



Agudath Achim Congregation

Altoona, PA

SHOFAR

Oct / Nov / Dec (5782)

Saturday Morning Services - via Zoom

**Spiritual Leader - Hazzan Benjamin Matis
Clark Adelman, President**

Cantor's Hours

***By Appointment**

Office Hours

8:00 am to Noon - Monday thru Friday

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Veterans Day](#) - November 11

[Seltzer Family Yahrzeit Service](#) - November 13, 9:30am

[Class with the Cantor](#) - November 17, 6:30pm, Judaism - The Basics

[Unveiling for Mildred Miller](#) - November 21, at Agudath Achim Cemetery

[Thanksgiving](#) - November 25

[Erev Hanukkah & Hanukkah](#) - Sunday, November 28 to December 6

[Hanukkah Service & Dinner](#) - December 3, 6:00 pm

[Class with the Cantor](#) - December 15, 6:30pm, Judaism - The Basics

[Havdalah](#) - January 8, 2022, 6:30pm

[Megillah Reading](#) - March 16, 2022

[Kitchen cleaning for Passover](#) - April 10, 2022

[Passover Seder](#) - April 16, 2022

[Confirmation](#) - June 4, 2022

[Bar Mitzvah of Connor & Grant Okonak](#) - July 2, 2022





The Cantor's Corner

The commentator Sfat Emet explains that Hanukkah candles should be lit in a doorway, for the doorway represents an opening to our future. It is, the Sfat Emet suggests, an opportunity for new beginnings. After all, the word Hanukkah itself is all about that: the Maccabees rededicated the Holy Temple and the word Hanukkah comes from the word to rededicate. Interestingly enough, that word is related to the root H-n-ch that means to educate. Therefore, let's open the door to our future, by dedicating ourselves to our rich traditions and culture through education. Just a little learning goes a long way—in the words of our Sages, “God says ‘Give me an opening the size of a needle with thread in it and I will give you a huge opening to come through.’” Doorways indeed.

Dedication through education only happens if one actually attends a lecture, a class, read a book, even watched a Jewish TV program of some sort. In short, if you're not educating yourself you're not dedicating yourself to a Jewish future at all. This, as I see it, is the single greatest fault of most Jewish communities. We get mediocre Sunday School educations in Judaism, think it's a bunch of nonsensical children's stories, and dismiss it. This is foolish. I would not have dedicated my life to Judaism if it were nothing but Bubbeh Mayses.

An entire generation of young people in this country those so-called Millennials/Generation Z—are frighteningly uninformed as to the real facts in the Israeli-Arab conflict. They go to college and because they are ignorant, they are easily swayed by well-funded anti-Israel groups. Those kids learn Bubbe Mayses alright. Then there is the rest of the American public of that generation who don't know that six million of our people were killed in the Holocaust. Indeed, some 10% of them did not even know the word 'Holocaust' was at all! Less than 50% of Americans understand that Hitler came to power in a democratically held legitimate election. How frightening is that?

As you all know, I will be leaving Altoona next summer. It has been a great four years of learning for me and has made me a far greater clergyman than I was when I came here. Nevertheless, I must warn you: no matter who your spiritual leader is, if you do not dedicate yourselves to the synagogue by coming to our programs, coming to make a minyan, coming to an online learning session, there is no way he/she can ever be successful here. Though the synagogue is financially secure and that is a great blessing (as well as a rarity), Agudath Achim is dangerously close to having a building that sits empty even on a Shabbos morning. Minyans are fewer and fewer. Those who do come are frustrated—why should they come if no one else does?

Our doorway here at Agudath Achim is open to a great Jewish future, but only if you walk through it.

President's Message



It is hard to believe that the season has changed and we are waking up to 26 degree temperatures. With winter, comes Hanukkah. Hanukkah begins the evening of November 28th and concludes on December 6th. Our planning committee has been working very hard and has scheduled a Hanukkah celebration and dinner for Friday, December 3rd. Please plan on attending this joyous occasion.

As most of you are aware, Cantor Matis will be leaving us next summer. I want to thank the Cantor for his service to our synagogue during his 4 years here. Stephanie, Shoshi, and the Cantor have been a great addition to our community. We wish them well on their next journey.

We are in the process of searching for a Rabbi to join our congregation next year. The committee is working diligently on filing the application with the Rabbinical Assembly and United Synagogue. Our synagogue is in great shape financially and we are grateful for all the support that everyone has given to Agudath Achim. Thankfully, those members of the congregation that had the foresight to start our trust funds, have left us in a good financial position.

It is wonderful that we have a beautiful facility to worship and hold social events, life cycle events, and dinners. With that being said, I am truly saddened by the fact that we struggle every week to have a minyan at Shabbat morning services. Our congregation has a great tradition of supporting all the members for life cycle events. Whether it be a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding, or G-d forbid a funeral. The great thing about our members is they come together to support those in need. We have regular members that truly are in need of your support on Shabbat. When we come together looking forward to saying and/or singing all of our prayers, saying Kaddish, and to hear the reading of the Torah, it is disheartening that on most Saturdays we cannot because we do not have a minyan. The committee will work diligently to find a new spiritual leader. All of must remember that no leader can be successful without our support. That means coming to services, supporting programs, special events and holidays. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "ask not what your congregation can do for you, but what you can do for your congregation".

I have lived my entire life in Altoona coming to this beautiful synagogue and attending/leading services. It is sad that our beautiful facility may be sitting empty in the near future. I implore everyone to look into your hearts and make every effort possible to support our congregation by attending services and supporting the programs that are offered.

In closing, if you have any suggestions or comments, please call or email me. I look forward to seeing you in services and at our Hanukkah dinner on December 3rd.

B'shalom,



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MI SHE BERAH LIST

All COVID-19 victims

All terror victims

All of the American and Israeli Soldiers injured in battle

Rey Altberg	Desiree Rosenthal
Paulette Updike	Ryan Parks
David Campbell	Frank Muhlbarer
Samuel Kaplan	Lilli Durante
Bennett William Thaler	Sandra Halpern
Jeff Hunter	Carol Hewitt
Gerald Matis	Nathan Scheinberg
Al Roth	Cyndy Humphreys
Joy Susengill	Danny Noiman
Mark Lipitz	Lynn Fishbaine
Norman Godfrey	Phyllis Port
Leroy Whipple	Dave Dolinger
Nicole Lipitz	Shlomo Dotan
Jeff O'Fish	Kathy Wagner
Wendy Siegel	Denise Marks
Rick Karp	Gail Dodson
Genn Rockwell	William Myers
Illyse Conn	Ruth Pasquino
Dr Leonard Zimmerman	Linda Smith
Gerald Bergstein	Jodie Benaueell
Rod Craig	Rick Spieloge
Mary Paula Ventura	Linda Naugle
Tom & Terry Holtslander	

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

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| 1 Nancy Devorris | 14 Douglas Simon |
| 2 Sandra Kaminsky | 16 Arielle Port |
| 4 Erica Binus | 23 Barry Gould |
| 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 | 31 Brett Thaler |
| 14 Israel Sky | |

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Edward & Kathy Henderson
- 8 Michael & Christine Scheinberg

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 | 20 Tina Berman |
| 5 Mark Thaler | 21 William Wallen |
| 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 | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Gary Belenitsky | 13 Dr. Barbara Thaler |
| 1 Byron Lasser | 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 2021

1	Belle Jacobson (T-12 R-28A)	Mother of Rachelle Cohen
6	Isadore Karp (T-11 R-23B)	Father of Ardie Karp
7	David Wallen	Father of William Wallen
9	Edgar Henderson (T-12 R-25A)	Grandfather of Edward Henderson
10	Rae Adelman (T-14 R-16A)	Aunt of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill, Marlene Kiewe, Harry Rubin
10	Albert Scheinberg (T-14 R-7A)	Husband of Esther Scheinberg, Father of Michael Scheinberg, Samuel Scheinberg
11	Abraham Swartz	Father of Susan Swartz
13	Larry Lebovitz	Father of Michele Schmidt
15	Joseph Lurie (T-16 R-17A)	Father of Jan Housman, Royal Duncan
23	Binyomin Lichtenstein (T-7 R-19B)	Grandfather of Barry Gould
26	Max Schulman (T-13 R-11B)	Father of Reva Feldman, Elaine Wolkoff
27	Dr. Harvey Neidorff (T-10 R-23A)	Father of Robert Neidorff, Susan Reinglass
28	Philip Kardon (T-13 R-29A)	Husband of Dorothy Kardon
28	Clara Weiner	Grandmother of Sandra Singer
29	Adam Port (T-14 R-24B)	Son of Phyllis Port, brother of Dr. Joshua Port
29	Sylvia Schulman (T-13 R-12B)	Mother of Reva Feldman, Elaine Wolkoff

November 2021

6	Hyman Adelman (T-12 R-10B)	Father of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill Uncle of Harry Rubin
6	George Rubin (T-10 R-10B)	Father of Harry Rubin, Uncle of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill
6	David Sirkin (T-15 R-13A)	Father of Barbara Hollander, Grandfather of Rachel Sirner, Nicole Hollander, Nanci Caplan
6	Henry Weinberg (T-16 R-27A)	Husband of Maxine Weinberg
8	Dr. Samuel Ciruta	Father of Sandra Kaminsky
10	Herman Dolinger (T-9 R-4B)	Father of David Dolinger
11	Frank Seltzer (T-11 R-30B)	Grandfather of Steven Seltzer, Alison Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Michael Seltzer
15	Abe Lurie (T-14 R-19A)	Grandfather of Royal Duncan , Jan Housman
16	Thelma Brenner Skolnek (T-13 R-3B)	Mother of Carol Cohn
17	Paul Stein (T-12 R-6B)	Father of Maxine Weinberg

19	Esther Nederlander (T-15 R-10B)	Mother of Renee Marks, Mother-in-Law of Dr. Donald Marks, Grandmother of Melissa Marks, Abby Marks
21	Dr. Norman Schwartz (T-13 R-28B)	Father of Ronna Lasser
22	Paul Blender (T-13 R-25A)	Father of Jeffrey Blender, Uncle of Dr. Scott Brande
22	William Lasser (T-13 R-7A)	Father of Byron Lasser, Grandfather of Stacy Lasser
22	Ruth Roth (T-16 R-3B)	Mother of Rosalind Sky, Grandmother of Israel Sky, Tobi Rispoli
22	Samuel Schulman (T-11 R-13A)	Uncle of Marlene Kiewe, Reva Feldman
23	Benjamin Schulman T-12 R-24A)	Uncle of Marlene Kiewe, Reva Feldman
25	Sarah Devorris	Great Grandmother of Philip Devorris, Andrea Cohen
25	Hilda Lurie (T-16 R-17B)	Mother of Jan Housman, Royal Duncan, Sister of Marlene Kiewe
25	Rose Seltzer Miller (T-14 R-30A)	Aunt of Steven Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Alison Seltzer Michael Seltzer
27	Charles Levine	Husband of Sylvia Levine
28	Theodore Taft	Father of Carol Lipitz
29	Esther Rose Adelman (T-2 R-26B)	Grandmother of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill
29	Fischel Gould (T-3 R-6B)	Grandfather of Barry Gould
30	Joel Cohen	Husband of Susan Cohen
30	Jakob Golant (T-15 R-30A)	Father of Debbie Badawi
30	Sylvia Lasser (T-9 R-31B)	Mother of Byron Lasser, Grandmother of Stacy Lasser

December 2021

1	Annie Henderson (T-1 R-18B)	Grandmother of Robert Henderson, Susan Henderson-Brody
2	Charles Lieberman	Father of Phyllis Port, Grandfather of Dr. Joshua Port
5	Rachel Deitch (T-14 R-7B)	Mother of Adele Giller
5	Joseph Fried	Husband of Ethel Fried
5	Milton Gould (T-12 R-1A)	Father of Barry Gould
7	William Krapin	Father of Millicent Bailinger
7	Ethel Wallen	Mother of William Wallen
8	Pearl Donshik	Sister of Gerald Bergstein
11	Jacob Levine (T-1 R-33B)	Grandfather of Ida Levine, Nancy Siegel
11	Morris Quint	Uncle of Ida Levine, Nancy Siegel
11	Amie Witkin (T-13 R-26A)	Aunt of Adele Giller, Great Aunt of Phyllis Thaler
12	Gladys Gould (T-12 R-2A)	Mother of Barry Gould
12	Bernice Lapin	Mother of Esther Scheinberg, Grandmother of Samuel Scheinberg, Michael Scheinberg
14	Gerry Antikol (T-15 R-4A)	Mother of Hyman Antikol, Linda Charam
15	Alfred Hurwitz T-14 R-13A)	Husband of Anita Hurwitz
17	Samuel Skolnek (T-13 R-3A)	Father of Carol Cohn
19	Louis Epstein	Brother of Norman Epstein
22	Joseph Cohn	Father of Morley Cohn
23	Katherine Brande (T-10 R-1A)	Grandmother of Dr. Scott Brande
24	Jacob Weiss	Grandfather of Jeff Greenberg
25	Yale Schulman (T-15 R-33A)	Father of Rebecca Cohen, Uncle of Reva Feldman
27	Jennie Adelman (T-12 R-23B)	Mother of Clark Adelman, Ronald Adelman, Joy Susengill
27	Chaim Antikol (T-8 R-24B)	Grandfather of Hyman Antikol, Linda Charam
27	Al Cohen (T-14 R-1A)	Husband of Rachele Cohen
28	William Diamond (T-12 R-27B)	Uncle of Marlene Kiewe
28	Edythe Voloshen (T-16 R-2A)	Mother of David Binus, Grandmother of David Binus III, Erica Binus
29	Irving Seltzer (T-14 R-27B)	Husband of Judi Seltzer, Father of Steven Seltzer, Alex Seltzer, Alison Seltzer, Michael Seltzer, Grandfather of Andrea Okonak

DONATIONS

<i>FROM</i>	<i>FOR</i>	<i>FUND</i>
Hy Antikol	IHO Dr Michael Cohen	CT
Hy Antikol	IHO Colleen Devorris	CT
Hy Antikol	IMO Mary Antikol	CT
Morley & Carol Cohn	IMO Dr Marvin Meisner	RBF
Amy Seltzer	IMO Gertrude Thaler	GCF
Nancy Devorris	IMO Donald Devorris	GCF
Steve & Elaine Edelstein	IMO Rachel Edelstein	CT
Andrea Cohen	IMO Donald Devorris	GCF
Harry Rubin	IMO Thelma Rubin	GCF
David & Jean Dolinger	IMO Jay Dolinger	RBF
Harry Rubin	IMO David Rubin	GCF
Joel Hollander	IMO Anne & Joseph Hollander	GCF
Barbara & Joel Hollander	IMO Mildren Cohen	RBF
Barbara & Joel Hollander	IHO Jean Dolinger	RBF
Barbara & Joel Hollander	IHO Dr. Elliott Bilofsky	RBF
Susan Reinglass, Robert & Michael Neidorff	IMO Shirley Neidorff	GCF
Mickey & Neil Port	IHO Dr. Elliott Bilofsky	ET
Mitzi Bailing	IMO Dr. Lewis Mermel	CT
Marlene Kiewe	IMO Anna Schulman, Abraham Solomon, Esther Solomon	GCF
Ron Adelman	IMO Samuel Adelman, Clara Moreland	CT
Joseph Doyle	IMO Charles Kaminsky	GCF
Colleen & Philip Devorris	IHO Hy Antikol's birthday	GCF
Martin & Barbara Port	IMO Stephen Port	GCF
Nancy & David Bergstein	IMO Barry Bergstein	GCF
Steve Seltzer	IMO Rose Karp	GCF
Neil Botwinoff	IMO Rose Karp	CT
David & Jean Dolinger	IMO Rose Karp	RBF
David & Jean Dolinger	IMO Fay Schmitt	RBF
Marla Altberg & Philip Greiper	Yizkor donations	GCF
Amy Seltzer	IMO Rose Karp	GCF
Carol & Michael Weiss	IMO Rose Karp	GCF
Marlene Kiewe	IMO Rae Adelman	GCF
Barbara & Jay Feuer	IMO Rose Karp	GCF
Royal Duncan	IMO Joseph Lurie	GCF
Jan Housman	IMO Joseph Lurie	GCF
Scott, Barbara, Sara & Yoni Brande, Lisa Brande & Mark Trichka, Marc Brande	IMO Harold Brande, Selma Brande, Paul Blender, Ruth Blender, Nathan Brande, Katherine Karp Brande, Isaac Karp, Celia Herzog Karp, Aaron Herzog, Goldie Herzog	CT
Timothy & Kevin Breslin	IMO Rose Karp	GCF

Ron Adelman	IMO Rae Adelman	CT
Michele Schmidt	IMO Larry Lebovitz	GCF
Susan Reinglass, Michael Neidorff, Robert Neidorff	IMO Harvey Neidorff, MD	GCF
Barbara & Joel Hollander	IHO Morley Cohn	RBF
Ron Adelman	IMO Hyman Adelman, Esther Ademan, George Rubin	CT

FUND CODES:

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 Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Alison Seltzer	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
Amy Seltzer	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Andrea & Michael Cohen	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilofsky In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Bruce & Phyllis Thaler	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Byron & Ronna Lasser	Speedy Recovery to Michael Kranich In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Rick Riccio Speedy Recovery to Shelly Cohn In Memory of Lizzy Biddle to Charlie Biddle Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port
Carol & Morley Cohn	Congratulations to Dr. Elliott Bilofsky on receiving the Everyday Hero Award during pandemic Congratulations to Clark Adelman on his "2nd" time as A. A. Synagogue President In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Rick Riccio In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Phil Riccio & Family In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family Congratulations on the birth of your new granddaughter to Irina & Boris Aryev
Clark & Kim Adelman	Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilofsky Thank you to Sen. Judy Ward In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family Congratulation to Jean Koury on her '20' Years of Teaching Rel. Ed. In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Phil Riccio & Family Happy 85th Birthday to Dr. Henry D. McKinney, M.D. In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family Thank you to Amy Seltzer for Break the Fast on Yom Kippur Thank you to Len & Bonnie Zimmerman for Break the Fast on Yom Kippur Thank you to Judi Sue Meisner for Break the Fast on Yom Kippur Thank you to Roz Sky for Break the Fast on Yom Kippur

	In Memory of Judy E. Weicht to Julie Weicht & Family
	In Memory of Judy E. Weicht to Brenda Adelman
	Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port
	Happy Birthday to Sandra Halpern
	Congratulations on the birth of your new granddaughter to Irina & Boris Aryev
	Get well soon to Morley Cohn
Dave & Paula Binus	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
David & Jean Dolinger	Congratulations to Dr. Elliott Bilofsky on receiving the Everyday Hero Award during pandemic
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	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Debbi Miller & Dr. Harry Miller	In Memory of Dr. Marvin H. Meisner to Judi Sue Meisner & Family
Debbie Badawi (Golant)	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
Ed & Kathy Henderson & Family	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Howard & Pat Gentile Family	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to M/M (Diane Karp) Weiner & Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Danny & Amy Karp
Hy Antikol	Happy Birthday to Anna Fouse
Izzy & Dana Sky	In Memory of Mark Leonard to Kim Leonard & Family
	In Memory of William Mills to Corbin & Marianne Mills
	In Memory fo Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Rick Riccio & McCutchan Family
	In Memory of Rose Smith to The Smith & Fayocavitz Family's
Joan & Jerry Bergstein	Congratulations to Dr. Elliott Bilofsky on receiving the Everyday Hero Award during pandemic
	Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilofsky
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Joel & Barbara Hollander	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Judi Sue Meisner	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Maxine Weinberg	In Memory of Annette Kranich to Joel Kranich
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	In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to Frank McCutchan & Family
	In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Rick Riccio
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
	In Memory of Bernyce Tobis to her Family
	In Memory of Bernyce Tobis to sister, Marcia Ribakow
	Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port
	Happy Birthday to Sandra Halpern
	Congratulations on the birth of your new granddaughter to Irina & Boris Aryev
	Get well soon to Morley Cohn
Michael & Betsy Kline	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family
Mitzi Bailinger	In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family
	In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family

Nancy Devorris	<p>Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilofsky</p> <p>Congratulations to Dr. Elliott Bilofsky on receiving the Everyday Hero Award during pandemic</p> <p>Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilifsky</p> <p>In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family</p> <p>In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family</p> <p>Speedy Recovery to Phyllis Port</p>
Neil & Mickey Port	<p>In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family</p> <p>In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family</p>
Philip & Colleen Devorris	<p>In Memory of Fay "Snooky" Schmitt to her Family</p> <p>In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family</p>
Rick & Sue Karp	<p>Congratulations to Dr. Elliott Bilofsky on receiving the Everyday Hero Award during pandemic</p> <p>Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Maison Elizabeth to Kara & Elliott Bilofsky</p> <p>Congratulations on the birth of daughter, Maison Elizabeth to Dina & Alex Castillo</p>
Roz Sky	<p>In Memory of Greta Halbritter to Rob & Judy Halbritter</p>
Sandi Kaminsky	<p>In Memory of Rose Karp to Rick & Sue Karp & Family</p>
Stephen Kaplan	<p>In Memory of Charles Kaminsky to Sandi Kaminsky & Family</p>
Tobi & Dave Rispoli	<p>Speedy Recovery to Ken Gawryla</p> <p>In Memory of Verna Sue Hall to Jim Hall</p> <p>In Memory of Charles Sims to Raelyn Stark</p> <p>In Memory of Russell Crownover to Keith Crownover</p> <p>In Memory of Renee Riccio McCutchan to M/M Rick Riccio</p> <p>In Memory of Pam Beaver to Donny Beaver & Family</p> <p>In Memory of Mike Dongell to Tammy Dongell</p> <p>In Memory of Dr. R. Samuel Magee to Dan Magee</p>

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 2021](#)

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.

Clark Adelman, President

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