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# The Shul Shpiel



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### Shabbat Services:

Friday evening services in-person and streaming at 7:30 pm

Saturday morning services streaming & in-person at 10:00 am

### Executive Message

It's been a busy time at the Synagogue, and the High Holidays will be here before you know it. Rosh Hashanah's first night is September 7th this year. So many major holidays coming in September. I'm happy we get to convert the new Pergola to a Sukkah this year for the first time, and would like to thank Bob Gordon, Tyler Gage and David Ginsburg for their help last month in its waterproofing. David is in the process of adding power to it so we can have lighting and use it in the evening hours. We're still going to need help getting the roof covered with palm branches so don't be shy to offer a hand.

I want to thank Susan Gross, Deena Lachman, Rosa Padin and Howard Silberman for clearing out the classrooms that were being used as storage rooms with items from years past. They've made those rooms usable again!

In another positive development, Rabbi Feivel and I mounted the video projector on the ceiling in the social hall and fished wires all the way back to the streaming camera area. This will be a nice addition, as we can use it for presentations or social events like the Men's Club breakfast. New emergency exit doors have been installed in the social hall as part of the homeland security grant, and Carnell is again back at it helping with the Onegs and Kiddush luncheons.

The board has been working on a renewal contract for Rabbi Sydni and has made great progress. We are negotiating an extension of four more years. I am extremely excited that she has indicated her interest in continuing to be our Rabbi for the foreseeable future.

It's not all good news though. We have three families-the Zweigs, the Luries and the Serkins-leaving Shreveport due to retirement (or other reasons), allowing them to live closer to children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. These members have been very generous donors so it will be a shock to our purse as well as to our attendance at services. I've seen the books and have to say honestly many of our congregants can do more to help financially. I'm not going to sugar coat anything. There is a big disparity among us. If you can afford to contribute more and enjoy the great services Rabbi Sydni and Rabbi Feivel are providing us, then please be more generous. If you can't, that's understandable. Most synagogues put considerable pressure on members to contribute but we have never done that. With the pandemic winding down and our operations going back to full throttle the bills of the synagogue will go up as well.

On another note, we have a staff of people at Agudath Achim that are there to help serve you. If you have an issue that is nagging you, please contact Tessa Miller, the Rabbi, or me and let us know. We will do our best to resolve your problem. If we don't know about it then we can't correct it.

Zei Gezunt (Go in good health),

Bob Lachman President, Agudath Achim

### Message from Rabbi Sydni

Agudath Achim's High Holy Day celebrations and commemorations involve a whole lot of people. Even as I write this in July, our ritual committee has already met for hours to assign honors and decide dates and times. Tessa has already begun to set up our Yizkor book. In just a few weeks, Carnell and our security guards will be working hard to help us keep safe and comfortable throughout the holidays. Once we enter the sanctuary on Rosh HaShanah, we will need at least a minyan to recite many of our prayers. We will also need several more volunteers (who have already begun to step up!) to lead prayers and read Torah so that the community can hear different voices from the bimah.

Simply by attending services, you are enhancing the holy nature of Agudath Achim. If you would like to go one or two steps further, there is much more that you can do over the High Holy Days to add your voice to the mix. Please email or call the synagogue if you have a favorite quote, poem, or story to share on the bimah during Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur. If you have a favorite tune that you remember from services as a child, I invite you to lead that tune during services. As the second day Rosh HaShanah sermon will be all about humor, I would love for you to share a favorite Jewish joke with the community. If you enjoy preparing food, you are welcome to sponsor an oneg during our High Holy Day season or to bring a dessert to share on Erev Rosh HaShanah! And finally, if you're out of town or time, donations are always appreciated at this time of year. Your contributions will help fund extra security guard hours, utilities, technical assistance, and everything else needed for a meaningful High Holy Day experience.

Thank you to everyone who sanctifies our community with your presence, leadership, financial support, and volunteer hours. Siddur Sim Shalom offers a well-deserved blessing in your honor:

May God who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, bless this entire congregation, together with all holy congregations: Them, their sons and daughters, their families, and all that is theirs; along with those who unite to pray, and those who give funds for heat and light, and wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread to the wayfarer and charity to the poor; and all who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of this community and the Land of Israel. May the Holy One reward them, remove sickness from them, heal them, and forgive their sins. May God bless them by making all their worthy endeavors prosper, as well as those of the entire people Israel. And let us say: Amen. (Sim Shalom, p. 148)

Rabbi Sydni Rubinstein



# High Holy Days 5782—Save the Dates!

#### Leil Selihot

Saturday, August 28, 8:00 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah Monday - Wednesday, September 6 - 8, 2021

#### Monday, September 6:

7:30 p.m. - Erev Rosh HaShanah *Please bring a dessert to share after services!* 

#### Tuesday, September 7:

9:30 a.m. - Rosh HaShanah I - Shaharit (Morning Service) 7:30 p.m. - Rosh HaShanah I-II - Minhah/Maariv (Afternoon/Evening Service)

#### Wednesday, September 8:

9:30 a.m. - Rosh HaShanah II - Shaharit (Morning Service)

### Ten Days of Repentence

Thursday, September 9: Fast of Gedaliah

#### Friday, September 10

5:00 p.m. - Family Tashlikh 7:30 p.m. - Kabbalat Shabbat (Evening Service)

#### Saturday, September 11

10:00 a.m. - Shabbat Shaharit (Morning Service)

#### Sunday, September 12

10:00 a.m. - Kever Avot - at Hebrew AgudathAchim Cemetery12:00 p.m. - Jerusalem Youth Chorus with JewishFederation of North Louisiana - at Robinson FilmCenter.

### Yom Kippur Wednesday - Thursday September 15-16, 2021

Wednesday, September 15 7:00 p.m. - Kol Nidre

#### Thursday, September 16

9:00 a.m. - Shaharit (Morning Service)1:00 p.m. - Yizkor (Memorial Service)5:30 p.m. - Minhah (Afternoon Service)

6:30 p.m. - Neilah (Special Evening Service)

8:15 p.m. - Break the Fast

Family services and childcare for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur will be available. Please stay tuned for more information about this and about Sukkot and Simhat Torah!

High Holy Day Radio Programming: bnaizioncongregation.org/red-river-radiojewish-programs



# Prayer and Learning

All classes and services (except for Rabbi Feivel's Thursday class) are available both online and in person. Friday evening services are now at 7:30 pm, and Saturday morning services are at 10:00 am.

For attending in person, masks are strongly encouraged for everyone, except very young children, including those who are vaccinated until further notice due to the rising numbers of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

For attending online, all services are available at <a href="https://agudathshreveport.com/live-stream">https://agudathshreveport.com/live-stream</a>. All classes are available on Zoom, with the link in your email announcements.

### Tefilah - Prayer

#### Kabbalat Shabbat Shalem

Friday, August 6, 7:30 pm

On the first Friday of each month, we're trying out a full Kabbalat Shabbat service, taking time for all of the traditional Psalms and poetry, with a mix of melodies that are new and familiar to us. While there will not be responsive reading during this service, there will still be time for learning or a d'var Torah with Rabbi Sydni.

#### Kids' Shabbat Shindig

Saturday, August 7, 11:00 am

We'll sing, play, and learn together! Please ask your child to wear a face mask throughout our gathering, and please accompany your child if he/she is too young to do so. If weather permits, we'll gather outside.

#### Kabbalat Shabbat - Ask the Rabbi

Friday, August 27, 7:30 pm

Along with our typical Kabbalat Shabbat service, Rabbi Sydni will answer your burning Jewish questions of any type!

### Limudim - Learning

### **Jewish Federation Annual Meeting**

Sunday, August 1, 10:00 am

How did Federation weather the pandemic in 2020? What's new for 2021-2022? New partnerships, new programs, new donations, new members, and so much more! Learn about it all, ask your questions, and have your voice heard at this year's Annual Meeting! This meeting will take place at Agudath Achim, and is open to all Federation members.

#### Hodesh Hadash Women's Learning

Tuesday, August 10, 11:00 am This month, we'll begin to explore Biblical notions of slavery, how we read these ideas in the modern day, and what we can do to eradicate slavery from our world today.

#### 613? Relevant? Commandments

Thursday, August 12, 7:00 pm Thursday, August 26, 7:00 pm

Explore the mitzvot (commandments) from the Torah with Rabbi Feivel. In this once/week series, we'll systematically work our way through the Torah, stopping at the commandments contained within. Using modern and ancient commentaries, we'll gain a deeper understanding of God's laws, and explore why our sages did (or did not) count them in their 613 total. Along our journey, we will continually ask the question - is this commandment still relevant for us today?

### Shabbat Shalom



### August Schedule of Readings

Saturday	August 7	Torah Reading Haftarah	<b>Re'eh</b> Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17 Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5
Saturday	August 14	Torah Reading Haftarah	<b>Shoftim</b> Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9 Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12
Saturday	August 21	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Ki Teitzei</i> Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19 Isaiah 54:1 - 10
Saturday	August 28	Torah Reading Haftarah	<b>Ki Tavo</b> Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8 Isaiah 60:1 - 22

### North Louisiana Jewish Federation News

Next Year in Jerusalem: Community Trip to Israel February 14th - 24th, 2022

Registration is Open!

Whether this is your first trip to Israel, or you'd like to return, this incredible 10 day trip has been created with our community in mind. Spots are limited - reserve yours today! See the website for more pricing, itinerary, and general information.





JYC Gala Concert Watch Party September 12th, 2021 11:30am Watch Party Begins 12:00pm Gala Start Time

We are proud to be sponsoring this year's JYC Gala Concert, live from Israel! The Jerusalem Youth Chorus is a choral and dialogue program for Palestinian and Israeli youth in Jerusalem. We will be gathering in-person as a community to participate in this incredible event together!

"Through pandemic and war, our Israeli and Palestinian young singers have not stopped meeting—they have continued engaging in deep dialogue and writing original songs that lift up their realities in this time and their dreams for the future. On September 12th, join us—and special guest stars—for the world premiere of these songs and the stories behind them."

Reminder: NLJF Annual Meeting August 1, 2021 10:00am at Agudath Achim



### Louisiana Jewish Coalition

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, in conjunction with other Jewish organizations across Louisiana, is pleased to announce the creation of the Louisiana Jewish Coalition, a statewide coalition of Louisiana Jewish leaders. Seeds were planted for this unprecedented coalition in 2020 when Louisiana synagogues and Jewish agencies came together to offer funds, staff, and volunteers in response to the two hurricanes impacting central and southwestern Louisiana in 2020.

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Laura, our three Louisiana Federations mobilized to provide aid and assistance to southwestern and central Louisiana," said Arnie D. Fielkow, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans. "It was only natural that we would seek to collaborate more broadly, and we're excited to see what our Louisiana Jewish Coalition can accomplish in the coming months and years."

Currently the coalition is planning a leadership conclave and a 2022 Yom Ha'atzmaut event, which will be held in collaboration with Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards.

The coalition will kick off their partnership with a virtual August Speaker Series on Israel, with morning webinars scheduled for Sunday August 15, 22, and 29. Registration for all three events is open now.

Questions? Please contact Michelle Neal at michelle@jewishnola.com.

### Stories from the Negotiating Table

#### August 15, 2021 at 9:30 am

Join moderator David Hammer, investigative reporter for New Orleans' WWL-TV, in conversation with Aaron David Miller, prominent American Middle East analyst, author, and negotiator. Miller is also a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, with a primary focus on American foreign policy.

Registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a> qkl5wmkgS5m-GGSpd-ttWQ

### What's Happening Now?

#### August 22, 2021 at 10:00 am

Join facilitator, Dr. Ilana Kwartin, of the Jewish Agency for Israel, in a frank conversation with Representative Elaine Luria (D-MD) and Representative Dr. Mark Green (R-TN) about the latest in Israel from a congressional perspective. Residents of Israel - both Jewish and Muslim - will also share their experiences on what is happening now.

Registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_DTdCg\_6fSICqDxV3LyldXw">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_DTdCg\_6fSICqDxV3LyldXw</a>

### Looking Toward the Future

### August 29, 2021 at 10:00 am

ADL South Central Regional Director, Lindsay Baach Friedmann, will guide a candid discussion between Israeli and Palestinian Parents Circle participants, followed by a journalistic perspective from Herb Keinon of *The Jerusalem Post*. Registration: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a> Q-aYUSt QvCLm3inVP7Ruw

### August Celebrations Happy Birthday

Dr. David Gross	August 4
Dr. Richard Zweig	August 4
Allen Organick	August 5
Scott Serkin	August 11
Bob Lachman	August 12
Mark Silberstein	August 14
Dr. Thomas Strain	August 16
Sherry Strausman	August 18

### Happy Anniversary

Paul & Tammy Willson	August 14
Elliott & Sharon Goldman	August 18
Paula & Bill Cornelious	August 19
Rosa Tirado & Rafael Padin	August 31

### Mazel Tov

Dr. Aubrey & Joan Lurie's grandson, Kobe Cohen, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on August 14, 2021 in Atlanta, GA. Kobe will be reading from the Torah graciously donated by Agudath Achim to his synagouge in Atlanta.

The Men's Club will be awarding Dr. Richard Zweig with the Abe Diebner Award on August 28, 2021.

### Yasher Koach

Thank you to those who helped make Camp Shalom a success: Rosa Tirado, Howard Silberman, Lindy Alberts, Carolyn & Jerry Sheehan, Sharon Toys Goldman, Goldy Toys Marrus, Maureen Lustberg, Caleb Orillion, Kimberly Walls, Alexander Murov, and Hannah Walls.

### Oneg Shabbat

## Yasher Koach to our Oneg sponsors

Thank you to the following for hosting Oneg in July:

July 2 & 3: Agudath Achim Men's Club

July 9 & 10: Rabbis Sydni & Feivel Rubinstein

July 24, 30 & 31: Kr'tina Coleman

Please join us in August for Oneg Shabbat & Kiddush Lunches hosted by the following:

August 6: Dr. David & Susan Gross, in honor of David's birthday

August 13: Caleb & Caitlyn Orillion

August 20: Elliott & Sharon Goldman, in honor of Elliott's birthday

August 27: Agudath Achim Men's Club, in honor of Dr. Richard Zweig



### Announcements

### Community Religious School

Please mark your calendars for a kickoff event for all Religious School families on August 29. With September filled with so many holidays, there will be several holiday-themed events on September 12th, 19th and 26th. Please watch your email for details about registration and the holiday programming in September. We will wait until October to begin our regular classroom schedule and Hebrew classes.

When classes do begin in October, there may be some trial and error as we resume in person operations. Please communicate any concerns or ideas you have about this! And let me know if you would like to be connected to other families in your area to arrange carpooling.

Barbara Of. Joseph Community Religious School Director



### Sisterhood

High Holy Days are "early" this year. Erev Rosh Hashannah oneg is September 6th and is sponsored by Agudath Achim Sisterhood/Congregational members. Please come and share your special holiday dessert with us. Please find the form on the following page for High Holy Day greetings and pulpit flowers.

Sandra Ginsburg Sisterhood President

### High Holy Days

### High Holiday Greetings

High Holiday Greetings \$18.00 per listing

Please print name(s):


### Pulpit Flowers

Pulpit Flowers Suggested donations of \$18.00, \$36.00, \$54.00, etc.

In Honor/Memory of _	
In Honor/Memory of _	
In Honor/Memory of _	
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Bv:	

Please make check out to Agudath Achim Sisterhood.

Thank You for your donations.

Responses **before August 15** will be printed in the September bulletin. Responses **after August 15** will be in the October bulletin.

This form is also available to you online at: agudathshreveport.com/form/high-holiday-greetings

### High Holy Days

### Book of Remembrance 5782

With the approach of the High Holy Day season, many of us wish to acknowledge love and dedication to the memory of dear ones who are no longer with us. To help you do this with dignity and Tzedakah, Agudath Achim is preparing a Book of Remembrance for Yom Kippur 5782.

The Book of Remembrance, or Yizkor Book, will contain the names of all the relatives and friends whose memory you wish to honor, together with the Kaddish prayer. The Yizkor Book will be distributed on Yom Kippur at the Yizkor Memorial Service.

This form is also available on our website at: agudathshreveport.com/form/yizkor-book-5782

### Lulav & Etrog

### Order Form

As a congregation, we will be partnering with Hadar Etrogim, a leading provider of Lulav & Etrog sets, to order Lulav & Etrog sets. Please fill out the form below and return to the office **no later than August 20** if you would like to be included in our group order.

There is also a copy of this order form on our website for your convenience at: <u>agudathshreveport.com/form/lulav-and-etrog-order.</u>

Each set includes: etrog, lulav, myrtle, willows and lulav bag.

Name:	Phone Number:
Email:	

Description	Price	Quanity	Amout
Children's Set	\$28.00		
Standard Set	\$32.00		
Quality Set	\$36.00		
Prime Set	\$43.00		
Superior Set	\$62.00		
		Total	

### **Donations**

### In Beloved Memory of

Dr. Burton Siegel

**Elaine Toys** 

**Daniel Lincove** 

Isaac Ain

**Elaine Toys** 

Ivan Lustberg

Carol Ginsburg

Dr. Burton Siegel

Dr. Burton Siegel

Dr. Burton Siegel

**Betty Duprest** 

Isie Toys

Jack Selber

Manuel Lincove

Isie Toys

Marion Groner

### In Honor of

Elliott Goldman

### For the Recovery of

Tammy Willson

Dr. Thomas Strain

Tammy Willson

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Tessa Miller

**Bob & Deena Lachman** 

General Fund Allen Organick & Ellen Soffer Michelle Brooks

### Cemetery Fund Janice Lincove Epstein

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#### Sisterhood

Dr. David & Susan Gross

Tessa Miller

Alex Rubenstein

Irma Binder

Janice Lincove Epstein

Tammy Willson

Elliott & Sharon Goldman, Goldy Marrus

David & Sandra Ginsburg

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Arlene Berlin

Dr. Karen & Bob Gordon

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Elliot & Sharon Goldman, Goldy Marrus

Dr. Jere & Louise Cravens

Janice Lincove Epstein

Irma Binder

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### Ву

Barbara & Curtis Joseph

### Ву

David & Sandra Ginsburg David & Sandra Ginsburg Bob & Deena Lachman



### August Yahrzeits

### Week of August 1 - 7

Isie Toys Nannette F. Brener Louis Feldman Louis Van Thyn Barney Gross Marion Groner

### Week of August 8 - 14

Dr. Sidney Soloman Slutsky Ivan Binder Isaac S. Wilson Lilian Coltin Ben Greenberg

### Week of August 15 - 21

Glenna Kolanko Manuel Lincove Melvin LaCour Fannye Zelinsky Kottle Moshe Brill

### Week of August 22 - 28

Barbara Cullick
Ronald Schwartz
Phyllis Kolanko Graham
Bertha Roos
Julius Saizow
Ray Hickman
Oliver Dees Hebert
Judah Silberman
Stephen Muslow

### Week of August 29 - 31

Sara Lena Shaprio Leonard Hyman May Their
Memory
be for a
Blessing

### Condolences

We are saddened to share the passing of: Dr. Burton Siegel

HaMakom y'nahem etkhem b'tokh sha'ar aveilei Tzion virushalayim.

May the Omnipresent bring comfort to his family and friends among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

### August 2021

### Av - Elul 5781

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Av 23 Federation Annual Meeting 10:00 am	2 Av 24	3 Av 25	4 Av 26	5 Av 27	6 Av 28  Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:50 pm	7 Av 29 Shabbat Mevachim Hahodesh Parshat Re'eh Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Kids' Shabbat Shindig 11:00 am
8 Av 30 Rosh Chodesh Elul	9 Elul 1 Rosh Chodesh Elul	Women's Learning Hodesh Hadash 11:00 am	11 Elul 3	12 Elul 4  613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:44 pm	Parshat Shoftim Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am
15 Elul 7	16 Elul 8	17 Elul 9	18 Elul 10	19 Elul 11	20 Elul 12 Deadline for Lulav & Etrog orders  Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:30 pm	21 Elul 13 Parshat Ki Teitzei Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am  Havdalah 8:43 pm
22 Elul 14	23 Elul 15	24 Elul 16	25 Elul 17	26 Elul 18  613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00 pm	27 Elul 19 Deadline for Yizkor Book entries  Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:28 pm	Parshat Ki Tavo Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Diebner Award Ceremony - Dr. Richard Zweig  Leil Selihot 8:00 pm Havdalah 8:35 pm
29 Elul 21  Religious School  Kickoff Event  at B'nai Zion	30 Elul 22	31 Elul 23		New Jewish calendars are available in the office and the foyer for 2021-2022/5781-5782.		



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