



Agudath Achim
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The Shul Spiel



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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

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Message from Rabbi Sydni

When a person passes from the world, all of his deeds come before him and are explained to him. And they say to him, "You did this and that on such-and-such day, and you did this and that on such-and-such day. Do you believe these words?" And he says, "Yes." And they say to him, "Signed." - Sifrei Deuteronomy 307

In more ways than one, Yom Kippur acts as a rehearsal for our death. We wear white, the same color as the shrouds with which we dress our loved ones during the process of *taharah*. We do not eat, bathe, or enjoy intimacy, actions we would not be able to or need to do if we were dead. With our Yizkor service, we recall our deceased loved ones, those we hope to see again some day but not too soon. And just as we do on the day of our death, we face God and admit to the deeds of our past year.

As we pound our chests and recite, *ashamnu*, "we have shamed," we remember the joke we made at the expense of someone else. As we recite and we have sined against you in our eating and drinking, we remember the tiny tip we gave to the deserving waiter and the food we threw away that could have been donated.

As we sit in synagogue for ten hours total, reciting our Vidui (confessional) five times or more in the span of twenty-five hours, we have ample time to jog our memories, to dig up those deeds we have buried deep in the recesses of our egos. In U'ne'taneh Tokef, the dramatic liturgical poem we recite on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we remind God and ourselves, "You recall all that

is forgotten, and will open the book of remembrance, which speaks for itself, for our own hands have signed the page." Just as on the Midrashic day of our death, we take Yom Kippur to acknowledge both the righteousness and the wrongdoings we have performed in the past year.

Unlike the Midrashic day of our death, we don't have God's heavenly team to explain our deeds and their consequences to us. However, we do have the time, liturgical inspiration, and community to process where to go from here. It is not enough just to dig up a year's worth of guilt; rather, Yom Kippur gives us the opportunity to set the stage for the year to come. On this day, ask loved ones how you can better support them. On this day, commit to ways you can keep yourself accountable for avoiding the misdeeds you have performed in the past. On this day, brainstorm how you can use the lessons learned and the opportunities created by the consequences of your deeds towards a more righteous year to come.

As we explored in last month's bulletin, God is rooting for you exactly as you are. You have the potential to perform even more righteousness in the year to come. You might just have to chisel away at the defenses of your memory, open up some floodgates, build a support system, and plan wisely to achieve your spiritual success. _

G'mar hatimah tova - may you be sealed only for good.

Rabbi Sydni Rubinstein

As a reminder, Rabbi Sydni will be on parental leave from November 2022 to January 2023. If you wish to schedule a meeting with her prior to that, you may do so [here](#).

Prayer and Learning

All classes and services (except for Learn to Read Hebrew class) are available both online and in person. **Friday evening services are at 7:30pm, and Saturday morning services are at 10:00am.**

Please note face masks are optional at Agudath Achim. 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.

Zoom Meeting ID: 642-827-616

Zoom Password: kosher613

Tefilah - Prayer

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5

Shaharit - 9:00am

Agudat Yeladim - 11:00am

Mincha - 5:30pm

Neilah - 6:30pm

Break Fast/Havdalah - 7:45pm

Sukkot

Monday, October 10, 10:00am

Shmini Atzeret

Monday, October 17, 10:00am

Simchat Torah

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30pm

Ivy Haas Bat Mitzvah at Bnai Zion

Friday, October 21, 6:00pm

No Service at Agudath Achim

Kabbalat Shabbat - Ask the Rabbi

Friday, October 28, 7:30pm

Limudim - Learning

Learn to Read Hebrew *On Zoom Only*

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 meet this month on the 14th and the 21st. Our final goal will be to read one verse each from the Torah scroll in time for Simchat Torah. Our course is free to members and \$18 for visitors.

Simchat Torah Prep

Wednesday October 12, 7:00pm

Review

Wednesday October 24, 7:00pm

929 Learning : Age Old Text, New Perspectives

Saturdays, 1:15pm

Each week, we learn through five chapters of Tanakh, with the goal of completing all 929. After Shabbat lunch, a different teacher each week will present some of the ideas they found most interesting from this portion. Contact Rabbi Sydni rabbi@agudathshreveport.com, or the office office@agudathshreveport.com, or come in to the office if you'd like to lead one of those teachings. You can also find a form on our website at agudathshreveport.com/929-class-leading

The schedule for this month will be:

Deuteronomy 13-17 October 1

Rebecca Austin - Thank you for leading

Deuteronomy 18-22 October 8

Dr. David Gross - Thank you for leading

Deuteronomy 23-27 October 15

Deuteronomy 28-32 October 22

Deuteronomy 33 - Joshua 3 October 29

Community Religious School

Over the Labor Day weekend, seventh graders and their parents explored the traditions of wearing a tallit, tied tzitzit, and then decorated their tallitot!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, October 9 – Sukkah decorating – Each congregation will decorate a sukkah. Decorating at Agudath Achim will begin at 10:00 a.m., and decorating at B'nai Zion will begin at 5:00 p.m. Families can come to one or both!

Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. – Community Consecration and Simchat Torah Shabbat at B'nai Zion – Kindergarten students will recite the Shema and receive a miniature Torah, preschool students will receive a plush Torah.

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. – Simchat Torah Festival at Agudath Achim - Come celebrate the Torah at an outdoor festival

Sunday, October 30 – Blessing of the Pets (to coincide with the Noah parsha) – Religious School will start at 9:30 as usual, and parents are invited at 11:30 at the back of the building to bring pets or pictures of pets. We will be collecting donations for Pet Savers of Shreveport. All of the following are appreciated:

- financial donations
- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dawn (blue) dishwashing liquid
- Clorox wipes
- Kuranda Dog Beds: You can donate one (or more!) to us by going to [here](#).
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards are ALWAYS useful! (For basic supplies)
- Scoop-able cat litter



*Religious School Director,
Barbara Joseph*

Agudath Achim Life

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Thank you to the nine households that contributed to our recent check from Kroger.

If you are not already enrolled, you can register online at

<http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>

Our NPO number is KK925

Men's Club Movie Night

Sunday, October 23 at 6pm the men's club will be showing the feature film "Denial", the story of the British Holocaust denier David Irving. A Build your own Beyond Meat Burger will be offered with a side dish and drinks.

Cost is \$10 per person.

Contact Bob Lachman no later than 10/19 if you wish to attend. 310-272-5123 afbobo49@gmail.com

NEW KREWE!!

Not Mardi Gras, but Kitchen Krewe! Membership open to

members, spouses, and
conversion class

No parade experience necessary

Contact office for information

Jewish Life In Shreveport

Volunteering!!!

We currently need leaders for 929 discussion on October 15, 22, and 29. We need Oneg sponsors on October 14 and 28. We also have other volunteering opportunities. For anyone that would like to donate some time or to sign up for the above opportunities, please speak to Rabbi Sydny, Rebecca Austin, or Ian Rubinstein.

ISRAEL TRIP

Were you hoping to join Federation on last year's trip to Israel which was unfortunately cancelled? Well, good news! Rabbi Feivel, through his organization FreelanceJudaism, is putting on that very trip in February 2023, and YOU get first priority! This trip will be open to the public, have a maximum of 30 participants and slots will fill on a first-come first-serve basis, so Save The Date today: February 6th-16th, 2023. For more information, please contact feivel@freelancejudaism.com

SAVE THE DATE

FEB 6-16, 2023

Are you looking for an exciting Israel trip? Save the date and plan to come along on the FreelanceJudaism Israel Experience February 6th - 16th, 2023. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, visit our website, or subscribe to our newsletter to stay up to date.

Upper Galilee

Golan Heights

Old City Jerusalem

New Jerusalem

Judean Desert

Tel Aviv



2023

Shabbat Shalom



October Schedule of Readings

Saturday	October 8	Torah Reading Haftarah	HaAzinu Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Samuel 22:1-51
Saturday	October 15	Torah Reading Haftarah	Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot Exodus 33:12-34:35 Jeremiah 17:19-27
Saturday	October 22	Torah Reading Haftarah	Bereshit Genesis 1:1-2:3 Isaiah 42:5-21
Saturday	October 29	Torah Reading Haftarah	Noach Genesis 6:9-8:14 Isaiah 54:11-55:5

High Holy Days Schedule 5783

Like our weekly services, our High Holy Day services will be available both in person and live-streamed. To access our live stream, please visit: agudathshreveport.com/live-stream

Selihot

Saturday, September 17, 8:00pm

Erev Rosh Hashana

Sunday, September 25, 6:30pm

Rosh Hashana Day 1

Monday, September 26

Shaharit – 9:30am

Agudat Yeladim – 11:00am

Rosh Hashana Day 2

Tuesday, September 27

Shaharit – 9:30am

Agudat Yeladim – 11:00am

Family Tashlikh at the Duck Pond

Friday, September 30, 5:00pm

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30pm

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 5

Shaharit – 9:00am

Agudat Yeladim – 11:00am

Yizkor – 1:00pm

Minhah – 5:30pm

Neilah – 6:30pm

Maáriv/Havdalah – 7:30pm

Break Fast – 7:45pm

Sukkot

As we did the first year we were here, if all are healthy, Rabbis Rubinstein will host community members in their home sukkah throughout the week. You may also sign-up for Lunch and Learning in the synagogue sukkah throughout the week. For either, please sign up at <https://calendly.com/rabbisydni>

Sukkah Decorating

Sunday, October 9, 10:00am at Agudath Achim and 5:00pm at B'nai Zion

Sukkot

Monday, October 10, 10:00am

Shmini Atzeret

Monday, October 17, 10:00am

Simhat Torah

Monday, October 17

Vegetarian or parve covered dish dinner 6:00pm

Service and celebration 7:00pm

October Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

Justin and Amanda Dodson October 5
Dr. David and Susan Gross October 12
Steve and Michelle Bayer October 17
Candice Richardson and October 31
Devin Gardner

Yasher Koach to our Oneg Sponsors

October 7-8: Sharon and Elliot Goldman
October 14-15: Still Available
October 21-22: Stephen and Patricia Parker
October 28-29: Still Available

Happy Birthday

Joshua Silberman	October 2
Aleena Henderson	October 2
Mikhail Tchinkindas	October 2
Steven Bayer	October 5
Alayah Henderson	October 5
Cadence Dodson	October 6
Marcie Markovitz	October 8
Elliot Goldman	October 9
Douglas Dlin	October 10
Dr. Karen Gordon	October 12
Lorraine Soffer	October 13
Andrea Sour	October 13
Marcia Spielberger	October 14
Stephen Henderson	October 16
Jody Levine	October 17
Mikhail Aronov	October 21
Sarah Diebner	October 22
Ada Sheehan	October 23
Claire Bayer	October 23
Martin Ginsburg	October 29
Doug Stegall	October 29
Thomas Castillo	October 31
Aubrey Lurie	October 31
Rosa Tirado	October 31
Arnold Vedlitz	October 31

October Yahrzeits

Week of

October 2-8

Gerald Wayne Orillion

Freida Reisman

Ella Feldman

Week of

October 9-15

Bessie Lachman

Esther Lobel

Marlene Chappell

Sylvia Ginsburg

Samuel Rubin

Week of

October 16-22

Ashley Goodman

Abe Ritman

Libby Lipson

Paula Taylor

Harry Wanger

Week of

October 23-29

Jacob Wolchansky

Louis Suckle

Elizabeth Seigel

Sam Segal

Cipa Taylor

Joshua Belen

Adrian Miller

Larry Spielberger

Max Toys

Bessie Carroll

Condolences

We are saddened to share the passing of:

Shirley Sperling, Mother of Howard Silberman

HaMakom y'nahem etkhem
b'tokh shaár aveilei tzion
virushalyaim

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

Donations

In Beloved Memory of

James Adler

James Adler

James Adler

James Adler

By

David and Sandra Ginsburg

Berte Muslow

Allen Organick and Ellen Soffer

Sara Tebele

In Honor of

Birth of Talia Eve Deckelbaum

Sophia Padin Bat Mitzvah

Hanna Zweig

Talia Deckelbaum

Simona Feoli

Rabbi Natash Mann

By

Dr. David and Susan Gross

Allen Organick and Ellen Soffer

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Dr. Howard Lipton

For the Recovery of

Bob Lachman

By

Allen Organick and Ellen Soffer

Rabbi's Fund

Joanne Adler

October 2022 ** Tishrei 5783 / Cheshvan 5783

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
												1 Vayeilech	Tishrei 6
												10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 1:15pm 929 Learning 7:50pm Havdalah	
2	Tishrei 7	3	Tishrei 8	4 Erev Yom Kippur	Tishrei 9	5 Yom Kippur	Tishrei 10	6	Tishrei 11	7	Tishrei 12	8 HaAzinu	Tishrei 13
				6:30pm Kol Nidrei 6:38pm Candle Lighting		9:00am Shaharit 11:00am Agudat Yeladim 5:30pm Mincha 6:30pm Neilah 7:45pm Havdalah/Break Fast				6:34pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 1:15pm 929 Learning 7:41 Havdalah	
9 Erev Sukkot	Tishrei 14	10 Sukkot	Tishrei 15	11 Sukkot	Tishrei 16	12	Tishrei 17	13	Tishrei 18	14	Tishrei 19	15 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	Tishrei 20
10:00am Sukkah Decorating 6:32pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Morning Service 7:30pm Candle Lighting		7:37pm Havdalah		11:00am Hodesh Hadash - women's learning 7:00pm Learn to Read Hebrew - Simhat Torah Prep				6:26pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 1:15pm 929 Learning 7:32pm Havdalah	
16	Tishrei 21	17 Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor	Tishrei 22	18 Simchat Torah	Tishrei 23	19	Tishrei 24	20	Tishrei 25	21	Tishrei 26	22 Bereshit	Tishrei 27
10:00am Simhat Torah Festival 6:32pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shmini Atzeret service with Yizkor 6:00pm Covered Dish Dinner 7:00pm Celebration 7:22pm Candle Lighting		7:29pm Havdalah						6:00pm Ivy Haas Bat Mitzvah at Bnai Zion 6:18pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 1:15pm 929 Learning 7:24pm Havdalah	
23/30	Tishrei 28 Cheshvan 5	24/31	Tishrei 29 Cheshvan 6	25 Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Tishrei 30	26	Cheshvan 1	27	Cheshvan 2	28	Cheshvan 3	29 Noach	Cheshvan 4
		24th, 7:00pm Board Meeting				7:00pm Learn to read Hebrew - Review				6:10pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat - Ask the Rabbi		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 1:15pm 929 Learning 7:17 Havdalah	