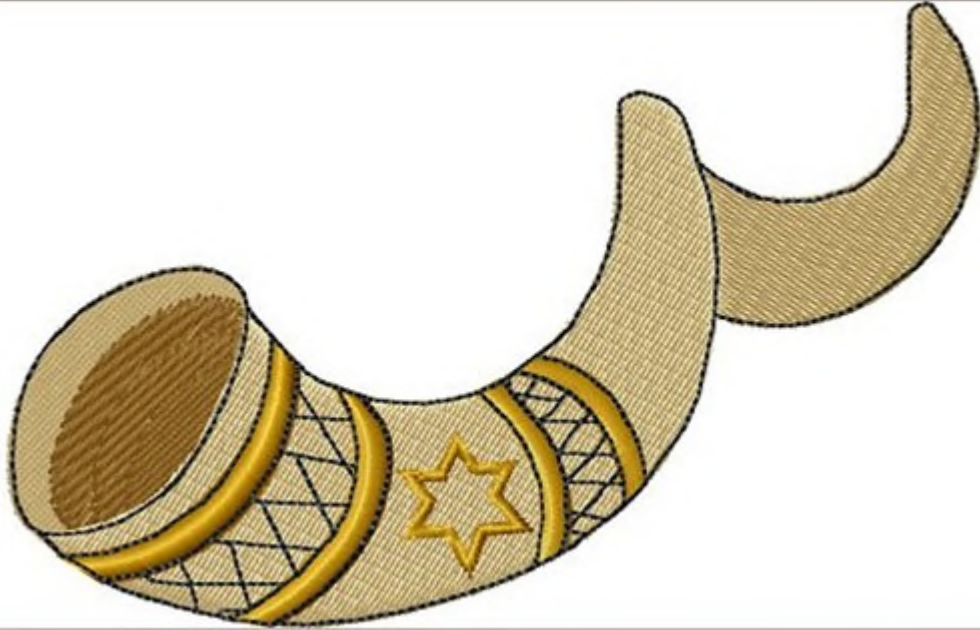


Agudath Achim Congregation Altoona, PA

SHOFAR

October/November/December 2020/ 5781



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

Dr. Michael Kline, President

Cantor's Hours

***By Appointment**

Office Hours

8:00 am to Noon - Monday thru Friday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS: **Holiday Schedule**

Erev Hanukkah - December 10

Hanukkah - December 11 - 18

AAC BOARD MEETINGS * *dates tentative*

Executive Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

November 4th

March 3rd

May 5th

Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

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 7, 2021



The Cantor's Corner

These times are filled with storm and stress, a nasty virus and a nasty election. We're all on edge. Let's all take a deep breath. In, all the way in. Out, until you are completely empty. Repeat this slowly for a minute or so - stop if you feel dizzy! Close your eyes and try to quiet your mind as you breathe. It might be easier to concentrate on one simple positive thing or image, or as the Indians do it, some sort of mantra.

To the modern reader, doing this reeks of Eastern mysticism, smelly incense, and sitar music. It certainly doesn't feel Jewish. Isn't Jewish supposed to be all intellectual and dry?

People are often surprised to find out that there is such a thing as JEWISH MEDITATION. Even pretty knowledgeable Jews are surprised by this and tend to view it suspiciously. They think that if it's Jewish at all, such meditation must be some esoteric occult sort of Judaism and that it can have no bearing on their lives - or worse, something out of the Kabbalah Centre and Madonna's red sting on her wrist.

It's not too surprising that many books on meditation ignore Judaism entirely, even though in our time many are aware that there was and is a strong mystical tradition in Judaism. That is an oversight: Judaism began as an Eastern religion based with a strong and quite ancient meditative tradition that migrated westward. To a significant degree that tradition has been lost - but it's certainly not gone.

The problem is that since the mystical and the meditative in Judaism have been largely forgotten, many Jews have turned to other practices entirely. There are many a Jewbu - that is, Jewish Buddhists. Even religious Jews tend to ignore meditation as they don't think of it as a Jewish thing.

There are deep wells of spiritual meaning in Judaism: you just have to look for them. May I suggest a few books to start to begin navigating that path? I'd start with Aryeh Kaplan's *Jewish Meditation* before turning to *Jewish Meditation Practices for Everyday Life* by Jeff Roth. Roth's book is very good for the practical, but for those of us who prefer to find a little bit more "traditional" sources, I highly suggest Rebbe Nachman's *Outpouring of the Soul*, translated by Aryeh Kaplan.

Find a healthy spiritual path within Judaism to help you deal with these tough times - it's well worth the effort to take a look!



PRESIDENT, DR. MICHAEL KLINE

Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you well. We have certainly all have been put through the proverbial ringer for the past long seven months. Our lives and routines have all been disrupted. It's a true testament to the will and strength of all of us.

We put a lot of work and effort into making the High Holidays as meaningful an experience for everyone as we could possibly make it. We had a nice combination of in person and virtual services as well as fine cuisine. I think that the majority of people appreciated it

I want to thank all of you that supported it. I especially wanted to thank the Cantor, Stefanie, and Shoshi Matis, Clark Adelman, Elliott Bilofsky, my wife Betsy, The Binus Family, Sheldon Rosenthal, Eric Thaler, The Families that Sponsored Meals, Ronna Lasser and the Sisterhood, Janet Hoover and Albert Mealing. I know that I will miss someone(s). If I do, you can pleasantly remind me later.

Most recently we had put up our Succah and with the help of Cantor and Joel and Barbara Hollander we made it into a nice Holiday event.

We continue to have Friday and Saturday service and are looking for ways to make them ever better

I think that we need to make the best of a changed situation. As always we need your help and input to keep us successful in the new year.

Better Together,
Mike Kline
El Presidente

MI SHE BERAH LIST

All COVID-19 victims

All terror victims

All of the American and Israeli Soldiers injured in battle
President Donald Trump & the White House Staff

Rey Altberg	Desiree Rosenthal
Saul Tocker	Ryan Parks
Paulette Updike	Selma Bilofsky
Cay Tressler	David Campbell
Nima Chorny	Frank Muhlbaver
Irv Seltzer	Henry Weinberg
Samuel Kaplan	Herman Gerwitz
Lilli Durante	BennettWilliam Thaler
Sandra Halpern	Jeff Hunter
Carol Hewitt	Gerald Matis
Nathan Scheinberg	Al Roth
Cyndy Humphreys	Rose Karp
Norman Godfrey	Joy Susengill
Fay Schmitt	Kim Komrad
Danny Noiman	Leroy Whipple
Jeff O'Fish	Pam Weiss
Lynn Fishbaine	Renee McCutchen
Phyllis Port	Carol Lipitz
Nicole Lipitz	Mark Lipitz
Lee Kleiner	Wendy Siegel
Donna Medd	Rick Karp
Dave Dolinger	Genia Viner

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Mark & Carol Lipitz
20 Edward & Adele Giller
31 Israel & Dana Sky

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Rachel Arlick	14 Israel Sky
1 Nancy Devorris	16 Arielle Port
1 Harrison Rains	20 Emily Mandel
2 Sandra Kaminsky	23 Barry Gould
4 Erica Binus	23 Bill Greenberg
4 Maxwell Devorris	24 Danielle Newborn
5 Michael Cohen	25 Jacob Scheinberg
6 Sandra Halpern	26 Laura Schocker
8 David Dolinger	28 Rick Karp
9 Jacob Port	29 Savanna Rains
14 Douglas Simon	31 Brett Thaler

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Edward & Kathy Henderson
- 8 Michael & Christine Scheinberg
- 22 Charles & Sandra Kaminsky

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Stacy Lasser | 15 Phyllis Port |
| 2 Jeff Greenberg | 18 Michael Scheinberg |
| 3 Dana Sky | 19 Benjamin Scheinberg |
| 4 Alexandra Schmidt | 21 William Wallen |
| 5 Mark Thaler | 22 Charles Kaminsky |
| 6 Joel Hollander | 22 Abigail Simon |
| 6 Amy Seltzer | 29 Barbara Hollander |
| 9 Dr. Jonathan Thaler | 30 David Binus III |
| 10 Dr. Joshua Port | 30 Rachel Scheinberg |
| 12 Janet Wayne | 30 Fay Schmitt |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Gary Belenitsky | 12 Andrew Arlick |
| 1 Byron Lasser | 13 Dr. Barbara Thaler |
| 2 Bobby Greenberg | 17 Rosalind Sky |
| 2 Dr. Alan Kivitz | 19 Jack Housman |
| 7 Dorothy Kardon | 19 Dr. Mark Lipitz |
| 8 Ronald Adelman | 21 Joan Bergstein |
| 8 Adam Bergstein | 21 Scott Cohen |
| 8 Kathryn Schmidt | 22 Reva Feldman |
| 10 Samuel Sky | 23 Susan Cohen |

Y A H R Z E I T S

October 2020

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| 1 Clara Moreland (T-12 R-32B) | Aunt of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman |
| 3 Tessie Cohen Sky (T-9 R-11A) | Grandmother of Israel Sky, Tobi Rispoli |
| 5 Mickey Witkin | Great Uncle of Phyllis Thaler, Uncle of Adele Giller |
| 7 Boris Belenitsky | Brother of Gary Belenitsky, Brother In Law of Mina Belenitsky |
| 8 David Giller (T-14 R-11B) | Son of Edward Giller, Adele Giller, Brother of Phyllis Thaler |
| 8 Eleanor Grossman | Aunt of Ardie Karp |
| 11 Arthur Bader (T-14 R-14A) | Father of Susan Karp, |
| 13 Belle Jacobson (T-12 R-28A) | Mother of Rachelle Cohen |
| 18 Isadore Karp (T-11 R-23B) | Father of Ardie Karp |
| 19 David Wallen | Father of William Wallen |
| 21 Edgar Henderson (T-12 R-25A) | Grandfather of Edward Henderson |
| 22 Rae Adelman (T-14 R16A) | Aunt of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Harry Rubin |
| 22 Albert Scheinberg (T-14 R-7A) | Husband of Esther Scheinberg, Father of Michael Scheinberg, Samuel Scheinberg |
| 25 Larry Lebovitz | Father of Michele Schmidt |
| 27 Joseph Lurie (T-16 R-17A) | Father of Jan Housman, Royal Duncan |

November 2020

4	Binyomin Lichtenstein (T-7 R-19B)	Grandfather of Barry Gould
7	Max Schulman (T-13 R-11B)	Father of Reva Feldman
8	Robert Meisner	Father of Dr. Marvin Meisner
8	Dr. Harvey Neidorff (T-10 R-23A)	Father of Robert Neidorff
9	Morris Isenberg	Father of Shirlee Roberts
9	Philip Kardon (T-13 R-29A)	Husband of Dorothy Kardon
9	Clara Weiner	Grandmother of Sandra Singer
10	Adam Port (T-14 R-24B)	Brother of Dr. Joshua Port, Son of Phyllis Port
10	Sylvia Schulman (T-13 R-12B)	Mother of Reva Feldman
13	David Brooks	David Brooks
14	Martin Weinstein (T-13 R-23B)	Father of Judy Weinstein
16	Ann Brenner Gibbons (T-3 R-32A)	Aunt of Charles Kaminsky
18	Hyman Adelman (T-12 R-10B)	Father of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Uncle of Harry Rubin
18	George Rubin (T-10 R-10B)	Father of Harry Rubin, Uncle of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman
18	David Sirkin (T-15 R-13A)	Father of Barbara Hollander, Grandfather of Rachel Sirner, Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan
20	Dr. Samuel Ciruta	Father of Sandra Kaminsky
22	Herman Dolinger (T-9 R-4B)	Father of David Dolinger
23	Frank Seltzer (T-11 R-30B)	Father of Irving Seltzer, Grandfather of Steven Seltzer, Alison Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Michael Seltzer
25	William Colbus (T-9 R-8B)	Uncle of Henry Weinberg
27	Nathan Brenner	Uncle of Charles Kaminsky
27	Abe Lurie (T-14 R-19A)	Grandfather of Royal Duncan
28	Thelma Brenner Skolnek (T-13 R-3B)	Mother of Carol Cohn
29	Paul Stein (T-12 R-6B)	Father of Maxine Weinberg

December 2020

1	Esther Nederlander (T-15 R-10B)	Mother of Renee Marks, Mother-in-Law of Dr. Donald Marks, Grandmother of Melissa Marks, Abby Marks
3	Dr. Norman Schwartz (T-13 R-28B)	Father of Ronna Lasser
4	Paul Blender (T-13 R-25A)	Father of Jeffrey Blender
4	William Lasser (T-13 R-7A)	Father of Byron Lasser, Grandfather of Stacy Lasser
4	Ruth Roth (T-16 R-3B)	Mother of Rosalind Sky, Grandmother of Israel Sky, Tobi Rispoli
7	Sarah Devorris	Great Grandmother of Philip Devorris, Andrea Cohen
7	Hilda Lurie (T-16 R-17B)	Mother of Jan Housman, Royal Duncan
7	Rose Seltzer Miller (T-14 R-30A)	Sister of Irving Seltzer, Aunt of Steven Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Michael Seltzer, Alison Seltzer
9	Charles Levine	Husband of Sylvia Levine
10	Theodore Taft	Father of Carol Lipitz
11	Esther Rose Adelman (T-2 R-26B)	Grandmother of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman
11	Fischel Gould (T-3 R-6B)	Grandfather of Barry Gould
12	Joel Cohen	Husband of Susan Cohen
12	Sylvia Lasser (T-9 R-31B)	Mother of Byron Lasser, Grandmother of Stacy Lasser
13	Annie Henderson (T-1 R-18B)	Grandmother of Robert Henderson, Susan Henderson-Brody
14	Charles Lieberman	Father of Phyllis Port, Grandfather of Dr. Joshua Port
16	Rachel Deitch (T-14 R-7B)	Mother of Adele Giller
16	Milton Gould (T-12 R-1A)	Father of Barry Gould
18	William Krapin	Father of Millicent Bailingier
18	Ethel Wallen	Mother of William Wallen
19	Pearl Donshik	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
22	Jacob Levine (T-1 R-33B)	Grandfather of Ida Levine, Nancy Siegel
22	Morris Quint	Uncle of Ida Levine, Nancy Siegel
22	Amie Witkin (T-13 R-26A)	Aunt of Adele Giller, Great Aunt of Phyllis Thaler
23	Gladys Gould (T-12 R-2A)	Mother of Barry Gould
23	Bernice Lapin	Mother of Esther Scheinberg, Grandmother of Samuel Scheinberg, Michael Scheinberg
25	Gerry Antikol (T-15 R-4A)	Mother of Hyman Antikol
28	Samuel Skolnek (T-13 R-3A)	Father of Carol Cohn
29	Ethel Colbus (T-14 R-9A)	Aunt of Henry Weinberg

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Marlene Kiewe	IMO Anna Schulman	GCF
Marlene Kiewe	IMO Clarence Schulman	GCF
Marlene Kiewe	IMO Esther Solomon	GCF
Joel Hollander	IMO Joseph Hollander	GCF
Joel Hollander	IMO Anne Hollander	GCF
Ilan Reitzes	IMO Manfred Reitzes	GCF
Marlene Kiewe	IMO Rae Adelman	GCF
Joel & Barbara Hollander	IHO Dave & Paula Binus, for HH meals	RBF
Joel & Barbara Hollander	IHO Dr Sheldon Rosenthal for chanting for HH	RBF
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Joel & Barbara Hollander	IHO All sponsors for Yom Kippur Break the Fast Meal	RBF
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Joel & Barbara Hollander	IHO Janet Hoover - welcome & thank you	RBF
Joel & Barbara Hollander	IHO David Binus	RBF
Nancy Devorris	IMO Donald Devorris	GCF

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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	<p>In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family</p>
Amy Seltzer	<p>In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family</p>
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Bruce & Phyllis Thaler	<p>In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family</p>
Carol & Morley Cohn	<p>Congratulations to Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner on grandson, Samuel's Bar Mitzvah In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Brother, Harry Gamarel, to Susan Cohen In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Lynn Auerbach Kaplan to Dr. Steve Kaplan & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family Speedy Recovery to Hy Antikol</p>
Clark & Kim Adelman	<p>Birthday Remembrance of Whitney, to Susie & Corky Gutshall Congratulations on your 60th Anniversary to Carol & Morley Cohn Congratulations to Adam Port on receiving B.C.Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Congratulations to Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner on grandson, Samuel's Bar Mitzvah Happy Birthday to Mildred Miller In Memory of Barry Bergstein to David & Nancy Bergstein In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family Special thanks to Nancy Devorris from the Adelman Family Speedy Recovery to David Dolinger Speedy Recovery to Hy Antikol Thank you for all your hard work at the Agudath Achim Synagogue to Susan Pohl Thank you for the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Dinner to Amy Seltzer Thank you for the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Dinner to Len & Bonnie Zimmerman Thank you for the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Dinner to Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner Thank you for the Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Dinner to Roz Sky</p>
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Joel & Barbara Hollander	In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Lynn Auerbach Kaplan to Dr. Steve Kaplan / New Year's Best Wishes In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family Speedy Recovery to Rick Karp
Marvin & Judi Sue Meisner	In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family
Maxine & Henry Weinberg	Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary to M/M Saul Tocker Congratulations on your 60th Anniversary to Carol & Morley Cohn In Memory of Adam Lawruk to the Lawruk Family In Memory of Barry Bergstein to David & Nancy Bergstein In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of granddaughter to M/M Dick Musante In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family In Memory of Mother to D/M George Cardone & Family In Memory of Mother, Betsy Smith to Judge & Mrs. Brooks Snith In Memory of Zelda Dalesio to Mrs. Eva Kranich & Family Mazel Tov on Daughter's engagement to M/M Steve Feldman Mazel Tov on Granddaughter's engagement to Helenfae Zatcoff Speedy Recovery to Carol Weiner Speedy Recovery to Ceil Paul Speedy Recovery to Chabela Grab Speedy Recovery to David Dolinger Speedy Recovery to Hy Antikol Speedy Recovery to Renee McCutchen

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Neil & Mickey Port	In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family
Philip & Colleen Devorris	In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Father, Arthur J. Simon to Doug Simon & Family In Memory of Mildred Miller to her Family
Rick & Sue Karp	In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Janice Bergstein & Family In Memory of Barry Bergstein to Joan & Jerry Bergstein In Memory of Lee Botwinoff to Neil Botwinoff & Family
Ronna & Byron Lasser	Congratulations to Clark & Kim Adelman on the birth of grandson, Clark Harper Adelman Congratulations to Joel & Barbara Hollander on the birth of grandson, Rafi Max Sirner Congratulations to Tim & Lori Gildea on your Retirements In Memory of Arthur Simon to Doug & Nancy Simon & Family In Memory of Aunt Ann Lasser to Bob & Sylvia Lasser & Family In Memory of Bill Thompson, Sr. to Ann Thompson In Memory of Dale Carson to Eleanor Carson In Memory of Michael Fair to Victoria Block
Roz Sky	In Memory of Lara Elizabeth Behrens to Lynn Schultz Speedy Recovery to David Dolinger
Tobi & David Rispoli	In Memory of Ed Friedman to Charlene Friedman In Memory of Ed Friedman to Susan Benedict In Memory of Helen Evans to Dr. John & Luann Evans, Jackie & Amanda In Memory of Helen Evans to Rita Sangiorgi In Memory of husband, Gary Beck to Janet Beck In Memory of mother, Jackie Duncan to Diane Lewis In Memory of son/brother, Dakota Allen to Tony, Cristie, Ethan & Meira Cannarsa Speedy Recovery to Blaise Michaels

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.

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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