

AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE

THE SHOFAR

JANUARY
2015

1306 Seventeenth Street
Altoona PA 16601
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Thank you for another very successful



**Nearly New 2014
\$5400**

Great donations of clothing this year.

Wonderful volunteers.

Nice turn-out of our Agudath Achim teens.

Many non-synagogue volunteers (30%+)
over \$1500 raised in bag sale!*

*This is an indication that our community needs this sale. We had such a strong crowd of people for our bag sale that we barely had merchandise left to donate to Salvation Army, the Veteran's home and our children's mission group. Please try to gather "Nearly New" clothing from family and friends to help keep the sale going.

Also, please put the dates on your calendar now for next year. October 19th – 28th 2015

We NEED your help. Some of the volunteers below spent over 30 hours each on this project in one week's time. We need more support from our synagogue. Thank you to those who graciously donated their time and energy.

The following list of volunteers took time out of their busy schedules to help make this sale a success:

Ilissa Zimmerman, Jordyn Grove, Carolyn Wallen, Mary Kate Fochler, Bonnie Zimmerman, Michael Kline, Mandy Sky, Maxine Weinberg, Rozzie Sky, Albert Meling, Alyssa Dougherty, Devin Snyder, Judy Weinstein, Jan Housman, Miranda Cruthers, Cathy Boccardi, Dana Sky, Tobi Rispoli, Barbara Hollander, Andrea Cohen, Lee Port, Paula Binus, Bill Wallen, Sam Sky, Sandra Halpern, Krystle Cruthers, Carol Lipitz, Madelyn Greenberg, Judy Knox, Samantha Bilofsky, Hy Antikol, Janine Werstil, Vincent D'Andrea, Ginny Glass, Mike Scheinberg, Henry Weinberg, Julie Wohl, Erica Binus, Eva DeLeo, Ava Kline, Jared Davies, Kelley Adler, Mickey Port

Fondly,

Your Rummage Queens: Ilissa Zimmerman, Bonnie Zimmerman, Rozzie Sky, Judy Weinstein & Dana Sky



David Binus, President

I have been thinking how my life mirrors that of the synagogue and Jewish life. In order to be successful in the food service business one must first develop a concept on which to focus. What type of food one wants to specialize in, quality, standards or demographics. In Judaism, one must have the same start. In Judaism we have one G-d, and we have the Bible, and the oral laws in which to follow. Next, we need a place to be able to deliver ones goods to the consumers, a commercial kitchen and a hall to serve the food. In Judaism, one needs a house of prayer, ie Agudath Achim Synagogue. To develop a good menu and make ones food palatable, a chef is needed. At the synagogue a rabbi or spiritual leader, is brought on board to cook and deliver the menu of the laws and practices of our religion which have been taught to us over the generations. The caterer or restaurant must develop a menu that is priced right, delectable, appeals to all ages, all the courses covered from drinks, appetizers, soup, salads, main course, desserts.

The synagogue needs to cover all the bases when it comes learning what is expected of individuals who want to follow the Jewish faith.

Behind the brick and mortar, a team of quality people must be in place to make sure that the business plan for the food service business is carried out in order to insure success. With the synagogue, the same is true in order to allow it to function properly and run smoothly so it can be here for generations to come.

We have a fine running synagogue because we have a great concept in Judaism, we have a beautiful building at Agudath Achim and we have a great body of board members monitoring the overall functions of the synagogue. We hired a chef.... Rabbi Wohl, to teach us the laws and provide programs to make it delicious, interesting and wanting to come back for seconds.

As president I know we have a great team, a fantastic and interesting theme of Judaism, congregants who are willing to come, participate, and engage in the activities that are in place. We have the building waiting to hear all the blessings and prayers, and activities that make our synagogue a thriving place to be.

I hope to see you at services and hope you all have a safe and peaceful new year.

David J. Binus
President
Agudath Achim Synagogue

CHRONICLE CORRECTIONS

THE AGUERO'S PHONE
NUMBER IS
682-7912.

ANDREA OKONAK'S PHONE
NUMBER IN CHRONICLE TO:
330-4354

NEW MEMBER
Dr. David Moaddel
605 Mattern Orchard 7
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY
JAKOB GOLANT!

Kim Adelman has an E-Mail
address specifically for Golden
Book inscriptions
Her Golden Book
E-Mail address is:
kagoldenbook@yahoo.com

The Shofar is printed
four times a year.
Please submit articles to
maddygrn@me.com

visit our website
www.agudathachim.com



Rabbi Josh Wohl

The Importance of Community

I see skies of blue and clouds of white

The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night

And I think to myself what a wonderful world.

Louie Armstrong belted out this famous melody nearly 50 years ago, scoring a chart topping hit. Too bad God beat him to the punch a few thousand years earlier. After each day of creation, God looks at the world and what does he say: “ki tov”, “O what a good world.” It’s interesting to note that when creation is completed at the end of the 6th day, God says: “V’hiney tov m’od”, “O’ what a very wonderful world!”

Most of us know that God delighted in his creation but I wonder how many of us can identify the first thing that God decides isn’t good. The answer is found in Genesis 2:18 when the Creator says, “Lo tov heyot Adam l’vado”, “It’s not good for man to be alone.” God’s first comment on human nature is to identify with the pain of loneliness.

Our God of mercy decides to alleviate this pain and so he takes Adam’s rib and fashions Eve, Adam’s life partner and companion. And throughout the rest of the book of Genesis we read about the story of families, their struggles, their victories, the great love that springs from their relationships. The Book of Genesis teaches us that family and community are at the epicenter of all life.

This can be seen in even the most basic Jewish rituals. What’s the customary Jewish toast? L’chayim - “to life.” A close examination of the Hebrew word chayim shows that it’s written in the plural form and so L’chayim literally means, “to lives.” So when you toast L’chayim, it’s a wish for a shared life with others. That one word speaks to the essence of Judaism.

Rabbi Irwin Kula, teaches that the most intriguing mystery of creation is not: Why was light the first thing fashioned? Or why did God rest on the 7th day? The great mystery of creation is: Why did an omnipotent and omniscient God create the world in the first place? A midrash in Bamidbar Rabba tells us that God created the world because he was lonely. God said, “It’s not good for man to be alone”, because he was able to empathize with the ache in Adam’s heart as God knew how painful it was to have no one else.

The festival of Tu Bishvat is nearly upon us. We come together to celebrate the miracle of the rebirth of nature that occurs each spring. So I ask that you join the Agudath Achim Community for our annual Tu Bishvat Seder on Feb 7th at the conclusion of Shabbat Morning Services. We will eat fruits from the land of Israel, drink wine and celebrate the beauty of nature.

And when all of us are gathered together for this simcha, let us look around the room and think to ourselves, O’ what a wonderful community, O’ what a wonderful world.

Upcoming Events

Shabbat Musica
Jan 30th at 6pm

Tu B’shvat Seder
Feb 7th after Services

Board Meeting
Feb 11th at 7pm

Adult Education Class
Introduction to Hebrew -
begins Feb 16th at 6:00pm

Adult Education Class The
Book of Deuteronomy - begins
Feb 16th at 6:30pm

Book Club David: The
Divided Heart by D. Wolpe -
Feb 18th at 10:00am

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NANCI AND BEN
CAPLAN, BARBARA &
JOEL HOLLANDER,
AUNT NIKKI AND AUNT
RACHEL ON THE BIRTH
OF THEIR DAUGHTER,
GRANDDAUGHTER
AND NEICE
SOFIA LEAH
ON DECEMBER 18TH,
2014



Agudath Achim Confirmation Class participates in the Blair County Breast Cancer Walk!
 Shani Evans, Ava Kline, Sam Bilofsky,
 Mandy Sky, Phoebe Simon,

Agudath Achim confirmation class raised \$1400



Due to increasing costs of food, supplies, and auxiliary labor for room set-up and cleanup, our Sponsorship fees and Social Hall usage fees have been increased.

Sponsored events receive a mention/honor in congregational emails and announcement at services.

UPDATED KIDDUSH, ONEG SHABBAT and SOCIAL HALL USAGE FEES

Sponsorship of Saturday morning Kiddush

\$100 – 20 or less people

Menu includes:

Challah, bagels, lox and toppings, egg salad, tuna fish, fruit, dessert, paper products, wine, drinks, and linens

(additional people or more elaborate menu – members should contact caterer)

Sponsorship of Friday night Oneg Shabbat

\$50 – 20 or less people

Menu includes:

Dessert tray, wine, drinks, paper products and linens

Hosting a special function – Social Hall room usage fees

(bar/bat mitzvah, wedding, bris/naming, funerals)

\$50-up to 25 people (linens extra)

\$100 26-100 people (linens extra)

\$150 101+ people (linens extra)

YAHREZEITS

3-Dec	Abe Lurie	Father of Joseph Lurie	19-Jan	Thelma Levy	Sister of Anita Hurwitz & Aunt of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman
	Nathan Brenner	Uncle of Charles Kaminsky			
4-Dec	Thelma Brenner Skolnek	Mother of Carol Cohn	20-Jan	Aaron Dolinger	Grandfather of David Dolinger
5-Dec	Paul Stein	Father of Maxine Weinberg		Agusta Henderson	Grandmother of Edward Henderson
7-Dec	Esther Nederlander	Mother of Rene Marks, Grandmother of Melissa Marks & Abby Marks & Sister of William Thaler	21-Jan	Eleanor Skyes Tamen	Wife of Ben Tamen
		Mother-in-Law of Donald Marks	22-Jan	Louis Small	Brother of Sylvia Levine & Brother-in-Law of Charles Levine
9-Dec	Norman Murray Schwartz	Father of Ronna Lasser	24-Jan	Yetta Reinstein Cohn	Mother of Morley Cohn
10-Dec	William Lasser	Father of Byron Lasser & Grandfather of Stacy Lasser	25-Jan	Mary Savitz	Mother of Saul Savitz
	Samuel Schulman	Uncle of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman	26-Jan	Meyer Ruttenberg	Father of Bernice Levinson
	Paul Blender	Father of Jeffrey Blender	27-Jan	Bernard Lapin	Father of Esther Scheinberg Grandfather of Michael & Samuel Scheinberg
	Ruth Roth	Mother of Rosalind Sky & Grandmother of Israel Sky & Tobi Rispoli	28-Jan	Frank Berger	Father of Irvin Berger
			29-Jan	Ann Bergstein Siegel	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
11-Dec	Benjamin Schulman	Uncle of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman	30-Jan	Anna Weiss	Grandmother of Jeff Greenberg Grandmother of Bill & Bobby Greenberg
13-Dec	Sarah Devorris	Grandmother of Donald Devorris	31-Jan	Freida Trompeter	Aunt of David Dolinger
	Hilda Lurie	Wife of Joseph Lurie & Mother of Jan Housman	3-Feb	Herbert Hony	Father of Nima Chorny
	Rose Seltzer Miller	Sister of Irving Seltzer & Aunt of Alex, Michael & Steven Seltzer	4-Feb	Lillian Sapoff	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
16-Dec	Theodore Taft	Father of Carol Lipitz	6-Feb	Mally Hony	Mother of Nima Chorny
17-Dec	Fischel Gould	Grandfather of Barry Gould	7-Feb	Bessie K. Lang	Aunt of Michael Kline
	Esther Rose Adelman	Grandmother of Clark & Ron Adelman & Joy Susengill	8-Feb	Henry Schulman	Uncle of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman
18-Dec	Sylvia Lasser	Mother of Byron Lasser & Grandmother of Stacy Lasser		Morris M. Levine	Father of Nancy Seigel & Ida Levine
19-Dec	Annie Henderson	Grandmother of Robert Henderson Susan Henderson-Brody	9-Feb	Minnie Stein	Mother of Maxine Weinberg
20-Dec	Charles Lieberman	Father of Phyllis Port & Grandfather of Joshua Port	10-Feb	Moshe Schulman	Grandfather of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman
23-Dec	Rachel Deitch	Mother of Adele Giller	12-Feb	Ida Wolfberg	Mother of Steven Wolfberg
	Milton Gould	Father of Barry Gould		Margaret Stoop	Loved One of David Brooks
25-Dec	William Krapin	Father of Millicent Bailingier	13-Feb	Roy I. Newborn	Father of Barry Newborn
	Ethel Wallen	Mother of William Wallen		Fannie Krentzman	Mother of Anita Hurwitz
29-Dec	Jacob Levine	Grandfather of Ida Levine & Nancy Seigel	15-Feb	Herbert Bilofsky	Husband of Selma Bilofsky & Father of Elliott Bilofsky & Grandfather of Dina, Ian & Samantha Bilofsky
	Morris Quint	Uncle of Ida Levine & Nancy Seigel	16-Feb	Anna Lieberman	Mother of Phyllis Port & Grandmother of Joshua Port
	Amie Witkin	Aunt of Adele Giller & Great Aunt of Phyllis Thaler	19-Feb	Mollie Brooks	Mother of David Brooks
30-Dec	Herman Savitz	Father of Saul Savitz		Sarah Freeman	Mother of Eleanor Grossman Grandmother of Ardie Karp
	Gladys Gould	Mother of Barry Gould		Isaac Saltzman	Father of Fay Schmitt
	Bernice Lapin	Mother of Eshter Scheinberg & Grandmother of Michael & Samuel Scheinberg		Arthur Stephen Cohen	Husband of Danna Cohen Father of Michael & Shawn Cohen
1-Jan	Gerry Antikol	Mother of Hyman Antikol	22-Feb	Morris Rubin	Uncle of Clark & Ron Adelman & Joy Susengill
2-Jan	Alfred Hurwitz	Husband of Anita Hurwitz		Julius Mazur	Brother of Rose Karp
4-Jan	Samuel J. Skolnek	Father of Carol Cohn		Rose Ann Altberg	Wife of Reynold Altberg & Mother of Maria Greiper
5-Jan	Ethel Colbus	Aunt of Henry Weinberg		Israel Sky	Father of Phillip Sky & Grandfather of Israel Sky & Tobi Rispoli
7-Jan	Samuel Harry Stoop	Loved One of David Brooks		Samuel Klevans	Brother-in-Law of Emanuel Rosenberg
9-Jan	Joseph Cohn	Father of Morley Cohn	23-Feb	Ida E. Kaplan	Mother of Samuel Kaplan & Anna Paikin
11-Jan	Jacob Weiss	Grandfather of Jeff Greenberg Grandfather of Bill & Bobby Greenberg		Maurice Sherman	Father of Freya Berger
12-Jan	Yale Schulman	Uncle of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman	24-Feb	Benjamin Blender	Uncle of Jeffrey Blender
14-Jan	Al Cohen	Husband of Rachelle Cohen		Ida Levine	Grandmother of Ida Levine & Nancy Seigel
	Chaim Antikol	Grandfather of Hyman Antikol		Julius Krentzman	Father of Anita Hurwitz & Grandfather of Marcia Schulman & Reva Feldman
	Jennie Adelman	Mother of Clark & Ron Adelman & Joy Susengill	25-Feb	Abraham Abelson	Uncle of Samuel Kaplan
15-Jan	Miriam Kaminsky	Mother of Charles Kaminsky		Pesa Tutle Golant	Mother of Jakob Golant
	Edythe Voloshen	Mother of David Binus & Grandmother of David III & Erica Binus	26-Feb		

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.

Bill Rossman

Desiree Rosenthal

Mendle Covcitch

Phil Sky

Anna Paikin

Jakob Golant

Nima Chorny

Vonnie Bellina

Jordan Bailing

Vasta Eichelberger

Shirley Pechter

Dr. Saul Savitz

Please notify us if the person on this list has recovered.

GOLDEN BOOK

AAC Sisterhood

Congratulations on becoming new members at AAC to Bridgett & Isaac Rubinstein

Congratulations on becoming new members at AAC to Paul & Yvonne Bellina

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Sisterhood Past President Shirley Glucroft

Al Roth

Joel Hollander - Speedy Recovery

Morley Cohn - Speedy Recovery

Amy Seltzer

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Andrea & Michael Cohen

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Joel Hollander - Speedy Recovery

Morley Cohn - Speedy Recovery

Barbara & Joel Hollander

Congratulations on becoming new members at AAC to Bridgett & Isaac Rubinstein

Congratulations on becoming new members at AAC to Paul & Yvonne Bellina

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Betsy & Michael Kline

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Carol & Morley Cohn

Congratulations for Education of Children at AAC Award to Adele Giller

Congratulations for Lifetime of Service at AAC & Cemetery Honor to Henry Weinberg

Congratulations for Lifetime President of AAC Honor to Joel Hollander

Congratulations on Election as President of AAC to David Binus

For 20+ Golden Book Years to Mitzi Bailing

Get Well Saul Paikin

Happy Birthday Mildred Miller

Jordan Bailing - Speedy Recovery

Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year to Al Roth

Colleen & Philip Devorris

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Hy Antikol

Congratulations for Lifetime President of AAC Honor to Joel Hollander

Congratulations on Election as President of AAC to David Binus

Congratulations on Election as President of Sisterhood to Ilissa Zimmerman

Happy 80th Birthday Don Devorris

Ilissa Zimmerman

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Janet Wayne

In Memory of Barbara Taback

Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year to Al Roth

Jean & David Dollinger

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Joan & Jerry Bergstein

Jordan Bailing - Speedy Recovery

Joel Fishbaine

In Memory of Penny & Daniel Benkiel

Judi Sue & Marvin Meisner

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Julie & Josh Wohl

Jeff Greenberg - Happy Birthday

Kathy & Ed Henderson

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman

In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Kim & Clark Adelman

Amy Seltzer Thank You for Sponsoring Break the Fast

Bonnie & Len Zimmerman Thank You for Sponsoring Break the Fast

Congratulations Phyllis Port on Another Great Forum

Get Well Jerry Bergstein

Joe Bidoli - Congratulations on Altoona Mirror Sports Recognition

Jordan Bailing - Get Well After Surgery

Judi Sue & Marvin Meisner Thank You for Sponsoring Break the Fast

Roz & Phil Sky Thank You for Sponsoring Break the Fast

Saul & Anna Paikin - Good Health & Healing

Thank You Dave & Paula Binus for a Great Break the Fast Meal

GOLDEN BOOK DONATIONS

Madelyn & Jeff Greenberg

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft
Speedy recovery to Joel Hollander
Speedy recovery to Morley Cohn
Speedy Recovery to David Brooks

Marion LeBendig

Jordan Bailing - Speedy Recovery

Maxine & Henry Weinberg

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Moses
Port on Son Levi's Bar Mitzvah
Congratulations on Engagement to
Sue Port
Dr. Joseph Robeson - Get Well &
Speedy Recover
Get Well Jerry Bergstein
In Memory of Joann Imler
In Memory of Ken Jablon

Maxine & Henry Weinberg

In Memory of Sidney Ecker
Joel Hollander - Speedy Recovery
Jordan Bailing - Get Well After
Surgery
Morley Cohn - Speedy Recovery
Niece Edra Pollin - Best Wishes on
Special Birthday
Saul Paikin - Thinking of You
Saul Paikin - Thinking of You - Get
Well
Shirley Pechter Thinking of You - Get
Well
Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year
to Al Roth
Speedy Recovery to Barry Bergstein
Speedy Recovery to Mrs. Fran Jablon

Mickey & Neil Port

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Mildred Miller

Get Well Saul Paikin
Jordan Bailing - Speedy Recovery

Mitzi & Jordan Bailing

Happy Belated 50th Wedding
Anniversary to Maxine & Henry
Weinberg
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft
Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year
to Al Roth

Nancy & Don Devorris

Amy Seltzer Thank You for
Sponsoring Break the Fast
Bonnie & Len Zimmerman Thank You
for Sponsoring Break the Fast
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft
Joel Hollander - Speedy Recovery
Jordan Bailing - Get Well
Judi Sue & Marvin Meisner Thank
You for Sponsoring Break the Fast
Morley Cohn - Speedy Recovery
Roz & Phil Sky Thank You for
Sponsoring Break the Fast
Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year
to Al Roth

Paula & Dave Binus

Amy Seltzer Thank You for
Sponsoring Break the Fast
Bonnie & Len Zimmerman Thank You
for Sponsoring Break the Fast
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft
Judi Sue & Marvin Meisner Thank
You for Sponsoring Break the Fast
Roz & Phil Sky Thank You for
Sponsoring Break the Fast
Speedy Recovery & Happy New Year
to Al Roth
Thank You Carolyn & Bill Wallen for
Grapes

Phyllis & Bruce Thaler

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
In Memory of Shirley Glucroft

Ronna & Byron Lasser

Dr. & Mrs. Carroll Osgood - Happy
75th Birthdays
In Memory of Jeffrey Felton
Jordan Bailing - Get Well
Mrs. Theresa Malone - Happy 90th
Birthday
Saul Paikin - Get Well
Shirley Pechter - Get Well

Ronna, Byron, & Stacy Lasser

In Memory of Abraham Hamburg

Rosie Karp

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman to
Ardie Karp
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman to The
Grossman Family
Jordan Bailing - Get Well
Speedy Recovery to Barry Bergstein

Roz & Phil Sky

Barbara Pope - Thinking of You
Brielle Harmon - In Memory of Your
Granddaughters
Carol Bair - Thoughts & Prayers
Davey Brooks - Best Wishes & Speedy
Recovery
Flo George - Prayers with You and Boys
In Memory of Jim Gregory
In Memory of Randy O'Brien
Joel Hollander - Best Wishes & Speedy
Recovery
Jordan Bailing - Best Wishes &
Speedy Recovery
Karen Matteson - Thinking of You &
Prayers
Lynnea Detwiler - Thoughts & Prayers
Mark Goldberg & David Lugowski
Happy for You-Good Halth, Love, &
Laughter
Morley Cohn - Best Wishes & Speedy
Recovery
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McKillop & Family
Best Wishes.You Are in Our Thoughts
& Prayers

Roz & Phil Sky/Tobi & Dave Rispoli

Leroy Soble - Praying fpr Recovery

Sue & Rick Karp

In Memory of Eleanor Grossman to
Ardie Karp
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman to The
Grossman Family
In Memory of Elfriede Nehring
Joel Hollander - Speedy Recovery
Morley Cohn - Speedy Recovery
Phil Sky - Keeping You in Our Prayers
Speedy Recovery to Barry Bergstein

The Klines

Amy Seltzer Thank You for Sponsoring
Break the Fast
Bonnie & Len Zimmerman Thank You
for Sponsoring Break the Fast
Judi Sue & Marvin Meisner Thank You
for Sponsoring Break the Fast
Roz & Phil Sky Thank You for
Sponsoring Break the Fast

D O N A T I O N S

Rabbi M. Herbert Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund

David & Jean Dolinger

In Memory of David's Father Herman Dolinger

High Holiday Seating

Ilissa Zimmerman

Harry Miller

Morley & Carol Cohn

Congregational Fund

Shirlee Roberts

In Memory of Shirlee's Sister Sylvia Green

Jordan Bailing

In Memory of Jordan's former Wife Marcia Bailing

Jordan & Mitzi Bailing

In Memory of Jordan's Father Nathan Bailing

Mitzi Bailing

In Memory of Mitzi's former Husband Dr. Lewis Mermel

Joel & Barbara Hollander & Family

In Memory of Joel's Grandfather Joseph Hollander

Joel & Barbara Hollander & Family

In Memory of Joel's Grandmother Anne Hollander

Saul & Anna Paikin

In Memory of Saul's Father Samuel Paikin

Scott & Barbara, Sara & Yoni Brande

Lisa & Mark Trichka & Marc Brande

In Memory of Scotts Father Harold Brande

In Memory of Scotts Mother Selma Stein Brande

In Memory of Scotts Uncle Paul Blender

In Memory of Scotts Aunt Ruth Blender

In Memory of Scotts Grandfather Nathan Brande

In Memory of Scotts Grandmother Katherine Karp Brande

In Memory of Scotts Great Grandfather Isaac Karp

In Memory of Scotts Great Grandmother Celia Herzog Karp

In Memory of Scotts Great-great Grandfather Aaron Herzog

In Memory of Scotts Great-great Grandmother Goldie Herzog

Mickey Port

In Memory of her Father Ave Sussman

Debbie Badwai

In Memory of Anna's Son David Trude

Patrick Himes, Patrick Himes, Jr & Matt Himes

In Memory of Anna's Son David Trude

Saul & Anna Paikin

In Memory of Anna's Son David Trude

Robert Neidorff

In Memory of his Father Harvey Neidorff

Joel & Barbara Hollander & Family

In Memory of Barbara's Father David Sirkin

Stephen & Michele Schmidt

In Memory of Michele's Father Larry Lebovitz

Leonard & Bonnie Zimmerman

In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday

David Moaddel

Reva Feldman

In Memory of her Father Max Schulman

Reva Feldman

In Memory of her Mother Sylvia Schulman

Dr. Michael & Betsy Kline

In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday

Louis Silverman

In Memory of Harvey Neidorff

Ava Cross

In Memory of Ida Schulman

Ethel Fried

In Memory of her Husband Joseph Fried

Marlene Kiewe

In Memory of her Uncle Samuel Schulman

Marlene Kiewe

In Memory of her Sister Hilda Lurie

The David & Sarah Sky Charitable Trust

Henry Sandler

In Memory of his Sister-in-Law Esther Nederlander

Louis Silverman

Break the Fast

Morley & Carol Cohn

Thanking Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Meisner

Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Zimmerman

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Sky

Ms. Amy Seltzer

and the Sisterhood

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Paul & Yvonne Bellina

D O N A T I O N S

Cemetery Trust

Hy Antikol
Ilissa Zimmerman
Morley & Carol Cohn
Janet Wayne
Amy Seltzer
Jakob Golant
David & Jean Dolinger
Sue & Jeffrey Blender
Bernard Swartz
Rey Altberg & June Brozgal
Michael & Betsy Kline
Jordan & Mitzi Bailing
Dave & Paula Binus
Dr. Michael & Andrea Cohen
Donald & Nancy Devorris
Eleanor Grossman
Jack & Jan Housman
Joseph Lurie
Neil & Mickey Port
Lowell Colbus
Philip & Colleen Devorris
Ethel Fried
Daniel & Eva Greenwald
Brian & Lisk Jolles
Andrew Parish
Marty & Barbara Port
Stephen & Phyllis Port
William Thaler
Steve & Judy Wolfberg
Ronald Adelman
Mark Berney & Lynne Foster
Josephine Getz
Steven Seltzer
Norman & Fern Wayne

Cantor Fund

Robert Neidorff
Dr. Bruce & Phyllis Thaler
Hy Antikol
Morley & Carol Cohn
Michael & Betsy Kline
Steven Seltzer

Prayer Book

Clark & Kim Adelman
Prayer Books for Clark M. Adelman
Clark & Kim Adelman
Prayer Books for Dane M. Adelman
Kim Adelman
Prayer Books for Clark R. Adelman

Tree of Life

Devorris and Cohen Families
In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday

Window Memorials

Fay Schmitt
In Honor of Donald Devorris' 80th Birthday
Byron & Ronna Lasser
In Memory of Jeanette Weinberg
Byron & Ronna Lasser
In Honor of Carol Cohn's Birthday
Byron & Ronna Lasser
In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday
Henry & Maxine Weinberg
In Memory of Tina Sheetz' Mother Renee Triff
Morley & Carol Cohn
In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday
Joel & Barbara Hollander
In Memory of Gerald B. Henderson
Joel & Barbara Hollander
In Honor of Irving Seltzer
Joel & Barbara Hollander
In Honor of Jeff Greenberg's 60th Birthday
Joel & Barbara Hollander
In Memory of Eleanor Grossman
Joel & Barbara Hollander
In Honor of Carol Cohn's Birthday
Ilissa Zimmerman
Jeff Greenberg Puts a Smile on your Face
Mimi Sirkin, Jack, Donna & Families
In Honor of Barbara Hollander's Birthday

Dear Congregants,

This is my 35th year as a member of Agudath Achim. From my beginning as a new bride to the upcoming birth of my second granddaughter, my life has revolved around our schul. Whether being physically present, feeling guilty about not being physically present, attending dinners or services or yahrzeit observances, the synagogue is always on my mind. Throughout the years, I have often bragged to family and friends how Agudath Achim has no age division. We are all friends, we know everyone here, and we have a camaraderie like no other. What is presently on my mind is the seeming disconnect to those burying a loved one. When there is a funeral, no one can say "I don't know them," or "We were not friends." We know everyone at Agudath Achim, we are all friends. When one of our congregants is burying a loved one, I would like to see more support from our Agudath Achim family.

While Sisterhood President I felt it my responsibility to attend every funeral that was held. I have kept this up all these years later, when possible. There is no time when a congregation is needed more than to comfort those in mourning. It is customary to say "May the Lord comfort you with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem."

How meaningful to hear these words from their friends, their community, their congregation. From us.

Fondly,

Barbara Hollander

IN MEMORY OF
ELEANOR GROSSMAN
AUNT OF ARDIE KARP.
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
SHIRLEY GLUCROFT
MOTHER OF ROSS GLUCROFT
AND SUSAN RATTNER.
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
LEIGH ANN SCHEINBERG
DAUGHTER OF ESTHER AND THE LATE
ALBERT SCHEINBERG AND SISTER OF
SAM AND MIKE SCHEINBERG, AND
BONNIE MOSS. 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
PEARL BERGSTEIN DONSHIK
SISTER OF JERRY BERGSTEIN
MAY HER MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING
AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE
COMFORTED AMONG THE
MOURNERS OF
ZION AND JERUSALEM.

Sisterhood News

In 1998, our own Sandra Halpern photographed six stained glass windows which are beautifully displayed in the Synagogue Social Hall. The WINDOW FUND was created as a place to recognize our members and their contributions to our community and to Agudath Achim. For a \$25 donation, a plaque is engraved and displayed with the STAINED



GLASS windows. If you have a minute, stop by to admire the art and take a trip down memory lane reading the plaques. The WINDOW FUND is a great way to donate to the synagogue, a little more than a \$4 Golden Book and a lot less than a \$36 prayer book. Special Thanks to Nancy Devorris for reviving this Sisterhood venture and to Joel Hollander for his help.

Hillel International Honors Rachel Leigh Hollander

Rachel Leigh Hollander was honored at the inaugural Hillel International: Global Assembly attended by over 500 of Rachel's colleagues in Orlando, FL on December 10, 2014. Rachel is the Associate Director of the University of Pennsylvania Hillel and was presented with the Richard M. Joel Exemplar of Excellence Award at the Global Assembly by Eric D. Fingerhut, President and CEO of Hillel International. This award is the highest award given by Hillel International for outstanding work and excellence.

Mr. Fingerhut described Rachel as a dynamic, talented and “sparkly” leader who brings both panache and an acute awareness to the unique abilities of each student and community within Hillel. The International Hillel President and CEO continued his many comments that included the following: “This colleague is warm and insightful, seeking to build personal relationships while at the same time challenging students to consider perspectives different than their own. Many students have noted and cherished their personal growth as of result of Rachel’s emphasis on ‘stepping into other people’s shoes.’”

“This exemplar has a natural aptitude for teaching and brings Jewish education into all that she does. Weeks after she began at Hillel, she launched a class that, in the words of a colleague ‘totally blew away the other classes being offered by the different rabbis on campus.’ Her deep knowledge of Judaism coupled with her effective listening skills not only make her educational initiatives rich, but relevant for her student audience.”

“A trusted colleague, Rachel has proven herself an indispensable asset to her Hillel, by successfully managing responsibilities outside the purview of her formal role. When invited to help with alumni giving, she quickly closed a major gift from a young couple.”

Rachel joined University of Pennsylvania Hillel in 2010 as the Jewish Student Life Coordinator, and continued her progression as Director of Jewish Student Life, Assistant Director and then Associate Director of Penn Hillel.





AGUDATH ACHIM'S HANUKKAH CELEBRATION
 THANK YOU TO SNAPPY CHEF'S DOUG SIMON FOR A
 FABULOUS DINNER!
 THANKS TO RABBI AND GREG FOR A GREAT SKIT
 THANKS FOR PARTY SHOT'S JEFF FOR BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS





Birthdays

December

Gary Belenitsky
Byron Lasser
Dorothy Kardon
Ronald Adelman
Jakob Golant
Barbara Thaler
Rosiland Sky
Jack Housman
Mark Lipitz
Joan Bergstein
Joseph Lurie
Anna Paikin

January

Edward Giller
Edward Henderson
Burton Parish
Henry Weinberg
Nicole Hollander
William Thaler
Sandra Schocker
Michael Kline

Bonnie Zimmerman
Ronna Lasser
Sherry Thaler
Marvin Meisner
Adele Giller
Vonne Bellina
Andrea Cohen

February

Maxine Weinberg
Elizabeth Kline
Sophie Rosenberg
Philip Devorris
Emanuel Rosenberg
Steven Port
Cathie Gould
Carolyn Wallen

Anniversaries

December

Burton & Betty Parish

January

Jack & Sandra Schocker

February

Paul & Vonne Bellina
Jay & Mary Eiman

AGUDATH ACHIM OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SYNAGOGUE THROUGH VARIOUS FUNDS. PLEASE CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO AGUDATH ACHIM TO HONOR, REMEMBER, OR CONGRATULATE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. FOR YOUR REFERENCE, WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE A LIST OF THE AREAS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

GOLDEN BOOK - MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF \$4.00

SISTERHOOD WINDOW FUND (PLAQUE LOCATED IN SOCIAL HALL) - MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF \$25.00

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND - RABBI WOHL 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.

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 \$36.00

RABBI M. HERBERT BERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND- DONOR'S DISCRETION

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

PARTICIPATION IN OUR TRUST FUNDS THAT INCLUDE OUR ETERNAL LIGHT AND OUR PHYSICAL TRUST CAN INCLUDE YOUR GIFTS OF SECURITIES, CASH, OR INSURANCE BENEFITS. PLEASE CONTACT JOEL OR CLARK TO DISCUSS YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR AGUDATH ACHIM WITH YOUR KIND GENEROSITY.

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