

Agudas Achim Announcer

Rosh Hashonah edition 2010

Rabbi's Message: Rabbi Ari Weiss

The High Holidays are fast approaching, and as such, we are constantly thinking about teshuva - repentance. We blow the shofar, we add prayers and psalms to the services, all focusing us on the theme of teshuvah - repentance. The process comes to its climax on the holiday of Yom Kippur, when we achieve a full atonement from Hashem. What is most interesting is the introduction of a new term - Kapparah (atonement). In what way is Kapparah - atonement different from teshuvah - repentance?

There is a story told about a child who resisted all the efforts his parents and teachers exerted to correct his behavior. No matter what the approach, the boy had the same negative attitude and behavior. In desperation the father finally told the boy that every time an inappropriate behavior is displayed, a nail would be placed in the boy's wall above his bed. The boy, as before, paid no mind to this until a month later when the nails in his bedroom wall became too much of an eyesore. Eventually the boy gave in and asked his father what he needed to do to remove the nails, to which the father replied that for every positive behavior, a nail would be removed.

It took some time, but eventually, enough nails were removed to make a noticeable difference in the aesthetics of the bedroom, but the boy realized that while the nails were gone, the holes in the wall remained. What must be done to remove the holes?

In a similar way, we soil relationships with negative behaviors. We can offend our friends with our words and actions, and we can cause a rift in both our relationships with each other and Hashem. And while we can apologize and even be forgiven for those sins, the damage very often is done and the relationship is changed forever. Just as the boy in the story wonders how to remove the holes in his wall, a lasting sign of the destructive ramifications of his previous sins, so too we ask how to repair the seemingly irreparable damage caused by our hurtful actions against each other.

This is what Kapparah - atonement is all about. The word kapparah comes from the word "kofer" which means plaster. When G-d instructed Noah in the building of the ark, He told him to plaster the ark inside and out with plaster - kofer. Just as plaster can cover the holes in the wall of the repentant child, so does kapparah reformatify the often shattered relationships of our lives. Rather than superficially covering up the pain of what lies underneath, kapparah fills the holes of hurt that bore deep in our consciousness, righting the relationship from the standpoint of the pained, not the inflictor of that pain. It is this for which we beseech Hashem on these days, and it is this which Hashem grants us at the start of the new year.

As we stand at the end of 5770 and look forward with trepidation and hope to the coming year, we are reminded of the challenges and triumphs of the previous twelve months. We taste the apple and honey, symbols of the sweetness and blessing of the coming year, and we ask G-d as we ask each other for not only repentance, but for atonement. Only in this fashion can we re-strengthen ourselves, our families, and our community, and truly achieve forgiveness.



HIGH HOLIDAYS: CUSTOMS AND LAWS

5771

Elul—Beginning on August 11

- The Shofar is sounded every weekday morning, except the day before Rosh Hashanah.
- Chapter 27 of the Book of Psalms is added to the daily morning and afternoon prayers.
- During the last week before Rosh Hashanah, Slichot prayers are recited, the first night at midnight, the following days in the early morning.
- Additional charity is given every day.
- Beginning with the first day of Elul and continuing until the day before Yom Kippur, it is also customary to say three Psalms every day, consecutively, starting from the beginning of the book. On Yom Kippur the remaining thirty-six Psalms are recited thus concluding the entire Book of Psalms.
- It is appropriate to learn more Torah, with special emphasis on the laws concerning repentance.

Rosh Hashanah—September 9-10

Traditional Foods:

It is customary to eat foods which symbolize sweetness, blessings and abundance. We dip the challah (traditional Shabbat and holiday bread) in honey. A head (of fish or fowl) is served.

We eat carrots (in Yiddish carrots are called "mern" which means to multiply). On the first evening of Rosh Hashanah after eating the first piece of Challah, we dip a piece of apple in honey. We say the following blessing, over the apple:
Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.
Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Bore Pri Ha-etz.
And then add:
"May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year."
Yehi Ratzon She-te-chadesh Alenu Shana Tovah Ume-tukah.

On the second evening, after Kiddush, we eat a fruit which we have not yet eaten in the past year, and say the following blessings:

- 1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.
Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Bore Pri Ha-etz.
- 2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.
Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Hear The Shofar:

It is customary to sound the Shofar at the coronation of a King. Similarly, on Rosh Hashanah we "coronate" G-d by sounding the Shofar. The shofar serves also as a wake up call to repent and return to G-d. On Thursday, September 9 and Friday Sept. 10, hear at least 30 shofar blasts.

Cast Away Your Sins:

On Sunday, September 9, after the afternoon Mincha prayer, we go to a lake, river or to the sea and recite the Tashlich prayers, where we symbolically cast our sins into the water and leave our old shortcomings behind us, thus starting the new year with a clean slate.

If one is unable to perform this ceremony on Rosh Hashanah, one may do it until the last day of Sukkot.

Services in brief

Evening Service:

The evening service consists of the Half-Kaddish, the Shema, the Amidah and the concluding prayers.

Morning Service:

The morning service consists of the following: the morning

prayers, the Shema, the Amidah, the reading of the Torah, the Shofar blowing (when Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, the Shofar is not blown), the Musaf service, the priestly blessing.

Torah Readings:

First Day:

The birth of Isaac is the theme of the first day of Rosh Hashanah. We learn the lesson of Divine Providence and Omnipotence. Sarah at the age of ninety, gives birth to Isaac, her first and only child, while Abraham is one hundred years old himself. Isaac is entered into the Covenant of our father Abraham at the age of eight days.

Second Day:

The binding of Isaac is the theme of the reading of the Torah, which follows the portion read the previous day. The "Binding of Isaac" has come to represent the ultimate in the Jew's devotion to G-d. Every morning, we preface our prayers by reading the Torah's account of the Akeidah. On Rosh Hashanah, when the world trembles in judgment before G-d, we evoke the Binding of Isaac by sounding the horn of a ram (reminiscent of the ram which replaced Isaac as an offering) as if to say: If we have no other merit, remember Abraham's deed. Remember how the first Jew bound all succeeding generations of Jews in a covenant of self-sacrifice to You.

Haftorahs

First Day:

We read about the birth of Samuel. Both Sarah and Hannah had been childless and barren, but G-d eventually blessed them each with a son. Both Isaac and Samuel were

consecrated to the service of G-d: Isaac through the binding and Samuel as a prophet.

Second Day:

We read about the final rebuilding of the Holy Temple and the redemption of Israel.

The Fast of Gedaliah 9/10/10

This holiday takes place on the third of the Ten Days of Repentance.

During the Ten Days of Repentance it is appropriate to increase acts of charity, good deeds, and prayer.

Today is a fast day commemorating the slaying of Gedaliah, the governor of Israel under Babylonian rule.

We do not eat or drink anything from approximately 5:15 AM until 7:48 PM when the fast ends.

Selichot for the Fast of Gedaliah are recited during the morning service. If you have significant difficulty fasting, you do not have to fast. Please contact Rabbi Weiss with questions.



Before Yom Kippur

Sept. 17, 2010

Kaparot:

The Kaparot (atonement) service is performed early morning with a live chicken (or alternatively with money) which is then donated to charity.

Mikvah:

One is obliged to immerse in the mikvah on this day.

Festive Meal:

It is a mitzvah to eat and drink on the eve of Yom Kippur.

Afternoon Prayers:

During the afternoon prayers, the Al Chet confession prayer is recited before the conclusion of the Amidah prayer.

Take Honey Cake:

There is an age-old Jewish custom to "bet'n lekach" or "ask for honey cake" before Yom Kippur.

In addition to the blessing for a sweet year represented by the honey's sweetness, our Rabbis explain that in case it was decreed upon us to need the kindness of others during the upcoming year, we pray that we need ask for nothing more than the honey cake we receive from a relative, friend or acquaintance.

Eat the Final Meal:

One should eat only light foods such as plain cooked chicken and chicken soup. One should not drink intoxicating beverages, for were one to become drunk, one's prayers would be an abomination. It is also customary not to eat fish at this meal. When reciting the Grace After Meals, have in mind that you will drink until the onset of the fast.

Bless the Kids:

It is customary to bless one's children after the meal. Although there is no required formula for this blessing, it is customary to say:

May G-d make you like Efrayim and Menashe [for a son]; or, May G-d make you like Sarah, Rivkah,

Rachel, and Leah [for a daughter].

Change Your Shoes:

On Yom Kippur we do not wear leather shoe. Change your shoes to plastic or canvas shoes or slippers.

Light Candles:

Girls and all women who are in the house (or if there isn't a woman in the house, the man), should light candles 18 minutes before sunset, and recite the following blessings:

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur light.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam

Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Hakipurim.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh Now that Yom Kippur has been ushered in, we go to the synagogue to attend the Kol Nidrei and evening services.

On Yom Kippur

September 17-18, 2010:

Fasting:

On Yom Kippur, women over 12 years old and men over 13, must fast.

In addition, the biblical commandment to "afflict" ourselves during Yom Kippur includes abstention from the following: eating & drinking, bathing, wearing of leather shoes, marital relations and personal

"anointing" (use of body lotions etc.). If unable to fast for health reasons, consult Rabbi Ari.



Clothing and Jewelry:

Many communities have a custom of wearing white clothes on Yom Kippur, as on this day we are compared to angels.

It is also customary not to wear gold jewelry, as gold is reminiscent of the sin of the Golden Calf, and on the Day of Judgment, we do not want to "remind" the Prosecutor of our past sins.

Services:

We usher Yom Kippur in with the Kol Nidrei evening service followed by Evening services. Morning services on Yom Kippur day (Sept. 18, 2010), include the Torah readings, the Yizkor memorial service, the Musaf service and the Priestly blessing.

Afternoon services include the Torah reading and the Haftarah reading of Jonah.

And finally the closing Neilah prayers are followed by the Shofar blast and Evening ser-

vices.

End of Fast:

After evening services, perform the Havdalah ceremony, then break fast. There will be a break fast in shul sponsored by Rabbi Ari and Deena Weiss.

Yom Kippur Eve

Kol Nidrei:

The Kol Nidrei service consists of the opening of the Ark and taking out the Torah scrolls, reciting the Kol Nidrei and returning the Torah scrolls to the Ark.

Kol Nidrei, the prayer which ushers in the holy day of Yom Kippur, is perhaps the most famous one in our liturgy. Ironically, it is not really a prayer at all, but rather a statement. A statement that deals with promises, vows and other sorts of verbal commitments commonly made in the course of the year. The Torah places strict demands on keeping one's word, and not fulfilling a vow is considered a serious misdeed.

Kol Nidrei, which means "all vows", nullifies the binding nature of such promises in advance. One declares all future vows and promises invalid, by declaring that all vows are: "absolved, remitted, cancelled, declared null and void, not in force of in effect."

On Yom Kippur when the essence of the soul is fully revealed, we express our real attitude towards the imperfections which might slip into our behavior, in the coming year. They are thus denied and declared insignificant.

Evening Service

In Brief: The evening service consists of the Half-Kaddish, the Shema, the Amidah and the concluding prayers.

Yom Kippur Day

Morning Service:

The morning service consists of the following: the morning prayers, the Shema, the Amidah, the reading of the Torah, the Yizkor service, the Musaf service, the priestly blessing.

Torah Reading:

The reading of the Torah is about the solemn service in the Holy Temple on the Day of Atonement, conducted by the High Priest himself. This was the only day of the year on which the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies to offer incense and pray on behalf of the Jewish people.

Yizkor Service:

The Yizkor service is recited by those who have lost either one or both of their parents. Others leave the synagogue until the completion of the Yizkor service; the reason for this is to advocate long life for the living parents. The Yizkor is more than a service of remembrance; it is a time for the relatives of the departed to connect with the souls of their loved ones on a deeper level. Tradition has it that during the Yizkor service, the souls of the departed descend from heaven and are joined with those who are close to them.

Musaf Service:

The Musaf service consists of the Musaf Amidah, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah, the avodah - a recounting of the

Yom Kippur service in the Holy Temple and the priestly blessing. Priestly Blessing

The priests, or kohanim, direct descendants of Aaron, the High Priest, are commanded to bless the Jewish people with a three-fold blessing. It is customary to perform this duty during the Musaf service on festival days. In preparation for the blessing, the priests remove their shoes and the Levites ritually wash their hands. They then gather at the front or by the eastern wall of the synagogue.

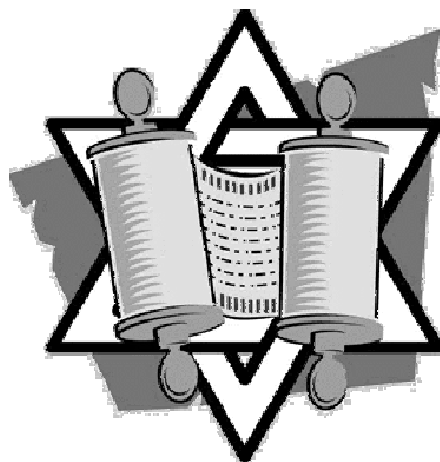
During the blessing, one must not gaze at the Priests directly as the Divine Presence rests upon them. It is customary for men to cover their eyes with their prayer shawls, and for women to gaze into their prayer books.

After the blessing, it is customary to thank the Priests with the words, Yishar Koach.

Afternoon:

The afternoon service consists of the Torah reading, the amidah prayer, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah.

Torah Reading:



The Torah reading speaks of the purity of Jewish life. The Torah warns us not to follow in the immoral ways of Egyptians and native Canaanites, "that the land spew you not out also, when you defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you."

The Haftorah:

We read the entire Book of Jonah. It contains a timely message on the importance of repentance and prayer. If sinfulness can cause the land to vomit its inhabitants, repentance can cause the fish to deposit Jonah back and dry land and return him to life. One should never despair, prayer and repentance lead from darkness to light, from the shadow of death to a new life.

Night:

Neilah, the Concluding Service. The concluding service consists of the Opening prayers, the Amidah prayer, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah, Avinu Malkenu (Our Father, Our King), Declaration of our faith and the sounding of the Shofar and the closing prayers.

Neilah means "closing the gate". As the awesome day of Yom Kippur comes to a close, and our future is being sealed, we turn to G-d to accept our sincere repentance and new resolutions, and that He seal us in the Book of Life, granting us a new year replete with goodness and happiness. The Ark remains open for the entire Neilah service, signifying that the Gates of Heaven are wide open to our prayers and entreaties.

Closing Prayers:

The apex of the service, the emotional peak, is when we pronounce the verses proclaiming G-d as our G-d, all together. It is written that when we recite the first of the three verses, the Shema, every Jew should have the intention of giving up their soul for the sanctification of G-d's name, this intention will be considered as if we had indeed withstood the test to sanctify the Divine Name.

Sukkot

Sept. 22-Oct. 1 2010

It is customary to bind the Lulav on the day before Sukkot, preferably inside a Sukkah. We begin using the LuLav on Thursday, 9/23.

Eruv Tavshilin

Since cooking on Shabbat is prohibited, and one may not prepare food on a holiday for after the holiday, when Shabbat is preceded immediately by a holiday, one must make an Eruv Tavshilin in order to prepare food on the holiday for Shabbat. Before sundown before the festival begins, one sets aside a baked item (i.e. bread or matzah) and a cooked item (i.e. fish or eggs) and recites the blessing: Blessed are you, Lord our King, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us regarding the com-

mandment of Eruv.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Vetzivanu Al Mitzvat Eiruv.

One continues with the following declaration: Through this eruv may we be permitted to bake, cook, insulate, kindle flame, prepare, and do anything necessary on the Festival for the sake of the Sabbath.

Ba-hadein Eiruva Ye-hei Sha-rei Lanah Le-Afuyei Oo-Le-Vashulei Oo-Le-Atmunei Oo-Le-Adlukei Shraga Oo-Le-Takana Oo-Le-Mebad Kol Tzarchana Mi-Yoma Tavah Le-Shabbata.

Light Candles:

Women and girls light candles tonight to usher in the holiday Blessings

1) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Holiday.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Vetzivanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Eat In The Sukkah:

The holiday of Sukkot commemorates G-d's kindness to

the Jewish people while in the desert at the time of the Exodus. We mark this kindness by eating in a Sukkah, a hut covered with branches, on the first night of Sukkot, and by blessing the "Four Kinds". All other meals are eaten in the Sukkah as well.

The mitzvah of dwelling, eating and spending time in the Sukkah is unique in that the entire person is involved in a mitzvah. The mitzvah of Sukkah encompasses every part of the body. Every limb and cell of the person is completely submerged, surrounded and encompassed by the Sukkah. When partaking of a meal in the Sukkah, containing at least two ounces of bread or cake, we say the following blessing Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to sit in the Sukkah.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu Leshev Basukkah.

The Four Kinds:

One of the special mitzvahs of Sukkot is to recite a blessing on the "The Four Kinds," a citron, a palm branch, three myrtle twigs and two willow branches. We hold them close together, we recite a blessing over them and, as is custom-



ary, wave them to all the four winds and upward and downward.

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to hold the lulav.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvo-tav Ve-tzvi-vanu Al Netilat Lulav.

Recite the following blessing the first time only.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.



Shemini Atzeret and
Simchat Torah
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2010

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are you, Lord our King, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us regarding the commandment of Eruv.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzivanu Al Mitzvat Eiruv.

One continues with the following declaration: Through this eruv may we permitted to bake, cook, insulate, kindle flame, prepare, and do anything necessary on the Festival for the sake of the Sabbath.

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Lanah Le-Afuyei Oo-Le-Vashulei
Oo-Le-Atmunei Oo-Le-Adlukei
Shraga Oo-Le-Takana Oo-Le-
Mebad Kol Tzarchana Mi-Yoma
Tavah Le-Shabbata.*

Eve of Shemini Atzeret:

Light Candles:

Girls and women (or if there isn't a woman in the house, a man), should light candles 18 minutes before sunset.

Blessings for the first night:

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Holiday.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

2) Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Eve of Simchat Torah:

Light Candles:

Light candles from an existing flame (such as from a pilot flame), after dark, as on the holiday one may not create a fire. Recite the following blessing.

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Holiday. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvo-tav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner shel Yom Tov.

Rejoice:

We celebrate the completion of the year round cycle of reading of the Torah. All the Torah scrolls are taken from the Ark and carried in a parade around the synagogue seven times. We rejoice, sing and dance with the Torahs, for the re-establishment of our covenant with the Torah as a groom rejoices with his bride. For the Torah is betrothed to Israel as a wife is to her husband. Children are given gifts of candy and fruit because it is stated that the "commandments of the L-rd are sweeter than honey." The joyful dancing takes place the preceding evening.

Torah Readings:

We conclude the reading of the Torah by reading the last portion of Deuteronomy and then immediately begin reading once again from Genesis. Every male is called to the Torah on Simchat Torah, including boys under the age of 13.



DAVENING AND CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



Week Of:	Parsha	Weekday Shacharit	Weekday Mincha	Friday Eve-ning Service	Candle Lighting Time	Shabbat Ends	Notes/Special Programs
8/30-9/4	Nitzavim-Vayelech	6:45		7:00	7:05	8:03	Sat. Nite Selichot Program - 10:00
9/6-9/7	-	6:30		-	-	-	Selichot every Morning
9/8-9/10	Rosh Hashanah						
9/6-9/11	Ha'azinu	6:45		6:55	6:53	7:52	Shabbat Shuvah Drasha - 5:30
9/13-9/16	-	6:30		-	-	-	Selichot Every Morning
9/17-9/18	Yom Kippur						
9/19-9/22	-	6:45		-	-	-	
9/22-10/1	Succot						
10/1-10/2	B'reshit	6:45		6:15	6:17	7:15	
10/4-10/9	Noach	6:45		6:05	6:05	7:03	Feigenbaum Bar Mitzvah/Zinkerman Aufruf
10/8	1st Day, Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Shacharit 6:30						
10/11-10/16	Lech-Lecha	6:45		5:55	5:54	6:52	
10/18-10/23	Vayeira	6:45		5:45	5:43	6:41	
10/25-10/30	Chayei Sarah	6:45		5:35	5:33	6:32	Multi-Shul Dinner at Emmanuel
11/1-11/6	Toldot	6:45		5:25	5:24	6:23	Friday Night Dinner at Agudas
11/8	2nd Day, Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Shacharit 6:30						
11/9-11/13	Vayetzei	6:45		4:15	4:16	5:15	
11/15-11/20	Vayishlach	6:45		4:10	4:10	5:09	
11/22-11/27	Vayeshev	6:45		4:05	4:06	5:05	
11/29-12/4	Miketz	6:45		4:05	4:03	5:03	Shabbat Chanukah
12/6-12/11	Vayigash	6:45		4:00	4:02	5:02	
12/7-12/8	Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Shacharit 6:30						
12/13-12/18	Vayeichi	6:45		4:05	4:03	5:04	
12/17	Fast of Asarah B'Tevet						
12/20-12/25	Shemot	6:45		4:05	4:06	5:07	
12/27-1/1	Vaeira	6:45		4:10	4:11	5:12	

Holiday Times

September 8, Rosh Hashanah eve

Shacharit 6:15

Candle Lighting 6:57

Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin before sundown

Mincha/Maariv 6:55

September 9, First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit 8:00

Torah Reading 10:00

Sermon/Shofar Blowing 11:00

Mincha 6:00

Tashlich 6:45

Maariv 7:45

Candle Lighting – no earlier than 7:55 and from an existing flame

September 10, Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit 8:00

Torah Reading 10:00

Sermon/Shofar Blowing 11:00

Mincha 6:40

Shabbat Candle Lighting - 7:55 from an existing flame

September 11, Shabbat Shuvah

Shacharit 9:30

Shabbat Shuvah Sermon 5:30

Mincha 6:30 followed by Schallishoodiss

Havdallah not before 7:52

September 17, Yom Kippur Eve

Mincha 2:30

Candle Lighting 6:41

Kol Nidrei/Maariv 6:55

September 18, Shabbat Yom Kippur

Shacharit 8:00

Torah Reading 10:30

Sermon/Yizkor 11:30

Mussaf 12:15

Break 3:00

Mincha 4:30

Neilah 6:00

Havdallah and Fast Ends 7:39

Please join us in a break-fast at Agudas following Havdallah sponsored by Rabbi Ari and Deena

September 22, Succot eve

Candle Lighting 6:32

Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin before sundown

Mincha 6:30

September 23, First Day of Succot

Shacharit 9:00

Mincha 6:20

Candle Lighting no earlier than 7:31 and from a pre-existing flame

September 24, Second Day of Succot

Shacharit 9:00

Succah Hopping beginning at 4:15

Mincha 6:15

Shabbat Candle Lighting - 6:29 from and existing flame

Cemetery Times

9/12/2010

10:30 AM Zion Hill

11:30 AM Tower Avenue

More Holiday Times

September 25, Shabbat Chol HaMoed Succot

Shacharit 9:30

Mincha 6:15

Class in between Mincha and Maariv

Havdallah not before 7:27

September 26, Chol HaMoed Succot

Shacharit 8:30

September 27-28, Chol HaMoed Succot

Shacharit 6:30

September 29, Hoshana Rabbah/Shmini Atzeret eve

Shacharit 6:15

Mincha 6:20

Please remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin before sunset

Candle Lighting 6:20

September 30, Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit 9:00

Torah Reading 10:45

Sermon/Yizkor 11:45

Mincha 6:10

Candle Lighting **no earlier than 7:19, and from a pre-existing flame**

Simchat Torah Hakafot approximately 7:30

October 1, Simchat Torah

Shacharit 8:45

Hakafot/Torah Reading 10:00

Mincha 6:05

Shabbat Candle Lighting **6:17 from an existing flame**

October 2, Shabbat Bereshit

Shacharit 9:30

Mincha 6:00

Havdallah not before 7:15



We Remember Yahrzeits

Elul

6 Elul – Aug 16
Irene Manekofsky
Kronick
Fannie H. Kaprove
Meyer Landerman
7 Elul – Aug 17
Esther Ben Maor
Michael Strouch
8 Elul – Aug 18
Charles Askinas
Elimelech Jacobs
Rachel Jacobs
10 Elul – Aug 20
Leib Lubka
Molly Karotkin
11 Elul – Aug 21
Abraham Kaprove
12 Elul – Aug 22 Anna
Safern
Irvin Cohn
13 Elul – Aug 23
Hyman L. Berry
David Bland
Sadie Dunn Shapiro
14 Elul – Aug 24
Pearl Siegal
Dr. Jacques D. Soifer
Minnie Epstein
Lena Siegel
Harry Gerl
Dr. Samuel Donner
15 Elul – Aug 25
Mandel Weiner
17 Elul – Aug 27
Samuel Chernov
Sadie Kaplan
18 Elul – Aug 28
Daniel Rudin
19 Elul – Aug 29
Benjamin Goldsmith
Esther Clymer

20 Elul – Aug 30
Morris M. Fichman
Celia Ger Rudy
22 Elul – Sept 1
Lena Katz
Bertha Dickstein
23 Elul – Sept 2
David Budgar
Lillian Sussman
24 Elul – September 3
Fanny Goodman
25 Elul – September 4
Manuel Shear
26 Elul – September 5
Julius Ofshay
Morris Jamchill
27 Elul – September 6
Morris Epstein
Fannie Oken
29 Elul – September 8
Nathan Birnbaum
Benjamin Horn
Samuel Bass

Tishrei

1 Tishrei – September 9
Sara Lewinski Shainfarber
Shaindel Shainfarber
Gershen and Zipporah
Jakubowicz
Rebecca Stieglitz
Goldsher Family
Miriam Spalter Nachfolger
2 Tishrei – Sept 10
Davis Soifer
Norman Spector
Edith Reiner
Henech Menkes
Ida Roskind
Anna Levy
3 Tishrei – Sept 11
Jacob Seinfeld
Abraham Levitz
Irving Milstein
Fannie Nirnstein
Naomi Block
4 Tishrei – Sept 12
Sadie Kroopneck
Florence Beck
5 Tishrei – Sept 13
Henry Rosenholtz
Norma R. Stricker
6 Tishrei – Sept 14
Dora Perry
Nathan Kleinman
Robert M. Landerman
Morris Golden
7 Tishrei – Sept 15
Meyer Stein
Casil Weiss
Esther Tulman
Irving "Manny" Manekofsky
Simon Honiberg
8 Tishrei – Sept 16
Ethel Cramer
9 Tishrei – Sept 17
Bessie Manekofsky
Irene Bernstein
10 Tishrei – Sept 18
Frank B. Hellman
Hayat Family
Jacob Weiner and Family
Simon Weiner and Family
Mary Huf
11 Tishrei – Sept 19
Mary Kleinman
Bessie Levitz
Lena Landerman
13 Tishrei – Sept 21
Anna Sadie Bland
Pauline Fish
14 Tishrei – Sept 22
Chaia Sarah Weinstein
Jenny Epstein
Alfred E. Rowe
Rebecca Hershman
15 Tishrei – Sept 23
Isadore Rosenthal
Doris Sockut Levine
16 Tishrei – Sept 24
Herbert Dickstein
Rose Fox
17 Tishrei – Sept 25
Anna Beck
David Samuel Lieberman
Jacob A. Altschoeler
18 Tishrei – Sept 26
Mark Goldstein
19 Tishrei – Sept 27
Riva Michaelson
Meyer Gillespie
20 Tishrei – Sept 28
Rose White Gold
22 Tishrei – Sept 30
Isaak Baran
Solomon Altschuler
23 Tishrei – Oct 1
Lillian S. Corr
24 Tishrei – Oct 2
Rachel Mandell

Lena Veroff
Harry Fox
Lena Weinstock
Lena Sigal
25 Tishrei – October 3
Rebecca Bleeker
Joseph Stricker
Rhoda Seer
26 Tishrei – October 4
Harry W. Guberman
Sophie Cohn
27 Tishrei – October 5
Jack Weinberg
Chaim Siegel
28 Tishrei – October 6
Norman Sigal
29 Tishrei – October 7
Zisel Barth
Max Spalter
Jeannette Slitt
30 Tishrei – October 8
Simon Katzalsky
Harry Sigal

Cheshvan

Cheshvan 1 – Oct 9
Miriam Spalter
Rosalie Primack
Harrie Gillespie
Albert Dalling
Harry Levinson
Abraham Mandell
Rosly Ada Field
Cheshvan 2 – Oct 10
Shirley Katz
Cheshvan 3 – Oct 11
Louis Seer
Blossom F. Wolff
Morris Parsons
Cheshvan 4 – Oct 12
Shimon Spalter
Sarah Harris Cohen
Saul Hershman
Gussie Sinick
Cheshvan 5 – Oct 13
Nora Dorothy Goldberg
Bella Weinberg
Nathal Levine
Cheshvan 8 – Oct 14
Maurice J. Bass
Cheshvan 9 – Oct 15
Hyman Berson
Sarah Sinick
Harris Fish
Cheshvan 10 – Oct 16
Anna Bronstein Stone
Jacob Barth
Ann Fleischer

Cheshvan 8 – Oct 15
Maurice J. Bass
Cheshvan 9 – Oct 16
Hyman Berson
Sarah Sinick
Harris Fish
Cheshvan 10 – Oct 17
Anna Bronstein Stone
Jacob Barth
Ann Fleischer
Cheshvan 11 – Oct 18
Abraham Stone
Albert Snyder
Morris H. Barth
Cheshvan 12 – Oct 19
Yetta Jacobs
Cheshvan 13 – Oct 20
Max Landerman
Cheshvan 14 – Oct 21
Samuel Spalter
Julius Weiner
Cheshvan 15 – Oct 22
Oscar Gaylor
Harry Kaminsky
Cheshvan 16 – Oct 23
Harold Veroff
Ida Ackerman
Cheshvan 17 – Oct 24
Harry Juster
Cheshvan 18 – Oct 25
Bluma Soifer
Cheshvan 20 – Oct 26
Goldie Fish
Ida Jainchill
Max Kurtz
Cheshvan 21 – Oct 27
Sarah Bresnerkoff Zabinsky
Cheshvan 22 – Oct 28
Samantha Reichin
Michael Rauch
Ronna Joy Naboicheck
Cheshvan 23 – Oct 29
Max Golinsky
Cheshvan 25 – Oct 30
Jacob I. Roth
Anna Leah Levy
Pauline Kleiman Levy
Sarah Marcus
Morris J. Feir
Cheshvan 26 – Oct 31
Anna Marcus
David M. Burke
Meyer (Michael) Greenberg
Ida Weiner
Cheshvan 27 – Nov 1
Rabbi Abraham N. AvRutick
Ethel (Yetta) Eisenberg
Cheshvan 28 – Nov 2
Sadie Pearl
William Zachs
Anna Fabricant
Paul Sherman
Cheshvan 29 – Nov 3
Esther Menkes Spalter
Sara Horn

Kislev

Kislev 6 – Nov 4

Solomon Eisenberg
Clara Stern

Kislev 7 – Nov 5

Charles Edward Gaylor
Esther Davis
Celia Stricker

Kislev 8 – Nov 6

Dr. Israel E. Garber
Anna Federman

Kislev 9 – Nov 7

Abraham Zitser
Linda Backer Reznick
Abraham Goldstein

Kislev 10 – Nov 8

Gerald Clymer
Rose Gillespie Reznick
Sima Kaplan

Kislev 11 – Nov 9

Flora Rackmill
Barney Wachtel
Morris Melnicke Furshpan

Kislev 12 – Nov 10

Benjamin Ginsberg
Samuel P. Gladstein
Marion Oken
Harry Goldstein

Kislev 13 – Nov 11

Rose Horenstein
Bessie Ratner
Sarah Krasnow

Kislev 14 – Nov 12

Kay (Kitty) Manekofsky
Pauline Levinson

Kislev 15 – Nov 13

Edward Clymer
Ester Cooper
Rose Silverman
Henry R. Lippman

Kislev 16 – Nov 14

Harry Hoffman
Jacob Kesselman

Kislev 17 – Nov 15

Irving (Isadore) Sigal

Kislev 18 – Nov 16

Jacob Fishman
Sophia Harriet Gillespie

Kislev 19 – Nov 17

Leonard Gerald Katz
Jennie Askinas
Lillian Bloom
Albert David Hutner

Ruth S. Rackmill
Frances Landerman

Kislev 21 – Nov 20

Rose Glass
Max Pollock
Herman Spaen
Nathan Haverback
Sophie Schwartz Fine

Thank You

Aliyahs

Sheldon Agdens
Len Cohen
Asher Feigenbaum
Fenmore Feigenbaum
Ira Feigenbaum
Akiva Friedman
Elisha Friedman
Gerald Goldberg
Ben Mendel
David Mendel
Irwin Mendel
Ken Mendel
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Yoni Shoag
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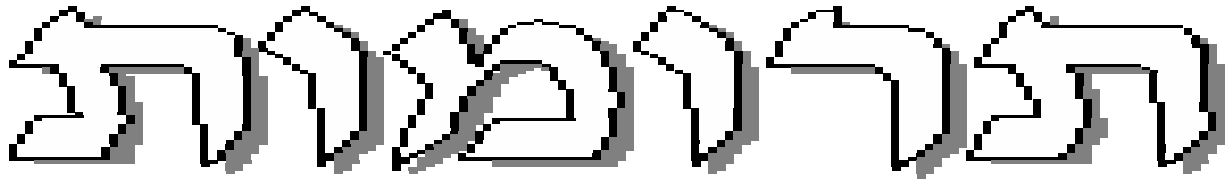
5/1 Roberta Gordenstein's Retirement
5/15 Picks' celebrations: Birth of Great Grandson, Wedding of Granddaughter, Niece's Wedding
5/22 Isaac Goldsher's Yahrzeit
6/5 Grads: Albert Engel, Asher Feigenbaum, Mimi Feigenbaum, Gavriella Fried, Ceci Levine, Jonathan Margulis
6/12 Siegmund Kadden's Yahrzeit
7/3 Perlsweigs
7/31 Ellie Young's 80th Birthday, Eva and Harry Picks' 62nd Anniversary
8/7 Bob Birnbaum's 85th Birthday

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Larry Cooper
Esia Friedman
Joshua Goldberg
Paul Goines
Esther Kanner
George Levine
Abbie Perlsweig
Ben Persweig
Simon Persweig
Paul Persweig
Fruma Tchernotzkas

Breakfasts

8/1 Len and Susan Cohen in Commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Bela Kreiger

**Yahrzeits**

Samuel Rosenbaum, Father
Edith Epstein

Alice Kleinberg, Mother
Maura and David Nemirow

Leo Sirvint, Father
Rick Sirvint

Shirley Zinkerman, Mother
Robert Zinkerman
Woody Zinkerman

Ira Fichman, Son
Esther Fichman

Ben Talit, Husband and Father
Lynn Talit and Family

Anne Brownstein, Mother
Barbara and Robert Glider

Alfred Blum, Husband
Ethel Hutner-Blum

Lea Shainfarber, Mother-in-law
Sarah Guberman, Mother
Jacob Shainfarber, Father-in-law
Edna Shainfarber

Abraham Ger, Brother
Rachel Ger, Mother
Leah Spector

David Steinman, Father
Sally and Anne Steinman

Aaron Rosenbaum, Brother
Edith Epstein

Hyman Davidson, Father
Sara Rivkin

Eleanor P. Brenner, Mother
Phyllis Brenner

Yahrzeits

William Eichelman, Father
Adele Gaster

Frieda Perry, Aunt
Phyllis Brenner and Alice Sawyer

George Cohen, Father
Frances Johnson

Tillie Freedman, Mother
Ida Feldman

Morris Turchin, Father
Gloria Mann

Miriam Lederman, Daughter and Sister
Miriam and Jeffrey Lederman

Anna Wasserman, Sister-in-law
Goldie Smoler

Hannah Goldstein, Mother
Shuli Graham

Charles Kershenbaum, Husband
Sara Kershenbaum

Rose Rachel Roberts, Mother
Esther Fichman

Charles Hershkovitz, Father
Rose Hershkovitz, Mother
Lester Hershkovitz, Brother
Saul Hershkovitz, Brother
Bob and Burnette Birnbaum

Simon Hershman, Brother
Ruth and Gilbert Hershman

Hyman Beck, Father
Solomon Beck

Merrill Soltz, Father
Hattie Soltz and Nathan and Ida Cohen,
grandparents
Sidney Miller and Albert Lond, cousins
Ann Poch, Anne Zevin, Lee Birnbaum
Marshall Soltz

Yahrzeits

Reuben Schenker, Husband
Joyce Friedman

Abraham Katz, Husband
Mollie Goldberg, Mother
Sarah Katz

Reuben Steinman, Brother
Sally and Anne Steinman

Peter Sirvint, Brother
Rick Sirvint

Louis Reichin, Father
Albert and Linda Reichin

Natan Margulis, Father
Len Margulis

Alvin Lundy, Father
Cheryl Rosow

Hannah Goldstein, Mother
Shuli Graham

George Kaplan, Husband
Cynthia Kaplan

Ayda Shoag, Mother
Esia Friedman

Toby Korduner, Cousin
Shuli Graham

Joe Smoler, Husband
Goldie Smoler

Sidney Hirschfield, Father
Don Hirschfeld

Irene Cohn, Mother
Robin Cohn

Bea Lipschitz, Mother
Anita Kaplowitz

Solomon Francus, Father
Sylvia Francus

Sam Goldstein, Father
Shuli Graham

Torsite Routberg, Father
Mordechai Routberg

Milton Fox, Father
Mark and Shirley Fox Levine and Family

Anna Safern, Mother
Ellie Young

Morris Jainshell, Grandfather
Richard Greenberg

Henry London, Father
Martin London

Howard Zinkerman
William Zinkerman and Family

Contributions

Marriage of Sarah Katz's granddaughter Tamar Mizrahi to Philip Schneider

Sarah Katz

Bob Birnbaum's 85th Birthday

David and Fayna Birnbaum
Michael Birnbaum
Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Sarah Katz
Deb and George Levine
Harry and Eva Pick
Mildred and Nate Shor
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Ellie Young's Birthday

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Jean and Leon Chameides
Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal

Lillian Paskowitz' granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah

Edith Epstein

Yiskor and Prayers

Sheldon Agdens
Catherine and Michael Routberg
Ellie Young

Kaddens' Hospitality

Larry Cooper

Mishabarach

Len and Susan Cohen

In Memory

Sylvia Slossberg

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
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Len and Susan Cohen
Ida Feldman
Ceil Finman
Esia Friedman
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Lillian Paskowitz
Alan and Diane Schuman
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Regina Lubka

Leon and Jean Chameides
Len and Susan Cohen
Esia Friedman
Shuli Graham
Ron and Renana Kadden
Edith Kinan
Gary Sigal
Alan and Diane Schuman
Barbara and Gerald Sperber
Ellie Young

Lazarus Goldberg (Sarah Katz's Brother)

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Esia Friedman
Debra Katz
Sarah Katz
Ron and Renana Kadden
Ellie Young

Sheldon Agden's Uncle

Alan Schuman

Marshall Soltz Retirement

Shuli Graham

Ira Feigenbaum's Birthday

Larry Cooper
Ron and Renana Kadden
Gary Sigal

Edna Shainfarber's Grandson's Bar Mitzvah

Eleanor Calmus

Picks' Simchas

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Jean and Leon Chameides
Esia Friedman
Sarah Katz
Trudy Lovell
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Jean Chameides Birthday

Ron and Renana Kadden

Leon Chameides Birthday

Ron and Renana Kadden

Chameides' Anniversary

Ron and Renana Kadden

Esia Friedman and Fred Jacob's Retirement as Yom Hashoah Commemoration Committee Chairpeople

Ron and Renana Kadden

Moas Chitim

Gladys Abel and Elise Abel
Mike and Ann Belzer
Len and Susan Cohen
Roberta Gordenstein and Rick Sirvint
Shuli Graham
Renana and Ron Kadden
Bonnie and Eli Okrant
Gary Sigal
Norman Spector
Rabbi Ari Weiss and Family
For Yoni Kadden helping Asher at Passover

Contributions

Graduations

Albert Engle

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Len and Susan Cohen
Deb and Ira Feigenbaum
Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Tamar Feigenbaum

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
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Gary Sigal
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Gaby Fried

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
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Gary Sigal
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Ceci Levine

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Jonathan Margulis

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Gary Sigal
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Sharone Small

Ron and Renana Kadden

Asher Feigenbaum

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal

Birth of Gabriella Tirzah Wolpaw

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Jean and Leon Chameides
Larry Cooper
Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Jean Chameides' Speedy Recovery

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Len and Susan Cohen
Larry Cooper
Ed and Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Deb and George Levine
Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Frances Soltz Recovery

Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal

Walter Eichelman's Recovery

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Larry Cooper
Ron and Renana Kadden
Gary Sigal

Helen Rosenholtz 100th Birthday

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Jean and Leon Chameides
Ida Feldman
Ceil Finman
Esia Friedman
Ron and Renana Kadden
Gary Sigal
Ellie Young

Gladys Feigenbaum's Birthday

Nate and Millie Shor

Speedy Recovery

Sheldon Agdens
Walter Eichelman
Israel Shriber
Bernice Sobotka
Frances Soltz

Albert Davis

Esia Friedman
Alan and Diane Schuman

Anita Fisher

Jean and Leon Chameides

Sheldon Agdens

Ron and Renana Kadden
Harry and Eva Pick
Gary Sigal

In Memory of Irma Shoag

Bob and Burnette Birnbaum
Jean and Leon Chameides
Frederick Clark
Walter and Rosalyn Eichelman
Ira and Deb Feigenbaum
Ron and Renana Kadden
Anita Kaplowitz
Sarah Katz
George and Deb Levine
Alexis Maislen and Robert Zinkerman
Harry and Eva Pick
Mark Shoag
Gary Sigal
Rick Sirvint and
Roberta Gordenstein
Melvin and Pearl Slusky
Ellie Young

Fund Contributions

Weinbaum Fund

Medwick grandson birth
Jenny and Ed Cramer

Yahrzeit
John Kraemer
Holly and Ron Medwick

In Memory
Lolita S. Cohn
Holly and Ron Medwick

Ellsworth Cramer
Holly and Ron Medwick

Helga Alweiss
Speedy Recovery
Holly and Ron Medwick

Speedy Recovery

Dan and Karla Bender
Holly and Ron Medwick

Merrill Weinbaum
Holly and Ron Medwick

Congratulations

Ruthan Wein
Holly and Ron Medwick

Lindsay Spungin on her engagement
Holly and Ron Medwick

Daniel Feinberg
Holly and Ron Medwick

Betty Cramer
Holly and Ron Medwick

Speedy Recovery

Joanne and Murray Rubin's granddaughter
Holly and Ron Medwick

Birth of Lilly Clymen
Holly and Ron Medwick

Cassell Schuffman Fund

Dorothy Schuffman, Mother
Albert and Marsha Schuffman

Louis Merkin, father
Fay Clymer

Dorothy Schuffman, cousin
Fay Clymer

Rosalind Schuffman Fishkin, cousin
Fay Clymer

Lena Zimmerman- Merkin, Mother
Fay Clymer

Honor of Birth Itamar Arron Medwick
Fay Clymer

Leonard Clymer, Husband and Father
Fay Clymer

Harry Zieky, Grandfather-in-law
Fay Clymer

Hyman Clymer, Father-in-law
Fay Clymer

Cittel Zieky, Grandmother-in-law
Esther Clymer, Mother in Law
Lilian Zaika, Aunt
Fay Clymer

Yom Kippur Appeal

Deb and Ira Feigenbaum
Hy and Marilyn Gluck

Cemetery Fund

Bob Birnbaum's Birthday
Ellie Young's Birthday
Pick's Simchas
Jean Speedy Recovery
In Memory of Irma Shoag
Gary Sigal New Condo
Lynn Talit

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends as I reflect upon the 123 years previously in the Agudas Achim Shul I am awestruck by the people who have come before me. Barney Wachtel was perhaps the most famous president of the first half of the 20th Century. He was a great man who helped us prosper and grow during and after WWI. He and several other business people loaned the shul money to help facilitate the building of Agudas on Greenfield street in 1928. Those of us who have seen the pictures of the groundbreaking in West Hartford in June of 1967 know that Barney is the one with the goatee who put the first shovel in the ground for this building. I had the great pleasure with my dad of picking him up that Sunday morning at the Hebrew Home which was located at the time on the corner of Coventry Street and Tower Avenues.

It is not arguable that the most prominent presidency of the Agudas during the second half of the 20th century will always be associated with Alfred Jerome Brener "AKA" Jerry. We would not have survived without Jerry. I will always be grateful for all the work he did for our shul.

As we all can see, the Jewish population, which was everywhere in West Hartford and Bloomfield 40 years ago, has changed as Jews have moved out of the vicinity making it hard for shuls to sustain themselves. G-d gives us so many challenges, amongst them is keeping a shul vibrant. We at Agudas are blessed with so many individuals who make going to shul a pleasure. **Mike Belzer** is the first alphabetically. Mike is the one who davens first and makes the breakfast for us each morning Sunday through Thursday. **Thank you, Mike.** Bob Birnbaum has been a pillar of the shul for 35 years, doing everything from washing dishes to opening the building to serving as president of the shul. **Thank you, Bobby.** Jean and Leon Chameides: where else can you find a husband and wife who have both been past presidents. **Thank you, Jean and Leon.** **Len Cohen** who joins us for minyan almost every morning **Thank you, Len.** **Larry Cooper** who is always willing to help **Thank you, Larry.** **Albert Davis** who brightens our day with a smile every day **Thank you, Albert.** **Walter Eichelman** who for years helps us with minyans **Thank you, Walter.** My buddy Ira Feigenbaum and his family have provided so much spirit to all of us. **Thank you, Ira and Family.** Esia Friedman what can one say about Esia except we thank G-d for having her in our lives each day except on those days I want to strangle her. **Thank you Esia.** **Len Holtz** who always blows the shofar for us. **Thank you, Lenny.** **Renana Kadden** our Georgia Peach **Thank you, Renana.** **George Levine** for being so steadfast **Thank you, George.** **Len Margulis** My drinking buddy **Thank you, Len.** **Etan Markus** for starting the Shabbos Dinners **Thank you, Etan.** **Perlsweigs** for helping in a myriad of ways **Thank you, Perlsweig Family.** Harry Pick is our Gobai presently. Harry lains, gives out honors and does a wonderful job. **Thank you, Harry.** Helen Rosenholtz recently turned 100. We should all have Helen's vitality. **Thank you, Helen.** Alan Schuman has been helping us make minyan for 30 years. Besides being a past co-president, Alan is our resident golfer. **Thanks, Alan.** Lynn Talit is our cemetery chairperson who does a terrific job of dealing with people at their most vulnerable time. **Thank you, Lynn.** **Ellie Young** for being Ellie Young. **Thank you, Ellie.**

Rabbi Ari Weiss is our Rabbi presently. He is personable, affable and easy going. For those who have not formulated a personal relationship with the Rabbi, I strongly encourage you to do so through minyans, classes and/or calling him at (860) 461-0547.

We, at Agudas Achim, have wonderful Shabbos dinners in which people from 1 to 100 can join us and feel at ease. For a small shul, we have many programs from our Rabbi's classes to lectures to providing childcare so that parents can daven without being disturbed at least for a little while. We look forward to seeing you at our daily minyans and breakfasts. Food is always plentiful at Agudas. Feel free to give advice. Everyone else does and we sometimes implement your ideas.

May G-D Bless all of us with a most wonderful year.

Gary



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