



Agudath Achim  
Shreveport  
Est. 1902

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October 2023

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# The Shul Spiel



## Shabbat Services

### Friday Evening Services

Streaming and In-Person at 7:30pm

### Saturday Morning Services

Streaming and In-Person at 10:00am

### Streaming at

<http://agudathshreveport.com/live-stream>

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## Presidents Message

\*Adapted from Kol Nidre 5784\*

At Agudath Achim, we are in transition. We have been without a Rabbi for a few months, but we are in contract negotiations with Rabbi David Laor, to bring a full time Rabbi back to the Shreveport Conservative community. We have folks who are new to the community who are looking to join our congregation, and folks who are wanting to join the community from other faiths, but we have lost families to cities nearer their families and better job opportunities. We've gotten an insurance payout for the roof and a grant for the windows, at the same time, our long term financial situation cannot be seen as anything other than untenable.

If nothing changed from the end of the last full year of Rabbi Sydni's time with us, that is no new members, no amazing fundraising ideas, and no loss of membership to other areas or death, and Rabbi expenses staying the same, then we project only being able to function for around 7 years. This isn't a new problem. We ran projections before we hired Rabbi Sydni, and we've been working with a deficit as long as I've been involved with the board. A few weeks ago, we had a congregational meeting. At it we chose to take what seems like contradictory steps. We are hiring a Rabbi with a multi-year contract and at the same time, we are exploring ways to reduce our expenses, up to and including the potential of selling or sharing our building.

These ideas have been kicked around before. The empty part of our property has been listed for sale for a number of years, without a reasonable offer. This building means a lot to all of us. Dave Ginsburg has made sure that it stays sound and is grateful to share that the roof repairs finally fixed the leaks we were dealing with for so long. More important though is the people, and our opportunity to come together to learn and to pray, to celebrate, to mourn, to eat and play games, to watch movies that we wouldn't likely come across in local theaters, and that, that is what Agudath Achim is. In 1902, when our synagogue was founded, we didn't have a building, we didn't start building for another 2 years, and moved into our first building in 1905, we moved in 1938, and in the 1960's we decided to move, but weren't sure it was a good idea because the population was declining- that sounds like arguments we hear at board meetings today. We finally moved here to this building in 1981. Now 42 years later, at 121 years of age, we are ensuring that Agudath Achim will continue even if it means changes.

For this to happen, I need you. As each and every one of us is enjoined to grapple with Torah and bring it into our lives, I need each of you to find ways to ensure this Congregation continues. There are many ways to do this. First, of course, is dues and donations. We do watch what we spend while ensuring that we can continue to provide the services all of us depend on but costs keep going up. Second is ideas- I famously have said there are no ideas that are too out there. ... and while of course there are ideas that may not be able to be implemented, that idea can spark other ideas.

If you have an idea for an event, or a fundraiser, or for ways for us to save money, please share it. You can email me at [president@agudathshreveport.com](mailto:president@agudathshreveport.com), drop by the synagogue Wednesday evenings or give me a call. Third is easy- show up. Come to services or events, and participate. Jump into our 929 class- you don't have to come every time or have read the chapters for the week for it to be meaningful but we're reading texts we may not normally engage with and seeing parallels to issues we see around us as well as getting a better understanding of our history. Prep or donate food for oneg or kiddush luncheons.

Come play games with us on the third Shabbat of the month- we actually survived the Oregon Trail Rosh Hashana. Probably because we all asked to be inscribed in the book of Life all day. Once Rabbi Laor arrives, welcome him and his wife to our area, take the opportunity to learn something new with him and to teach him the *minchag hamakom* the customs of our community.

## Cemetery News



Mother Nature has been the biggest force to contend with over the decades in maintaining our cemetery. This year has seen that with a vengeance. The storms in June took down two large oak trees that just happened to fall across our chain link fence. This was on top of the oak tree at the front gate that died from the drought last year. Then there is the cost of the one hundred feet of chain link fence that needed to be repaired and replaced. Eight foot security fencing runs a lot more per foot than four foot residential. Fifteen hundred here, \$2600 there, \$2000 again: real money. A significant hit on the budget of a service that is to last to perpetuity! Total is coming to \$6000 with one more trip by the tree crew. And that is not including monument maintenance.

Most of our crowd has been very complimentary of the management that I have given to the cemetery program. For that, I thank you, knowing it is noticed and acknowledged. Now if you can pitch in and help with a donation to help offset these expenses, it will help guarantee the availability of this facility for future generations in a quality way. Please make your check out to Agudath Achim Cemetery or let Joyce know if you call it in that this is what the funds are for. Thank you for taking the time to read this and respond to our growing need.

Sincerely,

David Ginsburg

# Agudath Achim Life

**New Zoom Link:**

**Meeting ID: 474 120 7862**

**Passcode: Kosher613**

**Board Meeting**



**Monday, October  
23 7:00pm**



## Board Games

Please join us for Board and Card games on the 3rd Saturday evening of each month at 6pm.

Feel free to bring a dairy/parve snack.



October 21 6pm

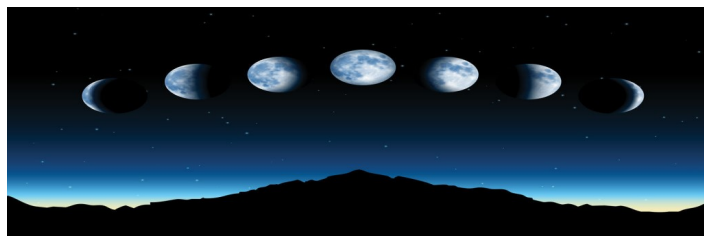
November 18 6pm

December 16 6pm

Come and join in family fun and good fellowship.

## High Holy Day Flowers

**Thank you** to Lindy Alberts, Dr. Thomas Strain, Dr. Karen and Bob Gordon, Sandra and David Ginsburg and especially to Aulds Florist. Katherin and James Aulds do beautiful arrangements for us.



## Womens Group

**Wednesday, October 4, 10:30am  
Lunch at Gullo's - Dutch treat!**

If you would like to come early and/or return after lunch we can help Susan with the Yard Sale.

*We'd love for you to SHOP and/or SELL at our...*

## **Yard Sale**

**Sunday, October 15**

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Agudath Achim parking lot**

Want to convert your junk into cash?

Want to raise \$\$ for the synagogue?

Want to discover hidden gems on a beautiful (we hope) autumn day?

Agudath Achim is hosting a mega yard sale with items from our back rooms, such as furniture, china sets, art work, small appliances, and books. At the moment, we're searching for more great merch to sell, and we welcome your donations. They may be dropped off at AA any weekday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Or for a pick-up, call Susan Gross at 318-617-8162.

**THANK YOU!!**

\*\*\*\*\* P.S. Monetary donations are always appreciated to defray the costs of ads, signs, custodial hours, and volunteer snacks for this event. \*\*\*\*\*

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## **Sisterhood**

### **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Since September 2014, the Kroger stores in Texas and Louisiana have donated \$1.5 million to participating non-profits. The NPO number for Congregation Agudath Achim Sisterhood is KK925. If you are enrolled towards the bottom of your receipt it will print Kroger Community Rewards on your behalf, we are contributing to **CONGREGATION AUGDATH ACHIM SISTERHOOD**.

If you are not already enrolled, you can do so online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).

Your purchases will not count for us until **AFTER** you register your card. You must swipe your Kroger plus card or enter your alternate ID (usually your phone number) for each purchase to count toward the program.

We have recently received a check from Kroger for contributions from the participating members. Donations from Kroger, and you, go toward onegs/Kiddush luncheons and kitchen utensils.

Thank you.





Joshua Silberman	October 2
Steven Bayer	October 5
Curtis Brown	October 5
Elliott Goldman	October 9
Douglas Dlin	October 10
Dr. Karen Gordon	October 12

Andrea Sour	October 13
Marcia Spielberger	October 14
Jody Levine	October 17
Sarah Diebner	October 22
Ada Sheehan	October 23
Aubrie Lurie	October 31
Rosa Tirado	October 31
Arnold Vedlitz	October 31
Thomas Castillo	October 31



**A special  
Happy Birthday  
to Lorraine Soffer  
“Happy 100”  
October 13**

**Happy  
Anniversary**

Justin and Amanda Dodson  
October 5

Dr. David and Susan Gross  
October 12

Steve and Michelle Bayer  
October 17



# Exploring Judaism Class

**Cancelled until mid October. Watch for announcements and October bulletin for updates.**

## 929 Learning : Age Old Text, New Perspectives

**Saturdays, 1:30 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.



### **We need 929 Learning Leaders!**

We still need leaders for October,  
November and December!  
If you would like to sign up using the  
website, go to:

<https://agudathshreveport.com/929-class-leading.html>

You may also call the office from 9am - 1pm,  
M\_F. Joyce will put you on the list.

### **The Schedule for October *929 Learning* will be:**

Jeremiah 31-35	October 7	Rebecca Austin
Jeremiah 36-40	October 14	
Jeremiah 41-45	October 21	
Jeremiah 46-50	October 28	

*Yasher Koach*  
to our  
**Oneg and Kiddush Sponsors**



Friday/Saturday	October 6-7	Sharon and Elliott Goldman
Friday/Saturday	October 13-14	Gary Yellen
Friday/Saturday	October 20 - 21	
Friday/Saturday	October 27-28	

**Oneg/Kiddush Hosts**

If you enjoy the camaraderie after the Friday night and Saturday morning services, please sign up to be a host. Depending on your menu, you can do an oneg and luncheon for approximately \$36 *or more* if you want fancy.

If you're not able to prepare the luncheon in the synagogue kitchen during the week (M-F-9am 1pm); you can drop off the ingredients and recipe for Julie. She's a gem!!

Cookies and crackers with hekhshers are available even in the dollar stores. Feel free to use items in the refrigerator, such as salad dressings.

**Yellow Folders**

with all the "how to", menu suggestions, etc. are in the kitchen and office.

Our tummies thank you!





# October Yahrzeits

**Week of October 1-7**  
**16 Tishri - 22 Tishri**

Marlene Chappell  
Gerald Wayne Orillion  
Sylvia Ginsburg  
Samuel Rubin  
Ashley Goodman

**Week of October 8-14**  
**23 Tishri - 29 Tishri**

Abe Rittman  
Libby Shapiro Lipson  
Paula Taylor  
Harry Wanger  
Jacob Wolchansky  
Louis Suckle  
Elizabeth Siegel

**Week of October 15-21**  
**30 Tishri - 6 Cheshvan**

Cipa Taylor  
Sam Segal  
Joshua S. M. Belen  
Larry Spielberger  
Max Toys  
Bessie Carroll

**Week of October 22-28**  
**7 Cheshvan - 13 Cheshvan**

Abie Murov  
Charles Rubenstein  
Bessie Wanger  
Bertha Strausman  
Tracey Sharon Lurie-Sklar  
Steven Soffer  
Morton Marcovitz  
Adrian Miller

**Week of October 29 - November 4**  
**14 Cheshvan - 20 Cheshvan**

Herman Gardsbane  
Abe Goodman  
Richard Larry Dowd

## Donations

**In Beloved Memory of:**  
**Abe Ritman**

**By:**  
**Janet Ritman**

**For recovery of:**  
Bob Lachman  
Rabbi Jacquie Marx

**By:**  
**David and Sandra Ginsburg**  
**Rebecca Austin**

**Additional Gifts and  
donations made to  
Synagogue:**

Thank you to those that have contributed to our  
**Project Isaiah campaign** and placed items in the  
boxes for the North Louisiana Food Bank.

While every effort is made to provide accurate and current information, if there are any omissions or errors, please advise the office so that corrections can be made. Thank you.

Sunday			Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	16 Tishri	2	17 Tishri	3	18 Tishri	4	19 Tishri	5 Tishri	20	6 Hoshana Rabah	21 Tishri	7 Chemini Atzeret Yizkor	22 Tishri	
10:00am	Sukkot II Shahaarit	Chol Hamoed Sukkot		Chol Hamoed Sukkot		Chol Hamoed Sukkot		Chol Hamoed Sukkot		6:35pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shabbat Shahaarit		
7:50pm Havdalah		Intermediate Day		Intermediate Day		10:30am Women's Group		Office Closed		7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat		1:30pm 929 Learning		
								Intermediate Day				7:34pm Candle Lighting		
8	Simchat Torah 23 Tishri	9	24 Tishri	10	25 Tishri	11	26 Tishri	12	27 Tishri	13	28 Tishri	14 Mevarchim Bereshit 29 Tishri		
10:00am	Shahaarit Simhat Torah											10:00am Shabbat Shahaarit		
12:30pm										6:27pm Candle Lighting		1:30pm 929 Learning		
7:41pm										7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat		7:34pm Havdalah		
15	Rosh Chodesh 30 Tishri	16	1 Cheshvan	17	2 Cheshvan	18	3 Cheshvan	19	4 Cheshvan	20	5 Cheshvan	21	Noach 6 Cheshvan	
										6:19pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shabbat Shahaarit		
										7:30pm Erev Shabbat Services		11:00 Agudat Yeladim		
												1:30pm 929 Learning		
												6:00pm Board Games		
22	7 Cheshvan	23	8 Cheshvan	24	9 Cheshvan	25	10 Cheshvan	26	11 Cheshvan	27	12 Cheshvan	28	13 Cheshvan	
		7pm Board Meeting								6:11pm Candle Lighting		10:00am Shabbat Shahaarit		
										7:30pm Shabbat Services		1:30pm 929 Learning		
29	14 Cheshvan	30	15 Cheshvan	31	16 Cheshvan	1	17 Cheshvan	2	18 Cheshvan	3	19 Cheshvan	4	20 Cheshvan	