



Agudath Achim
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The Shul Spiel



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

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Message from Rabbi Sydni

God is rooting for you!

The Rock (ha-tzur), whose deeds are perfect, For all of God's ways are just, A faithful God, never false, Righteous and upright indeed (Deuteronomy 32:4)

In a Midrash on Deuteronomy 32:4, the Rabbis of Sifrei Deuteronomy reframe the image of God as rock (tzur) into God as the sculptor (tzayar) and Creator (yotzer) who creates each being with perfect potential. For the Rabbis, no one need ponder, "What if I had three eyes, three hands, three feet, could walk on my head, or had another face at the back of my head?! How lovely that would be!"

Just as our verse from Deuteronomy tells us "God's ways are just," God created each and every one of us exactly as God planned. Just as God is "a faithful God," God believes in us and in all of Creation. Just as God is "righteous and upright indeed," God formed us the way we are specifically to perform righteousness. The unique body each of us is in, with all of the emotions and experiences tied up in that body, is primed to perform the good in a way no one else can. God is rooting for each of us exactly as we are.

As Rosh HaShanah approaches, and with it, the Season of Repentance, we have a chance to reflect not only on the misdeeds we performed in the past year, but also, on our righteousness. Now is the time to remind ourselves of the past year's triumphs, to reflect on what good came of our actions, and to brainstorm how to expand on that good in the coming year. Now is the time to think about the unique parts of ourselves - our strengths, our passions, our relationships - that we can bring towards righteousness in ways we never have before.

On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, in the piyyut (liturgical poem) Un'tane'tokef, we remind God, "You do not desire the death of the wrongdoer, rather that we change our ways and live." No matter the hurt we have caused in the past year, we still hold that potential for pursuing justice in our world. Once we earn forgiveness from those we have disappointed, whether human or God, we can start from square one and embrace the unique potential our bodies and our moment in time provide for us.

L'shanah tovah! To a good, sweet New Year for you and all of your loved ones!

Rabbi Sydni Rubinstein

Executive Message

September is always a reflective month for me. Not only are we on the cusp of the high holidays, but this time of year includes my birthday, wedding anniversary, audits at work, and, back to school for me, my children, or my religious school classes. Each year I look at the things I want to do better, and where I am on the goals I made for last year. Usually, I haven't followed through on my goals the way I'd hoped, so I try to adjust and come at it from a different angle, knowing that sometimes it isn't the goal but the steps I am taking toward them that need revision. One thing I do is review my charitable giving, including my dues. For my family, it's easier to send in a smaller amount every payday than to do a lump sum, so I've set up through my bank to make my dues payment automatically every payday. It's also possible to do this from shulcloud with your credit or debit card. I've been doing it this way since before shulcloud, so for me it makes sense to keep going. I get paid every other week, so whenever I get a raise, I try to bump up my contribution by 9 or 18 dollars. That nine dollars every two weeks is a lot easier to part with than \$234 all at once!

In years past, among my religious goals, I've committed to reading from various commentaries on the torah portion each week, learning dafyomi, and regular prayer outside of services.

Last year, I worked on (and failed miserably) at preparing for Shabbat each week so I can really feel the joy of Shabbat, and maybe even start having guests for Shabbat dinner or afternoon. This year, I think I'm going to try to buy some Jewish fiction and non fiction on paper instead of on my kindle. Then I can donate it to our library and maybe stick a review in the bulletin.

Shabbat Eikev, Rabbi Sydni talked about focusing on a few mitzvot for the month of Elul, which as this message is released, is just a few days old. I love that idea of focusing on something for just a month. I'm going to add to this challenge. What is one thing you can do to serve our Jewish community this month?

Can you make a donation or volunteer? Can you sign up to coordinate an activity or make a couple dishes to freeze for an oneg that isn't covered? Can you drop me an email telling me what really works and what doesn't work for you in our services and programming? New in the Bulletin is a section with volunteers needed for the following month, let me know if you have ideas to add to that list.

And of course, as we approach the high holidays, if I have upset you, made you feel unheard, or otherwise hurt you and we have not resolved those differences, please let me know so I can ask your forgiveness and find a way to make things right.

President, Rebecca Austin

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 7:30pm, 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

Erev Rosh Hashana

Sunday, September 25, 6:30pm

Rosh Hashana Day 1

Monday, September 26, 9:30am

Rosh Hashana Day 2

Tuesday, September 27, 9:30am

Family Tashlikh at the Duck Pond

Friday, September 30, 5:00pm

Kabbalat Shabbat - Ask the Rabbi

Friday, September 30, 7:30pm

For this month's Ask the Rabbi, we'll have a panel of three Rabbis to whom we can ask questions - Rabbi Natasha Mann, Rabbi Sydney, and Rabbi Feivel. Send in your questions beforehand or come prepared with your burning Jewish questions!

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.

Mutlisyllabic Words

Wednesday September 14, 7:00pm

Exceptions and Oddities

Wednesday September 21, 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 Sydney 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:

Numbers 29-33: September 3

Thank you for leading Rebecca Austin

No Class on September 10

Deuteronomy 3-7 September 17

Thank you for leading Jason Oller

Deuteronomy 8-12 September 24

Thank you for leading Rabbi Natasha Mann

Community Religious School

Religious School has started with much enthusiasm and success thanks to dedicated teachers, parents, and students. The youngest students are learning the blessings for bread, candles and juice by having a practice Shabbat each week. The early elementary students are delving into Jewish values and modeling actions that reflect those values with their "buddies," paper representations of kids their age. And the oldest class (on Sunday mornings) is getting ready for a deep dive into Prophets and Writings.

September will have some great activities outside of the classroom as well:

Over the Labor Day weekend, seventh graders and their parents will tie tzitzit, and explore the traditions of wearing a tallit.

There will not be Religious School or Hebrew on September 25 to allow families to prepare for Rosh Hashanah services that evening.

Please save the dates for October:

October 9 – Sukkah decorating – 10 a.m. at Agudath Achim and 5:00 p.m. at B'nai Zion

October 14 – Consecration at B'nai Zion

October 16 – Simchat Torah Festival at Agudath Achim

October 30 – Blessing of the Pets (to coincide with the Noah parsha)



*Religious School Director,
Barbara Joseph*

Jewish Life In Shreveport

Volunteering!!!

If you would like to volunteer your time to the synagogue, we are always in need of and appreciative for 929 discussion leaders and agudat yeladim (children's service) leaders. To sign up for either of those, for other volunteering opportunities within the synagogue, or for other opportunities within the greater community, please speak to Rabbi Sydni, Rebecca Austin, or Ian Rubinstein.

Mazal tov to Caitlyn Bethany, Caleb Orillion, Kayla, and Aylah on the birth of their newest daughter and sister!

Both mom and baby are healthy and happy. We are excited to celebrate with them at a baby naming, on September 3rd. If you would like to honor our newest, youngest community member, the Orillion and Bethany family would appreciate meals brought or delivered to their home. Please call or email the office for details.

You are also welcome to purchase a gift from their registry.

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



September Schedule of Readings

Saturday	September 3	Torah Reading Haftarah	Shoftim Deuteronomy 19:14 – 21:9 Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12
Saturday	September 10	Torah Reading Haftarah	Ki Teitzei Deuteronomy 24:14 – 25:19 Isaiah 54:1 – 10
Saturday	September 17	Torah Reading Haftarah	Ki Tavo Deuteronomy 27:11 – 29:8 Isaiah 60:1 – 22
Saturday	September 24	Torah Reading Haftarah	Nitzavim Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20 Isaiah 61:9 – 63:10

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

IT'S BEEN A TRADITION AT AGUDATH ACHIM FOR MANY YEARS FOR CONGREGANTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ONEG FOR EREV ROSH HASHANAH. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERTS. SISTERHOOD WILL PROVIDE BEVERAGES.

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 _____

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By: _____

Please make check out to Agudath Achim Sisterhood

Thank you for your donations

Responses after August 25 will be in October bulletin

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

High Holy Days

Book of Remembrance 5783

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 during the Yizkor memorial service.

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

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:

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

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

LULAV AND ETROG ORDER FORM

DATE :

*NOTE: All Orders must be
received by 9/9/22

NAME :

CASH

EMAIL:

CARD

ADDRESS :

CHECK

OTHERS

DESCRIPTION

QTY

COST

Children's set			\$35
Standard Set			\$40
Quality Set			\$45
Prime Set			\$50

NOTES

TOTAL

September Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

Rebecca & Andy Austin September 18

Yasher Koach to our Oneg Sponsors

September 2-3: Dr. Howard Lippton

September 9-10: Sophia Padin's Bat Mitzvah

September 16-17: Dr. Pamela Hebert

September 23-24: Rebecca Austin

NEW KREWE!

Not Mardi Gras, but Kitchen Krewe!

Membership open to members, spouses, and
conversion class

No parade experience necessary

Contact office for information

Happy Birthday

Sophia Padin	September 1
Tessa Miller	September 3
Larry Evensky	September 4
Irma Binder	September 4
Floyd Brooks	September 7
Gill Platt	September 7
Beth Zweig	September 8
Cheryl Shirley	September 10
Gary Yellen	September 10
Rebecca Austin	September 12
Rachel Ginsburg	September 14
Dr. Pamela Hebert	September 15
Kayla Bethany	September 17
Rafael Padin	September 23
Sandra Ginsburg	September 23
Carolyn Sheehan	September 24
Deena Lachman	September 25
Karen Vedlitz	September 25
Michelle Bayer	September 28
Dr. Ricky De Benedetti	September 29

Mazal Tov to Sophia Padin who will be
celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with the
community on September 10th

Donations

In Beloved Memory of

Oliver Dees Hebert

Glenna Josephson Kolanko

Phyllis Kolanko Graham

Maurine Mason

James Adler

James Adler

By

Dr. Pamela Hebert

Marcy Anderson

Marcy Anderson

Jody Levine

Laura Huff

Elliot and Sharon Goldman

In Honor of

Dr. Thomas Strain's Birthday

Dr. David Gross' Birthday

Dr. Richard Zweig's Birthday

Allen Organick's Birthday

Dr. David Gross' Birthday

By

Dr. Thomas Strain

Jamie Jacobsohn

Jamie Jacobsohn

Dr. Richard Zweig

Dr. Richard Zweig

For the Recovery of

Bob Lachman

By

Stephen and Patricia Parker

Rabbi's Fund

Tammy Willson

Sharon and Elliot Goldman

High Holiday Greeting and Pulpit Flowers

David and Sandra Ginsburg

Dr. David and Susan Gross

Dr. Pamela Hebert

September Yahrzeits

Week of

September 4-10

Mildred Yvonne Smith

Glenna Kolanko

Manuel Lincove

Melvin LaCour

Elsie Stegall

Fannye Zelinsky Kottle

Phyllis Kolanko Graham

Ronald Schwartz

Barbara Cullick

Week of

September 11-17

Bertha Roos

Julius Saizow

Ray Hickman

Oliver Dees Hebert

Judah Silberman

Stephen Muslow

Sara Lena Shapiro

Leonard Hyman

Week of

September 18-24

Goldie Toys

Jacob Jerome Abrams

Week of

September 25-October 1

Neil H Nierman

Condolences

We are saddened to share the passing of:

James Adler, grandfather of Rabbi Sydni
Rubinstein

Bryant Davis, grandfather of Yitzi Dowd

Alan Beychok, husband of Nancy Apatov, father
of Alexa, Amanda, and David

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.

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1	Elul 5	2	Elul 6	3 Shoftim	Elul 7
										7:20pm Candle Lighting 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit with Orillion Baby Naming 1:15pm 929 Learning 8:27pm Havdalah	
4	Elul 8	5 Labor Day	Elul 9	6	Elul 10	7	Elul 11	8	Elul 12	9	Elul 13	10 Ki Teitzei	Elul 14
		Office Closed				11:00am Hodesh Hadash - Women's Learning				6:00pm Sophia Padin Bat Mitzvah - at Bnai Zion 7:11pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shabbat Shaharit 10:00am Sophia Padin Bat Mitzvah - at Agudath Achim 8:18pm Havdalah	
11	Elul 15	12	Elul 16	13	Elul 17	14	Elul 18	15	Elul 19	16	Elul 20	17 Selichot - Ki Tavo	Elul 21
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18 Selichot	Elul 22	19 Selichot	Elul 23	20 Selichot	Elul 24	21 Selichot	Elul 25	22 Selichot	Elul 26	23 Selichot	Elul 27	24 Nitzavim	Elul 28
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25 Erev Rosh Hashana	Elul 29	26 Rosh Hashana	Tishrei 1	27 Rosh Hashana	Tishrei 2	28 Fast of Gedalia	Tishrei 3	29	Tishrei 4	30 Selichot AYT	Tishrei 5		
6:30pm Erev Rosh Hashana Service 6:50pm Candle Lighting		9:30am Rosh Hashana 1 - Morning Service 11:00am Agudat Yeladim - Rosh Hashana 7:48 Candle Lighting		9:30am Rosh Hashana 2 - Morning Service 11:00am Agudat Yeladim - Rosh Hashana 7:55pm Havdalah						5:00pm Family Tashlikh at the Duck Pond 6:43pm Candle Lighting 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat - ASK THE RABBIS			