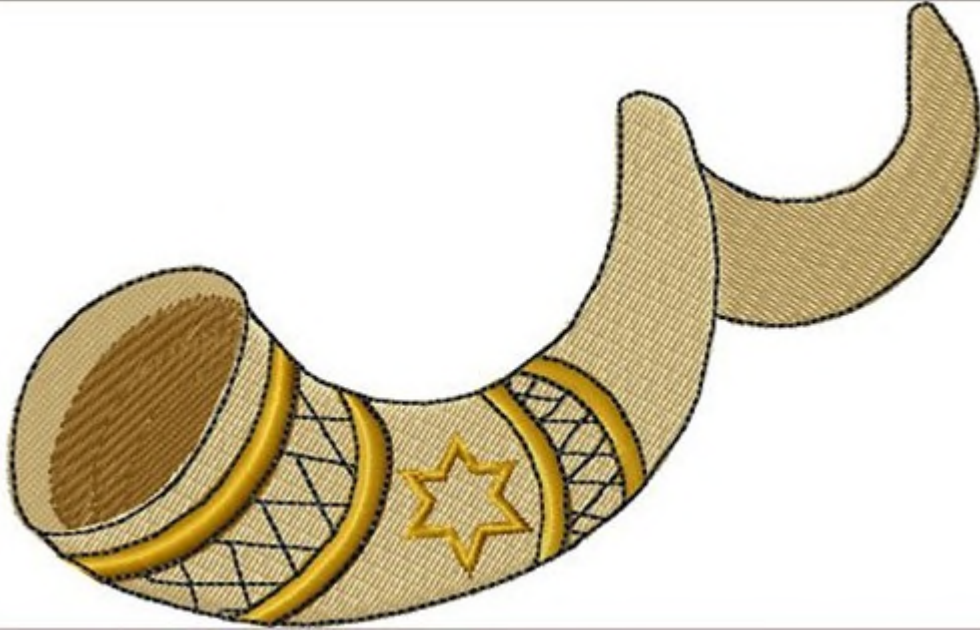


Agudath Achim Congregation Altoona, PA

SHOFAR

July/August/September 2020/ 5780



Friday Evening Services - via Zoom
Saturday Morning Services - via Zoom
Spiritual Leader - Hazzan Benjamin Matis

Dr. Michael Kline, President

Cantor's Hours
***By Appointment**
Secretary's Hours
8:00 am to Noon - Monday thru Friday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holiday Schedule

Erev Tish'a B'Av	July 29, 2020
Tish'a B'Av	July 30, 2020
Erev Rosh Hashanah	September 18, 2020
Rosh Hashanah	September 19-20
Kol Nidre	September 27, 2020
Yom Kippur	September 28, 2020

AAC BOARD MEETINGS * *dates tentative*

Executive Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

August 19th
November 4th
March 3rd
May 5th

Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

August 26th
November 18th
March 17th
May 16th

The Annual Meeting in May 2021, will be on a Sunday with the date to be determined - 5:00pm

Upcoming B'Nai Mitzvah:

Will Wallen - August 17, 2021

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all of our Class of 2020 Graduates! The entire Congregation is extremely proud of each and every one of you and wishes you much success with your future endeavors.

Mazel Tov!

Claudia Devorris graduated magna cum laude from Penn State's School of Hospitality Management, May 2020. She will be starting her career as a management trainee with a luxury hotel brand.



Tyler Sky Rispoli graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Daytona's Honors Program, Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Aeronautical Science and a double minor in Aviation Law and Aviation Safety. He received the Aeronautical Science Department Chairman's Award and was an award winning member of the ERAU Eagles Flight Team.



Life Cycle Events

Rafi Max Sirner (Rafi David Mendel) was born January 12, 2020. Parents are Rachel Hollander and Ari Sirner and grandparents are Barbara and Joel Hollander.



Clark Harper Adelman - born April 16, 2020. (With his dad pap and uncle Dane)



Levi Werstil celebrated his bar mitzvah on May 30, 2020



Benjamin Freedman celebrated his bar mitzvah on June 6, 2020



The Cantor's Corner

The dog days of summer are indeed upon us. As I write this, the temperature is well above 90 degrees, it's hazy and humid, and like you when the weather gets like this it's all too easy to get really lazy. One might think summertime is pretty slow Jewishly speaking. It isn't.

Firstly, we are at the time of this writing only a few weeks away from Tisha B'Av, the saddest day of

the Jewish year. One might think Yom Kippur is the saddest day because it's a fast day and a solemn one at that, but it isn't an unhappy day, just a very serious one. On the other, Tisha B'Av- the 9th day of the month of Av- is THE date of disaster in Jewish History: both the First and Second Temples were destroyed, the city of Jerusalem destroyed twice, and the Jewish people thrown into exile, albeit centuries apart. Both however created permanent diasporas that lasted for centuries and the disasters that followed: centuries of oppression. Centuries of degradation. It's hard to believe that in our comfortable, free lives in America that Jewish time in the diaspora has been filled with great sadness and slaughter: THIS is why Jews MUST recall Tisha B'Av: it is central to our history.

I don't want you to think that our history is all sad, because it certainly isn't. Our history is filled with great success despite great obstacles. We, the Jews, persist- and create and create and create: Jews have contributed massively to the culture of the modern world. This most of us know, but we can't appreciate it without knowing one day of true sadness to recall the tragedy that makes success all the more sweet.

Soon enough we will be called upon for a period not of historical recollection but of personal reflection as we enter the season of the High Holidays, the Days of Awe. It's more than just a New Year but a time wherein we believe that God judges us and the world on the basis of our actions singularly and collectively. Personally, it's all too easy to dismiss such beliefs in our modern world—moreover, we have a hard time reconciling that bad things happen to good people—why are good people deserving of bad while wicked ones walk between the raindrops of yet another easy year?

I'd suggest this: if it weren't for the fact that we have deadlines in the secular world I wonder if anything would ever get done. Why else do we have calendars, other to remind us of the passage of time? We know when our taxes are due, we know when the fiscal year ends, dates of the school year. We have a time to take inventory in business. We know the beginning of baseball season and football season—at least during a normal year. To that end, we know when things have to happen, or at least *should* happen. **This is no less true of taking a personal inventory.** This is what the season of repentance should be about for even the heartiest Jewish atheist: an opportunity for self-reflection and self-improvement.



PRESIDENT, DR. MICHAEL KLINE

Fellow Congregants,

It's been a tumultuous period for all of us at our shul.

We're fervently working to adapt and thrive in this new environment. The bottom line is that we all want the Synagogue to be successful and hopefully provide each one of you with what you need.

We are most importantly planning for the High Holidays and want to make those a good experience for all of you. At this point we are looking at making it a combination of virtual and in person experience for those who seek it. We will adjust as the environment dictates.

We have continued to have services on both Friday and Saturday through Zoom. Please consider joining in whenever you can. We are looking at ways for making services even more successful.

We are working on ways to improve communications with everyone through our weekly bulletin, the quarterly shofar, and hopefully our yearly chronicle.

We are also in the midst of a major cemetery maintenance project. Things have been slowed by environmental conditions but are moving forward.

We are always open to your help and feedback.

Mike Kline, President

MI SHE BERAH

Rey Altberg	Desiree Rosenthal
Saul Tocker	Ryan Parks
Paulette Updike	Selma Bilofsky
Cay Tressler	David Campbell
Nima Chorny	Jimmy Pettinato
Irv Seltzer	Mildred Miller
Samuel Kaplan	Frank Muhlbaver
Lilli Durante	Henry Weinberg
Sandra Halpern	Herman Gerwitz
Carol Hewitt	BennettWilliam Thaler
Nathan Scheinberg	Jeff Hunter
Cyndy Humphreys	Gerald Matis
Norman Godfrey	Albie Wales
Fay Schmitt	Judy Weinstein
Danny Noiman	Rose Karp
Jeff O'Fish	David Bergstein
Lynn Fishbaine	Joy Susengill
Phyllis Port	Kim Komrad
Nicole Lipitz	Bishop Mike Rhyne
Leroy Whipple	

All of the American and Israeli Soldiers injured in battle

PLEASE CONTACT CANTOR MATIS OF ANY ILLNESSES, ANYONE FACING SURGERY OR IN THE HOSPITAL. PLEASE PROVIDE THE PERSON'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 David & Tobi Rispoli
- 9 Jeff & Madelyn Greenberg

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Susan Karp | 8 Nancy Bergstein |
| 8 Morley Cohn | 12 Ian Bilofsky |
| 12 Julie Binus | 13 Tobi Rispoli |
| 13 Dr. Len Zimmerman | 20 Dr. Michael Cohen |
| 23 Jessica Schocker | 24 Ambrose Bowers |
| 26 Colleen Devorris | 26 Samuel Kaplan |
| 26 Jack Werstil | 28 Phoebe Simon |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Bruce & Phyllis Thaler
- 9 Henry & Maxine Weinberg
- 11 Michael & Betsy Kline
- 20 David & Paula Binus
- 21 Morley & Carol Cohn
- 23 David & Nancy Bergstein
- 24 Alan Kivitz & Vicki Sommer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

9 Philip Singer
12 Paula Binus
12 Tyler Rispoli
17 Anderson Rains III
20 Sam Scheinberg
26 Christine Scheinberg
11 Hy Antikol
12 Mildred Miller
15 Lou Silverman
19 Devyn Carper
24 Brian Thaler
27 Joseph Scott

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Gary & Mina Belenitsky
6 Drs. Jonathan & Barbara Thaler
25 Justin & Emily Mandel
29 Greg & Janine Werstil

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Y A H R Z E I T S

JULY 2020

4 William Cohn
9 Ruth Hollander (T-14 R-5B)
10 Morris Kaminsky (T-5 R-28A)
11 Morris Freeman (T-1 R-26A)
11 Jules Weinberg (T-9 R-26A)
12 Harry Adelman (T-13 R-17B)
12 Stan Olicker
13 Morris Thaler (T-9 R-20B)
15 Edward Glickman (T-15 R-1B)
15 Aaron Karp (T-13 R-21A)
19 Anna Blender (T-10 R-22B)
21 Harold Miller (T-14 R-30B)
23 Pearl Kline (T-12 R-33A)
24 Anita Sylvia Greenberg
30 Arthur Fishbaine
Father of Sandra Halpern
Mother of Joel Hollander
Grandmother of Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan & Rachel Stirner
Father of Charles Kaminsky
Grandfather of Ardie Karp
Father of Henry Weinberg
Uncle of Clark Adelman, Ron Adelman, Harry Rubin & Joy Susengill
Father of Leeanne Port
Grandfather of Dr. Bruce Thaler, Eric Thaler, Dr. Jonathan Thaler & Amy Seltzer
Father of Kara Bilofsky
Cousin of Gerald Bergstein
Grandmother of Jeffrey Blender
Uncle of Steven Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Alison Seltzer & Michael Seltzer
Brother-in-law of Irving Seltzer
Mother of Dr. Michael Kline
Mother of Jeff Greenberg
Husband of Lynn Fishbaine

AUGUST 2020

1 Max Kline (T-7 R-18A)
3 Mary Antikol (T-5 R-30B)
3 Stephen Port (T-16 R-23A)
10 Lewis Weinstein
15 Lily Kline (T-14 R-18B)
16 Gertrude Thaler (T-12 R-12A)
17 Jay Dolinger (T-13 R-8B)
17 Lena Greenberg
21 Irving Bergstein (T-12 R-29B)
22 Sylvia Green (T-11 R-5B)
24 Thelma Rubin (T-13 R-10A)
26 Shirley Neidorff (T-14 R-23A)
27 David Rubin (T-11 R-13B)
28 Ann Bachoff
Grandfather of Dr. Michael Kline
Grandmother of Hyman Antikol
Husband of Phyllis Port
Father of Dr. Joshua Port
Brother of Martin Port & Neil Port
Grandfather of Jacob Port, Arielle Port, Carly Port & Adam Port
Uncle of Judy Weinstein
Grandmother of Jan Housman
Grandmother of Dr. Bruce Thaler, Eric Thaler, Dr. Jonathan Thaler & Amy Seltzer
Brother of David Dolinger
Grandmother of Jeff Greenberg
Grandfather of David Bergstein
Father of Gerald Bergstein
Sister of Shirlee Roberts
Aunt of Clark Adelman, Ron Adelman, Harry Rubin & Joy Susengill
Mother of Robert Neidorff
Cousin of Clark Adelman, Ron Adelman, Harry Rubin & Joy Susengill
Mother of Philip Singer

28	Dr. Lewis Mermel	Husband of Millicent Bailinger
SEPTEMBER 2020		
2	Joseph Hollander	Grandfather of Joel Hollander Great Grandfather of Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan & Rachel Sinner
4	Freya Berger	Wife of Dr. Irvin Berger
10	Anne Hollander	Grandmother of Joel Hollander Great Grandmother of Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan & Rachel Sinner
8	Sophie Lurie (T-14 R-19B)	Grandmother of Jan Housman
12	Donald Devorris (T-16 R-20A)	Husband of Nancy Devorris Father of Andrea Cohen & Philip Devorris
14	Maxwell Parker Greenberg	Grandson of Madelyn & Jeff Greenberg
16	Barney Covitch (T-5 R-17A)	Grandfather of Bruce Covitch
17	Irving Schmitt (T-13 R-12A)	Husband of Fay Schmitt
21	Manfred Reitzes (T-13 R-14B)	Father of Ilan Reitzes
22	Aaron Karp (T-3 R-21A)	Grandfather of Ardie Karp & Rick Karp
23	Raphael Evins	Father of Betsy Kline
24	Bertha Giller (T-14 R-10B)	Mother of Ed Giller Grandmother of Phyllis Thaler
24	Samuel Roth (T-16 R-3A)	Father of Rosalind Sky Grandfather of Israel Sky & Tobi Rispoli
28	Samuel Adelman (T-2 R-20A)	Grandfather of Clark Adelman, Ron Adelman & Joy Susengill
29	Abe Sussman (T-10 R-27A)	Father of Marilyn Port
30	Esther Covitch (T-5 R-17B)	Grandmother of Bruce Covitch & Dr. Michael Kline

DONATIONS

<i>FROM</i>	<i>FOR</i>	<i>FUND</i>
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER		CT
HY ANTIKOL	IHO PHILIP & COLLEEN DEVORRIS ANNIVERSARY	CT
HY ANTIKOL	IHO MICHAEL & ANDREA COHEN ANNIVERSARY	CT
MELINDA ECKARD	IMO BETTY MERIN	GCF
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER	IHO CLARK HARPER ADELMAN	RBF
MARLENE & BERNARD KIEWE	IMO HINDA SCHULMAN & SIMON ADELMAN	GCF
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER	IMO MYER SINGER	WF
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER	IMO JOY GOLDSTEIN	WF
AMY SELTZER	IMO WILLIAM THALER	GCF
SUSAN HENDERSON-BRODY	IMO JB HENDERSON	GCF
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SUSAN B. COHEN & FAMILY	IMO JOY KAMINSKY GOLDSTEIN	TOL
HY ANOKOL	IHO BIRTH OF CLARK HARPER ADELMAN	CT
HY ANTIKOL	IHO BIRTH OF BODHI GOLDSTEIN	CT
MATTHEW THALER	IMO WILLIAM THALER	GCF
MARK MCLEOD	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	ET
STEPHEN ROSS	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	GCF
ALISON SELTZER	IMO YETTA SELTZER	GCF
MARTIN & BARBARA PORT	IMO SAMUEL PORT, MOSES SKY & ROSE PORT	GCF
DAVID & JEAN DOLINGER	IMO DEBORAH SARE, RAE DOLINGER & MOLLY DOLINGER	RBF
MICHELE & CHRIS MCCONNELL	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	ET
SUSAN & DOUGLAS COHEN	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	CT
HOOVER FOODS INC	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	ET
BRIAN & LISA JOLLES	IMO ABE & PEARL KLINE	GCF
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER	IHO CANTOR BEN'S BIRTHDAY	RBF
JOEL & BARBARA HOLLANDER	GET WELL WISHES FOR PHYLLIS PORT	RBF
JANET WAYNE	IMO JEROME WAYNE	GCF
LAWRENCE COHEN	IMO BEVERLY COHEN	CT
LAWRENCE COHEN	IMO SAMUEL & BEVERLY COHEN ENDOWMENT	ET
PAMELA BLACKMON & JASON FREEDMAN	IHO CANTOR MATIS	SLD
PAMELA BLACKMON & JASON FREEDMAN	IHO CLARK ADELMAN	GCF
PAMELA BLACKMON & JASON FREEDMAN	IHO ELLIOTT BILOFSKY	GCF
HY ANTIKOL	IHO MAX DEVORRIS	CT
ALISON SELTZER	IMO HAROLD MILLER	GCF
AMY SELTZER	IMO MORRIS THALER	GCF
JOEL HOLLANDER	IMO RUTH HOLLANDER	GCF
JEAN DOLINGER	IHO BARBARA HOLLANDER	RBF
AMY SELTZER	IHO IRV SELTZER'S 91ST BIRTHDAY	CT
HARRY RUBIN	IMO HARRY ADELMAN	GCF

FUND CODES:

RBF M. Rabbi Herbert Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund

GCF General Congregational Fund

HHP High Holiday Prayer Book

CT Cemetery Trust

ET Eternal Light Trust

TOL Tree of Life

SLD Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund

WF Window Fund

SPP Shabbat Prayer Book

GOLDEN BOOK DONATIONS

Agudath Achim Sisterhood	In Memory of mother, Beverly Cohen to Susan Cohen & Family
Andrea & Michael Cohen	In Memory of Lee Mendel to Jodi Asarch & Family Congratulations to the Freedman/Blackmon Family on Ben's Bar Mitzvah Congratulations on your Retirement to Barbara Hollander
Carol & Morley Cohn	Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman Happy 50th Birthday to Cantor Ben Matis In Memory of Aunt Ethel Blum to D/M Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner
Clark & Kim Adelman	Congratulations on your new position with Congressman Joyce to Pat Himes Good Health for Leroy Whipple In Honor & Memory of Jakob & Anna Golant on Holocaust Remembrance Day In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky In Memory of cousin, Joy Goldstein to M/M Morley Cohn Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port Congratulations on the College Graduation/New job of her Granddaughter to Mildred Miller Happy 50th Birthday to Cantor Ben Matis In Memory of Aunt Ethel Blum to D/M Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner In Memory of father, Gary L. Dreier to Heather & Mike Holzer Thinking of you to Henry Weinberg Congratulations on your Retirement to Barbara Hollander Speedy Recovery to Nancy Devorris
David & Jean Dolinger	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky
Hy Antikol	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky
Izzy & Dana Sky	In Memory of Bill Thompson, Sr. to his Family
Joan & Jerry Bergstein	Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky In Memory of mother, Beverly Cohen to Susan Cohen & Family
Joel & Barbara Hollander	Good Health for Leroy Whipple Congratulations on your new position with Cong Joyce to Pat Himes In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky In Memory of cousin, Joy Goldstein to M/M Morley Cohn Happy Birthday to Rosie Karp In Memory of father, Gary L. Dreier to Heather & Mike Holzer
Maxine & Henry Weinberg	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky In Memory of cousin, Joy Goldstein to M/M Morley Cohn In Memory of Joy Goldstein to The Goldstein Family Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port Congratulations on your son, Bill & Ehrin Kelley's Engagement to M/M Bill Ward Congratulations on your new home to D/M Mort Friedman Congratulations to the Freedman/Blackmon Family on Ben's Bar Mitzvah Congratulations to the Werstil Family on Levi's Bar Mitzvah

	Happy 50th Birthday to Cantor Ben Matis
	In Memory of Bill Thompson, Sr.to his Family
	Speedy Recovery to Rick Riccio
	Speedy Recovery to Nancy Devorris
Mildred Miller	Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port
	Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman
Mitzi Bailinger	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky
	Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman
	Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port
Nancy Devorris	Happy 80th Birthday to David Halpern
	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky
	In Memory of cousin, Joy Goldstein to M/M Morley Cohn
	Congratulations to the Freedman/Blackmon Family on Ben's Bar Mitzvah
	Congratulations to the Werstil Family on Levi's Bar Mitzvah
	Happy Birthday to Irv Seltzer
	Happy 50th Birthday to Cantor Ben Matis
Rick & Sue Karp	In Memory of sister, Joy Goldstein to M/M Charles Kaminsky
	Get well soon to Diane Weiner
	In Memory of Warren A. Gingrich to Mark & Gary Gingrich
Roz Sky	In Memory of Toni James to Dave James & Family
Tobi & David Rispoli	In Memory of Mike E. Bowers to Chris Bowers
	In Memory of Clyde Thomas Harrison to Tom Harrison

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** (EMAIL **KIM ADELMAN** kagoldenbook@yahoo.com)

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

SPIRITUAL LEADERS DISCRETIONARY FUND - OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER 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. DONOR'S DISCRETION

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 **\$1,000.00, \$2,500.00, \$5,000.00, 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 INCLUDE OUR ETERNAL LIGHT, PHYSICAL TRUST AND CEMETERY TRUST CAN INCLUDE YOUR GIFTS OF SECURITIES, CASH, OR INSURANCE BENEFITS. PLEASE CONTACT JOEL HOLLANDER OR CLARK ADELMAN TO DISCUSS YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE WITH YOUR KIND GENEROSITY.

[Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques](#)

Jewish tradition eternalizes our beloved departed by honoring their blessed memory with a Yahrzeit plaque as a permanent memorial. Our Yahrzeit plaques are displayed in our Chapel with the names of over 1000 members, family and friends who have passed away. When you visit our Chapel and read the names on our plaques, you actually feel the presence of our dearly departed. If you wish to honor the memory of a dear one, a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque. Each Memorial Plaque, bearing the name and yahrzeit date is mounted on the bronze tablets in our Chapel. It is lit prior to the Yahrzeit anniversary date and during the four festivals during the year when we recite the Yizkor Memorial Prayers.

The cost is \$250.00 per plaque. Please contact the synagogue office to order.

[Honor, Cherish, Remember](#)

We are excited to announce that we just placed 50 additional leaves on our beautiful **Tree of Life** sculpture in our main lobby entrance. Our existing tree was full due to the overwhelming support of our membership and friends. Our **Tree of Life** holds the names of family members and friends who are remembered for various accomplishments including weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Bar and Bat Mitzvah as well as sad occasions. This is another way for us to support our Synagogue while honoring our friends. *The cost to purchase one leaf is \$125.00.* Please consider this for your future gift purchases. Call the synagogue today at 814-944-5317 to order a leaf.

Agudath Achim Congregation and Agudath Achim Sisterhood are now able to process credit card payments. A nominal 3.5% convenience fee will be added to any amount charged. We can swipe cards or key in card information over the phone.

We will not store card information unless you specifically authorize us in writing to do so.

For credit card transactions are: 814-934-5519 or 814-695-1513 Ask for Melissa or Janine

[Cemetery Drive 2020](#)

We need your help to make sure that the cemetery stays beautiful for years to come and those who built our Jewish community should not be forgotten.

We have a significant drainage project to undertake this year as well as increased maintenance costs. Unfortunately our incoming funds are dwindling.

Please remember your loved ones and all of the people who worked incessantly to make sure our Jewish Community stays vibrant by making a contribution to our Cemetery Trust Fund.

Thank you for your support! Please send checks to the synagogue office payable to:
Agudath Achim Congregation.

Michael Kline, President

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