be filled are: President; Vice President (2 executive committee openings); and Trustee (2 openings – duties assigned as needed). If you are interested in any open position or wish to suggest a Sisterhood member for a position, please send your nominations to Karen Murray, Chair, Nominating Committee, at n55402@yahoo.com by February 28.

January Shabbat Service. On Friday, Jan. 14, 15 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. Our sincere thanks to our Sisterhood members who participated in this Shabbat service.



February Lunch Out at Sol Y Luna. We missed our lunch out at Sol Y Luna in January due to the snowstorm. Not to worry – it's rescheduled for Monday, February 21 at 12 noon. Join your Sisterhood friends for good food and fun at one of our favorite local eateries. Please RSVP to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net by Friday, Feb. 18. (See page 4)

Warm Up With Soup in March. On Monday, Mar. 21 at 12 noon, join us for a yummy Sisterhood Soup Luncheon in the Agudas social hall. Come and dine on delicious soups made by Sisterhood members. This is the perfect way to warm up on a cold day and best of all, there is no charge (of course, feel free to leave a little donation). Please RSVP to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net by Friday, Mar. 18. (See page 4)



Please remember to stay safe and follow our Pandemic Task Force regulations that apply to anyone in the building:

- Be fully vaccinated with at least two shots.
- Present proof of vaccination when entering or have sent a copy of your vaccination card to the Agudas office.
- Wear a face mask and practice social distancing. It's okay to remove your mask while eating.

Thank you for following these regulations that are in place to keep us all healthy and safe.

Sisterhood is Growing. Welcome to our newest members Zsa Lobel and Lori Jo Meckler. We look forward to seeing you at our events and having you join us as we plan for activities this year. 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. 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 barbaralevito@outlook.com at least a few days before the event.

Brotherhood



The Brotherhood will be having an in-person meeting at AIC on **Sunday, February 20 at 9:30 am**. We'll send out an email for members to RSVP. Breakfast to be served. Proof of vaccinations are required. Either email proof of vaccination to: Agudasisrael@gmail.com or bring your card with you. Masks will be required when you are not eating or drinking.

Welcome to our newest member, Adam Sheinsohn.

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.

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 Linda Perkel Frank Skolnick
 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.*

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.



We would like to recognize and thank all of those who contributed their time, energy, and expertise to help our synagogue run smoothly while Rabbi Jackson was on sabbatical during December and January:



Shabbat Services: Rabbi Sandy Marcus, Rabbi Phil Bentley, Cya Ashley, Debbie Lavine, The Ritual Committee, and the Women of Sisterhood.

Torah Study: Richard Morgan, Marlene Wiener, and Rabbi Phil Bentley

Lunch 'n Learn: Richard Morgan, Marlene Wiener, Zsa Lobel, and Frieda Hodes

From The Pandemic Task Force:

WHICH MASK 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.

Note: 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>

To obtain your free COVID tests go to:

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Pharmacies Participating in COVID-19 Vaccination-CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html>

Ritual Committee

What can one say about February?

It's usually cold, often times slushy and sloshy and sloppy, with a dash of ice for good measure. There's a groundhog in Pennsylvania that gets a lot of press every February. My dad was born in February. But in 2022, in terms of Jewish holidays, not much going on!



But wait! February is the month Rabbi Jackson returns! It's also the month we'll begin planning for **Purim in March** and **Pesach in April**, and hopefully we'll be able to observe both as a community. Of course, the observance of either will once again be at the mercy of (yep, still a threat) COVID.

Remember how we joined together to mark occasions in the good ol' days? You know, before a world-wide pandemic changed how we live? I still have pictures from Purim gatherings of past years on my phone! How about the year when Rabbi had a few 'select' participants read the Megillah in different voices? Didn't we have one year when Queen Esther was a baritone? Who among us remembers Purim and Pesach from the 90s? 80s? 70s? Point being, we are here in our 100th year and Agudas Israel Congregation is made up of a century of memories.

If rituals are gold, Judaism is rich beyond imagining. Throughout history, we have been forced by circumstances beyond our control to reimagine our rituals and observances while staying true to the fundamentals of our religion. So here we are, in the year 5782, and we're doing it again.

And with 100 years of memories to stand on, we can surely find a way to uphold a few thousand years of history and tradition, right? *Right!*

With love from your Ritual Committee

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.

Community Involvement Mitzvah Opportunities

Blood is desperately needed. Although we are not hosting a blood drive at this time, if you can, donate blood.

Please contact **THE BLOOD CONNECTION** at 825 Spartanburg Highway, Hendersonville. Call 828-233-5301 for an appointment.

Hours are:

Mon-Fri: 7am-7pm; Sat-Sun: 7am-5pm



**THE BLOOD
CONNECTION**

Your Community Blood Center

MIGRANT WORKERS GIFT BAGS

Agudas Israel **Community Involvement Team** will be joining forces with Heart of Hendersonville Immigration Task Force and members of Unitarian Universalist (UU's) Social Justice Committee sometime in March to collect and assemble gift bags for the many Migrant Workers that come into our area. We will be arranging a drive up and drop off date and time to collect the much needed items.

Please watch for an email to let you know what they need and the time for the drop off.

Without your help and the donations of items, we cannot succeed. Your support with this project is priceless! Thank you to those of you willing to be a part of this project!

***"If you ate today,
thank a migrant worker."***

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**.*

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 11.
- 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.

No-one has ever become poor by giving.

Yahrzeit List for Feb. & March

* 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 2/04:				Names read on 2/25:			
Ursula Hamm	2/1	Joan Kershner	Cousin	Elaine B. Horwitz*	3/1	Phyllis Bentley	Mother
Katherine Schulman*	2/1			Alfred Werther	3/3	Marlene W. Wiener	Father
Henrietta Ehrlich*	2/2			Names read on 3/4			
Lewis Richards	2/2	Bill Lavine	Father	Morris Bratin	3/4	Phyllis Bentley	Father
Abe Israel*	2/3			Judith Schwartz	3/4	Laurel Ela	Friend
Elaine Ehrlich Cohen*	2/4			Minnie G. Williams*	3/5	Sidney Williams	Grandmother
Claire Eskenasy	2/4	Diane A. Eskenasy	Aunt	Eileen Stang		Eileen Stang	Grandmother
Harry Mottzman*	2/4	Dr. Mike Beckerman	Grandfather	David Kaplan		David Kaplan	Grandmother
Ely Provda*	2/4			Sadie Gold Liebman	3/8	Avery Blatt	Great Grandmother
Rosa Cooley*	2/5			Katherine Bosworth	3/9	Joyce Lennert	Mother
Lorna Wise	2/5	Avery Blatt	Grandmother	Names read on 3/11			
Ida Godfried Harris*	2/6			Harry Perkel	3/11	Dr. Linda Perkel	Father-in-law
Ray Weitz*	2/6			Jerry Mandelbaum	3/12	Debbie Lavine	Father
Jacob M. Williams*	2/6	Sidney Williams	Uncle	Dr. Norman Polansky	3/15	Nancy Polansky	
		Eileen Stang	Uncle	Anna Shuster	3/16	Vicky Lieber	Mother-in-law
		David Kaplan	Uncle	Names read on 3/18			
Frances Rose Cohen*	2/7			Cele Grayman	3/19	Burt Grayman	Mother
Felix Kellerman*	2/7			Arline Lieber	3/19	Vicky Lieber	Ed's 1st Wife
Anshel Zeder	2/7	Frieda Hodes	Father	Michael Hodes	3/20	Frieda Hodes	Husband
Harry Friedson*	2/8			Ilse Schwarz	3/22	Joan Kershner	Mother
Rose Bernstein*	2/9			Mildred Wise	3/24	Laurel Ela	Mother
Rena B. Rosenfeld*	2/9			Names read on 3/25			
Names read on 2/11:				Sophie Salatino	3/26	Jerry Salatino	Mother
Roslyn T. Amelkin*	2/11			Naomi Zeder	3/27	Frieda Hodes	Mother
Murry Shuster	2/11	Vicky Lieber	Brother-in-law	Robert Dorfman	3/28	Audrey Shemesh	Father
Helen Fish	2/12	Phyllis Fish	Mother-in-law	Betty Lebowitz	3/29	Dr. Arthur Lebowitz	Mother
Isaac Goodman*	2/12			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.			
Jessica D. Savitt*	2/12						
Ruth Berger	2/14	Debra Abel					
David King Pinks*	2/14						
Morris Ehrlich*	2/15						
Anna Schulman*	2/16						
Patrick Joseph Crane*	2/17	Peter Crane	Son				
Sally Crane	2/17	Peter Crane					
Steven Schwartz	2/17	Laurel Ela	Friend				
Rosa (Fred) Shprintz*	2/17						
Names read on 2/18:				Mourner's Kaddish:			
Isidore Lax	2/18	Leslie Maier	Father	Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-me ra-ba			
Scott Foster*	2/19	Lenore Foster	Husband	be-al-ma di-ve-ra chi-re-u-tei, ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei			
Abraham Heller*	2/19			be-cha-yei-chon u-ve-yo-mei-chon u-ve-cha-yei de-chol			
Freda Levitt*	2/19			beit Yis-ra-eil,			
Jack Riesman*	2/19			ba-a-ga-la u-vi-ze-man ka-riv, ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.			
Jack Schulman*	2/20			Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach le-a-lam u-le-al-mei			
William Chubin	2/21	Joyce Lennert	Father	al-ma-ya.			
Charlotte Lax	2/21	Leslie Maier	Mother	Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach, ve-yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam			
Mildred (Mitzi) Lerner*	2/21			ve-yit-na-sei, ve-yit-ha-dar ve-yit-a-leh v-yit-ha-lai			
John K. Wagner	2/21	Nancy Weintraub	Father	she-mei de-ku-de-sha, be-rich hu,			
David Zitnick	2/21	Natalie Zitnick	Father-in-law	le-el-la min kol bi-re-cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta,			
Abraham Orenstein*	2/23			tush-be-cha-ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran be-al-ma,			
Larry Kopel*	2/24	Sue Kopel	Husband	ve-i-me-ru: a-mein.			
Martha Maier	2/24	Steven Maier	Mother	Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-ma-ya			
David Richard Wise	2/24	Avery Blatt	Grandfather	ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru:			
Names read on 2/25:				a-mein.			
Nathan Brenner*	2/25			O-seh sha-lom bi-me-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom			
Joseph Heller*	2/25			a-lei-nu ve-al kol Yis-ra-eil, ve-i-me-ru: A-mein.			
Cecelia Buchman	2/26	Vicky Lieber	Grandmother				
Samuel Buchman	2/26	Vicky Lieber	Father				
Lillian Cohen*	2/27						

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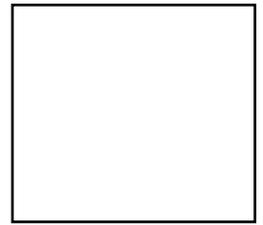


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