AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE

THE SHOFAR SEPTEMBER קהילת אגודת אחים

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 24	8:00 pm Selichot
	Janet & Jerry Wayne's home
Sunday September 25	12:30 PM GRAVESITE VISIT
Wednesday September 28	7:15 PM Rosh hashana
Thursday September 29	9:30 AM ROSH HASHANA
Thursday September 29	4:00 PM TASHLICH (PARKING LOT
	hite electric, 3101 Beale ave, altoona)
Friday September 30	9:30 am Rosh hashana
FRIDAY OCTOBER 7	6:30 PM KOL NIDREI
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8	9:30 am Yom Kippur services
	3-5:00 pm Forum
	5:15-7:04 PM MINCHA , NEILAH, MAARIV





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THERE WILL BE A SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY A
BARBECUE WITH KOSHER HAMBURGERS,
HOT DOGS, SALAD, & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE
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Clark Adelman, President

Dear Members & Friends,

This is truly a new year in the life of Agudath Achim Congregation. Rabbi Wohl hit the ground running on August 1st and has been amazing. His fresh ideas and wonderful sermons have been an inspiration. Henry Weinberg and his committee have already begun to work on the honors for this year's High Holidays. If you have something special you would like to do, please contact Henry.

Rabbi Wohl has interviewed candidates to be our High Holiday Cantor. I am happy to say that we have secured the services of Susan Steinman of New Rochelle, NY where she has led High Holiday Services. She is a recent graduate of Yale where she led Kol Nidre services for her classmates. I'm sure she will be a great addition to our High Holidays this year.

I am looking forward to a wonderful High Holiday season at Agudath Achim. We will be using the brand new Mahzor Lev Shalem this year. There are still books available to dedicate at \$36 each. What a wonderful mitzvah to dedicate a book in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

As we prepare for Rosh Hashanah, we will all reflect on this past year and ask G-d to forgive us for all of our transgressions. We all want to be written in the Book of Life for another year. Let us also reflect upon what we can do for our synagogue. We will be attempting many new things this year. Learn and Burn study time with Rabbi Wohl followed by basketball at the JMC. Torah on Tap – a night out to discuss current topics and have a beer together. To begin with, one Friday night service per month with a theme and food. These are just some of the things Rabbi Wohl has scheduled. Please give these new things a try. With Rabbi Wohl's leadership, I'm sure you will find these events stimulating and educational.

Please use the schedule of events on the front of this Shofar to keep track of service times and other important dates. I look forward to seeing each of you during the holidays and to extend a wish to you all for a healthy and happy new year.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu Sincerely,

Clork R. Adelman

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the

High Holidays Floral Fund. If you have not done so yet,

IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

Please contact Ronna immediately

so your donations /

acknowledgements can be included in the booklet this year.

Ronna Lasser, Floral Fund Chairman

MAZEL TOV TO:

PAULA & DAVID
BINUS
ON THE
ENGAGEMENT
OF THEIR SON,
DAVID TO
JULIE SETTLE

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RICK AND SUE KARP ON THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER, CAY, TO JUSTIN TRESSLER

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GREENBERG
ON THEIR FIRST
GRANDSON
MAXWELL PARKER
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MAHZOR LEV SHALEM
OUR NEW HIGH HOLIDAY
PRAYER BOOK. PLACE A
DEDICATION OR IN
MEMORY OF \$36
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PLEASE CALL CINDY

In an effort to enhance our High Holidays this year, your Executive Board has agreed to hire Susan Steinman of New Rochelle, Ny as the Cantor for this year's High Holidays. We are asking your support by Donating to the 2011 Cantor Fund. Make check payable to AAC Cantor Fund.



Rabbi Josh Wohl

There is a story the great Israeli writer Shai Agnon that I find particularly meaningful as we enter the High Holidays. There was once a poor countrywoman who had many children. The children were always begging for food, but she had none to give them. One day she found an egg. She thought to herself. I am a smart woman so I'll not eat this egg. Instead I will ask my neighbor for permission to put it under her setting hen, until a chick is hatched. I am a smart woman. so we will not eat the chick, but instead we will set her on eggs. and the eggs will hatch into chickens. And the chickens in turn will hatch many eggs, and soon we'll have many chicks and many eggs. And while she was speaking in this fashion, the egg fell out of her hand and broke.

The High Holidays present the Jewish people with a precious egg, the chance to repent and change our lives. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, we resolve to make many changes in our lives and yet as the days slip by we find that our thoughts don't always lead to action.

Yes, repentance requires one to

imagine a new future with the hope of new possibilities. Yet, the most important step involved in repentance is focusing on the present. True change requires an individual to begin enacting immediate change. Each one of us has faults, and each one of us the tools to become a better person. The wise person will begin on that path today! For an individual that spends too much time imagining their new reality may like the woman in Agnon's story drop the precious egg of change.

"I recently attended a Sunday minyan and the Yarzeit observance of Sam Port, along with thirty other congregants. I found the camaraderie and all around friendship an uplifting experience. After the service, a fine breakfast was provided by a number of our hard-working congregants. As you go through your very busy family and business responsibilities, you might give attending a Sunday morning service a thought. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Don Devorris

ATTENTION ALL COOKS!

PLEASE KEEP THE RECIPES COMING FOR THE NEW AND TASTY COOKBOOK FROM OUR VERY OWN SISTERHOOD.

Remember we can't do it without you. Send or E-mail recipes to

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COOKING COMMITTEE:

Paula Binus Cathy Gould Carol Lipitz Bonnie Zimmerman

As you may have noticed, Nancy Devorris has gracefully retired from chairing our gift shop. It is not easy to entrust another to do a job that you have done masterfully, competently and lovingly for so many years.

Kara Bilofsky and myself have agreed to chair the Gift Shop. We have had brisk sales of our 50% off sale merchandise which is displayed in the Social Hall. We have just started receiving new merchandise, which you can purchase during Cindy's office hours or by special appointment.

Check out all our sale Hanukah items and Lucite. We have beautiful hostess gifts and Judaica. Thanks again to Nancy, who will maintain the sale of invitations and stationary. Thank you to all who helped with the refurbishing and set up of the gift shop – Albert, Madelyn, Jeff, Elliott and Joel.

Support your shul and come visit us in the gift shop, Barbara & Kara

	September 5	Shirley Neidorff	Aunt of Clark and Ron Adelman Mother of Robert Neidorff
	September 6 September 7	Anna Schulman David Rubin Dr. Lewis Mermel	Mother of Yale Schulman Cousin of Clark and Ron Adelman Late Husband of Mitzi Bailinger
A	September 12 September 13	Ann Bachkoff Joseph Hollander Sheldon Brooks	Mother of Philip Singer Grandfather of Joel Hollander Brother of David Brooks
TT	September 18	Sophie Lurie	Mother of Joseph Lurie & Grandmother of Jan Housman
П	September 20 September 25 September 26 September 27	Anne Hollander Nathan Bailinger Barney Covitch Irving Schmitt	Grandmother of Joel Hollander Father of Jordan Bailinger Father of Mendle Covitch Husband of Fay Schmitt
$ \mathbf{K} $	October 1	Anna Karp Rose Rifkin Gendel	Mother of Ida Schulman Mother of Sophie Rosenberg Father of Steve Slutzker
T	October 2	Luis Slutzker Samuel Paikin Helen Rosch Aaron Karp	Father of Steve Slutzker Father of Saul Paikin Mother of William Rosch Father of Ida Schulman
	October 3	Solomon Gendel	Grandfather of Ardie & Rick Karp Brother of Sophie Rosenberg
$ \mathbf{Z} $	October 4	Samuel Roth	Father of Rozzie Sky & Grandfather of Israel Sky
		Bertha Giller	Mother of Ed Giller & Grandmother of Phyllis Thaler
	October 6 October 8	Sylvia Kardon Samuel Adelman	Grandmother of Sheila Rains Grandfather of Clark & Ron Adelman
		Harry Brooks	Father of David Brooks
T	October 9	Abe Sussman	Father of Mickey Port & Grandfather of Sue Port
	October 10	Esther Covitch Ann Marcus Blanche Savitz	Mother of Mendle Covitch Mother of Ruth Covitch Wife of Dr. Saul Savitz
T	October 11 October 13 October 17	Clara Sonya Morland Rachel Parish Boris Belenitsky	Aunt of Clark & Ron Adelman Mother of Maj Burton Parish Brother of Gary
	October 18	David Ira Giller	Son of Adele and Ed Giller & Brother of Phyllis Thaler
3	October 21 October 23 October 27 October 28 October 29 October 31	Arthur Bader Belle Jacobson Jennie Greenberg Isadore Karp David Wallen Lillian Rosenberg Edgar Henderson	Father of Susan Karp Mother of Rachelle Cohen Mother of Henrietta Covitch Father of Ardie Karp Father of William Wallen Sister of Emanuel Rosenberg Grandfather of Ed Henderson

Our Misheberah List

The following individuals are in our prayers of healing this week. If you have names to add to our list, please contact the office. In addition, if you or someone you know is hospitalized or would like a visit, please contact Rabbi Wohl

> Shirley Glucroft Max Greenberg Desiree Rosenthal Dr. Bill Thaler Roger Lonsinger **Brooke Haney** Wilson Brown Alie McGovern Anita Rispoli Yale Schulman Charles Kaminsky Alma Burgoon Evelyn Wagner Bill Rossman Joe Portugal Irene Sipiora Judy McKillip Lou Ventura **David Brooks** Sandy Messner Diana Miller Elinore Wharton Cindy Burkhart Scott Randell Melvin & Beverly Lurie Stephen Holland Sarah Taylor Steve Colyer Sylvia Green Bernie Dembert Kenneth Keagy Amie Witkin Ruth Covitch

Sometimes we are not informed if one of our synagogue members is a patient. Rabbi Wohl would like to call you and more appropriately, visit you, as you wish, so please let us know. You are important to us.

Mary Jones Fred Warnick

Please notify the office to remove names from the misheberah list who are recovered.

IN MEMORY OF ANNE GOLANT WIFE OF JAKOB GOLANT

MAY HER MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF Joyce Steiner Sister of Carol Cohn

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IN MEMORY OF HELEN ADELMAN

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IN MEMORY OF NORMAN GLUCROFT

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Thank You - Todah Rabbah to the members & friends of Agudath Achim Congregation for your love and generous gift presented in June showing your appreciation of my service to you as

Spiritual Leader and Hazzan 2007-2011. Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz

I leave Altoona and Agudath Achim Congregation after serving for 4 years as your Spiritual Leader & Hazzan. I have so many great memories. Some of my fondest include, in no particular order..... The congregation support of my son Quinn during his first 5 weeks of life and before my family came to Altoona regarding his heart condition, The Sisterhood events and meals, The Yom Kippur Break The Fast at the Calvin House, Panel Discussions that I took part in with other area clergy at Penn State Altoona and various locations and Houses of Worship, Tot Shabbats and Friday night services in congregants homes including many at my home with Heidi, EJ and Quinn and our Succah visits, the Aguath Achim 125th Anniversary Gala, Pastoral visits with so many of you, officiating your life cycle events of Joy and sorrow and everything in between, minyan and all services, Sunday School, Hebrew School, Confirmations, Israel Bonds Dinners, Holocaust Commemoration Services, TEACHING, SINGING, MINISTERING and personal interactions too numerous to mention and of course GREAT FOOD. I am blessed to have YOU as my friends, babysitters to my children Elliott and Quinn, students willing to put up with my sometimes strict adherence to the tunes, pronunciations, Nusach and Tropes. I know there are many more that you can add to this list.

I have been honored to share my life with you and be part of yours since 2007. This has not just been my job, it has become my life. Many mornings I am at the synagogue before 7am as I often do my daily running jaunts downtown or at Penn State Altoona. I have spent a great deal of time in the building throughout my long days and evenings. Many times when I am not in the synagogue building, I am out visiting hospitals, Penn State Altoona, Ebensburg Center, your homes, your workplaces, planning events, teaching someone somewhere or meeting with other area clergy or professionals or perhaps leading groups of children at area schools in music and song. The Kabbalat Shabbat celebration farewell service in my honor on June 24th truly showed the love that Aguath Achim Congregation has for me and my family. The music was so well received by you. Thank you for your generous gift of support. Words cannot even begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for your generosity and outpouring of support.

The Rabbis of the Talmud were well aware of the difficulty that we share when confronting transitions, especially goodbyes. There is a famous joke that while some people leave without saying goodbye, Jews say goodbye without leaving. Sometimes we find it hard to find closure. It is not easy to say goodbye. It is for this reason that the Rabbis teach us that one should part his friends not in sadness or tears but rather with words of Torah. Implicit in this teaching is the understanding that we may enrich ourselves from all of our human encounters. It is my hope that in our time together, we have been able to enrich each other in perspective, outlook and a love of Judaism. It is also my hope that Agudath Achim Congregation continues to prosper, learn and create a meaningful Jewish life for everyone who comes through the doors.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with such a fine group of individuals during my time here. I have chosen not to list names because if I do it will not do justice to the fact that each and every member from the Presidents and Board to those that may feel they do not know me have ALL been part of my life. I am grateful to all of YOU whether you realize it or not. THANK you all from the bottom of my heart! All of you have touched my life in a meaningful way and I shall miss each of you. There is a saying in Shir Hashirim Rabbah: "A student receives only a fifth of the reward that is received by the teacher". Over the course of my time here, I have taught many children, youth and adults of all ages about Judaism and Yiddishkite in some way. My teaching and getting to know you by far has been my greatest source of pride during my time in Altoona. I not only had the privilege of teaching YOU but most importantly learning from YOU. Many of you have or are continuing to learn the skills to lead parts of the service, to visit someone in need, to offer a prayer to someone in their home or on the bimah, chant a torah or haftarah text, read or sing a song in Hebrew, etc. etc. etc. I beam with pride every time I see this occur. It is all of you, MY STUDENTS-MY CONGREGANTS, that I will miss the most. I leave Altoona knowing that the world has many more knowledgeable Jews to carry on our most precious traditions.

Thank you for enriching my life in such a meaningful way. Although I will be leaving Altoona, I will not be disappearing off the face of the earth. I am relocating to St. Louis, MO my hometown as I continue to pursue new opportunities. Feel free to drop me a note anytime. My email address and new contact information are below. I look forward to hearing from you. My Uncle Alfred traveled the world and whenever he left for a trip he never said goodbye because it seemed too permanent. Instead he always departed with "So long". Perhaps he preferred this because it gives the sense that this is not "goodbye" but instead a message of "until we meet again". So for now I leave you with "So long!"

Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz, P.O. Box 8309, St. Louis, MO 63132

814-414-5673 gmh26run@gmail.com

September Birthdays

- 2 Nathan Scheinberg
- 3 Carol Lipitz
- 7 Mickey Port
- 9 Sheila Rains
- 10 June Brozgal
- 12 Casey Rispoli
- 16 Lisa Seltzer
- 21 Abigail Scheinberg
- 22 Deborah Arlick
- 27 Ginger Glass

October Birthdays

- 1 Rachel Arlick
- **1 Nancy Devorris**
- **1 Harrison Rains**
- 2 Sandra Kaminsky
- 4 Erica Binus
- **4 Max Devorris**
- 6 Sandra Halpern
- 8 David Dolinger
- 9 Jacob Port
- 14 Doug Simon
- 14 Israel Sky
- **16 Arielle Port**
- 20 Freya Berger
- 23 Barry Gould
- 23 Billy Greenberg
- 24 Danielle Kaniewski
- 25 Jacob Scheinberg
- 26 Laura Schocker
- 27 Leah Schneider
- 28 Mary Eiman
- 28 Kathy Henderson
- 28 Rick Karp
- 29 Savanna Rains

September Anniversaries

5 Gary & Mina Belenitsky 5 Howard & Bernice Levinson

October Anniversaries

- 4 Dr. Mark & Carol Lipitz
- 20 Ed & Adele Giller
- 22 Donald & Nancy

Devorris

31 Israel & Dana Sky



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Golden Book - minimum contribution of \$4.00 Sisterhood Window Fund (plaque located in Social Hall) - minimum contribution of \$25.00

HAZZAN HORWITZ'S DISCRETIONARY FUND WHICH IS OFFICIALLY CALLED THE CANTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND. HAZZAN HORWITZ USES THESE FUNDS TO MAKE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE SYNAGOGUE AS WELL AS TO PURCHASE MUSIC, BOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL THAT BENEFIT THE SYNAGOGUE AND JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ALTOONA. PLEASE CONTACT JOEL HOLLANDER OR HAZZAN HORWITZ FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Tree of Life Sculpture (Main Lobby) - Minimum Contribution per leaf of \$125.00 Eternal Light Fund (Sculpture in Main Lobby). Categories on the Sculpture include Contributions of \$1000.00, \$2500.00, \$5000.00, \$10,000.00, and \$25,000.00. Sisterhood Prayer Book Fund- Minimum \$36.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR GENERAL FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR OPERATING BUDGET ARE WELCOME IN ANY AMOUNT.

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