



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
agudathshreveport.com/live-stream

Executive Message

What an eventful month since I've become president! We've celebrated a B'nai Mitzvah here, a Bat Mitzvah with B'nai Zion, learned from our congregation about everything from the chapters for 929 to allegory in horror movies, unveiled the headstone of Maxine Levine, and seen the last work day for two staff members. One thing I love about this congregation is how people step up to help and to share their skills with the community. For those less familiar, I want to share ways you can get involved.

While Board members are approved at the annual meeting, spots on committees are always open to anyone in the community. **Ritual** Committee helps the Rabbi with planning services and holidays, sets standards for celebrating bar/bat/b'nai mitzvah and other life cycle events, and discusses how halacha is understood by our congregation. **Membership** Committee works with potential members on their path to joining our congregation, as well as listening to existing members to ensure we're meeting their needs. **Education** Committee is involved with both the children's education and programming as well as adult learning opportunities. We have a **Chevre Kadisha**, or burial society, for men and for women. These are the volunteers who help prepare those we have lost for burial. Related, our **Cemetery** Committee, which maintains the grounds of our cemetery to show kavod for all those who have been buried in our grounds at Walnut and Yale. **House and Grounds** deals with the maintenance and upkeep of our building, including projects to make us more energy-efficient as when we converted

the bathrooms to motion-detection lights and swapped the kind of bulbs used in the sanctuary. Our **Chesed** Committee reaches out to our members who are unable to come to the synagogue, and those who have notified the synagogue they want hospital or nursing home visits. There's more, but we'll talk about that next month.

Beyond that, we use volunteers everywhere, from the garden to the kitchen and everywhere in between. If one of these committees seems like something you would like to help with, or you know of something you can help with not listed here, please contact me or Rabbi Sydni.

Rebecca Austin

President, Agudath Achim



Message from Rabbi Sydni

[The artisans] said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than is needed for the tasks entailed in the work that Adonai has commanded to be done.” [...] Their efforts had been more than enough for all the tasks to be done (Exodus 36:6,8).

Imagine - just imagine if all of our efforts for our modern mishkan, Congregation Agudath Achim, were not just enough but more than enough for all of the tasks that needed to be done! The Biblical people Israel are notorious for getting a whole lot wrong, but in Exodus Ch. 36, one of our recent 929 readings, the people Israel get it right. Not only do the people Israel give more than enough to build the mishkan, but also, they never doubt that the mishkan will be built to all of its detailed specifications. These former slaves, situated at the bottom of a mountain, in the middle of the desert, bring to full life and color an architectural structure, priestly clothing, and utensils made from precious metals, intricate needlework, and the skins of sea creatures. If the people Israel can produce such a house for God, the least we can do is imagine what our modern mishkan might look like in a world in which we had unlimited resources.

For practical reasons, when we plan for the present and future of Agudath Achim, we speak in terms of using or conserving hundreds of dollars. We often ask, how many months or years will this purchase take away from or contribute to our future at Agudath Achim?

Now, I want us to think in terms of that endless giving during the time of the Tabernacle. If we had infinite funds, volunteers, and a guarantee that our synagogue would survive for decades to come, what would you envision for Agudath Achim? Considering how we're used to thinking, this may be a challenging thought experiment. However, every single time we plan anything, our conversation must include that

discussion of the ideal. Whenever we consider that ideal, the only factors at play should be what we see as our ideal community, space, and schedule at Agudath Achim.

While our synagogue is wonderful as it is, I still envision remodeled, accessible restrooms. I envision a full-time Jewish homeschool pod housed at Agudath Achim, with active, creative secular and Jewish learning. I even visualize a truly all-night learning session for Shavuot, with snack breaks for cheesecake, an ice cream bar, sugary cereals with milk, and more. Truly, some of my dreams for the synagogue don't require a whole lot of money or extra resources. However, I probably would not have thought about them if I was only focused on our limits, without thinking about our great possibilities.

You probably have grand ideas about this synagogue that have never occurred to me or to any of our leadership. I hope I speak for all of us when I say that we want to hear those dreams, those ideas. Some of them may be programs or policies that existed at Agudath Achim in the past, some may be practices learned from other Jewish communities, and some may be entirely your own. Without any ifs or buts, let's begin to share our greatest hopes for this community. Later, we can focus on our real limits and boundaries. For now, though, the bigger we dream, the more our present and future community members may be inspired to give even more time, energy, and funds. Perhaps one day, our community will have more resources than we could ever need!

Rabbi Sydni Rubinstein

You may always set up a meeting (in person, phone, or Zoom) with Rabbi Sydni, at <https://calendly.com/rabbisydni>. Rabbi Sydni's day off is on **Tuesdays**.

Prayer and Learning

All classes and services (except for Learn to Read Hebrew and 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 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

Kabbalat Shabbat – Ask the Rabbi

Friday, July 29, 7:30 pm

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

Annemarie Ain's Unveiling at Hebrew Agudath Achim Cemetery

Sunday, July 31, 10:00 am

Tammy & Paul Willson invite family, friends, and the Jewish community to remember Tammy's mother, Annemarie Ain, at an unveiling ceremony at the Hebrew Agudath Achim Cemetery (on Yale and Walnut in Shreveport).

Limudim - Learning

Leading Friday Night: Kabbalat Shabbat

Sunday, July 3, 17, 11:00 am

You may lead with either the transliteration or the Hebrew text. This week, we will learn how to lead the first portion of our Friday night service, reviewing our favorite melodies for Psalms and discovering where to find new melodies, as well.

613? Relevant? Commandments

Thursdays, July 7, 21, 28, 7:00 pm

On Zoom only 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?

Our Synagogue Kitchen: The Wheres, Whys and Hows

Sunday, July 10, 11:00 am

With Rabbi Sydni and Sandra Ginsburg, we'll learn an overview of kosher laws, how those laws apply to the food we purchase and prepare for our kitchen, and how you can help with our onegs and Kiddush lunches.

Hodesh Hadash - Women's Learning Group

Wednesday, July 13, 11:00 am

We'll finish building the mishkan (Tabernacle) with today's 929 reading, Leviticus 24. More importantly, we'll ask the question, what do all of these building materials have anything to do with us today?

Leading Friday Night: Ma'ariv

Sunday, July 24, 11:00 am

Can be led with Hebrew or transliteration.

This week, we'll start learning to lead the second portion of the Friday evening service, with the blessings before and after the Sh'ma, a few Kaddishes, Kiddush, Aleinu, and Yigdal. Come to learn the whole service or even just your favorite prayer!

Learn to Read Hebrew

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 every other week at 7pm, starting on July 6, and Rabbi Sydni will be available for office hours in between then. We'll focus on consonants and vowels for our first 5 weeks and then learn how to put them together in our remaining time together. Our final goal will be reading one verse each from the Torah scroll in time for Simhat Torah. Our course is free for members and \$18 for visitors.

Learn to Read Hebrew: Letters I

Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 pm

On Zoom Only In our first class, we'll compare differences between English and Hebrew and learn to read and write the letters aleph through yud. We'll also figure out which prayers we'd like to learn to read as a group.

Learn to Read Hebrew: Letters II

Wednesday, July 20, 7:00 pm

On Zoom Only This week, we'll review last week's letters and learn the rest of the Hebrew alphabet.

929 Learning

929: Age Old Text, New Perspectives

Saturdays, 1:15 pm

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), Rebecca Austin, or Tessa (office@agudathshreveport.com) in the office if you'd like to lead one of those teachings! You can also find a form on our website: agudathshreveport.com/929-class-leading
The current schedule is as follows:

Leviticus 11 - 15: July 2

Leviticus 16 - 20: July 9

Leviticus 21 - 25: July 16

Leviticus 26 - Numbers 3: July 23

Numbers 4 - 8: July 30

Agudat Yeladim

Camp Shalom

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22

9:00am - 2:00pm

Kids 4-12 are welcome to join us for Camp Shalom, where we'll explore Jewish tradition and culture through the arts! Teens and adults are welcome to join us as madrikhim (counselors), too. Each day, we'll experience tefilah (prayer), outdoor activity, arts and crafts, theatre, and more!

Pajama Havdalah with Camp Shalom

Saturday, July 23, 8:30 pm

We'll wear our pajamas for singing, prayer, and snacks, as we wrap up our week together at Camp Shalom. All are welcome, both camp attendees and otherwise!

Men's Club Dinner & Movie Night

Sunday July 24, 2022, 6:00pm



Europa Europa won the Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film and received an Academy Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay.

A scrumptious dinner will be provided.

Suggested Donation: \$5 per adult, \$2 per child under 12

Based on a true story. Short synopsis: In 1938, thirteen-year-old Solek is taking a bath on the eve of his bar mitzvah when Kristallnacht occurs. He escapes his house naked and hides in a barrel. At night, he asks an acquaintance to bring him clothes from his house. She refuses but throws him a leather jacket with a swastika armband. He returns home to his family, to find that his sister Berta has been killed by the Nazis. His father decides the Perel family will move to his birthplace of Lodz in central Poland, as he believes it will be safer there.

Shabbat Shalom



July Schedule of Readings

Saturday	July 2	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Korach</i> Numbers 16:1 - 18:32 I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22
Saturday	July 9	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Chukat</i> Numbers 19:1 - 22:1 Judges 11:1-33
Saturday	July 16	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Balak</i> Numbers 22:2 - 25:9 Micah 5:6 - 6:8
Saturday	July 23	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Pinchas</i> <i>Shabbat Mevarchim</i> Numbers 25:10 - 30:1 Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3
Saturday	July 30	Torah Reading Haftarah	<i>Matot-Masei</i> Numbers 30:2 - 36:13 Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4

July Celebrations

Happy Birthday

Paula Cornelious	July 1
Alfred Leonard Barrow	July 5
Lauren Goodman	July 10
Mark Slutsky	July 15
Susan Segall Robison	July 20
Randi Shiffman	July 25
Judy LeBlang	July 29

Happy Anniversary

Patti & Steve Parker	July 3
Tessa Miller & Curtis Staib	July 6

Yasher Koach to our Oneg Sponsors

Sandra & David Ginsburg	July 1-2
Tessa Miller & Curtis Staib	July 8-9
Sharon & Elliott Goldman	July 15-16
Dr. David & Susan Gross	July 22-23
Dr. Jeffrey & Judy LeBlang	July 29-30

Announcements Sisterhood

After August 2022 so minor musculoskeletal issues won't become major issues, Sandra will NO longer be preparing Kiddush luncheons. Rabbi Sydni's summer education session on Sunday, July 10 will be about cooking in our synagogue kitchen. Additionally, notebooks are being prepared with guidelines, recipes, and website information. Also, quarterly, maybe more often, there will be some make and freeze sessions.

Sandra Ginsburg
Sisterhood President

Oneg Shabbat

August 2022 – 2023

Dear Friends,

We are continuing our Oneg Shabbat policy of requesting members to host Onegs during the forthcoming year as this enhances our Congregational Shabbat.

Because of our membership numbers, we request members to host at least two Onegs. Please let us know the dates of your choice for hosting. If you have an anniversary, birthday, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or any other special occasion and would like to host a specific Oneg, please indicate this as well.

Requests will be assigned on a first come basis. If you do not have a preference in dates, please indicate that and dates will be assigned for you. **If we do not hear from you by July 30, 2022 we will assign a date for you.**

If you are providing your own refreshments, these will be in the form of desserts and snacks for an Oneg and a light lunch for Kiddush. We will send Kashrut and food safety information in a follow-up letter.

If you are unable to provide refreshments, your donation of \$36.00 per oneg (\$72 for two, \$108 for three) will cover your hosting and the committee will use the money to provide for the Oneg in your name.

To sponsor a Kiddush Luncheon, please add an additional \$18 per date.

Please make out your check to Sisterhood and enclose with this form, or you may fill out the form & pay online by going to: <https://www.agudathshreveport.com/form/oneg>

Thank you.

Oneg Shabbat
2022-2023

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Onegs I would like to host:

Date

1. _____ In Honor/In Memory of _____
2. _____ In Honor/In Memory of _____
3. _____ In Honor/In Memory of _____

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 _____

By: _____

Please make check out to Agudath Achim Sisterhood.

Thank You for your donations.

Responses before July 25 will be printed in the August bulletin; responses after July 25 will be in the September bulletin.

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

High Holy Days

Book of Remembrance

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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 5783.

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.

Please fill out the form below **no later than September 9, 2022** to be included.

Please note: If you had a listing in the book last year, you will receive a personalized paper form, including your listing from last year via mail.

Name of Person Submitting Form: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Names to be included (please *only* add in **new names** to be included if different from last year):

Names to be **removed**:

☐ Check here if no names need to be added or removed from last year.

Recommended donation is \$18.00 per name. Please make your checks out to Agudath Achim.

This form is also available on our website at: agudathshreveport.com/form/yizkor-book-5783

Donations

In Beloved Memory of

Charles Tebele
Ida F. Levine
Isaac Daniel Ain
Annemarie Ain
Elaine Toys
Ivan L. Lustberg
Anna K. Mantinband
Louis Lobel
Morris Hyman

By

Sara Tebele
Susan Levine & Family
Tammy & Paul Willson
Tammy & Paul Willson
Sharon & Elliott Goldman; Goldy Marrus
Sandra & David Ginsburg
Sandra & David Ginsburg
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

In Honor of

Lex Austin's B'nai Mitzvah
the Birth of Simona Micaella Feoli
Bob Lachman's Presidency
Tessa Miller
the Birth of Simona Michaela Feoli

By

Sandra & David Ginsburg
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Sandra & David Ginsburg
Dr. David & Susan Gross

For the Recovery of

Tammy A. Willson
Reed Turner
Bob Lachman
Bob Lachman
Howard Silberman
Bob Lachman

By

Sandra & David Ginsburg
Sharon & Elliott Goldman
Tammy & Paul Willson
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Dr. David & Susan Gross



Rabbi's Fund

Rebecca & Andy Austin

July Yahrzeits

Week of June 26 - July 2

Samuel Laventhal
Donald Belen
Edith Gardsbane
Louis Lobel
Joe Barsky
Morris Hyman

Week of July 3 - 9

Maurice Scheinberg
Bud Harmon Shiffman
Brian Shiffman
Sam Dechowitz
Andrew Kawaler

Week of July 10 - 16

Rose Van Thyn
Mary Gold Kesilman
Ivan Lustberg
Vivian LeBlang

Week of July 17 - 23

Margaret Elizabeth Strain
Harry Lipson
Elain Toys
Charles Tebele
Tommy Chappell
Soloman Kesilman
Sam Rubenstein

Week of July 24 - 30

Fay Barsky
Shirley Ann Strain-Vaz
Isaac Ain
Brian Barrow
Tzipa Rubenstein
Sarah Goodman
Alisa Ginsburg

Week of July 31 - August 6

Larry Sussman
Isadore Rubinstein
Clifford Bayer
Rabbi Leo Brenner

*May their Memory be for a
Blessing*

July 2022

Tamuz - Av 5782

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
New Jewish calendars for 2022-2023/5782-5783 are available in the office & foyer.					1 Tamuz 2 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting 8:08pm	2 Tamuz 3 Parshat Korach Shabbat Shahrith 10:00am Kids' Shabbat Shindig 11:00am 929 Learning 1:15pm Havdalah 9:16pm
3 Tamuz 4 Leading Friday Night: Kabbalat Shabbat 11:00am	4 Tamuz 5 Office Closed	5 Tamuz 6	6 Tamuz 7 Learn to Read Hebrew: Letters I 7:00pm	7 Tamuz 8 613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00pm	8 Tamuz 9 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting 8:07pm	9 Tamuz 10 Parshat Chukat Shabbat Shahrith 10:00am 929 Learning 1:15pm Havdalah 9:15pm
10 Tamuz 11 Our Synagogue Kitchen: The Wheres, Whys, and Hows 11:00am Constitution Committee Meeting 2:00pm	11 Tamuz 12	12 Tamuz 13	13 Tamuz 14 Hodesh Hadash - Women's Learning Group 11:00am	14 Tamuz 15	15 Tamuz 16 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting 8:05pm	16 Tamuz 17 Parshat Balak Shabbat Shahrith 10:00am 929 Learning 1:15pm Havdalah 9:13pm
17 Tamuz 18 Fast of Tamuz Leading Friday Night: Kabbalat Shabbat 11:00am	18 Tamuz 19 Camp Shalom 9:00am Board Meeting 7:00pm	19 Tamuz 20 Camp Shalom 9:00am	20 Tamuz 21 Camp Shalom 9:00am Learn to Read Hebrew: Letters II 7:00pm	21 Tamuz 22 Camp Shalom 9:00am 613? Relevant? Commandments 7:00pm	22 Tamuz 23 Camp Shalom 9:00am Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30pm Candle Lighting 8:02pm	23 Tamuz 24 Parshat Pinchas Shabbat Mevarchim Shabbat Shahrith 10:00am 929 Learning 1:15pm Pajama Havdalah with Camp Shalom 8:30pm Havdalah 9:09pm
24 Tamuz 25 Leading Friday Night: Ma'ariv 11:00am Men's Club Dinner & Movie 6:00pm	25 Tamuz 26	26 Tamuz 27	27 Tamuz 28	28 Tamuz 29	29 Av 1 Rosh Chodesh Av	30 Av 2 Parshat Matot-Masei Shabbat Shahrith 10:00am 929 Learning 1:15pm Havdalah 9:04pm
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