



Agudath Achim
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The Shul Shpiel



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Shabbat Services:

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

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

Executive Message

We definitely had a full September and great attendance at our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. It feels like we had a year's worth of holidays crammed into one month. I'd like to thank all our members that made the holidays an especially nice experience. Special thanks go out to David Ginsburg for blowing the Shofar, Richards Dechowitz and Zweig for serving as Gabbai and Torah reader, and Barbara Joseph and Amanda Dodson for their important contributions. Allen Organick, our Shomer (usher), who kept everyone who participated on track, keeping the service moving. I'd call our attempt to create a break-the-fast as close to normal as possible a success through our serving carry-out boxed meals. Thank you to Susan Gross and Deena Lachman for helping prepare those meals. The Men's Club and Sisterhood did their parts, too. Thank you to all these folks and anyone else I may have missed who made our High Holiday services memorable.

I am looking forward to a quieter October and reflecting on the history of our Shul. We've been around quite a while. Agudath Achim - meaning "band of brothers" - was chartered on October 30, 1902, so this happens to be our birthday month. Happy Birthday Agudath Achim, you're a young 119 years old and still going strong! This makes me wonder how the congregation responded to the great flu pandemic of 1918-1920. Since the book I'm using for these references, *Wings Toward The South*, wasn't written until many years later (1999) there isn't any information on how many members might have been affected by the flu. I did see an article that said as many as 500 Shreveporters passed away from the flu between 1918-1919. Maybe the Agudath Achim Cemetery could provide further clues. Speaking

of pandemics, we have all done a responsible job of protecting ourselves and others from COVID, and since the Delta variant has come along, I don't know of any members getting sick.

Sunday, September 19th was a really productive day. We finished putting our community Sukkah up, and I am thrilled with the results. The solid cedar pergola has fulfilled our dreams of a dual function structure. The white lattice sides and lighting have transformed the pergola into a gorgeous Sukkah. With bamboo added as a natural roof, it makes a Sukkah we can all be proud of. Thank you to Milena Murov, Reed Turner, Rebbeca Austin, and Rosa Tirado and their families for decorating. Thank you to Dave Ginsburg, Rich Dechowitz, Dr. Richard Zweig and Steve Parker, who along with myself, built the roof. In the classroom, Deena Lachman, Rebbeca and Naomi Austin, Randi Shiffman, Kari Dicken, Rabbi Sydni, and Sandra Ginsburg all worked on the mosaic tile project. It's not yet done, so there will be another date announced to finish it. And in the garden, we had Elliott Goldman, Sandra Ginsburg, Dr. Karen Gordon, and yours truly. We pulled weeds and trimmed trees. Thank you to everyone for the team effort. I hope I didn't miss anyone!

Mazel Tov to Justin and Amanda Dodson's daughter, Cadence, on her Bat Mitzvah on September 24-25. Yasher Koach for doing a wonderful job!

Finally, I would like to bid farewell to Tyler Gage, who has accepted a new position with Collins Aerospace in Annapolis, Maryland. Tyler served as a synagogue board member and was also on the Ritual Committee. Tyler will most likely be leaving sometime in October, and he will be missed. Mazel Tov, Tyler, on your new position!


President, Agudath Achim

Message from Rabbi Sydni

Whenever we went grocery shopping together, my parents would always remind me the importance of returning a shopping cart. At some point in the '90s, our family rabbi, Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe gave a High Holy Day sermon with some reference to returning shopping carts, and my parents never forgot her suggestion. I still don't know what it was in Rabbi Dubowe's voice, in the text quoted, or in my parents' thoughts on that Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur, but something stuck that concretely changed my parents' every-day practice.

While I certainly cannot claim that I delivered any life-changing sermons this year, I do hope that you will take something concrete forward from this High Holy Day season. There may be a quote from our liturgy that you can tape onto your mirror for inspiration. The warmth of our congregation may pull you into attending services more often. Sukkot may have inspired you to embrace the outdoors more often. Your personal meditation over Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur may have alerted you to some way you can act with more confidence and righteousness in the year to come. Or maybe, just maybe, my words about embracing mortality, practicing intentional silence, staying safe and satisfied in relationships, and choosing wisely whether to plant roots or move elsewhere will prompt some clear action in the coming months.

Mishnah Yom teaches: "Regarding the one who says, 'I will sin and repent, I will sin and repent,' they will not have the opportunity for repentance" (8:9). If a person commits the same misdeeds over and over again, relying on Yom Kippur to repent once a year, that day of prayer

will not be enough. So too, if we spend a month going to hours-long services and then return to our way of life the same as we had before, what could have possibly been the point of all that prayer? We join together in prayer, especially in prayer focused on repentance and atonement, in order to help each other realize both our flaws and our potential. With the inspiration of liturgy and of Torah study, we brainstorm how we can leave behind our misdeeds of the past year and strive for better in the year to come. 5782 should not - cannot and will not, as hard as we try - be the same as every year before! Why not, then, think of one lesson to bring out of this High Holy Day season and into the rest of our lives? And of course, as we think of that one lesson, we must develop ways to keep ourselves accountable for what we strive to enact.

One last time for 5782 - Shanah tovah - may it be a sweet new year for you and for all who share it with you!

Rabbi Sydni Rubinstein

You may always set up a meeting (in person, phone, or Zoom) with Rabbi Sydni, at <https://calendly.com/rabbisydni>.

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 at 7:30 pm, and Saturday morning services are at 10:00 am.**

Please note that face masks are required at Agudath Achim for everyone, except very young children, **including those who are vaccinated.** If you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or are feeling ill, please enjoy live-streamed services from home.

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

Tefilah - Prayer

Kabbalat Shabbat Shalem

Friday, October 1, 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, October 2, 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, October 29, 7:30 pm

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

Limudim - Learning

Learn to Read Hebrew 5782

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 pm

Whether you don't know the difference between alef and bet or you just need a refresher, join us for a Hebrew class that starts from square one! We'll focus on consonants and vowels for our first 5 weeks and then learn how to put them together in weeks 6-10. Our final goal will be confidently chanting the blessings before and after reading the Torah, as well as other prayers in our liturgy. Our course is free for members and \$18 for visitors. Please let Tessa know your interest at: office@agudathshreveport.com.

613? Relevant? Commandments

Thursday, October 14, 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 21, 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?

High Holy Days in Photos



Rabbi Feivel blows the Shofar at Family Tashlikh at the Shreveport Duck Pond on Friday, September 10.



Some of our community's teenagers help hang decorations inside the Sukkah on September 19.



Rebecca Austin, Rosa Tirado and their families help craft decorations for our Sukkah on September 19.



Bob Lachman and Dr. Karen Gordon help clean up the garden beds on September 19.



David Ginsburg helps craft the roof to our Sukkah with the help of Bob Lachman and Dr. Richard Zweig on September 19.



Randi Shiffman and Kari and Jakob Dicken in the Sukkah on September 19.

Shabbat Shalom



October Schedule of Readings

Saturday	October 2	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Breshit</i> Genesis 1:1 - 6:8 Isaiah 42:5-21
Saturday	October 9	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Noach</i> Genesis 6:9 - 11:32 Isaiah 54:1-10
Saturday	October 16	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Lech Lecha</i> Genesis 12:1 - 17:27 Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16
Saturday	October 23	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Vayera</i> Genesis 18:1 - 22:24 2 Kings 4:1-23
Saturday	October 30	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Chaye Sarah</i> Genesis 23:1 - 25:18 1 Kings 1:1-31

North Louisiana Jewish Federation News

Next Year in Jerusalem
Community Trip to Israel
February 14 - 24, 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.

1/3 of our spots are already filled - [Reserve Yours Today!](#)

Save The Date!
Annual Hanukkah Party 5782 (2021)
Sunday, December 5, 2021

Time TBA (Around Candle-Lighting)

Featuring: Concert by Noah Aronson!



October Celebrations

Happy Birthday

Steven Bayer	October 5	Jody Levine	October 17
Cadence Dodson	October 6	Sarah Diebner	October 22
Elliott Goldman	October 9	Hurshiell Stegall	October 29
Dr. Karen Gordon	October 12	Arnold Vedlitz	October 31
Lorraine Soffer	October 13	Dr. Aubrey Lurie	October 31
Marcia Spielberger	October 14	Rosa Tirado	October 31

Happy Anniversary

Amanda & Justin Dodson	October 5
Dr. David & Susan Gross	October 12
Michelle & Steven Bayer	October 17

Mazel Tov

The Men's Club will be awarding Dr. Richard Zweig with the Abe Diebner Award on October 16, 2021.

Yasher Koach

Thank you to Tammy & Paul Willson, Sandra & David Ginsburg and our Sisterhood for providing the beautiful flower arrangements on the bimah for the High Holy Days.

Thank you to our Men's Club for providing Break the Fast meals to-go on Yom Kippur, and to Deena & Bob Lachman and Susan Gross for preparing the meals.

Thank you to Dr. David Gross and Allen Organick for leading our first two Kiddush blessings of the new year during Rosh HaShanah.

Oneg Shabbat

Yasher Koach to our Oneg sponsors

As the Delta variant of COVID-19 progresses, we are modifying how we share food in the synagogue. Instead of an indoor Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush lunch, we will serve snacks to-go to enjoy after services, with some seating outside in the morning if you would like to enjoy with your fellow community members. Thank you for your flexibility during this time.

Thank you to the following for sponsoring in October:

Thank you to the following for sponsoring an Oneg in September:

September 3: Tessa Miller & Curtis Staib, in honor of Tessa's birthday

September 10: Jason Oller

September 17: Caleb Orillion & Caitlyn Bethany, in honor of Kayla's birthday

September 25: The Dodson Family, in honor of Cadence Dodson's Bat Mitzvah

October 1: Dr. Richard & Sara Zweig

October 8: Sharon & Elliott Goldman, in honor of Elliott's birthday

October 15: Agudath Achim Men's Club, in honor of Dr. Richard Zweig

October 22: Deena & Bob Lachman

October 29: Rosa Tirado, in honor of Rosa's birthday



Announcements

Community Religious School

All things Camp: Scholarship Information and Registration

It's not too early to make summer plans, here's some helpful information!

Scholarship Opportunities from The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana (JEF):

1. The Goldring Family Foundation has made a generous commitment to continue to underwrite the Jewish Summer Camp Experience Incentive Grant program for it's 24th year.

- This incentive grant provides **up to \$1500** for a Jewish child to attend a Jewish not-for-profit sleepaway summer camp for the very first time.

- There are no need-based requirements.

- Every Jewish child in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle who has never attended a not-for-profit Jewish sleepaway summer camp is eligible.

Since 1999, this program has helped send 1,632 children to Jewish summer camps.

For donors: Your support of this valuable initiative is greatly appreciated. Please contact Miriam Teller at 504-524-4559 or miriam@jenfo.org with any questions.

For scholarship applicants: Applications open October 1, 2021 and the deadline to apply is March 1, 2022. The application and eligibility requirements are available by clicking the "Youth & Camping" tab on the [JEF website](http://JEFwebsite).

2. The Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana (JEF) is pleased to announce the RoseMary & Saul Brooks Fund for Jewish Youth Engagement will provide an incentive grant of **at least \$550** for up to ten Jewish children to attend a Jewish non-profit sleepaway summer camp in 2022. RoseMary Brooks created this fund at JEF with the goal of helping children who are physically distanced from a Jewish community to connect with other Jewish youth and experience Jewish traditions.

Eligibility and grant guidelines include:

- One parent must be Jewish **AND** the child(ren) must identify as Jewish.
- Residing full-time in Louisiana, outside of a major metropolitan area (including Greater New Orleans & Greater Baton Rouge areas) for the past year.
- Entering grades 1 through 12 (after camp).
- Attending a non-profit Jewish sleepaway camp.
- One application must be submitted per child.
- May re-apply every year eligible.
- Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Applications will be reviewed by a small group, including JEF staff, JEF Board, and a representative of the Brooks family.
- Funds will be paid directly to the camp.

For scholarship applications: The 2022 application form is available on the [JEF website](http://JEFwebsite) under the "Youth & Camping" tab. Feel free to contact Miriam Teller for further information and any questions.

There are also scholarship opportunities via the Jewish Children's Regional Services at: <https://jcrrs.org/>

Registration

URJ Jacobs Camp: 2022 Registration will be happening in three (3) phases this year. You can view dates and fees at: jacobscamp.org/summer/dates-and-fees/

- Phase 1: All returning campers will automatically be re-enrolled. Families will have one (1) week to confirm their application and pay their deposit. This will ensure that returners don't get shut out! This phase started on September 27th.

- Phase 2: Priority registration will be open for 2021 waitlist and for families that registered for Kochavim this year on October 5th.

- Phase 3: Registration opens to the public on October 13th.

Information about CYJ Texas can be found at: cyjtexas.org/summer-info/rates-dates.

Information about Ramah Darom can be found at: ramahdarom.org/ramah-darom-jewish-summer-camp/summer-2022-dates-rates/.

Barbara J. Joseph
Community Religious School Director

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Sisterhood

Thank you to the 7 families who are participating in our Kroger Community Rewards program. If you are NOT one of the 7 and want to be in that number to give Sisterhood “free money” click on the Community Rewards tab on the Kroger website. If you have difficulty navigating the website, please call either Tessa in the synagogue office or me.

Due to Covid and the Delta variant, the onegs and Kiddush luncheons are more subdued than previously. To all those who have sponsored since this summer through the end of 2021 - Thank you. Lots of slots open for 2022.

With cooler weather the onegs and Kiddush luncheons have/are/can be celebrated outside, inside our pergola. Yasher koach to all those who helped to clean up the flowerbeds, it really adds to the enjoyment of our outside activities. Don't wait for a work day: if you're bored or restless - come weed for an hour or so. If you have extra mulch or pine straw and not wanting to give it space any longer, come dump it in a clean flowerbed.

With travel opening up, please continue to support our Social Service Project of donating toiletries to Project Celebration Inc, a resource agency for victims of domestic violence.

Shalom,
Sandra Ginsburg
Sisterhood President



Donations

In Beloved Memory of

Max & Goldie Toys
Annemarie Ain
Annemarie Ain
Abe Ritman
Esther Lobel
My loved ones & those lost on 9/11

By

Sam Toys
Allen Organick & Ellen Soffer
Jody Levine
Sharon Mayo
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Dr. Thomas Strain

In Honor of

Sandra Ginsburg's Birthday

By

Cheryl Shirley

For the Recovery of

Bob Gordon
Bob Gordon

By

Sandra & David Ginsburg
Harriet & Richard Dechowitz

High Holy Days

Jason Oller
Cheryl Shirley
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Drs. Anne & Andrew Marsala
Dr. Howard Lipton
Michael Adler
Anatoly Zlotnik
Dr. Norman Witriol
Kimberly & Darren Walls
Deena & Bob Lachman

General Fund

Dr. Howard Lipton
Rabbi Foster & Vivian Kawaler

Sisterhood

Cheryl Shirley

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jake Kottle

Cemetery Fund

Candice Richardson

Biblical Orchard

Ruth Riddle



October Yahrzeits

Week of Sept 26 - October 2

Libby Shapiro Lipson
Abe Ritman
Harry Wanger

Week of October 3 - 9

Louis Suckle
Joshua S. M. Belen
Sam Segal
Cipa Taylor
Larry Spielberger
Max Toys

Week of October 10 - 16

Bessie Carroll
Abie Murov
Charles A. Rubenstein
Bessie Wanger
Tracey Sharon Lurie-Sklar
Bertha Strausman
Steven Soffer

Week of October 17 - 23

Morton Marcovitz

Week of October 24 - 30

Herman Gardsbane
Abe Goodman
Richard Larry Dowd
Dr. Hyman Jacob Gardsbane

Week of Oct 31 - Nov 6

Louis Biscoe
Morris Lewis Roos
Esther Kaminsky
Joseph Schwartzberg
Bettie C. Alcus Levy
Carol Byron Arnold
Maemarye Wolf Parker
Katherine Michalak

*May their
Memory
be for a
Blessing*

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Tishri 25 Candle Lighting 6:42 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	2 Tishri 26 Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh Parshat Breshit Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Kids' Shabbat Shindig 11:00 am Havdalah 7:49 pm
3 Tishri 27	4 Tishri 28	5 Tishri 29	6 Tishri 30 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 pm	7 Cheshvan 1	8 Cheshvan 2 Candle Lighting 6:33 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	9 Cheshvan 3 Parshat Noach Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Havdalah 7:40 pm
10 Cheshvan 4	11 Cheshvan 5 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Cheshvan 6	13 Cheshvan 7 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 pm	14 Cheshvan 8 613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00 pm	15 Cheshvan 9 Candle Lighting 6:24 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	16 Cheshvan 11 Parshat Lech Lecha Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Diebner Award Ceremony Havdalah 7:31 pm
17 Cheshvan 11	18 Cheshvan 12	19 Cheshvan 13	20 Cheshvan 14 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 pm	21 Cheshvan 15 613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00 pm	22 Cheshvan 16 Candle Lighting 6:16 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	23 Cheshvan 17 Parshat Vayera Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Havdalah 7:23 pm
24 Cheshvan 18	25 Cheshvan 19	26 Cheshvan 20	27 Cheshvan 21 Learn to Read Hebrew 7:00 pm	28 Cheshvan 22	29 Cheshvan 23 Candle Lighting 6:09 pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	30 Cheshvan 24 Shabbat Mevarekhim Hahodesh Parshat Chaye Sarah Shabbat Shaharit 10:00 am Havdalah 7:16 pm
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