



# Agudas Israel Congregation

## Chai Lites

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### Message from Rabbi Rachael Jackson



Throughout last year, and even more this year, I am frequently finding myself saying “Can you believe it is already \_\_\_\_?” whether the blank is ‘Shabbat’ or ‘Wednesday’ or ‘May’ as I’m feeling this month. Moving from one task to another, we run the risk of time passing us by. Especially with spring blooming and the density of the foliage on the trees increasing, the days can just speed by into summer.

Our tradition recognizes this proclivity and attempts to tamper it. From *Passover* to *Shavuot*, we have a ritual of *Counting the Omer*. Every day we focus ourselves on that day. Then we re-focus ourselves in time in preparation for what is next.

The formula is as follows:

Blessing for the recitation itself. Blessing for the day of the day. Statement of where we are in relation to *Shavuot*.

For example, for May 1:

“Blessed be You Adonai, our God, Ruler of space and time, who made us holy through commandments and commanded us about counting the Omer.”

“Today is sixteen days, which is two weeks and two days of the Omer. 33 days until *Shavuot*.”

You’ll notice that the omer is counted for 49 days, or 7 weeks of 7 days. We just love the number 7! Additional readings and statements often come from a kabbalistic overlay. This system uses 7 characteristics—understanding, wisdom, might, splendor, beauty, loving-kindness, eternity—and applies one trait each week and then one trait per day therein. For example, May 1 will be loving-kindness within beauty, then May 2 will be might within beauty.

When setting up time in this fashion, we are called to realign ourselves internally and externally to the here and now. We are guided to pay attention. Putting another cliché in a secular way, we are invited to stop and smell the roses.

Whatever this month holds for you, I hope that we are all able to reflect, renew, and realign ourselves to the present.

Blessings for us all,  
Rabbi Rachael Jackson  
[agudasrabbi@gmail.com](mailto:agudasrabbi@gmail.com)

### “Art in The Lot..Again” on 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 they are in your attic, basement, storage bin, or a wedding gift...Please donate them to us. Last year we had many buyers looking for these items and we sold out!! Drop off in the Kaplan room by May 19th.

## President's Message

*Greetings!* Things have picked up at the synagogue, and it looks like we are starting to get back to more in-house activities.

After the great success of our Centennial Kickoff, we followed with our second Centennial celebration event, *Oh The Places You Will Go!* on April 3. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. Not only were these events successful, with the strong guidance of Zsa Lobel, we have been able to raise money at the same time! And there is more to come! **Art in the Lot...Again on May 22nd.**

Many thanks to the Ritual Committee for providing goody bags for Passover. Here's hoping we can have a group seder next year.

You may notice a few changes at the synagogue. We have new doors on the front of the building. The old doors had worn out their usefulness and were not sufficiently secure. Thanks to Sid Williams, with an assist from Alan Cooper, for making that happen. Building maintenance and upkeep are a high priority.

Our Sisterhood Beautification Committee has donated money for new light bulbs with increased wattage and dimmer switches to improve lighting in the social hall. They also are installing new fans with light fixtures, all of which are great additions to the hall.

Our **Annual Meeting, on June 19th**, is creeping up. We are looking forward to a good turnout. Hope to see you there. Enjoy Spring!

*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](mailto: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

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we would like to thank all of the Committees for their hard work!

The Membership Committee has been hard at work developing ways to connect with members of the Congregation as well as reaching out to prospective members.

In April, the Caring Committee reached out to members who needed assistance with Passover meals.

Sisterhood continues to provide wonderful programs for their members. Brotherhood is growing and is providing great programs for their members.

Let's not forget our Finance Committee, who have a very difficult job and do it well.

For Passover, the Ritual Committee provided the Congregation with a wonderful bag of goodies, including special treats transported from NY by Phyllis Bentley.

Thank you to the Pandemic Task Force for keeping our Congregation informed and safe during this unprecedented time of Covid.

We again have a very important Security Committee. Thanks to those members who have volunteered.

Our Community Involvement Committee is continually finding ways for us to be involved with different agencies in the Hendersonville Community.

The Building and Grounds Committee keeps on top of any issues with our beautiful building.

And the Centennial Celebration Committee continues to provide the Congregation with exciting and fun ways to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Don't forget **Art in the Lot** which will be held **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. It is open to the Congregation and the public so be sure to share this information with your friends and family!

It's hard to believe that our Annual Congregational Meeting is just around the corner on Sunday, June 19th! You will be receiving information shortly regarding the date as well as the slate for the Board of Trustees.

As always, information on all activities at AIC will be provided in *Chai Lites* and the weekly email newsletter.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and be well!

-- Sue Hassett, AIC Secretary

[susanhassettaic@gmail.com](mailto:susanhassettaic@gmail.com)



## HARD LOX FESTIVAL IS BACK!

**May 1, 11am-4pm**

Got a craving for homemade matzo ball soup, corned beef on rye, potato knish or a kosher hot dog? Head to downtown

Asheville, Pack Square for the annual HardLox, Asheville's Jewish Food and Heritage Festival. Admission is free.

## Centennial Celebration Continues

### Can COVID Create Something Wonderful....Indeed!

They say it takes a village to succeed. In our case, it takes a modern "shtetl" in the form of a one-hundred-year-old reform congregation in a tiny mountain town!

Last year, our Fundraising Committee scratched heads for something that would bring us together safely and create some FUN for a change. We were so tired of not having fun anymore. We couldn't go inside the building, we couldn't think of a way to bring the community into our fold, and we were plum out of ideas. We had been holding services called "Shabbat in the Lot" which was successful, but how could we translate this concept into something fun and exciting and inclusive?

How about an outdoor craft fair to help local artists come out of their studios and meet with buyers again? Then Lynn Lewis piped up and shouted "Art in the Lot!" and we jumped on board. Yes! We would invite artists to our parking lot for a day of art and craft sales and invite the entire community. Crazy, out-of-the-box idea, to be sure, but we pressed on. Suffice to say, 30 artists happily signed up, 546 members of the community came to spend the day buying local art. We offered a food truck and a bake sale and the next thing we knew, we had raised money and raised spirits. Wow!

In December, we started getting notes from the "Art in the Lot" artists asking when we were doing our show again. So the Centennial Celebrations Committee included this as one of our six Centennial events and we are ready to host the community and artists again. It just goes to show that sometimes the craziest ideas grow into traditions. Hence, "Art in the Lot....Again", which will be held on **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-3pm**. This year we are featuring two new tables, "Sew Nice" and "Eclectic Treasures", not to mention an expanded food truck offering, our delicious Bake Sale, music, and another 30 artists.

It takes a village to put on a show like this and we are looking for volunteers to host artists for set up and break down activities, to be vendors for our internal profit centers (Judaica Boutique, Sew Nice, Eclectic Treasures, Bake Sale) as well as security, parking and the thousand moving parts required to organize such an event. Won't you bake some cookies, help set up tables and booths, put out signage, be a hostess, or just come and buy beautiful crafts? Please contact our new "Art in the Lot... Again" chair, Barbara McLachlan at [drbarb232@gmail.com](mailto:drbarb232@gmail.com) and volunteer your services for this reprised Agudas Centennial event.

--submitted by Centennial Chair, Zsa Lobel

# 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:*

**"Our Hendersonville History & Our Legacy"**

**Sunday, July 10, 2 to 4pm**

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

**"We Celebrate Us" Sunday, Oct. 23**

*More details coming soon!*



## Spotlight on Jay Naparstek

When you ask Jay Naparstek to help lay out artist booths, set up tables, act as bartender, wash tablecloths, put up banners, erect a tent, chair a committee or practically any crazy task that needs help, the answer is always "Of course!". *What a guy!*

People like Jay are what make Centennial events and Agudas tick and move forward. Relatively new to our community, Jay has proven himself to be invaluable and invincible when it comes to

"all things Agudas". He is caring, funny, and one of the hardest working members we have. His creative approach to problem solving for our events is amazing and, in the background, he quietly gets things done.

As our "Man for All Seasons", Jay is an integral part of our Centennial success and we honor him for his service and generous heart.

Thank you, Jay. And, by the way, there's some tables in the mechanical room that we have to move tomorrow and do you happen to have any Gorilla Tape and a screw driver.....just asking. And we know the answer will always be "Of course!"

## Membership Committee



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.

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](mailto:jnparstek@msn.com) or call the Agudas office.

## Our Condolences

We are deeply saddened to let you know that Dr. Linda Perkel died on Sunday, April 24, 2022, not long after she proudly celebrated her 80th birthday on April 6th.



Linda has been an important presence at Agudas Israel for nearly a decade since moving to Hendersonville (with her late husband Peter) from Miami where she was Dean of Nursing at Barry College.

She was President of our Congregation for four years,

chaired numerous committees (She started the Caring Committee at Agudas) and participated in many more, and could be found at nearly every event and Shabbat Service.

Linda was also part of the Adult B'not Mitzvah class of 2014 and honored as a Woman of Valor in 2018.

Our hearts and prayers go out to her children, Jeff (Caryn) and Amy (Benny), five grandchildren, and all of her very dear friends.

Linda was a great inspiration to us all. She will be deeply missed.

*Zichrona livracha*, may her memory 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 on Sunday, June 19th. 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, May 15th...Elections will be held.** [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](mailto: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](mailto:sutker123@gmail.com) or Jeff Lewis at [drjeff6@gmail.com](mailto:drjeff6@gmail.com).

### NOTICE



Proof of vaccination required

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.

## A message from Sisterhood Vice President - Kish Jarmon



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

**Annual Meeting & Elections.** It's Spring and time for Sisterhood's Annual Luncheon and Meeting. Join us for our annual gathering on Monday, May 16 at 12 noon at Season's Restaurant in Flat Rock. Please RSVP by May 11 to Kish Jarmon at [agudasisraelsisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:agudasisraelsisterhood@gmail.com).

At the luncheon meeting we will be voting on the Sisterhood Slate of Officers and Trustees as presented by the Nominating Committee led by Karen Murray. Our nominees are excited about leading Sisterhood and returning to a time when we can enjoy being together again. The officers and trustees will serve a two-year term that runs July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024. Here is the final slate:

Co-Presidents – Karen "Kish" Jarmon, 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

**Save the Date...** Mark your calendar now for **Sisterhood's fabulous Fashion Show & Luncheon coming 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 details coming soon.

**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](mailto:marlenewiener@gmail.com).

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](mailto:AgudasIsraelSisterhood@gmail.com).

*Sisterhood*  
**Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Monday, May 16, 12n-1:30pm  
Season's at Highland Lake, Flat Rock

Please join us for lunch and our  
Annual Sisterhood Meeting.  
We will be voting on the  
Slate of Officers & Trustees for 2022-2024.

**RSVP by May 11**  
to Kish Jarmon at  
[agudasisraelsisterhood @ gmail.com](mailto:agudasisraelsisterhood@gmail.com)

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



## PASSOVER HOLIDAY MEAL DELIVERY

Asheville Jewish Family Services has partnered with the Jewish Community Center in Asheville to support the Holiday Meal Delivery program for eligible older adults. The meal distribution originally started in 1999 as a project of the JFS founder. Currently, Chef Rachel Kalin, JFS kitchen manager, created menus and prepared and cooked all meals. The menu consisted of Matzo Ball Soup, Vegetable Pilaf, Roast Sweet Potato & Tsimmes Glaze, Broccoli Salad and Apple Walnut Cake. According to reviews from a few recipients, the food was delicious and much appreciated. **A total of 17 meals were made available to 12 households by Caring Committee members and other volunteers.**



Mike and Barbara Beckerman picked up the meals at the JCC on April 15th. They were then taken to Agudas Israel for distribution. Our congregation was fortunate that we were included in this worthwhile program.

If you would like more information about this project, or would like to help with future meal deliveries, contact [Barbara Beckerman](#) or [Rebecca Lebowitz](#).

--submitted by Barbara Beckerman

## 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.

## 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:*

Cya Ashley	Mel Hecht	Darin Jennings
Sharon Salatino	Frank Skolnick	

*Friends/Family of our Congregation:*

Jack Bentley	Mary Bergdoll
Emily Louise Dashner	Burt Greenburg
Margie King	Patti Torcellini
Miriam Chava Bat Hannah Leah	Teddi Segal

**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

Summertime .... 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

It's (maybe) here! Warm days (we hope), cool nights and all manner of things in bloom. And we of the Ritual Committee will look forward to a couple of months of relative quiet, in terms of upcoming events.

Although we were unable to observe *Pesach* together this year, we hope the gift bags we prepared communicated our wish for everyone to have a safe (and Kosher!) *Pesach*.

It is always the goal of our committee (not unlike the Post Office, only we're a tad more reliable and less expensive) that neither rain, snow nor pandemic will keep us from doing our best to serve the Agudas Israel community!



One of the more entertaining aspects of Jewish life is the Jewish calendar. This year's first night Seder, for example, fell on the date of my birthday, which was also only the third time in my adult life that the IRS didn't expect payment on that date. Unfortunately, it took a pandemic for that to happen, not a sudden wave of benevolence on the part of the IRS.

But I digress...Our calendar is a bit of a mystery to those who rely on the same date every year for holidays and observances. For us, however, every year truly is a new year, with our holidays popping up all over the Gregorian calendar, like the collision of *Chanukah* and Thanksgiving one year and *Chanukah* and Christmas the next. Of course, this bouncing ball of a calendar can sometimes be a pain in the *afikomen* for those of us planning ritual events for our congregation. But we wouldn't have it any other way!

L'chaim!

Love,

Your Ritual Committee

--submitted by Cya Ashley, Ritual Chair

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

## 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.** We are planning to resume the hot meal program. **Our team will be serving on 5/27, 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!!**

## MIGRANT WORKERS WELCOME BAGS

For the second year, The Community Involvement Team has been busy with outreach projects in the Hendersonville community.

In recent months, a focus has been participation with seventeen churches and social service agencies in the collection of donations to fill welcome bags for migrant workers as they arrive here to work in the apple orchards.

They arrive by truck and bring with them only plastic bags filled with their meager possessions. They work long hours, 6-7 days a week and live in cramped conditions while paying an exorbitant amount of rent for substandard living conditions. *These welcome bags are on bright spot in their journey.*

Agudas Israel members have been exceptionally generous in donating toiletries, laundry soap, bandanas and other items to fill the bags. Team members assisted with a drive through collection at the Unitarian Universalist Church and church members have come to Agudas to help fill the bags. The goal of filling 600 bags is nearly accomplished and delivery of the welcome bags has begun.



### 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.

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

**Laurel Ela, Board Trustee Chair**, at 954-732-2819 or [laurelarnp@gmail.com](mailto:laurelarnp@gmail.com)

**Leslie Maier, Blood Drive**, at 914-329-1152 or [lesmaier@icloud.com](mailto:lesmaier@icloud.com)

**Jayne Jennings, Mitzvah Day Chair**, at 828-318-5615 or [emailjaynej@gmail.com](mailto:emailjaynej@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:jnaparstek@msn.com) or call the Agudas office.



This month we recognize Bill Lavine and Alan Cooper for the *Member Menschlichkeit*. Both Bill and Alan have been putting in a tremendous amount of hours assisting Sid Williams to manage the ever growing number of issues with our aging building, while attempting to put together a long range, manageable maintenance plan. As leaders of the Finance Committee, they are working to make all this work within our tight budget and planning the budget for the next fiscal year.

They have also been leading the effort to reconstitute the Agudas Israel Security Team Committee, so important to the safety of all of us. Bill has also spent many hours redrafting and updating our Security Plan.

We thank Bill and Alan for all of their hard work.

--submitted by Jay Naparstek

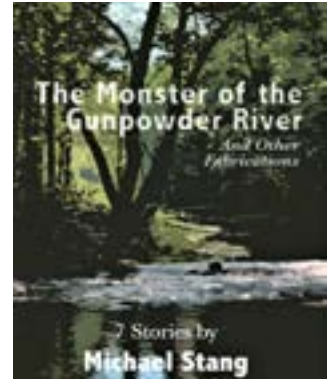
## Our Member - Author

We are excited to announce the publication of a new book by our very own member, Dr. Michael Stang.

**The Monster of the Gunpowder River** is a book of 7 stories.

It is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Mazel Tov to Michael.



### 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](mailto: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.**

## 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 May

\* 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:
<b>Names were read on APRIL 29:</b>				<b>Will be read on MAY 20</b>			
Myra Stang	5/1	Dr. Michael Stang	Mother	Edward Patterson*	5/20		
Rita S. Tarlow*	5/1			Solomon S. Amelkin*	5/23		
Paul M. Vanek*	5/1	Iris Vanek	Husband	Howard R. Feinstone*	5/23		
A. Daniel Michalove*	5/2			Laurie S. Kaplan	5/23	Elyssa & David Kaplan	Daughter-in-law
Harry Brodes*	5/4			David Stang	5/23	Dr. Michael Stang	Father
Jacob Oliner*	5/5			Abraham Strauss*	5/23		
<b>Will be read on MAY 6:</b>				<b>Will be read on MAY 27</b>			
Annie Segal*	5/6			Esther A. Greenberg*	5/24		
Stephan Layton	5/6	Barbara Gittleman	Friend	Hannah Kaplan*	5/24	Eileen Stang	Grandmother
Anna Pearl Sitzer*	5/7	Carole Sitzer	Mother-in-law	Gertrude Feit	5/25	David Kaplan	Grandmother
Scott Segal*	5/8					Phyllis Fish	Mother
Laura Diamond*	5/9			<b>Will be read on MAY 27</b>			
Mollie Levine	5/9	Vicky Lieber	1st Mother-in-law	Ethel Rosen*	5/27		
Rose Garth*	5/10			Edward Rubin*	5/27	Stuart Rubin	Uncle
Alfred S. Goldenberg*	5/10			Joseph Paltiel*	5/28		
Lester M. Browde*	5/11			Etta Becker	5/29	Nancy Holstein	Mother
Sam Weiss	5/12	Natalie Zitnick	Father	Louis Harris*	5/29		
<b>Will be read on MAY 13</b>				Jennifer Williams	5/29	Sidney Williams	Daughter
Esther Citrin*	5/14	Carole Stizer	Mother	Leah Israel*	5/30		
Sadie Cohen*	5/16			Ruth Cooper	5/31	Alan Cooper	Mother
Mae Ryttenberg	5/16	Harry Ryttenberg	Mother	Anchell Irving Gold*	5/31		
Leah Alpern Kalin*	5/17			Ray Michalove Kalin*	5/31		
Muriel Kalmus	5/17	Laurel Ela	Friend	Edward Lewis*	6/1		
Ann M. Michalove*	5/17	Dr. Michael Beckerman	Aunt	Helen Warshauer	6/1	Deanna S. Warshauer	Mother-in-law
Edith Werther	5/17	Marlene W. Wiener	Mother	Joseph Gold*	6/2		
Rose Samuels	5/18	Vicky Lieber	Grandmother	Meyer Warshauer	6/2	Deanna S. Warshauer	Father-in-law
Esther K. Sutker	5/18	Neal Sutker	Mother				
Flossie Williams*	5/18	Sidney Williams	Mother				
Leo Meltzer*	5/19						
Barbara G. Sherman*	5/19	Rebecca Banadyga	Sister				

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 March 30 - April 27

**GENERAL FUND DONATIONS:**

**Centennial Celebration Donations:**

**100 for 100**

Bernard Apple  
 Susan Bohnen  
 Danyul & Rabbi Rachael Jackson  
 Nora Levin  
 Linda Liebman  
 Barbara & David Monoson  
 Carole Sitzer

**General Fund Donations:**

Books for Good from the sale of donated books

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel's 80th Birthday  
 Susan Aronowitz  
 Barbara Gittleman  
 Linda Liebman  
 Jane Litsky  
 Karen & Stephen Murray  
 Barbara Patton  
 Deanna Warshauer

**Sue Kopel's 80th Birthday**

Susan Aronowitz  
 Barbara Gittleman  
 Alec & Nelia Hall  
 Dahlene & David Hultberg  
 Linda Liebman  
 Jane Litsky  
 Karen & Stephen Murray  
 Deanna Warshauer

**Karen Murray's Birthday**

Barbara Gittleman

Teddi Segal recovery  
 Marcia & Mel Hecht

**In Memory of:**

Linda Perkel  
 Nancy & Robert Goldstein  
 Ethel Fritz  
 David Fritz  
 Bernice Naparstek  
 Jay Naparstek  
 Abraham Sutker  
 Neal Sutker

**Chai Hopes Donation:**

Pat & Richard Morgan

**GARDEN & LANDSCAPE FUND:**

**In Memory of:**

Harry Ryttenberg, Sr.  
 Harry Ryttenberg  
 Seymour Harris  
 Natalie Zitnick

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel & Sue Kopel 80th Birthdays  
 Carole Sitzer

**MUSIC/RITUAL FUND:**

**In Memory of:**

Evalyn Wiener  
 Marlene & Raymond Wiener

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel & Sue Kopel's 80th Birthdays  
 Debbie & Bill Lavine  
 Linda Sauter  
 Teddi Segal's recovery  
 Debbie & Bill Lavine

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**(R.D.F.\*):**

**In Memory of:**

Ed Smolowitz  
 Barbara Banadyga  
 Blanche Goldman  
 Hermine Pasternack

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel & Sue Kopel 80th Birthdays  
 Marcia & Mel Hecht

**SISTERHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND:**

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel & Sue Kopel's 80th Birthdays  
 Bonnie & Alan Cooper  
 Lenore Foster  
 Teddi Segal's recovery  
 Frieda Hodes

**SISTERHOOD GENERAL FUND:**

**In Honor of:**

Linda Perkel & Sue Kopel's 80th Birthdays  
 Karen Murray's Birthday  
 Wilma Pomerantz

**SISTERHOOD JNF TREES FOR ISRAEL:**

**In Memory of:**

Susan Roth  
 Linda & Perry Reihs



You can make a donation on our website:

[www.agudaisraelsynagogue.org](http://www.agudaisraelsynagogue.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 fund, please make your check out to Agudas Israel Congregation R.D.F.

Donations received **March 30-April 27** 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

## May Anniversaries & Birthdays

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Debbie & Bill Lavine	May 11	42nd anniversary
Linda & Tom Sauter	May 18	26th anniversary
Nancy & Gerry Holstein	May 19	38th anniversary
Joyce & Joseph Lennert	May 20	17th anniversary

### BIRTHDAYS:

Adrian Jackson (8)	May 11
Sandy Morse	May 12
Isaac Jenks (8)	May 15
Carole Sitzer	May 17
Laurel Ela	May 19
Linda Liebman	May 19
Barbara Banadyga	May 21
Gerry Holstein	May 23
Frank Skolnick	May 23
Lynne Durbin Crane	May 25
Jayne Jennings	May 25
Rabbi Philip Bentley	May 29
Avery Blatt	May 29



*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.



## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF WNC

- Your Community Social Service Agency
  - Elder Club Socialization Group
  - Mental Health Counselings
  - Case Management & Assistance
  - Caregiver Support
  - Kosher Holiday Meal Deliveries
  - Interest-free College Loans (JELF)
  - Food Pantry
  - Volunteer Opportunities
- 53 S. French Broad Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801  
828-253-2900

[www.jfswnc.org](http://www.jfswnc.org) or [info@jfswnc.org](mailto:info@jfswnc.org)

### THE ELDER CLUB HAS RETURNED TO AGUDAS ISRAEL

**-SPONSORED BY JFS-**

**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](mailto:Brendan@jfswnc.org)).



125 Orr's Camp Road - 828-693-5220  
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[www.forestlawnhendersonville.com](http://www.forestlawnhendersonville.com)

### FAYE'S PLACE

*a poem by Joyce Lennert*

To reach the golden years after all the meshugas is quite a feat.

Now it's time to give yourself (both women and men) a special treat.

Wonder what's fun to do on Tuesday between eleven and two?

If so, we have a program designed just for your friends and you!

Join us every Tuesday at Faye's Place located in Agudas Israel; for companionship, games, exercise, and lunch - all are surreal.

Just give the Agudas office or the program manager, Brendan, at JFS a call! [828.253.2900, Ext. 112]

*Thank you - thank you to Vicky Lieber, Kish Jarmon, and Lynn Lewis for their "eagle eyes" in proofreading this issue of the Chai Lites.*

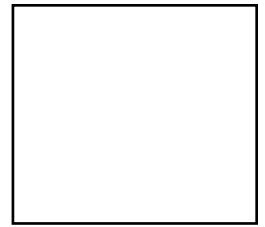


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**MISSION:** Agudas Israel is a warm, welcoming and diverse congregation, located in Henderson County, NC, that inspires our members to a love of God, Torah and Israel. It is a center for all Jewish people who seek to develop and embrace their lives 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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