



**Agudath Achim Congregation
Altoona, PA**

SHOFAR

**January/February/March 2021
(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**



**Let's learn together about this
bizarre book together on
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 17th, at 7
PM on Zoom-**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5540923636>

Meeting ID: 554 092 3636

Purim is fast approaching, and with it the reading of
the Megillah, the Book of Esther.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holiday Schedule

Holocaust Memorial Day - Wednesday, January 27

Tu B'shevat - Thursday, January 28

Purim - Friday, February 26

Passover - Saturday Evening, First Seder Passover March 27 to April 4

AAC BOARD MEETINGS * *dates tentative*

Executive Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

March 3rd

May 5th

Board Meetings - 7:00pm:

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

We are still collecting items for the Next-to-New sale. Our plan is to hold this sale in the Fall of 2021.

If you have items you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at the synagogue (Monday - Friday, 8AM - 12 Noon), or call Janet at the office and we will arrange to have your items picked up.

As spring cleaning season approaches, please be sure to remind your friends and family we are accepting all donations !!



The Cantor's Corner

Like all of you, I am awaiting the chance to really get out of my wintertime COVID rut. It feels like forever since there was 'normalcy.' We've had a crazy election cycle to top the whole thing off. I crave normal more than ever.

On the other hand, as maddening as this limbo can be, this can be a great time of personal development. In the last issue of the Shofar I told you a little about Jewish meditation and suggested some books for your perusal.

I'm big on books and I am a pretty voracious reader. Ironically, I learned to read rather late and I had a very tough time learning how to read. I worked at it and I struggled but one day, like magic, it just clicked. It probably helped that I found books on subjects I found interesting.

My son, Jake, was like me. He was frustrated that he could not pick up reading easily and began to really hate it. Much to his mother's annoyance, I found a series of children's books called "Captain Underpants," that made him giggle like any little boy (and many little girls) would find hilarious. I read to him doing crazy character voices, and silly theme music, and so on—and he loved the books. My next step was relatively simple: I had Jake read one page and I read the next if he wanted to read Captain Underpants again—and as you know kids love to read the same story over and over again. Lo and behold, it worked: Jake began to read. Soon enough he read on his own, and he became an avid and accomplished reader.

My daughter Shoshana was totally unlike us: she learned to read, largely on her own, by the age of three. She basically learned the alphabet on her own with some toy she had within a week when she was about two. She loved hearing the same stories over and over again. Stefanie was smart: she had Shoshana recite the book from memory as it was abundantly clear that Shoshana could do this with ease, and soon had Shoshana point to the words as she recited the story from memory. Soon enough something clicked and Shoshana could read and comprehend, even if she mispronounced words she didn't know. It didn't take very long for her to become a very advanced reader for her age.

Some skills come easy and some do not. Most things in life don't: you have to pay your dues, so to speak, if you want to sing the blues. Intellectual and spiritual growth probably don't come easy to most people: if they did, more people would likely do it.

There's only one way to go: will yourself to doing it. Pick up a book. Open your browser. Read just a little bit about the Torah reading of the week. Question why things are the way they are in Judaism with an open mind. Soon you'll be on the path of intellectual and spiritual enlightenment. The Torah and God are not out of reach: they are here, just reach out to them.

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



PRESIDENT, DR. MICHAEL KLINE

Dear Chaverim,

We continue to work towards keeping the Synagogue moving forward under extremely challenging circumstances. Our personal and our work lives have been changed. We have had to adapt to Zoom. I'm at the point where I'm about adapted out.

However, Spring is coming! And with spring comes new hope! I am optimistic that we will be able to start moving back closer to normalcy possibly within the summer. I do think that we are not at the end of this rollercoaster ride yet. The track is still being set.

We have multiple projects going on which include The Cemetery Project, The Cemetery Fundraising Project, The Security Project, The News Letter Project and Programming Projects.

I think that we have a lot of potential to make our community stronger. We have to realize that this is a Volunteer Organization. Basically, we tread water unless people are willing to help either with their time (extremely important), their financial support, or their expertise.

Don't be afraid to reach out and offer to help. It does not have to be a lifetime commitment. Step up and reach out your hand. What you put into it, you'll get out more. And it all pays dividends.

Thank You For Your Support in Advance

Mike Kline
President AA

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All COVID-19 victims

All terror victims

All of the American and Israeli Soldiers injured in battle

Rey Altberg
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Lilli Durante
Gerald Matis
Carol Hewitt
Rose Karp
Joy Susengill
Norman Godfrey
Leroy Whipple
Renee McCutchen
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Rick Karp

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Ryan Parks
David Campbell
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Samuel Kaplan
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Al Roth
Nathan Scheinberg
Cyndy Humphreys
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Danny Noiman
Mark Lipitz
Lynn Fishbaine
Phyllis Port
Nicole Lipitz
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Dave Dolinger
Genn Rockwell
Illyse Conn
Philip Stolzenberg
Nate Skiff
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

30 Jack & Sandra Schocker

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Edward Giller

3 Edward Henderson

10 Nicole Hollander

12 Sandra Schocker

13 Dr Michael Kline

13 Bonnie Zimmerman

14 Ronna Lasser

15 Dr Marvin Meisner

17 Adele Giller

19 Yvonne Bellina

22 Dr Reynold Altberg

24 Andrea Cohen

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

11 Maxine Weinberg

18 Neil Hollander

21 Elizabeth Kline

23 Philip Devorris

26 Cathie Gould

28 Carolyn Wallen

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3 Joel & Barbara Hollander

8 David & Sandra Halpern

26 Barry & Cathie Gould

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

8 Clark Adelman

11 Rachel Sirner

12 Nanci Caplan

13 Mina Belenitsky

14 Sandra Singer

20 Judi Sue Meisner

26 Bernice Levinson

26 Andrea Okonak

27 Royal Duncan

27 Janine Werstil

21 Ilissa Zimmerman



Y A H R Z E I T S

January 2021

2	Joseph Cohn	Father of Morley Cohn
3	Katherine Brande (T-10 R-1A)	Grandmother of Dr Scott Brande
4	Jacob Weiss	Grandfather of Jeff Greenberg
5	Yale Schulman (T-15 R-33A)	Father of Rebecca Cohen
7	Jennie Adelman (T-12 R-23B)	Mother of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill
7	Chaim Antikol (T-8 R-24B)	Grandfather of Hyman Antikol, Linda Charam
7	Al Cohen (T-14 R-1A)	Husband of Rachelle Cohen
7	Sara Wayne (T-12 R-26A)	Mother of Norman Wayne
8	William Diamond (T-12 R-27B)	Uncle of Marlene Kiewe
8	Miriam Kaminsky (T-15 R-3B)	Mother of Charles Kaminsky
8	Edythe Voloshen (T-16 R-2A)	Mother of David Binus, Grandmother of David Binus III Erica Binus
12	Thelma Levy (T-14 R-11A)	Sister of Anita Hurwitz, Aunt of Reva Feldman
13	Aaron Dolinger T-3 R-29A)	Grandfather of David Dolinger
13	Augusta Henderson (T-13 R-20A)	Grandmother of Edward Henderson
15	Louis Small (T-15 R-16B)	Brother of Sylvia Levine
17	Yetta Cohn	Mother of Morley Cohn
17	David Solomon (T-2 R-23A)	Uncle of Marlene Kiewe
19	Bernard Lapin	Father of Esther Scheinberg, Grandfather of Michael Scheinberg, Samuel Scheinberg
19	Meyer Ruttenberg (T-14 R-32A)	Father of Bernice Levinson
20	Frank Berger (T-1 R-12B)	Father of Dr Irvin Berger
21	Ann Siegel (T-15 R-8B)	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
22	Anna Weiss	Grandmother of Jeff Greenberg
23	Nathan Brande (T-10 R-30A)	Grandfather of Dr Scott Brande
23	Maurice Swartz	Uncle of Susan Swartz
23	Freida Trompeter	Aunt of David Dolinger
24	Jordan Bailing (T-16 R-18A)	Husband of Millicent Bailing
24	Charlotte Schwartz	Mother of Dr Marian Garfinkel
27	Lillian Sapoff (T-13 T-17A)	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
28	Robert Allenbaugh	Husband of Mary Allenbaugh
28	Bessie Lang (T-15 R-9B)	Sister of Ethel Fried, Aunt of Dr Michael Kline
31	Morris Levine (T-13 R-31A)	Father of Nancy Siegel, Ida Levine
31	Bessie Solomon (T-14 R-17A)	Grandmother of Marlene Kiewe

February 2021

1	Moshe Schulman (T-8 R-28B)	Grandfather of Marlene Kiewe, Reva Feldman
1	Minnie Stein (T-10 R-17B)	Mother of Maxine Weinberg
1	Ida Wolfberg	Mother of Steven Wolfberg
2	Roy Newborn (T-11 R-16A)	Father of Barry Newborn
3	Fannie Krentzman (T-12 R-13B)	Mother of Anita Hurwitz, Grandmother of Reva Feldman
5	Herbert Bilofsky (T-15 R-1A)	Husband of Selma Bilofsky, Father of Dr Elliott Bilofsky, Grandfather of Dina Castillo, Samantha Bilofsky, Ian Bilofsky
6	Howard Levinson	Husband of Bernice Levinson
6	Anna Lieberman	Mother of Phyllis Port
9	Sarah Freeman (T-2 R-23B)	Grandmother of Ardie Karp

12	Arthur Stephen Cohen (T-15 R-31A)	Husband of Donna Cohen, Father of Michael Cohen, Shawn Cohen
12	Morris Rubin (T-2 R-32A)	Uncle of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill
12	Isaac Saltzman (T-5 R-7A)	Father of Fay Schmitt
15	Rose Ann Altberg (T-15 R-15B)	Wife of Dr Reynold Altberg, Mother of Marla Altberg
15	Julius Mazur (T-5 R-2A)	Brother of Rose Karp
15	Israel Sky (T-14 R-27A)	Grandfather of Israel Sky, Tobi Rispoli
15	Rose Swartz	Grandmother of Susan Swartz
16	Ida E Kaplan (T-13 R-20B)	Mother of Samuel Kaplan, Harold Kaplan
17	Benjamin Blender (T-10 R-24A)	Uncle of Jeffrey Blender
17	Ida Levine (T-8 R-21A)	Grandmother of Ida Levine, Nancy Siegel
18	Abraham Adelson (T-10 R-16A)	Uncle of Samuel Kaplan, Harold Kaplan
18	Julius Krentzman (T-12 R-13A)	Father of Anita Hurwitz, Grandfather of Reva Feldman
22	Ann Kline-Gilbert	Aunt of Dr Michael Kline
25	Albert Karp (T-14 R-13B)	Husband of Rose Karp, Father of Rick Karp
25	Susi Reitzes (T-13 R-14A)	Mother of Ilan Reitzes
26	Morris Antikol (T-15 R-5A)	Father of Hyman Antikol, Linda Charam, Father-in-law of Jim Charam
26	Rose Port (T-9 R-13B)	Mother of Neil Port, Martin Port, Grandmother of Dr Joshua Port

March 2021

2	Stella Bader (T-15 R-9A)	Mother of Susan Karp
2	Paulette Jacobson (T-16 R-2B)	Sister of David Binus, Aunt of David Binus III, Erica Binus
7	Gertrude Green	Aunt of Nancy Devorris
7	Ruth Scott (T-15 R-19A)	Mother of Nancy Devorris, Grandmother of Philip Devorris, Andrea Cohen
8	Irving Schmidt	Father of Dr Stephen Schmidt
9	Isadore Zimmerman (T-15 R-21B)	Father of Dr Leonard Zimmerman, Grandfather of Ilissa Zimmerman, Great Grandfather of Ginger Glass
11	David Brozgal (T-15 R-5B)	Husband of June Brozgal
11	Louis Burrows (T-10 R-5B)	Grandfather of Eric Thaler, Amy Seltzer, Dr Bruce Thaler
12	Sara Sussman (T-10 R-27B)	Mother of Marilyn Port
13	Ruth Blender (T-13 R-25B)	Mother of Jeffrey Blender, Aunt of Dr Scott Brande
14	David Altberg (T-15 R-13B)	Father of Dr Reynold Altberg, Grandfather of Marla Greiper
14	Helen Pachter	Mother of Marsha Stein, David Pachter
15	David Scott (T-15 R-18A)	Father of Nancy Devorris, Grandfather of Philip Devorris, Andrea Cohen
16	Morris Epstein	Father of Norman Epstein
17	Jack Edelman (T-15 R-29A)	Father of Dr Samuel Edelman
17	Lawrence Hollander (T-14 R-5A)	Father of Joel Hollander, Grandfather of Nicole Hollander, Rachel Sirner, Nancy Caplan
19	Morris Michael Devorris (T-5 R-33A)	Grandfather of Andrea Cohen, Philip Devorris
21	Moses Sky (T-9 R-12A)	Uncle of Neil Port, Martin Port
25	Morton Hollander (T-15 R-16A)	Uncle of Joel Hollander, Great Uncle of Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan, Rachel Sirner
26	Simon Edelman (T-9 R-22B)	Grandfather of Dr Samuel Edelman
26	Gussie Kline (T-9 R-7B)	Mother of Ethel Fried, Grandmother of Andrew Parish, Dr Michael Kline, Lisa Jolles
26	Edythe Vivian (T-12 R-9B)	Aunt of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill, Harry Rubin
29	Meyer Deitch (T-14 R-8B)	Father of Adele Giller

DONATIONS

<i>FROM</i>	<i>FOR</i>	<i>FUND</i>
Ethel Fried	High Holiday Zoom Service	GCF
Andrew Parish	High Holiday Zoom Service	GCF
Marla Altberg	IMO David Brozgal	GCF
Marla Altberg	IMO Selma & Dave Altberg	GCF
Marla Altberg	IMO Freida & Herman Beim	GCF
Marla Altberg	IMO Martin Beim	GCF
Marla Altberg	IMO Norman Beim	GCF
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Marla Altberg	IMO Rose Altberg	GCF
Eric Thaler	IHO Brian Thaler	GCF
Mitzi Bailinger	High Holiday meals	GCF
Michele Schmidt	IMO Larry Lebovitz	GCF
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Dr Scott Brande	IMO Harold Brande, Selma Brande, Paul Blender, Ruth Blender, Nathan Brande, Katherine Brande, Isaac Karp, Celia Karp, Aaron Herzog, Goldie Herzog	CT
Mickey & Neil Port	IMO Barry Bergstein	ET
Joel Hollander	IMO Barry Bergstein	RBF
Michael & Betsy Kline	IMO Henry Weinberg, Barry Bergstein, Mildred Miller	CT
Carol Cohn	IMO Thelma Skolnek	GCF
Royal Duncan	IMO Abe Lurie	GCF
David Dolinger	IMO Herman Dolinger	RBF
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Barbara & Joel Hollander	IHO David Dolinger	RBF
Barbara & Joel Hollander	IHO William Wallen	RBF
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Susan Cohen	IMO Joel Cohen	GCF
Carol Cohn	IMO Samuel Skolnek	GCF
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Joel Hollander	IMO Mildred Miller	RBF
Debbie Badawi	IMO Nima Chorny	RBF
Philip & Colleen Devorris	IMO Nima Chorny	TOL
Joel & Barbara Hollander	IMO Nima Chorny	RBF
Donna Dutkovich	IMO Nima Chorny	CT
Royal Duncan & Jan Housman	IMO Hilda Lurie	GCF
Ethel Fried	IMO Joseph Fried	GCF
Linda Baum Charam	IMO Gerry Antikol	GCF
Jan Housman	IMO Hilda Lurie	GCF

Morley Cohn	IMO Yetta & Joseph Cohn	GCF
Anita Hurwitz	IMO Alfred Hurwitz	GCF
Hy Antikol	IMO Gerry Antikol	GCF
Port Family Foundation	IMO David & Sarah Sky	CT
David Dolinger	IMO Freida Trompeter	RBF
David Dolinger	IMO Aaron Dolinger	RBF
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Nancy Devorris	IMO Henry Weinberg	TOL
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RBF M. Rabbi Herbert Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund

GCF General Congregational Fund **TOL Tree of Life**

HHP High Holiday Prayer Book **SLD Spiritual Leader's Discretionary Fund**

CT Cemetery Trust **WF Window Fund**

ET Eternal Light Trust **SPP Shabbat Prayer Book**

GOLDEN BOOK DONATIONS

Agudath Achim Sisterhood	In Memory of Henry Weinberg to Maxine Weinberg & Family In Memory of Nima Chorny to Rabbi Chorny Family In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Judy Seltzer & Family
Amy Seltzer	In Memory of Nima Chorny to Rabbi Chorny Family
Andrea & Michael Cohen	In Memory of Henry Weinberg to Maxine Weinberg & Family In Memory of Nima Chorny to Rabbi Chorny Family In Memory of Falon Marie Morris to Greg & Shannon Morris & Family Get Well Soon to Dianne Rudel In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Judy Seltzer & Family Our sympathy to Jason Freedman & Family on your loss
Bruce & Phyllis Thaler	In Memory of Henry Weinberg to Maxine Weinberg & Family In Memory of Nima Chorny to Rabbi Chorny Family In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Judy Seltzer & Family
Byron & Ronna Lasser	In Memory of Brother, Charles Marks to Darlene Baker & Family In Honor of the birth of great grandson, Ezra Haze, to Shirley Kaufman Speedy Recovery to David Dolinger In Memory of Husband, Bruce Spiro to Judy Spiro

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 In Memory of Dr. Kathryn Anne Lewis to M/M Todd Lewis & Family
 In Memory of Matthew Friedrich to M/M Robert Boscom & Family
 Speedy Recovery to David Dolinger
 Get Well Soon to Genia Viner
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 Our sympathy to Norman & Bobbi Epstein on the loss of Lou
 In Memory of Amy Kirstein to husband, Robert Kirstein & Family
 In Memory of Jean Fochler to M/M Michael Scheinberg & Family

Clark & Kim Adelman
 Congratulations to Phyllis Port on the birth of Grandson, Charlie Alan Port
 Speedy Recovery to Rick Karp
 Happy 80th Birthday to Janet Wayne
 Happy 80th Birthday to Bill Wallen
 In Memory of Henry Weinberg to Maxine Weinberg & Family
 In Memory of Nima Chorny to Rabbi Chorny Family
 Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary to Terri & Randy Grove
 Congratulations on your retirement from the PA National Guard to Jim Buchanan
 In Memory of Eugene "Hughie" Parker to Lucille Parker
 In Memory of Eugene "Hughie" Parker to Todd Parker & Family
 In Memory of Eugene "Hughie" Parker to Donalee Boyce & Family
 In Memory of Dr. Kathryn Anne Lewis to M/M Todd Lewis & Family
 In Memory of Falon Marie Morris to Greg & Shannon Morris & Family
 In Memory of Joseph P. Bidoli, Sr. to The Bidoli Family
 In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Steve Seltzer & Family
 In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Alex & Lisa Seltzer & Family
 In Memory of Irving Seltzer to Judy Seltzer & Family
 Our sympathy to Jason Freedman & Family on your loss
 In Memory of Jean Fochler to M/M Michael Scheinberg & Family
 In Memory of Jean Fochler to M/M Skip Dry & Family

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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**

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

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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.