

# AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE

## THE SHOFAR

FEBRUARY 2012

קהילת אגודת אחים



Thanks to the amazing efforts of our congregants donations, clothing drive in the community and work on the sale, our Nearly New Sale netted over \$5,000 this year! We would like to acknowledge the hours put in by our Committee as well as [Lee Port](#), [Betsy Kline](#), [Tina Sheetz](#), [Jan Housman](#), [Ginny Glass](#), [Sidney Glass](#), [Sawyer Glass](#), [Fay Schmitt](#), [Tobi Rispoli](#), [Carol Lipitz](#), [Arielle Port](#), [Paula Binus](#), [Ava Kline](#), [Phil Sky](#), [Cathie Gould](#), [Carolyn Wallen](#), [Kelley Adler](#), [Judy Weinstein](#), [Janine Werstil](#), [Laura Scheinberg](#), [Albert Melling](#), [Cindy Burkhart](#), [Bill Wallen](#), [Madelyn Greenberg](#), [Sandra Halpern](#), [Sam Scheinberg](#), [Hy Antikol](#), [June Brozgal](#), [Ray Altberg](#), [Janet Wayne](#), [Sue Port](#), [Elliott Bilofsky](#), [Kara Bilofsky](#), [Barb Homer](#), [Samantha Bilofsky](#), [Mandy Sky](#), [Nancy Devorris](#), [Judy Weinstein](#), [Barbara Hollander & Andrea Cohen](#). As you know, this sale takes 100's of hours to set up, sell and tear down. Without the people listed above, we couldn't have had the sale! This event has grown to not only be one of our biggest fundraisers for Agudath Achim, but is definitely one of our most significant forms of outreach into the community and beyond! We have set a date for next year. Please put it in your calendars now and plan to be a part of the fun! Dates for 2012 are: Set-up October 23, 24, 26 & 28th; Sale October 28, 29, 30 & 31. Please reserve some time during these dates to be available. Thank you again for all of your hard work! Your Rummage Crew, [Ilissa](#), [Dana](#), [Bonnie](#) & [Roz](#)



Clark Adelman, President  
Shofar February 2012

Dear Members & Friends,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2012. Our synagogue continues to be a bustling place. Whether it is the great turn out for Rabbi Rami or the Hanukah dinner, we continue to have great support from you, our members. Rabbi Wohl has provided us with wonderful Shabbat morning services. Please join us on Saturday morning for services and lunch. The discussions at lunch are worth coming for alone.

Our synagogue suffered a great loss in January with the loss of longtime member, Yale Schulman. Yale led our synagogue as treasurer, president, chairman of the board, gabbai, and trust committee member. Yale led the charge to pay off the synagogue's mortgage years ago. He did such a great job in raising the money that there was money left over after paying off the mortgage. Here is where Yale planted the seed for our trust funds. Through the years, these trust funds have been used for all the renovations to our beautiful synagogue and to help offset expenses when the budget came up short. We will be forever grateful to Yale for this.

Adam Bergstein has completed the work on our new website. He worked closely with Rabbi Wohl and me to create a more vibrant website. Visit the site at [www.agudathachim.com](http://www.agudathachim.com) and see all the new pictures and information that is now provided. Rabbi Wohl even has a twitter feed on the site.

I have been informed that Kevin & Cheryl Smith have sold the Smith Funeral Home to the Stevens Mortuary. The people at Stevens have assured us that we will be provided with the same level of service that we have received from the Smiths. Let us all wish Kevin & Cheryl the best as they move on with their future plans.

I want to thank two of our committee chairpersons. These two men work tirelessly for the synagogue even when they are in Florida for the winter. Henry Weinberg, Cemetery Chairperson, continues to be actively involved while in Florida. Whatever is necessary, Henry makes sure that all arrangements are made. Jerry Wayne, House Chairperson, has been actively involved with the painting of the main sanctuary. He has been coordinating the work with Horrel Painting from Florida. I am looking forward to their return from Florida in the spring.

As mentioned above, the main sanctuary and hallway is being plastered and repainted. I am sure you will all enjoy the new colors. Thank you to Nancy Devorris and Barbara Hollander for choosing the new color scheme.

Sincerely,

Clark R. Adelman  
[cadelman@aepaper.com](mailto:cadelman@aepaper.com)

On February 11, 2012, I will be celebrating 4 years with the Agudath Achim Congregation. Time has gone by so quickly. I appreciate each one of you in a different way. In this time frame I have gotten to learn so many exciting Jewish ways of living. You have accepted myself & my family as part of the Agudath Achim Congregation (Family).

Thank you!  
Cindy

**Dear Friends,**

**Julie and I are excited to announce that beginning in February we will be hosting a monthly 'Shabbat Katan' at our home from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.**

**Shabbat Katan is designed for families with young children. Join us as we learn together about how to make our Jewish lives meaningful through stories, singing and simple prayers. An Oneg Shabbat with snacks, Challah and drinks will follow each program. Each Tot Shabbat has a theme relating the closest holiday.**

**Feb 11 – Tu B'Shvat**  
**Mar 3 – Purim**  
**Mar 31 – Passover**  
**Apr 28 – Israel Independence Day**

**Sincerely,**  
**Josh and Julie Wohl**  
**835 Noelani Dr,**  
**Duncansville PA**

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Rabbi Josh Wohl

Purim's Deeper Meaning

On the 14th of Adar, March 7th in the secular calendar, Jews all over the world will celebrate the holiday of Purim. Many of us revel in the Mardi Gras atmosphere as we dress up in costumes, attend carnivals, eat hamantashen and grind our groggers as loud as we can to drown out Haman's name. On this day, we are supposed to be loud, silly and joyous. In fact, the Talmud informs us that on Purim it is part of the mitzvah to get drunk! As Tractate Megillah teaches "On Purim it is a man's duty to drink himself to the point that he is unable to distinguish between the phrases 'Cursed be Haman' and 'Blessed be Mordecai.'"

The Question then becomes how does this party atmosphere connect to the story found in the Megillah? Why don't we engage in excessive celebration on Passover to celebrate our liberation from Egypt or on Shavuot to celebrate the giving of the Torah, the foundation of our entire religion? What is so special about Purim that our tradition desires the abandonment of our everyday inhibitions?

Most of us know that Haman concocted a genocidal plan to wipe every single Jew off the face of the earth. Luckily, Queen Esther used both her beauty and intelligence to

persuade King Ahashverosh to annul Haman's evil decree. However, on the face of it, Haman's plan seems very similar to Hitler's 'Final Solution', hardly an occurrence that would call for such merriment. Rabbi Irving Greenberg in his book, *The Jewish Way: Living the Holidays*, says, "Appearances can be deceptive. Purim, which supports enormous theological freight, may well be the darkest, most de-pressing holiday of the Jewish calendar. Its laughter is Pagliacci's – a hair's breadth away from despair."

While the Purim celebration is filled with joyousness, the reason for the celebration focuses on a painful aspect of Jewish life throughout the course of history. There have and always will be anti-Semites whose sole aim is to destroy the totality of world Jewry. Our tradition teaches that many of our greatest enemies, Haman, Vespasian and Hitler are descendants of Amalek. Amalek was the Biblical tribe that ignored basic military conventions and attacked the Israelite women and children first because they were the weakest. In response, God instructs the Israelites to blot out the memory of Amalek until the end of time. On Purim, the merriment stems from our total defeat of evil, for while Haman plotted to destroy the Jewish people his wicked plot failed to kill even one single Jew. And for this we are eternally grateful.

Yet the specter of anti-Semitism remains a daunting aspect of our existence. We would be foolish to look upon the story of Purim as ancient history. Purim teaches us that we must take the dangers of anti-Semitism seriously. It would have been easy for Esther from the safety of the palace to conclude that the threats against the Jewish people were exaggerated. To believe that the Jews had assimilated so seamlessly into Persian society that harm could not befall them. Unfortunately, too many Jews shared these same beliefs during WWII and many modern

Jewish scholars have attacked the complacency of American Jewry in not doing more to prevent the Holocaust and the murder of six million Jews.

Today, the leaders of Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas have called for the destruction of the Jewish people. In fact, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is quoted as saying, "The Zionist regime is an illegitimate regime and a cancerous tumor that should be wiped off the map." Our generation must internalize the lessons of Purim and not ignore these vile threats. For it is clear that all Jews must vigorously ensure that our enemies' anti-Semitic, genocidal ambitions never again come to fruition.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Coffee and Conversation at Panera, Monday's at 10am on Jan 30, Feb 6,13,20,27

Adult Education Class at AAC, "The Life of Abraham" Monday's at 7pm Feb 20,27 Mar 5,19,26 and Apr 2nd

Shabbat Katan: Feb 11, Mar 3, Mar 31, Apr 28

Shabbat Katan is designed for families with young children. Join us from 3:00-4:00pm as we learn together about how to make our Jewish lives meaningful through stories, singing and simple prayers. An oneg Shabbat with snacks, Challah and drinks will follow each program.

AAC Youth Services led by our teens on Feb 11, Mar 3, Apr 14, May 5th, beginning at 10am

Purim Megillah Reading  
Wed March 7th at 6pm

Claudia and Felicia's Bat Mitzvah  
Saturday March 10th

Julie's Art Class which is Feb 7th, Mar 13th and Apr 13th

# Yahrzeits

February 3	<b>Freida Trompeter</b>	Aunt of David Dolinger
February 4	<b>Herbert Hony</b>	Father of Nima Chorny
February 7	<b>Molly Hony</b>	Mother of Nima Chorny
	<b>Lillian Sapoff</b>	Loved one of Gerald Bergstein
February 8	<b>Bessie K. Lang</b>	Aunt of Dr. Michael Kline
	<b>Betty Comensky</b>	Grandmother of Michael Horwitz
February 9	<b>Jacob Covitch</b>	Father of Bernard Covitch
February 10	<b>Henry Schulman</b>	Uncle of Reva Feldman & Marcia Schulman
February 11	<b>Morris Levine</b>	Father of Nancy Seigel & Ida Christensen
February 12	<b>Minnie Stein</b>	Mother of Maxine Weinberg
	<b>Moshe Schulman</b>	Uncle of Reva Feldman & Marcia Schulman
	<b>Ida Wolfberg</b>	Mother of Steven Wolfberg
February 13	<b>Margaret Stoop</b>	Loved one of David Brooks
February 14	<b>Fannie Krentzman</b>	Grandmother of Reva Feldman & Marcia Schulman
February 16	<b>Herbert Bilofsky</b>	Father of Dr. Elliott Bilofsky , Grandfather of Dina, Ian & Samantha
February 17	<b>Anna Lieberman</b>	Mother of Phyllis Port & Grandmother of Dr. Joshus Port
February 19	<b>Mollie Brooks</b>	Mother of David Brooks
February 20	<b>Sarah Freeman</b>	Mother of Eleanor Grossman & Grandmother of Ardie Karp
February 23	<b>Isaac Seltzman</b>	Father of Fay Schmitt
	<b>Arthur Stephen Cohen</b>	Husband of Donna Cohen, Father of Michael & Shawn
February 26	<b>Israel Sky</b>	Father of Phillip Sky & Grandfather of Israel Sky & Tobi Rispoli
	<b>Gertrude Wayne</b>	Aunt of Jerry Wayne
	<b>Julius Mazur</b>	Brother of Rose Karp & Uncle of Rick Karp
	<b>Rose Altberg</b>	Late Wife of Dr. Reynold Altberg, Mother of Marla Grieper
February 27	<b>Samuel Klevans</b>	Brother-in law of Manny Rosenberg
February 28	<b>Benjamin Blender</b>	Uncle of Jeffrey Blender
February 29	<b>Julius Krentzman</b>	Grandfather of Reva Feldman & Marcia Schulman
March 1	<b>Pesa Tutle Golant</b>	Mother of Jakob Golant
March 4	<b>Ann Kline-Gilbert</b>	Aunt of Dr. Michael Kline
March 7	<b>Albert Karp</b>	Husband of Rose Karp & Father of Rick Karp Brother of Ida Schulman
March 8	<b>Morris Antikol</b>	Father of Hyman Antikol & Linda Charam
March 8	<b>Rose Port</b>	Mother of Stephen, Neil & Dr. Martin Port & Grandfather of Sue Port & Dr. Joshua Port
March 12	<b>Stella Bader</b>	Mother of Susan Karp
March 17	<b>Gertrude Green</b>	Aunt of Nancy Devorris
	<b>Ruth Scott</b>	Mother of Nancy Devorris, Grandmother of Philip & Andrea Cohen
March 18	<b>Irving Schmidt</b>	Father of Dr. Stephen Schmidt
March 19	<b>Molly Pearl Rosenberg</b>	Mother of Manny Rosenberg
March 21	<b>David D. Brozgal</b>	Late Husband of June Brozgal
	<b>Louis Burrows</b>	Grandfather of Amy Seltzer, Eric Thaler & Dr.'s Jonathan & Bruce Thaler
March 22	<b>Sarah Sussman</b>	Mother of Mickey Port & Grandmother of Sue Port
March 23	<b>Percy Wayne</b>	Loved one of Jerry Wayne
	<b>Ruth Blender</b>	Mother of Jeffrey Blender
March 24	<b>David Altberg</b>	Father of Dr. Reynold Altberg & Grandfather of Marla Altberg Greiper
	<b>Helen Pachter</b>	Mother of David Pachter & Marsha Stein & Sister of Evelyn Maldoover
March 25	<b>David Scott</b>	Father of Nancy Devorris, Grandfather of Philip Devorris & Andrea Cohen
March 27	<b>Larry Hollander</b>	Father of Joel Hollander & Grandfather of Rachel & Nicole Hollander & Nanci Caplan
March 29	<b>Aaron Gendel</b>	Brother of Sophie Rosenberg
	<b>Morris Michael Devorris</b>	Father of Donald Devorris & Grandfather of Philip Devorris & Andrea Cohen
March 31	<b>Moses Sky</b>	Uncle of Stephen, Neil & Dr. Martin Port & Phillip Sky

## Our Misheberah List

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

Shirley Glucroft  
Sue Karp  
Jakob Golant  
Desiree Rosenthal,  
Dr. Bill Thaler  
Rozzie Sky  
Brooke Haney  
Alie McGovern  
Wanda Barker  
Rey Altberg  
Dana Caparoso  
Jan Housman  
Alma Burgoon  
Evelyn Wagner  
Bill Rossman  
Jamie Horton  
Joe Portugal  
Judy McKillip  
Lou Ventura  
Kim & Bob Wilson  
David Brooks  
Sandy Messner  
Daniel Burkhart  
Edythe Volshen  
Diana Miller  
Elinore Wharton  
Cindy Burkhart  
Scott Randell  
Stephen Holland  
Sarah Taylor  
Steve Colyer  
Dany Noiman  
Eva Berger  
Verd bat Dany & Miki  
Kenneth Keagy  
Amie Witkin  
Sylvia Green  
Mary Jones  
Melvin & Beverly Lurie  
Mildred Miller  
Red Lightner  
Daryl Lee  
American & Israeli Soldiers injured in battle

Sometimes we are not informed if one of our synagogue members is a patient. Rabbi Wohl would like to call you and more appropriately, visit you, as you wish, so please let us know. You are important to us. Please notify the office to remove names from the misheberah list who are recovered.

IN MEMORY OF ANITA RISPOLI MOTHER OF DAVID RISPOLI  
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 DAVID TRUDE SON OF ANNA PAIKIN  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF YALE SCHULMAN HUSBAND OF IDA SCHULMAN  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF ERIC DOLINGER NEPHEW OF DAVID & JEAN DOLINGER  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID JEROME COHN BROTHER OF SANDRA HALPERN  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF HARRY ROSENTHAL  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

IN MEMORY OF ALAN GOLDBERG  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING AND MAY ALL OF THE FAMILY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.

# GOLDEN BOOK DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bergstein Congratulations on Israel Bond honor Henry Weinberg In Memory of Bernard Dembert In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Weinberg In Honor of son's Bar Mitzvah Dr. & Mrs. Chuck Langham Congratulations on grandson's Bar Mitzvah Sen. Robert & Judge Renee Jubelirer Congratulations on grandson's Bar Mitzvah Dr. & Mrs. Mort Friedman Get Well Jack Schocker In Memory of Mother of Tracey Jubelirer In Memory of Dembert In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of Eric Dolinger In Memory of Bob Miller In Memory of David Jerome Cohn Happy Birthday Jakob Galant Get Well Jordan Bailinger	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Henderson In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Jerome Cohn Dr. & Mrs. Michael Klioe In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Neil Port In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Steve Seltzer In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Cohn Dr. & Mrs. Bruce Thaler In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Cohn Mrs. Ilissa Zimmerman In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Memory David Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Fishbaine In Memory of Anita Rispoli Mr. & Mrs. James Rosenthal In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Donald Crigger Get Well Sue Karp Mr. & Mrs. Clark Adelman In Memory of Bernard Dembert In Memory of Anita Rispoli In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Eric Dolinger Mr Jakob Golant In Memory of David G. Trude Mrs. Rosalie Karp In Memory of David G. Trude Misses Nanci, Nicole & Rachel Hollander In Memory of David G. Trude In Memory of Eric Dolinger Mr. & Mrs. Gary Belenitsky In Memory of Memory David Jerome Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Boris Aryev In Memory of Memory David Jerome Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kaminsky In Memory of Memory David Cohn In Memory of David G. Trude Mrs. Mildred Miller In Memory of Memory David Cohn Mr. & Mrs. Byron Lasser & Miss Stacy Lasser In Memory of Eric Dolinger In Memory of Memory David Cohn In Memory of David G. Trude
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In Memory of Chet Claar  
In Memory of Bernard Dembert  
In Memory of Joan Frederick  
In Memory of Cory Lynn  
In Memory of Lillian O'Brien  
In Memory of Thelma Saad  
Best Wishes Donna Gority  
In Memory of David Jerome Coaha  
In Memory of Marcia Lutz  
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Sky  
In Memory of Mary E. DeBartolome  
In Memory of Keith B. Hatch  
In Memory of Alex G. Faris  
In Memory of Piroska Irene Balazs

David and I want to express our sincere gratitude to all who acknowledged my brother David's death with your thoughts and donations. This most difficult time has been made a little easier knowing that you are thinking of us and lending your support.  
Sandra Halpern

We were blessed to have our mother and grandmother Anita Rispoli in our lives and losing her this past year was difficult. But a special thanks to all of you for your Golden Books, prayers and support that helped make dealing with such a loss a little bit easier. Praying for a healthy happy new year for all of you.  
David, Tobi, Tyler and Casey Rispoli

Our Agudath Achim Website is being updated daily by our talented members Rabbi Wohl, Ronna Lasser, Adam Bergstein and Clark Adelman.  
www.agudathachim.com  
If you have news you would like to post or find links that would be of interest to our members please call Cindy in our office.



Penn State junior Scott Rosenthal, (son of Dr. Shelly and Desiree) was honored as Big Ten Gymnast of the Week on January 16, 2012. He was recognized with the award for the second time in his career for his record-setting performance in the No. 6 Nittany Lions' convincing victory over No. 14 Army. Rosenthal helped Penn State post the nation's highest team total in the season's first week (349.800), capturing the still rings title in milestone fashion. The 2011 All-American shattered the Nittany Lion program record and tied the NCAA FIG-scoring era rings mark, recording a 16.300. As a sophomore in 2011, the local central Pennsylvania product established himself as one of the nation's top still rings performers. Rosenthal won titles in the event in nine of 10 regular season meets and finished second at the Big Ten Championships, earning Second Team All-Big Ten honors. At the National Collegiate Championships qualifier, he helped Penn State set a program record as a team in the still rings (62.300), placing second with a score of 15.850.

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Altoona Jewish Community Sunday School

In January of 2012, the Sunday School classes moved from the Synagogue to the Temple classrooms. It gives all our students the opportunity to appreciate both HOUSES and to feel comfortable and familiar in both congregations.

The past several months have given our students strong Jewish identities. For Simchat Torah, a Torah scroll was rolled out in the social hall and the kids had the opportunity to examine its unique characteristics. For Sukkot, classes participated in the Mitzvah of studying and eating in the Sukkah just outside their classroom walls. Chanukah would not be Chanukah with out a PARTY!! Always a highlight. THANK YOU sisterhood for the Chanukah candles, dreidel, and gelt for each student.

And who is making all this happen. The teachers of course: Chana'le Stein, Ellen Kivitz, Bonnie Gordon, Sandra Krepp, Jean Dolinger, Sue Holzer, Mike Holzer, Rabbi Korotkin and Rabbi Wohl. Their classes are filled with wonder, awe, and a love of learning.

You are all invited to join us anytime, Ilissa Zimmerman

# D O N A T I O N S

## Congregational Fund

In memory of Larry Lebovitz (Michele's father)  
From: Michele Schmidt & Family

In memory of husband Philip Kardon  
From: Dorothy Kardon

In Memory of Sophie Sherman (Freya's mother)  
From: Freya, Irvin Berger & Family

In Memory of Joseph Cohn (Morley's father)  
From: Morley & Carol Cohn

In Memory of Samuel Skolnek (Carol's father)  
From: Morley & Carol Cohn

In Memory of husband Alfred Hurwitz  
From: Anita Hurwitz

In Memory of brother Maurice Swartz  
From: Bernard Swartz

In Memory of friend Moses Feldman  
From: Bernard Swartz

In Memory of brother Dr. Abraham Swartz  
From: Bernie Swartz

In Memory of husband Dr. Joseph Fried  
From: Ethel Fried

In Memory of David & Sarah Sky (Grandparents of the Older Sky & Port Families)  
From: David & Sarah Sky Charitable Trust

In Loving Memory of Dr. A. Harvey Neidorff  
From: Susan, Michael & Robert Neidorff

In Memory of David Trude (Son of Anna Paikin  
From Saul & Anna Paikin

## Yahrzeit Placque

David Trude  
From: Steve & Phyllis Port  
Neil & Mickey Port  
Dr. Joshua & Lianne Port  
Phil & Rozzie Sky  
Joel & Barbara Hollander  
Clark & Kim Adelman  
Morley & Carol Cohn  
Dr. Len & Bonnie Zimmerman  
Dr. Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner

## Mahzor Lev Shalem

To Thank and Honor of the Break the Fast Host's  
Dr, Marvin & Judith Sue Meisner, Steve Seltzer,  
Amy Seltzer, Phil & Rozzie Sky, Dr. Len & Bonnie  
Zimmerman  
From: Dr. Howard & Roxanne Black

In Recognition of 2011 Israel Bond Honoree  
Henry Weinberg  
From: Morley & Carol Cohn

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Roz Sky  
From: Maxine & Henry Weinberg

In Loving Memory of Joyce Skolnek Steiner  
From: Jerry & Janet Wayne

## Rabbi M. Herbert Berger Memorial Fund

In Memory of David Sirkin (Barbara's father)  
From: Joel & Barbara Hollander

In Memory of David Trude  
From: Joel & Barbara, Nanci, Ben, Nicole  
& Rachel Hollander

In Memory of Eric Dollinger  
From: Joel & Barbara, Nanci, Ben, Nicole  
& Rachel Hollander

In Memory of your Uncle Alfred H. Brenner  
(Carol Cohn & Charles Kaminsky)  
From: Barbara & Joel Hollander

## Window Fund

In Memory of David Jerome Cohn  
(Sandra Halpern's brother)  
From: Joel & Barbara Hollander

## Siddur Sim Shalom

In memory of of Beloved College Friend  
Joyce Skolnek Steiner  
From: Anne, Faye & Sandy

## Rabbi Josh Wohl Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Henry Weinberg and all of his hard  
work With the Cemetery.  
From: Hyona & Lewis Rains

In memory of our Mother Gerry Antikol  
From: Hyman Antikol & Linda Charam

In Loving Memory of Herman Dolinger  
(David's father)  
From: David & Jean Dolinger

Anna & Saul Paikin  
Jeff & Mark Trude

We want to thank the members  
of the Agudath Achim  
for the many Golden Books,  
sympathy cards, phone calls and  
visits in memory of our son and brother,  
David Trude.

We are very grateful to all of you.

From Bill Wallen:  
Excerpts from Yale Schulman  
Eulogy

Whenever I think about  
Yale, I think about him in the  
Synagogue. It was his second  
home- became part of his DNA.  
J. F. Wright said, "True religion  
is the life we lead, not the creed  
we profess."

There are three pillars in  
Judaism; God, Torah and  
Israel. If you add on family,  
community and Synagogue,  
you have identified the most  
important components of his  
life.

Along with his work, Yale  
became a tireless worker  
and one of the most active  
Synagogue members. He served  
several terms as President and  
Treasurer and was Chairman of  
the Board. He championed the  
development of the Synagogue  
Trust Funds at a time when  
funds were really low - to  
ensure that there would always  
be enough funds for the future.  
After retirement, he joined the  
minyonaire, became a Gabbai  
and frequently read Torah and  
Haftorah.

Rabbi Harold Kushner  
talks of the minyon in the  
Synagogue. He defines it as the  
"community." He says that your  
life takes on meaning when  
you take on responsibilities and  
become part of the community.  
Yale certainly lived a life of  
meaning.

Last weekend was Shabbat  
Tzedek - Sabbath of  
Righteousness in honor of  
Martin Luther King. The  
theme was service to the  
community- as an obligation  
for all of us - to help make a  
better world - tikkun olam. Yale  
lived this theme through his  
work. He loved Altoona- his  
community and had the drive  
and determination to make it the  
way he thought it should be.

## Jewish Film Festival 2012

February 16 - 100 Voices:

A Journey Home

February 23 - The Secrets

March 1 - The Frisco Kid

March 8 - Jewish Soldiers

in Blue and Gray

Join us for a great dinner  
next door at the Heritage  
Discovery Center beginning  
at 5:30pm. We'll have wine  
and appetizers, with dinner  
catered by Paula & Dave  
Binus. All films begin at  
7:30pm. It's the best bargain  
in town with dinner at only  
\$12/person and films at \$3  
for Federation members  
\$5 for non-members and  
free for students. Reserve  
your space by calling the  
Federation office at 515-  
1182 or email us at altfed@  
atlanticbb.net.

Sunday, March 11 at 9:30  
as a follow up to Jewish  
Soldiers in Blue and Gray,  
Joellyn Wallen Zollman  
will discuss the Civil War  
novel, All Other Nights by  
Dara Horn. It will follow  
the minyon breakfast. Come  
for the service, breakfast  
and discussion. The book is  
available on Amazon.com  
and several copies are at the  
Federation to borrow.

## February Birthdays

- 1 Daniel Henderson
- 2 Sara Gould
- 2 Kevin Thaler
- 10 Kathleen Schneider
- 11 Samantha Bilofsky
- 11 Amanda Sky
- 11 Maxine Weinberg
- 13 Sam Gould
- 14 Matthew Eiman
- 17 Brittany Thaler
- 19 Jolene Bowers
- 21 Elizabeth Kline
- 22 Sophie Rosenberg
- 23 Philip Devorris
- 23 Emanuel Rosenberg
- 23 Carolyn Wallen
- 24 Stephen Port
- 26 Cathie Gould
- 26 Alex Thaler

## March Birthdays

- 7 Sarah Lipitz
- 8 Clark Adelman
- 9 Seth Bergstein
- 11 Rachel Hollander
- 11 Nicole Lipitz
- 12 Nanci Caplan
- 13 Mina Belenitsky
- 14 Sandra Singer
- 16 Ryan Seltzer
- 18 Howard Levinson
- 24 Claudia Devorris
- 25 Joshua Seltzer
- 26 Bernice Levinson
- 26 Andrea Okonak
- 27 Sarah Arlick
- 29 Ilissa Zimmerman

## February Anniversaries

- 14 Ben & Kathleen Schneider
- 19 Jay & Mary Eiman

## March Anniversaries

- 3 Joel & Barbara Hollander
- 8 David & Sandra Halpern
- 26 Barry & Cathie Gould



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**GOLDEN BOOK** - MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF \$4.00

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

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**TREE OF LIFE SCULPTURE** (MAIN LOBBY) - MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION PER LEAF OF \$125.00

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