



Agudas Israel Congregation

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Message from Rabbi Rachael Jackson



Each day, I check the high temperature for Hendersonville. Each degree corresponds to a particular color which I then find based on the temperature. I take that color and cross stitch it as one segment of a spiral galaxy. Beyond creating a unique piece of art and

feeding my hobby need, I am encouraged to pay attention to every day.

It is easy to let the days meld into one another. It is easy to let each day be washed away by the next like waves repeatedly erasing the shore line. It takes intentionality to make each day unique.

There are a myriad of ways to engage every day. If your heart is drawn to the global environment, there are more causes than hours in the day—Uyghurs mass incarceration in China, war in Ukraine, war in Yemen, climate crisis, poverty and hunger to name but a few. If your heart is focused more locally, causes are still plentiful—housing insecurity, elder poverty, affordable healthcare, divisive politics.

If your heart is focused communally, here too we have a variety of opportunities—Wednesday Lunch ‘n Learn, Saturday Torah study, Sisterhood lunches and activities, Friday evening Shabbat Services, Brotherhood gatherings and outings, and the list goes on.

We are only given so many days on this earth. So many of them are filled with the mundane and the banal, with chores and errands. It’s our duty to ourselves and to the world that we act with intentionality whenever we’re able.

Whatever you choose, however you choose it, ask yourself: “How is today going to be different than yesterday or tomorrow?”

Blessings for us all,
Rabbi Rachael Jackson agudasrabbi@gmail.com

PS. if you’re curious, see the current galaxy picture on page eleven.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

All Agudas Israel members in good standing are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 19 at 10:30am.

The Nominating Committee has presented this slate for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Board of Trustees and have received unanimous approval.

This excellent group of members will serve on the 2022-2023 Agudas Israel Board of Trustees.

Confirmation voting will take place at our Annual Meeting, June 19th. These nominees will be installed for their terms beginning July 1, 2022.

If you do not plan to attend, please mail in your absentee ballot that you received in the mail.

Slate: (Executive Committee)

- President Richard Tanker
(Year 2 of 2 year term)
- Vice President Sue Kopel
(Year 1 of 2 year term)
- Treasurer Gerry Holstein
(Year 1 of 2 year term) – new to Board
- Secretary Barbara MacLachlan
(Year 1 of 2 year term) – new to Board
- Immed. Past Pres. Bonnie Cooper
(Year 2 of 2 year term)

Trustees:

- Laurel Ela (Year 2 of 2nd 2 year term)
- Zsa Lobel (Year 1 of 2nd 2 year term)
- Lynn Lewis (Year 1 of 2nd 2 year term)
- Jay Naparstek (Year 1 of 2nd 2 year term)
- Nancy Weintraub (Year 1 of 2 year term) – new to Board

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

Submitted by Bonnie Cooper
Immediate Past President
Chair of Nominating Committee

President's Message

My, this year has gone by fast!

Our fiscal year ends on June 30 and this month will be our Annual meeting. The Board of Trustees has approved a budget and we have a slate of officers and trustees (some new and some not so new) that are ready and eager to serve. Hope to see you at the **Annual meeting** to be held on **Sunday, June 19**, starting at 10:30am at the synagogue.

The Pandemic Task Force met and has recommended to the Board that we re-introduce Onegs to our Friday night services. The Board has adopted the recommendation of the Task Force and we are aiming to have Onegs starting July 1, 2022. *This is wonderful news!* We will be limiting the Onegs to challah, wine and grape juice. We have formed an Oneg Committee, which will be responsible for putting out and cleaning up the food. The challah will be pre-sliced and the beverages will be pre-poured, with each person being able to serve themselves.

The new front doors have been installed and are working perfectly. The lock has been changed so if you have a key from the old door it will not work. New keys are being distributed in limited quantities. If you need to enter the building, it is best to do so during our normal working hours, 10am to 3pm, Tuesday through Friday. If you need the building during any other times, you will need to let the office know so that entry can be arranged.

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

Hope everyone has a great summer!

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

Upon the recommendation of the Pandemic Task Force, the Board has approved the resumption of Onegs beginning on Friday, July 1st. The Oneg will consist of pre-cut Challah and pre-poured wine/grape juice. The Pandemic Task Force and the Board will continue to monitor this decision based upon the Covid numbers.



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 19th. Check this issue for more information on this meeting and all upcoming activities at AIC.

It has been an honor to serve as the Secretary on the Board of Trustees for the past two years. Wishing the incoming Board good luck and thank you for serving our Congregation!

Submitted by Sue Hassett, Secretary

Agudas Receives Proclamation

Agudas Israel Congregation received a Proclamation from the City of Hendersonville in honor of our Centennial, presented by Mayor Barbara Volk on Sunday, May 22nd in conjunction with the Hendersonville 175th Birthday Celebration.



Mike and Barbara Beckerman manned our booth at the Old Court House on Main Street with Agudas Israel materials as well as a QR Code link to the video of the Jewish history of Hendersonville.

Rabbi Jackson and President Richard Tanker were on hand to receive the proclamation.



Centennial Celebration Continues

Dinner at Bubbe's House - 1922



You'll not recall this ritual unless you're a hundred years old, but your parents would remember it fondly. Put on your nice outfit, take flowers, wine or something delish to offer and go to Bubbe's house for dinner. There would be a lace tablecloth, flowers, candles and maybe even "tchotchkes" on the table. Everyone in the family was welcome and if they didn't show up they must have been sick or deceased. It was a command performance—a ritual. The young kids would groan because it was always a boring time with grownups with your best table manners on display. The adults would gather to share the week's gossip and the food was "geshmak" (delicious): matzah ball soup, brisket, roasted potatoes, maybe a kugel and a nice coffee cake for dessert. Bubbe was a great cook and Sunday dinner was her masterpiece.

These fond memories will be reprised on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH** at Agudas as we stroll down memory lane at our family tables in 2022. We, too, will have lace tablecloths and flowers and wine and brisket. We, too, will fondly honor times past as we share in the **100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER AT AGUDAS**. There will also be historical information on display as we combine our canceled July History Night with our Gala, inviting Hendersonville's leadership to join us for an authentic Jewish meal and remember Bubbe's welcoming and delicious ritual of "breaking Challah" together. There will be surprises galore as we reprise our traditions and share them with our "mishpocheh" (a Jewish family or social unit including close and distant relatives).

So mark your calendar for **August 28th at 5:30pm** and join us for a lively family style dinner, maybe a visit from Woody Allen's interpretation of dinner at Bubbe's, an Agudas timeline to remind us of our 100 years in Hendersonville and so much more.

See some photos from Art in the Lot on page 4 (Thanks to Gerry Holstein and Barbara MacLachlan).

100 FOR 100

\$100 for 100 Years Challenge

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED.

As we continue to celebrate our Centennial, **our Goal is to have 100% participation from our members!**

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

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

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

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

"Homecoming Gala" Sunday, Aug. 28, 5:30pm

"We Celebrate Us" Sunday, Oct. 23

More details coming soon!



Spotlight on Melanie Baxt

Although she's a busy Mom

of a teenager, a real estate professional, and a relatively new full time member of our congregation (formally living part time in Florida), Melanie Baxt has jumped into the "Agudas Pool" with both feet and given us invaluable support for our Centennial activities.



She has been our right and left hand for everything from designing our Centennial T-Shirts to creating our Founders Genealogy show board. Not to mention that she was an intrepid cashier for our Silent Auction (not an easy job!) and helped with the set-up for our Wine and Cheese Kick-off.

Our Centennial Committee is so grateful to Melanie for her can-do attitude, good sense of humor and willingness to try her hand at anything. We love her willingness to jump into the pool off the high diving board and never doing a belly smacker.

Give Melanie your thanks the next time you see her because she's a rising star.

Art in the Lot...Again

Some of the Art in the Lot Exhibitors & Volunteers:



Membership Committee

The livelihood of Agudas Israel Congregation relies on its membership to keep us going. All of our current members should act as **our ambassadors** to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. We are the *only* synagogue in Henderson County.

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.

The Membership Committee hosted a Pizza Party at Flat Rock Park in April. We had a great turnout and it was great to be together again. Thank you to the committee for arranging this fun event.



If there is someone you think may be interested in becoming a member, please contact [Jay](#) or someone on the committee.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP EVENT ON JULY 31 - PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS BRUNCH... Bring anyone that might be interested in joining Agudas Israel.

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



A message from Sisterhood Vice President - Kish Jarmon



So, What's New? Updates from your Sisterhood

Welcome to our new Sisterhood Board. We're pleased to announce our new Board of Officers and Trustees who were elected at Sisterhood's Annual Meeting held on May 16. The officers and trustees will serve a two-year term that runs from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024.

- Co-Presidents – Karen "Kish" Jarmon and Karen Murray
- Vice President – Nancy Holstein
- Vice President – Sue Kopel
- Treasurer – Phyllis Bentley
- Membership Secretary – Marlene Wiener
- Recording Secretary – Lynn Lewis
- Corresponding Secretary – Vicky Lieber
- Trustees – Deb Abel, Melanie Baxt, Claudia Case-Jacobs, Frieda Hodes, Joan Kershner, and Barbara MacLachlan

Learn how to trace your family tree on Monday, June 20 at 1pm in the Social Hall when we welcome back Carl Migden, our local genealogy expert. Carl will share his knowledge about ways you can discover your ancestral history. RSVP to Joan Kershner at kershner@morrisbb.net by June 17. This is a Sisterhood only event.

Sisterhood's Fashion Show & Luncheon will be on **Tuesday, August 16** at Champion Hills! You'll see the latest fashions and accessories from The Sanctuary Boutique modeled by our own Sisterhood members. Plus, local vendors will be exhibiting for your shopping pleasure. Watch for invitations and details coming soon.

The Bloomin' Buddies of Agudas Israel Sisterhood are selling premium Holland flower bulbs for Spring 2023. We are excited to again be able to offer these premium flower bulbs. Now's the time to place your orders for your garden or to give as gifts. Just go to: <https://tisisterhoodbulbs.com/> to place your order. Or, if you prefer, order forms and detailed instructions are available in the Agudas office. Please contact Bonnie Cooper, bonniescooper@gmail.com or 901-233-9465 with any questions.



You are the spirit of Sisterhood. As a Sisterhood member, you are part of a caring, committed, and compassionate group of women. 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.

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

AIC Sisterhood Presents
Local Genealogy Expert Carl Migden

Your Family Tree

Monday, June 20, 1:00pm
Agudas Israel Social Hall

Learn how to trace your family's roots
and discover your personal history.

RSVP by June 17 to Joan Kershner
at kershner@morrisbb.net.

This event is for Sisterhood members only.

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 Hagan Dr., Hendersonville

Watch for details coming soon!

Brotherhood



The Brotherhood will be having an in-person meeting at AIC on **Sunday, June 26 [Breakfast at 10am. The meeting will begin at 10:30am].**

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



Brotherhood had an outing at Point Lookout Winery in May. We arrived on a partially sunny, windy day. About a dozen people, (some brothers & their spouses and some without) enjoyed wine tastings, glasses of wine and cheese plates. We were all comfortable and enjoyed the good wine, food & conversation. Thanks to Jerry Salatino for making the arrangements.

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.

June Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES:

Cya & Gregg Ashley	June 5	23rd anniversary
Jayne & Darin Jennings	June 9	21st anniversary
Iris & Joe Stewart	June 16	45th anniversary
Lynn & Dr. Jeffrey Lewis	June 18	50th anniversary
Karen & David Jarmon	June 19	51st anniversary
Sue & Eugene Hassett	June 21	47th anniversary
Joan & Irving Kershner	June 21	63rd anniversary
Pat & Richard Morgan	June 22	31st anniversary
Audrey & Uzi Shemesh	June 23	42nd anniversary
Janie & Frank Skolnick	June 25	50th anniversary

BIRTHDAYS:

Karen Jarmon	June 2
Iris Stewart	June 6
Lillian Dashner	June 7
Phyllis Fish	June 7
Marlene Wiener	June 10
Stuart Rubin	June 15
Steven Z Levinson	June 23
Diane Aldrich Eskenasy	June 25



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.

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.*

The Caring Committee NEEDS YOU! We are looking to revamp the very important Caring Committee. Please contact our President, Richard Tanker, at richardtankeraic@gmail.com 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.

Mishebeirachs

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 our members, friends, and family:

Mel Hecht Darin Jennings Frank Skolnick

Friends/Family of our Congregation:

Mary Bergdoll Emily Louise Dashner David Fike
 Burt Greenburg Adele Groban Margie King
 Larry Kosowsky Susan Manor Patti Torcellini
 Teddi Segal 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

So, the cold snaps are behind us and warm days are here! And Your Ritual Committee is enjoying a couple of quiet months. That doesn't mean, however, that nothing's happening on our calendar. Here's what is up for June:



SHAVUOT:

Shavuot begins at sunset on June 4th this year, so break out the cheesecake! And the Book of Ruth, of course.



As we celebrate the giving of the Torah to stay with Naomi, and for the sake of remaining with her, she left behind her Moab community and customs and embarked on a journey that we continue to read about and reflect upon, all these many years later.

SPEAKER SERIES:

Also in June, the Speaker Series continues with a representative from the NAACP (*National Association of Advancement of Colored People*) joining us on June 10th. Please attend services with us and welcome our guest speaker. Did you know this year the NAACP will hold its 113th National Convention? Founded in 1909, the NAACP is our largest civil rights organization. To learn more, their website provides a wealth of information on the rich history of NAACP: <https://naacp.org/about/our-history>

We wish you a peaceful, warm and happy June,
Love, Your Ritual Committee

--Submitted by Cya Ashley, chair



Community Involvement Mitzvah Opportunities



The Feed the Kids Coalition has 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 provides the children at the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County with a hot nutritious meal each week. (Many of these children 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. We have resumed the hot meal program. **Our team will be serving on 6/24, and 7/22.** Please contact [Laurel Ela](#) if you can volunteer a few hours on a Friday afternoon or want more information.

The Agudas Israel Team needs you!!



We will continue to support IAM with their pantry and clothing needs. Please drop off your donations at Agudas in the large blue collection bin.

You can locate their most current needs list at:
<https://www.iam-hc.org/current-needs>

Pandemic Task Force

Agudas Israel Pandemic Task Force has made mask wearing optional, at the discretion of the participant; however, those unvaccinated will continue to be denied admittance.



Proof of vaccinations and boosters will continue to be checked.

With the rise of COVID in our area and the different variances, mask wearing is again suggested, especially in crowds and with people you do not know.

Oneg Shabbat will resume in July with pre-cut Challah and pre-poured grape juice/wine. Tongs will be provided and must be used.

The Agudas Israel Angels

The Agudas Israel Angels program began 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, *of blessed memory*

☆ **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+**



Our Condolences

WILMA POMERANTZ

We share our sorrow about the death of Wilma Pomerantz on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Wilma is known to many in our community and had a deep love for service.

Our hearts and prayers go out to her dear friends and to Jennifer and Adam Cavise, who were close enough to be like family.

The memorial service was held at Agudas Israel on Friday, May 13.

EDITH ESKENASY

Edith Eskenasy died on May 12 at 101 years old.

Edith was a beautiful and gentle person, always a lady, with never a harsh word for anyone. She was a loving mother, aunt and grandmother, and a devoted daughter to her own mother. Even after her memories began to fade, she continued to exercise, play bridge, bingo and participate cheerfully in life. Edith will be greatly missed by her family and friends. We will always remember that smile and those sparkling eyes.

She leaves daughter Diane Eskenasy (Tim Aldrich), grandson Jonathan McGilvra (Heather), and great granddaughter Alaina McGilvra, and several beloved nieces.

Everyone is invited to a memorial service on July 15, 11am, at Agudas Israel. A private interment will follow at the VA cemetery.

They will both be missed. Zichrona livracha, may their memory be for a blessing.



President's Club

The Agudas Israel President's Club has a distinguished membership. Membership requires that a five-year pledge of at least \$500 per year be made, in excess of your current annual commitment.

It is the objective of the members of the President's Club to erase our deficit and enhance our Synagogue while accomplishing the goals of our Long Range Plans.

Both new and current Congregants are encouraged to join.

Current members include:

Becky Banadyga

Barbara & Dr. Michael Beckerman

Phyllis & Rabbi Phil Bentley

Barbara & Dr. Jack Gabel

David Leiman

Vicky Lieber

Dr. Linda Perkel, of blessed memory

Stuart Rubin

Deanna Salpeter Warshauer

Marlene & Ray Wiener

Natalie Zitnick

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*

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

Yahrzeit List for June

* 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 were read on MAY 27				Will be read on JUNE 17			
Edward Lewis*	6/1			Sadie Buchman	6/20	Vicky Lieber	Mother
Helen Warshauer	6/1	Deanna S. Warshauer	Mother-in-law	Fannie Reih's	6/20	Linda Reih's	Mother-in-law
Joseph Gold*	6/2			Maxine Roth	6/20	Nancy Weintraub	Sister
Meyer Warshauer	6/2	Deanna S. Warshauer	Father-in-law	Alyssa T. Smilowitz*	6/20		
				Norm Berger	6/21	Debra Abel	
				Dorothy Morse	6/21	Sandy Morse	Mother
				Madeline Turkeltaub*	6/21		
				Jerry Oxer*	6/23	Stuart Oxer	Father
				Albert M. Pasternack	6/23	Hermine Pasternack	Father
Will be read on JUNE 3				Will be read on JUNE 24			
Kit Jacob	6/3	Rabbi Rachael Jackson	Aunt	David Berlin*	6/24	Barbara Gittleman	Brother
Elaine Rubin Sevin	6/3	Stuart Rubin	Sister	Annie Mandelbaum	6/30	Debbie Lavine	Mother
		Carole Sitzer	Sister-in-Law				
Bert Sud*	6/6						
Louis Williams*	6/6	Sid Williams	Grandfather				
		Eileen Stang	Grandfather				
		David Kaplan	Grandfather				
Phillip Crane	6/7	Peter Crane					
Gladys Dorfman	6/9	Audrey Shemesh	Aunt				
Sylvia Skolnick	6/9	Frank Skolnick	Mother				
Will be read on JUNE 10							
Jerald Herman*	6/11						
Martin C. Beckerman*	6/12	Dr. Mike Beckerman	Father				
Sol Berlin*	6/13	Barbara Gittleman	Father				
Morris Kerner*	6/13						
Muriel F. Oxer*	6/13	Stuart Oxer	Mother				
Gerson Blatt	6/16	Avery Blatt	Grandfather				

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.

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 April 28 — May 25

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS:

Celebration Donations:

100 for 100

Jayne & Darin Jennings

General Fund Donations:

Joann Lederman

Richard Tanker

In Honor of:

Gerry Holstein's Birthday

Theresa & Glen Case

Birthdays of Drs. Linda Perkel & Sue

Kopel

Claudia & Barry Rudes

In Memory of:

Dr. Linda Perkel

Leah Chase

Sherry Harris

Sue Kopel

Lynn & Dr. Jeffrey Lewis

Nancy Lipsitz

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Press

Rhona & Richard Reagen

Etta Becker

Nancy & Gerry Holstein

Irwin Kalman

Wilma Pomerantz

Dr. Sue Kopel

Chai Hopes Donation:

Pat & Richard Morgan

BUILDING FUND

Sharon & Jerry Salatino

GARDEN & LANDSCAPE FUND:

In Memory of:

Soloman Amelkin

Susan Lipton

Mae Ryttenberg

Harry Ryttenberg

MUSIC/RITUAL FUND:

In Memory of:

Dr. Linda Perkel

Debbie & Bill Lavine

Rose Samuels

Mollie Levine

Vicky Lieber

Mildred Weiss

Muriel Kalmus

Laurel Ela

ONEG FUND:

In Memory of:

David Stang

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We appreciate your generosity.



Please note:

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

Donations received **April 28—May 25** 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

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Jewish Family Service Survey



Jewish Family Services of Western North Carolina (JFS) is excited to announce a project to assess the "Aging in Place" needs of Jewish individuals ages 50 and older who live in Buncombe, Henderson and other WNC communities.

"Aging in Place" is the ability for individuals to live in their own home and community safely, independently and comfortably, for as long as they are able to.

"Aging in Place" includes having services, care and support provided in the residence and in the surrounding community.

A survey is available now on the JFS website at jfswnc.org/aginginplace or by calling JFS at 828-253-2900 to request a paper copy.

Link: www.jfswnc.org/aginginplace



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- Your Community Social Service Agency
- Elder Club Socialization Group
- Mental Health Counselings
- Case Management & Assistance
- Caregiver Support
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- Volunteer Opportunities

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THE ELDER CLUB AT 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).

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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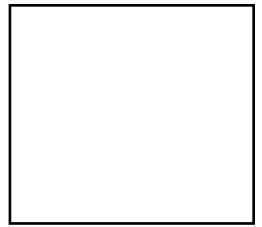


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VISION: Agudas Israel is a center for Jewish living in Henderson County and beyond, inclusive of all aspects of worship, learning, community, and culture.

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