



Agudas Israel Congregation

Chai Lites

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Message from Rabbi Rachael Jackson



A few weeks ago I was reflecting on where we are. Purim in March of 2020 was the last time we met before making the difficult decision to shutter our doors for the pandemic. This last Purim of March 2022 (thanks to all our cast, you were hilarious and fantastic!) we were together again, enjoying seeing each other's smiling faces, dining on homemade hamantaschen, and just having a good time all around.

Jewish Family Services has once again partnered with us to host Elder Club Group on Tuesdays. Our Lunch 'n Learn and Forward groups continue to meet. Events and fundraising through our Centennial Committee (thanks to the incredible leadership of Zsa) have the social hall buzzing. And more and more things to list.

After two years, it looks like we're picking up where we left off. At least, we're getting there.

Part of Judaism that is profound for individuals and for communities is our focus on remembrance. As it relates to the last couple years, we mustn't allow ourselves to bury what was in the recesses of our hearts and minds. There is a healing which needs to happen. A rebuilding of trust and comfort in community. An understanding that each of us experienced this time differently and will also process the present moment differently.

Although we pivoted in many ways in our lives and we may not have to do so any more, let us choose to learn what is worth keeping. For a small example, the holiday of *Shavuot* is often marked by a late-night study-a-thon (and cheesecake!), something which is not feasible in congregations our size. But thanks to video technology, we have partnered with dozens of other small congregations throughout the country to engage in this tradition. It's incredibly beautiful to learn from so many others and there is no reason not to keep doing this (and so we will!).

So as we approach a time in which we are feeling good and returning to "normal" (whatever that really is), let us keep what worked and what was good. Let us reflect on how we can move into this month with hope and remembrance.

With prayers for abundant blessings,
Rabbi Rachael Jackson (agudasrabbi@gmail.com)



The Centennial Celebration continues with a casual evening of excitement to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

When: Sunday, April 3, 5-7 pm
What: Silent Auction of Destination Packages, Golf, Salons & Spa, Art & much more...
You do not want to miss the chance to bid on some great opportunities and items.

What Else?: Fancy desserts and beverages
Free to members and guests...

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

SEE MORE CENTENNIAL EVENTS ON PAGE 3



MASKS OPTIONAL
for Vaccinated Guests

The Board of Trustees has approved the recommendation of the *Agudas Israel Pandemic Task Force* to make mask wearing optional, at the discretion of the participant; however, those unvaccinated should continue to be denied admittance.

Mask wearing is continued to be recommended for anyone with a compromised immune system.

In-person attendance will continue to be limited to those who are fully vaccinated (including booster shots) or have received a negative PCR in the last 72 hours for age-eligible attendees.

STOP THE SPREAD TO ENTER



PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIRED

President's Message

Hello to All!

Spring has finally sprung! Hope you are all enjoying the great weather. Our Centennial celebration is under full swing. We have had great success so far in bringing our Agudas family and the community at large together for these wonderful events. Again, thanks to all our volunteers and supporters.

Purim was a blast, as always. Rabbi Jackson and the Ritual committee did a great job making both the service and the "speil" great fun. The hamentashens were delicious!

The Pandemic Task Force Committee has met and we have decided that masks now will be optional. We continue to require everyone entering the building to be vaccinated.

Through the hard work of our Building Committee, we have ordered new front doors for the building since the old doors are worn and in need of replacement. That should be happening sometime soon. Please excuse any inconvenience while the doors are being installed. We will let everyone know when that will happen.

Special thanks to our two retiring Board of Trustee members at the end of June...Sue Hassett and Richard Morgan. Sue served as secretary for two years and did an outstanding job keeping track of the board minutes and motions, and making sure all board members had all the documents they needed for our meetings. Richard served on the Finance Committee. His contributions were always thoughtful and useful both at the committee level and the board level, in addition to leading an occasional Torah Study. We thank them both for their dedicated service and hope that they will continue to support Agudas in any way that they can.

Please continue to pray for our friends and allies in Ukraine. 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*

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE RABBI JACKSON?



Simply **scan this QR code** with your phone's camera to make an appointment with Rabbi Jackson! This will take you right to her appointment website. Make an appointment for a phone call, a coffee break, a meeting at Agudas Israel, and beyond! Make an appointment for 15-30- or 45 minutes, or even an entire hour!

From The Board Room

The Board made a motion [*as a symbolic gesture*] in support of Ukraine. This motion was unanimously approved.



The nominating committee has submitted an excellent slate for 2022-23, beginning July 1, 2022. The slate is in this issue of the *Chai Lites* on page 4. Thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, a letter will be sent to all members reminding them to attend the meeting and vote.

All committees are working with the Finance Committee to prepare their Budgets for 2022-23, as well as their "wish list" for future special projects. The budget will also be submitted for approval at the June Annual Meeting.

We are excited about the upcoming Centennial Celebrations (see page 3). We are hoping to see all of you at these events. Zsa Lobel, Chair, and her committees are working continuously to bring us uplifting programs to properly acknowledge our 100 years.

The Board voted in support of the recommendation by our Pandemic Task Force Committee to make mask wearing optional, at the discretion of the participant. However, those unvaccinated will be denied admittance. We will continue to check vaccination cards at the door.

Submitted by Bonnie Cooper for Sue Hassett

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

The Membership Committee invites you to:

Post Passover Pizza in the Park

at The Park at Flat Rock

55 Highland Lake Golf Dr., Flat Rock, NC.



We will celebrate US
(our membership)
along with the end of Passover
with Pizza!

Sunday, April 24 - 12 Noon

Free to members

\$10 per person for nonmembers

Will include pizza, snacks, soft drinks, and friends
Rain or shine under the pavilion

RSVP requested for ordering purposes to Jay Naparstek by email at jnaparstek@msn.com or by phone or text at 508-769-8495.

Centennial Celebration Continues

100 FOR 100

\$100 for 100 Years Challenge

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED

Our Goal is to have 100% participation from our members!

It's not too late to send in your donation:

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.

MORE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Celebrating 100 years of Hendersonville's Jewish Community

1922-2022

Honoring our Past - Building Our Future

Mark your calendar:

You do not want to miss any of these exciting events:

"Our Hendersonville History & Our Legacy"

Sunday, July 10, 2 to 4pm

History Projects, Displays, Oral History and Multimedia presentation.

"Homecoming Gala"

Sunday, August 28, 5:30pm

Watch for details coming soon.

"We Celebrate Us"

Sunday, October 23

Watch for details coming soon.

"Art in The Lot..Again"

Sunday, May 22, 10am to 3pm

With the success of last year's outdoor Pop-Up Arts and Crafts Fair, we will be repeating this event in conjunction with the Centennial celebration.

Support local artists from Hendersonville, Asheville, and surrounding areas as well as reconnect with your fellow congregants who we have missed during the pandemic.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help the day of the event. Please contact Barbara MacLachlan at drbarb232@gmail.com to sign-up.

LOVE TO BAKE?? We will repeat our very successful bake sale again this year. What is your specialty? Rugalach? Mandelbrot? Cookies? Please let [Barbara MacLachlan](#) know what you will be baking.

HERITAGE AND HEIRLOOM JUDAICA FOR SALE:

If you have some "old" Judaica items that you are no longer enjoying, whether it is in your attic, basement, storage bin, or a wedding gift...Please donate it to us. Last year we had many buyers looking for these items and we sold out!!

Spotlight on Our

"Artist in the House"



We are reprising "Art in the Lot....Again" as a part of our Centennial Celebrations on May 22nd and **BARBARA MACLACHLAN** has bravely taken on this huge event. She will be the hostess-with-the-most-est for 30 artists and over 500 guests as they gather in our parking lot for the day. This fearless courage in the face of such a challenging event requires mettle, resolution, spirit, and tenacity. Barbara has all those qualities in spades as she organizes the many moving parts of this event. Dealing with applications, questions from artists, physical set-up of our lot, security, remote parking, a bake sale, a food truck.....oh my!

Our hats off to Barbara for coordinating this event; continually praying for good weather and keeping a positive can-do attitude. When you see her, give her a pat on the back and your thanks as she leads this huge fundraiser, defying all sorts of odds in our behalf.



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.

Please introduce yourself to visitors, 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.

In Memory

MIRIAM SHEMESH

We send our condolences to Uzi Shemesh and his family on the death of his mother.

RABBI SANFORD T. MARCUS

October 8, 1938 - February 26, 2022, Columbia, S. C. Rabbi Sanford T. Marcus, clergyman, activist and philanthropist, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2022, after a sudden, brief illness.

Rabbi Marcus grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and then served in the U.S. Air Force as an intelligence officer in Japan. While there, he studied Japanese, served as a lay leader for 400 Jewish service men and women in the Air Base areas. While there, he studied with Rabbi Hiroshi Okamoto (recently ordained at HUC) and was inspired to become a rabbi. Ordained in Cincinnati in 1970, Rabbi Marcus later received a Master's degree in Family Relations at UNC-G, and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree from HUC-JIR. Serving as Spiritual Leader for twenty years at Tree of Life Synagogue, he continued on as Rabbi Emeritus until his passing. During his career, Rabbi Marcus served congregations in Gastonia, N.C., Ottawa, Canada and Columbia, S.C.

Rabbi Marcus summered, with his wife Ruth for years in Hendersonville, and they were beloved members of our community. His homemade challah was a huge hit for members and festival goers alike. Most recently, Rabbi Marcus led our Chanukah Shabbat service in December, while Rabbi Jackson was on Sabbatical.

Rabbi Marcus will be remembered for his compassion for others and his smiling face. He believed in the importance of listening and learning from others. He also loved gardening, hiking and nature. He was a life-long learner. Rabbi Marcus leaves behind his wife Ruth, of almost 60 years, their three children and five grandchildren. He will be deeply missed.

Zichrono livracha, may their memories be for a blessing.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has finalized the slate of an excellent group of members to serve on the 2022-2024 Agudas Israel Board of Trustees.

Confirmation voting will take place at our Annual Meeting in June. These nominees will be installed for a two- year term beginning July 1, 2022.

The Nominating Committee consisted of two from the Board: Sue Kopel and Bonnie Cooper and three from the general membership: Joan Kershner, Bill Lavine, and Natalie Zitnick.



Slate:

President	Richard Tanker <i>(Year 2 of 2 year term)</i>
Vice President	Sue Kopel <i>(Year 1 of 2 year term)</i>
Treasurer	Gerry Holstein <i>(Year 1 of 2 year term) – new to board</i>
Secretary	Barbara MacLachlan <i>(Year 1 of 2 year term) – new to board</i>
Immed. Past Pres.	Bonnie Cooper <i>(Year 2 of 2 year term)</i>
Trustees:	
Laurel Ela	<i>(Year 2 of 2nd term)</i>
Rebecca Lebowitz	<i>(Year 2 of 1st term)</i>
Zsa Lobel	<i>(Year 1 of 2nd term) – renewed</i>
Lynn Lewis	<i>(Year 1 of 2nd term) – renewed</i>
Jay Naparstek	<i>(Year 1 of 2nd term) – renewed</i>
Nancy Weintraub	<i>(Year 1 of 1st term) – new to board</i>

*Submitted by Bonnie Cooper
Immediate Past President
Chair of Nominating Committee*

Brotherhood



The Brotherhood will be having an in-person meeting at AIC on **Sunday, April 10. [Breakfast at 9:30am. The meeting will begin at 10am].**

We'll send out an email for members to RSVP.

Proof of vaccinations are required.

Either email proof of vaccination to: Agudasisrael@gmail.com or bring your card with you. Masks are optional 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.

A message from Sisterhood Vice President - Kish Jarmon



So, What's New? Updates from your Sisterhood

March luncheon was "souper." On March 21 we gathered for a yummy Sisterhood Soup Luncheon in the Agudas social hall. Thank you to Sisterhood members Natalie Zitnick, Barbara Gittleman and Lenore Foster for making the delicious soups with extras provided by Frieda Hodes. Thanks also to Joan Kershner for organizing the luncheon and to Vicky Lieber for checking everyone in. 28 people attended and thanks very much to Bonnie Cooper, Lynn Lewis, and Les Maier for the scrumptious baked goods.

Welcome spring outdoors in April. Join your Sisterhood friends for a picnic-style lunch on **Monday, April 18 at 12 noon at the Flat Rock Playhouse Leiman Garden of Remembrance.** Bring your lunch and a chair to enjoy the beauty of this garden and place of peace behind the Lowndes House. The garden, made possible by a gift from Agudas members David and Sharon Leiman, is in memory of the Leiman family and the millions lost in the Holocaust. David will provide a copy of "What Was The Holocaust," to all who want one. It was written with the intent that middle school children will read and learn. The donors, Lionel and Judy Goldberg (Judy's parents were hidden by a Belgian family), only request that the book be read and passed along -L'Dor V'Dor. Please RSVP to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net by Friday, April 15.



Say "Yes to the Dress". We're excited to announce Sisterhood's much-anticipated, long-awaited **Fashion Show & Luncheon** coming this summer. The event will be on **Tuesday, August 16** at a brand-new venue with fabulous food and views – Champion Hills! The latest fashions and accessories from The Sanctuary Boutique will be modeled by our own Sisterhood members. Plus, local vendors will be exhibiting for your shopping pleasure. Save the date and watch for details coming soon.

Sisterhood is growing. Welcome to our newest members Mae Berman and Gale Reinitz. As a Sisterhood member, you are part of a caring, committed, and compassionate group of women who come together to serve and support each other, Agudas Israel, and our Hendersonville community. We look forward to seeing you at our events and meetings. For information on how to get involved, contact Marlene Wiener, membership secretary, at marlenewiener@gmail.com.

Please remember to stay safe and follow our **Pandemic Task Force** regulations that apply to anyone in the building. Thank you for following these regulations that are in place to keep us all healthy and safe.

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.

Join Us For Lunch
Monday, April 18 at 12noon
Leiman Garden of Remembrance
at Flat Rock Playhouse

Sisterhood Members Garden Lunch



Welcome springtime with friends in this peaceful and meaningful setting. Bring your picnic lunch and a chair.



RSVP by April 15
to Joan Kershner
kershner@morrisbb.net

This is a Sisterhood Members only event.

Agudas Israel Sisterhood
Presents

**Fashion
Show & Luncheon**



New Fashions from The Sanctuary Boutique!
New Venue with Fabulous Food!
Local Vendors for Shopping Fun!



Save the date!
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Champion Hills
1 Hagen Dr., Hendersonville

Watch for details coming soon!

Lunch 'n Learn

Counting Our Traditions, while Counting Our Days

An in-depth Exploration of various Jewish rituals during the time of the Omer

Wednesdays April 20th-June 1, 2022
12-1p (Eastern) on Zoom.

[Click here to join!](#)

zoom id: 842 1586 1002 / pw: 364595

Come learn with many different rabbis from all across the country during the seven weeks of the Omer as we examine various elements of Jewish life!

See below for weekly details.

We'd love to see you at one or all sessions!

Week 1, 4/20: Candle lighting

Week 2, 4/27: Tzitzit

Week 3, 5/4: Mikveh

Week 4, 5/11: Torah reading with Aliyah

Week 5, 5/18: Brit Milah/welcoming ritual

Week 6, 5/25: Yahrzeit observance

Week 7, 6/1: Havdalah



**SHABBAT
SERVICE
TIME**
Fridays at
5:30pm

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

If you have not already, please submit a copy of your COVID Vaccination Card.

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR LATEST UPDATES
ON ALL EVENTS.**

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:

Cya Ashley 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.*

Ritual Committee

It's Spring! That time of year when we, the committees of Agudas Israel, all share a common goal.....of annual budget request submissions. Yay.

Okay, not that exciting. Except that we, the Ritual Committee (and card-carrying members of the Eternal Optimists' Club), are planning a fiscal year when our community will once again be together for, oh, everything: holidays, events, observances, you name it.

It's been a tough couple of years, trying to plan anything in a pandemic. And we've missed you. So, it is our hope and belief that in the very near future we will come together as we did BC (Before COVID) to celebrate, commemorate and mourn as a congregation. Joy is more abundant, sadness more bearable and grief is made lighter when shared. As Jews, I've come to understand and appreciate that, stiff-necked tho' we may be, we are a people who show up for each other.

A note from your Ritual Chair:

Today I received an invitation from Project Keshar to attend a global zoom Bat Mitzvah for girls in Ukraine. Their mission is to build Jewish community and advance civil society by developing and empowering women leaders in countries like Ukraine. Spring is a time of renewal, and it is my sincere hope that one day in the near future, anyone who wishes to, will once again, be able to travel to a free, peaceful and renewed Ukraine.



The Israelites left Egypt in a hurry, taking only what they could carry.

And eating only matzah.

Fortunately our seders are often much more elaborate than a quick-cooked cracker. Unfortunately, they take months of planning. As we're all well aware, a few months ago we had no idea where the pandemic would be in the spring. It felt as though every few months a new Greek letter variant was appearing and running rampant. It was not safe to plan meals together.

While we know that we all miss being together for a Passover seder meal, Agudas Israel will not be hosting one this year.

But like our ancestors, we're resourceful and adaptive.

This year, your Ritual Committee will be providing every in-town household with a box of matzah, a small bottle of wine, and macaroons.

If you need to borrow a Haggadah or have Rabbi Jackson email you one from her collection, please let her know (agudasrabbi@gmail.com).

As we encourage people to be together with their friends and family for first night seder, there will not be a Shabbat service on Friday April 15.

We'll say, "Next year in our social hall!"

Happy Pesach!

Love from your Agudas Israel Ritual Committee

Community Involvement Mitzvah Opportunities



The Feed the Kids Coalition have been feeding the kids of Henderson County since 2009.

Feed the Kids is comprised of teams from many faith-based organizations in Henderson County who care about the health and welfare of our local children. Feed the Kids provide the children at the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County with a hot nutritious meal each week. (Many of whom do not get a nutritious meal during the entire weekend). We now feed approximately 300+ kids every Friday afternoon during the school year.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve meals.

Since the beginning of COVID we were unable to serve hot meals and could only offer them a brown bag light meal. We are planning to resume the hot meal program. *Our program provides a means to make a difference in the lives of local children.*

Please contact [Laurel Ela](#) if you can volunteer an hour or two on a Friday afternoon or want more information.

The Agudas Israel Team needs you!!



PANTRY NEEDS:

Bar soap, Shampoo, Laundry soap, Canned Ravioli, Lasagna, or Beef Stew, 3 in 1 Men's Body soap, Men's and Women's deodorant.

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT has an immediate need for blankets, sheets, and towels of all sizes as well as pillows (new or gently used).

In addition, needs include: Homeless equipment, tents, sleeping bags, ponchos, suitcases, book bags; Men's (size 29-32) & Women's Jeans (size 0-8); New Underwear (all sizes); Children's clothing; Tennis shoes; Men's size small & medium tops.

Donations can be dropped off at Agudas in the blue collection bin or brought directly to IAM; accepted Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9am-4pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm, and Friday 9am-1pm.

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**.*

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 recognize and thank two of our outgoing Board members for 2020-2022: **Richard Morgan** and **Sue Hassett**, both serving one two year term with distinction.

They played very important roles on the Board: Sue as Recording Secretary and member of the Executive Committee and Richard as a Trustee and member of the Finance Committee.

Running a Synagogue is not an easy task. There are many, many things that require work done by volunteers who serve on the Board and on our Committees. Richard and Sue both volunteered to be on the Board in addition to the other committee work they do to support our Congregation.

We appreciate and thank them for their hard work and hope that they will continue to serve our congregation in the years to come.

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

Yahrzeit List for April

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

NAME: OBSERVED ON: OBSERVED BY: RELATION:

Names read on 4/01:

Frances Dorfman	4/1	Audrey Shemesh	Mother
David Rosbe*	4/1		
Rose Donofsky	4/2	Laurel Ela	Grandmother
Fannie Sherman*	4/2		
Sidney Kaplan*	4/3		
Sara Levine*	4/3		
Philip Gaeser*	4/4		
Bernice Naparstek	4/4	Jay Naparstek	Mother
Irene Lovell*	4/5		
William Foster	4/7	Lenore Foster	Father-in-Law
Rosalie Grossman	4/7	Ezra Grossman	Mother
Max Becker*	4/7		

Names read on 4/08:

Marilyn Rosen*	4/8	Allen Rosen	Wife
Rachel Karp*	4/9		
Ben Weitz*	4/10		
Suzanne Greenstein*	4/11		
Ethel K. Fritz*	4/12		
Abraham B. Sutker	4/12	Neal Sutker	Father
Israel Willinger*	4/13		
Miriam Levinson*	4/14		
Eva Schulman*	4/14		

Names read on 4/15: (Note: 4/15 is Passover-names will be read 4/8)

Norman Morse	4/15	Sandy Morse	Brother
Bonnie S. Friedland*	4/15		
Norton Segal*	4/15		
Geraldine Birnbaum	4/16	Phyllis Fish	Sister-in-Law
Benjamin Grayman	4/16	Burt Grayman	Son
Seymour Harris	4/16	Natalie Zitnick	Brother-in-Law
Sylvia R. Gribot*	4/16		
Jack Krawcheck*	4/17		

NAME: OBSERVED ON: OBSERVED BY: RELATION:

Hans R. Steinhardt*	4/17		
Murray Citrin*	4/18	Carole Sitzer	Father
Rebecca A. Levy*	4/18		
Evalyn Wiener*	4/18	Raymond Wiener	Mother
Harry Ryttenberg, Sr.	4/19	Harry Ryttenberg	Father
Maria J. Edelman*	4/20	Phyllis Bentley	Sister
Sarah H. Goodman*	4/21		
Adolph Kellerman*	4/21		
Hannah Kellerman*	4/21		

Names read on 4/22:

Rebecca Brenner*	4/23		
Lillian R. Fenster*	4/23		
Sarah E. Fischer*	4/23		
Ida Markowitz*	4/23		
Joseph P. Lennert	4/24	Joseph Lennert	Father
Marion D. Pietrunti*	4/25		
Joseph Zucker*	4/25		
Marvin Reihls	4/26	Linda Reihls	Brother-in-Law
Annie S. Schas*	4/26		
Helene S. Gitlin*	4/27		
Bessie Oxe*	4/27		
Evelyn W. Katz*	4/28		

Names read on 4/29:

Dorothy Hess*	4/29		
Morris S. Schas*	4/29		
Myra Stang	5/1	Dr. Michael Stang	Mother
Rita S. Tarlow*	5/1		
Paul M. Vanek*	5/1	Iris Vanek	Husband
A. Daniel Michalove*	5/2		
Harry Brodes*	5/4		
Jacob Oliner*	5/5		

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.

The Power of Giving

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.
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.
- **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 page 8.
- **Brotherhood Paver Project:** Purchase *Pavers* to honor or memorialize any individual.
- **Sisterhood Beautification Committee Fund:** Help beautify and enhance our synagogue.

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

Tzedakah List January 27 - March 29

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS:

Centennial Celebration Donations:

100 for 100 - In Honor of:

Founding members Louis & Rosena Sherman

Barbara Banadyga

100 for 100 -In Memory of:

Rabbi Sandy Marcus

Barbara Gittleman

Additions to 100 for 100 Campaign:

[Some donations were reported in last issue]

Becky Banadyga

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Michael & Cindee Gold

Sherry Harris

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Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang

Iris & Joe Stewart

Neal Sutker

Richard Tanker

Gina Tapper

Nancy & Ron Weintraub

Natalie Zitnick

General Fund Donations:

David O'Connor

Lenore Foster

In Honor of:

Jace T. Finke-Lenore's Great Grandson

Lenore Foster

In Memory of:

Rabbi Sandy Marcus

Bonnie & Alan Cooper

Deanna S. Warshauer

Debbie & Bill Lavine

Herman Linshes

Albert Barazani

Karen & David Bashkin

Chai Hopes Donation:

Pat & Richard Morgan

BUILDING FUND:

In Memory of:

Lorna & Dick Wise

Sadie Gold Liebman

Staci & Jon Blatt

Ursula Hamm

Joan & Irving Kershner

Rabbi Sandy Marcus

Natalie Zitnick

MUSIC/RITUAL FUND:

In Memory of:

Anna Shuster

Arline Lieber

Vicky Lieber

Alfred Werther

Rabbi Sandy Marcus

Marlene & Raymond Wiener

ONEG FUND:

In Memory of:

Elaine Cohen

Barbara & Alan Ehrlich

Jacob Meyer Williams

Minnie G. Williams

Eileen & Dr. Michael Stang

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT

(R.D.F.*):

John Golmant

Barbara & Dr. Michael Beckerman

In Memory of:

Robert Groban

Adele Groban Kosowsky

Rabbi Sandy Marcus

Joan & Irving Kershner

Harry Ryttenberg

SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

FUND:

In Honor of:

Linda Perkel's Happy Special Birthday

Sue Kopel's Happy Special Birthday

Teddy Segal for a speedy recovery

Cya Ashley ... just because

Natalie Zitnick

Birthdays of:

Natalie Zitnick

Laura Kelly

Karen and Stephen Murray

Dr. Sue Kopel

In Memory of:

Alan Samuels

Dr. Sue Kopel

Ilse Schwarz

Joan & Irving Kershner

YAHARZEIT/BEREAVEMENT FUND:

In Memory of:

Scott Foster

Lenore Foster

Larry Kopel

Dr. Sue Kopel



Thank you for your donations.

You can make a donation on our website:

www.agudasisraelsynagogue.org, or pick up a donation envelope in our office, or send in your check with the information (fund, occasion, name & address) as to who you wish to honor or memorialize to:

505 Glasgow Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28739.

We appreciate your generosity.

Please note:

*When making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary account, please make your check out to **Agudas Israel Congregation R.D.F.**

Donations received **after Jan. 27 through March 29** are posted in this issue; everything received after that will be posted in the May issue.

We appreciate your generosity and apologize if your donation was missed. Please let us know and it will be reported in the next issue.

--Sue Kopel, Treasurer

Anniversaries & Birthdays April

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rebecca & Dr. Arthur Lebowitz April 8 16th anniversary
 Elyssa & David Kaplan April 12 52nd anniversary
 Ezra & Jane Grossman April 28 38th anniversary

BIRTHDAYS:

Joseph Lennert April 6
 Dr Linda Perkel April 6
 Uzi Shemesh April 8
 Lynn Lewis April 12
 Cya Ashley April 15
 Sue Kopel April 18
 Peter Crane April 21
 Deanna S. Warshauer April 23
 Alan Cooper April 27
 Susan Bohnen April 28



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.

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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THE ELDER CLUB HAS RETURNED TO AGUDAS ISRAEL

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Elder Club meets weekly from 11am to 2pm on Tuesdays at Agudas Israel and provides socialization and support for individuals 65+ and respite for their caregivers. The group is open to all ethnicities and faiths. Elder Club offers social enrichment, companionship, exercise, structured activities, and a delicious kosher-style lunch. Program fees apply, and scholarships may be available. If you know anyone who would enjoy Elder Club, please ask them to contact the Agudas office or Elder Club Program Manager Brendan Hanover (Brendan@jfswnc.org).





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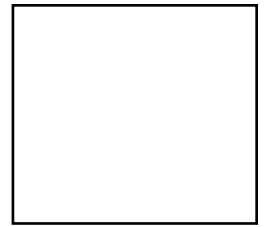


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MISSION: Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives through worship, learning, community involvement, culture and social interaction. We are committed to keeping our Jewish heritage intact for present and future generations.

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

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