

# Congregation Agudas Achim

## KOLENU

“Our Voice”



August 2011

Av - Elul 5771

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### August dates to remember

- ✧ Saturday, August 6
  - College Shabbat
  - Summer Shabbat Celebration
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- ✧ Tuesday, August 9
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- ✧ Monday, August 29
  - Executive Committee Meeting
  - Board of Trustees Meeting
- ✧ Tuesday, August 30
  - Sisterhood Board Meeting

## Heintz Preschool MAGGABIAH SPORTS CAMP

### Counselors in Training



*Pictured from left to right.*

**Front Row:** Jason, Zach, Abby, Katie, Josh, Randall, Jon, Lexi  
**Back Row:** Peter, Jonas, Micky, Hannah

This summer, Heintz Preschool was once again lucky enough to have the best summer camp Counselors in Training in San Antonio! Our CITs were experts in fun and made sure that each camper had a great time. Thank you CITs! We hope to see you back next summer!

# May I Have A Word With You



## Rabbinic Reflections

During the summer months, when many are away from the synagogue on vacation, we read the fifth Book of the Torah, the Book of Deuteronomy, whose wisdom and majesty can inspire us

deeply.

Devarim, as it is known in Hebrew, abounds in laws, rules and ordinances. There is one remarkable thing about them that calls for our attention. Instead of using the prescribed expressions of threat of punishment, Moses uses another verb. It is not “to legislate” or “to order,” but “to teach.”

“And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances which I teach you, to do them; that you may live.”

Laws don't seem to be enforced, but they are taught. They should be hearkened to not because breaking them will cause death, but because they teach us how to live.

The process of teaching culminates in the call issued by Moses, and which, since then, has become our dogma. “Sh'ma Yisrael, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.” Sh'ma does not mean just to listen or to hear; it essentially means to understand, to grasp the acceptance of God as one and unique. The Sh'ma is not imposed as a sudden command; it is the result of an extended process leading to the self-understanding of the truth.

When one reaches that high point of understanding in his/her learning, one then must turn learning into teaching.

When I applied to the Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America many years ago, I thought that one studies in order to become a Rabbi. I just needed to study to become a Rabbi. But quickly I learned that study is not a luxury in Judaism, it is a religious commandment. Everybody should do it, regardless of one's personal status; rich or poor, scholar or layman, one is obligated to study. Study is a form of worship and worship is presented many times in our liturgy as a form of study. A “Shul” or “Shula” means simply a school. When you come to Shul, you come to school to learn and sometimes to teach. And one, I must say, never graduates from learning Torah. One learns as long as one lives. In our tradition, Moses is not known as Moses the liberator, but as Moshe Rabbeinu: Moses our teacher. That is the greatest title that could be bestowed on any person.

Learning is connected to life, in Judaism. In our tradition, the ultimate purpose of learning is to fulfill in ever-greater measure the highest and noblest ideals of morality, justice and compassion.

So whatever you learn or read this summer, I hope it will bring you closer to our tradition. Whatever you learn new from our tradition, I hope you will accept and practice as a learning experience.

May I suggest, you take a new look to our “Brit Kehila,” “Synagogue Covenant,” and decide for the summer months in anticipation of the High Holy Day season to learn and practice something new about our tradition.

Have a great summer!

*Rabbi Leonardo Bitran*



### The Gift of Community

During the last week in May, I had the honor to represent our congregation at the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Cantors Assembly International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Although I have always found teaching

and studying with my colleagues to be extremely meaningful and inspiring, I approached this year's gathering with a unique perspective. Now, as the newest incoming International Officer of the Cantors Assembly, every conversation I had, every meeting in which I participated, each session I attended or facilitated became infused with new meaning and significance, for I was keenly aware that in accepting my recent nomination, and then being elected by my colleagues at the Annual Meeting, I had taken on the tremendous yoke of responsibility for the future success of the Conservative Cantorate over the next ten plus years, which would eventually lead to service as the International President of our organization.

I know that we have all had similar "AHA!" moments, those experiences that have made us realize that along with associating with or belonging to a group, a synagogue, or an organization, there comes a time when we are personally compelled to give more of ourselves—more time, more professional expertise, or more of our personal resources—in order for the entity to continue to grow and flourish, and in turn, in order for us to continue to grow and flourish. Perhaps we initially serve because it supports personal or professional needs. Maybe we participated in a way that was convenient for us, and we received obvious benefits through our association. Do we truly appreciate and recognize the group's higher purpose and ideals, or do we simply desire to be associated with like minded people? How do we

take the next steps, from merely receiving, to becoming more involved, and ultimately becoming transformed into a committed participant who in turn empowers others' participation?

Over the years I have seen countless examples of the power of this transformative process in synagogue life. I have witnessed it within young students or adult learners who are given the opportunity to share their newly acquired skills with their peers and with their community, with parents who jointly prepared alongside their children for public ritual events, and with reticent volunteers who conquered their considerations and who joyfully participated with others in communal projects.

What does it take to experience one of these "AHA!" moments? The first step is to show up and receive what your synagogue community has to offer. Who knows how you might be transformed because of it? Perhaps, like others before you, the more you give of yourself, the more you will ultimately receive from your relationships with those around you. The creation of an entire community begins with a simple first step, and results in a web of relationships that ultimately support others. Isn't that what truly belonging to the Agudas Achim community is all about? Step forward and receive the gift of community!

*B'Shalom,*

*Hazzan Jeremy Lipton*

## Message From the Executive Director



I've often heard the job of synagogue executive director referred to as "the hot seat," but it was never truer than during June when our synagogue's air conditioning system died.

We limped (or wilted) through three weeks of 95 degree temperatures with portable room coolers and fans, and services were held in the Cohen Rotunda and in the courtyard. The problem was fixed July 1, but only temporarily. The chiller, the part that makes the air cool, has been replaced with a temporary unit that works very well, but is very expensive – \$9,000 a month. That's why I'm working very hard to get a new permanent chiller installed ASAP.

Unfortunately, a permanent chiller is expensive, too. We got three bids from excellent companies, and the one we chose will cost nearly \$125,000. The unit has been ordered and will be installed later this month.

While this is a big pill to swallow, it's certainly not the only one we face. Any casual observer of the building has surely noticed that the entire exterior

needs to be power-washed, painted and sealed, and all of the rotted wood in the courtyard needs to be replaced. We've also experienced roof leaks, and need to be ready for major repairs there in the next year or two.

Major repairs and renovations to 14-year-old buildings are to be expected, and we are fortunate to have made it this long without major capital expense. Our building is beautiful and very functional, but it needs a significant investment if it's to remain that way for another 14 years and beyond. The building maintenance fee that all members pay annually is for normal, ongoing maintenance of the building; it cannot address even one of these major repairs, let alone all four.

I'm sorry that my first message to you as Interim Executive Director deals with major repairs to our building, but the simple fact is, that's what we face. Be assured that your synagogue leaders are committed to doing the best we can with the resources available. I'll keep you posted.

*Mike Kelne*

Interim Executive Director

### We're Going To Israel in 2012!



Make your plans for **June/July 2012** to join your Agudas Achim family on an 11 to 14 day trip to beautiful Israel! We are going to start researching tour companies in order to get the best possible price and itinerary for our trip. More details will be coming very soon. Please call Rose in the synagogue office at 479-0307 and let her know if you are interested in joining us. You may also email her at [r.arellano@agudas-achim.org](mailto:r.arellano@agudas-achim.org).

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## President's Remarks



Welcome to the dog days of summer. July taught a lot of us to be careful what we wish for. I remember those nice, cool Shabbat mornings in shul sitting on the pulpit facing my fellow congregants. I remember seeing them getting all bundled up in their coats and shawls and, after services, complaining how cold it is in the building. And then all hell broke loose. Our chiller died, and I sat and watched everyone melt from the heat. We tried fans and coolers and nothing relieved us from the sweltering heat. After all, our shul was not designed with windows that open to allow for air movement. Those days are now behind us thanks to the efforts of our Interim Executive Director Mike Kelne. We now have a portable 200-ton chiller connected to our system providing all the cool air we need. Let this be a lesson to learn from all of this. Our building is aging and in dire need of repair. This was a warning shot, although a big one; it's just a preview of other events that are coming if we don't start giving our building some tender loving care. We are blessed to have a beautiful shul, but it hasn't had any real maintenance done to it since it was built over 14 years ago.

Repairs take money and unfortunately we don't have a surplus of money. I am working with Mike and our house committee prioritizing future repair and maintenance projects. We will gather the data and get bids and see exactly what it's going to take to get our shul back into pristine condition. I will report back to you as more information becomes available.

I just returned from a wonderful trip to Israel. I was honored to be part of an economic study between the City of San Antonio and the State of Israel put on by our own Federation and the Israeli Consulates office. Mayor Castro and many other government heads from San Antonio made their first visit to the Holy Land. We were also honored to have Rabbis Barry Block and Chaim Block with us. Israel rolled out the red carpet for our

delegation, and it was a very beneficial trip for our city's economic growth and green future. For me it was the trip of a lifetime, hobnobbing with all the Israeli government and business leaders. I thank the Jewish Federation of San Antonio for including me in this trip and for the important role the Federation plays for all of us here and everywhere around the world.

Now it's time to get back to business and start preparing for the High Holy Days. They are a little over a month away and will be here before you know it. I'm looking forward to the September issue of the Kolenu. It's going to take on our new look and format. Our marketing committee has been hard at work for months coming up with the concept and building a new image for our Synagogue. I think everyone will be very excited about our new look. We look forward to hearing everyone's feedback.

Our committees have been working very hard this summer. Membership has a special 4-month free membership deal going for first time visitors to Agudas. It's a deal too good to pass up and, hopefully, we will do a good job and turn these memberships into future members of our congregation. We are also planning a trip to Israel in June of 2012. Plans will be finalized in August, and registration will begin for what is turning into an amazing congregational trip. The response has been overwhelming, and we have a very exciting itinerary planned that covers the country North to South including visiting Petra, Jordan. If you are interested, please contact the Synagogue office for details. Our program committee has a whole slew of events planned for this summer including the popular Summer Shabbat Celebration and poker and mahjongg tournaments just to name a few.

Well, that's about it for this month. Stay cool, and, as always, I look forward to seeing everyone at shul or at one of the many programs we have planned throughout the summer.

*Robi Jalnos, President*

## Chai Lights



**Sam Grossman** will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah with family and friends when he is called to the Torah on Saturday, September 3, 2011. Sam is the son of Meg and Tim Grossman and brother of Sydney. He is the grandson of Dr. Jerry and Gerry Friedman of St. Louis, Missouri and the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grossman of Batesville, Indiana.

Sam is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor student at the Krueger School of Applied Technology. Sam is on the tennis team at school and also plays competitive baseball. He incorporated his love of baseball into his Mitzvah Project. Sam will be collecting new and gently used baseball equipment to donate to the village of Yantalo, Peru. If you wish to donate any equipment, there will be baseball bags and boxes at the entrance of the Synagogue on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Linda and Marvin Aboloff** will reach 50 years of marriage on August 20<sup>th</sup>, and celebrate the occasion in style with dinner and lots of dancing with family and friends. The couple has three children; Jeff,

married to Shelley and living in Houston, Jules, living in Austin, and Molly, married to Michael and living in San Antonio. They have four grandchildren, Alyssa and Mason Aboloff, and Emma and Aidan Sowry. The former Linda Jean Polunsky, a native San Antonian, married Marvin Aboloff of Philadelphia, PA on August 20, 1961 at Congregation Agudas Achim here in San Antonio. Marvin and Linda met at a Jewish Bagel Breakfast organized for Army Officers stationed at Ft. Sam Houston.

Congratulations to **Elaine Barenblat** on her graduation from University of North Texas School of Education. Elaine has majored in Special Needs and has passed all certifications with flying colors!! Elaine is the daughter of **Sheri and Brad Barenblat**, granddaughter of **Sylvia Wilk** and the late Joe Wilk, and Liana and Marvin Barenblat.

**Tevia and Joel Friedman** are proud to announce the recent marriage of their niece, Dr. Heather Zissman, to Dr. Doug Fishman in Houston, Texas. Heather is the

daughter of Debbie Friedman Zissman, of blessed memory, sister of Joel Friedman and Edward Zissman. Debbie is a former Agudas Achim member who was confirmed here. After Heather and Doug honeymoon in New Zealand, they will reside in Houston.

On behalf of the President, Officers, and Board of Directors of Congregation Agudas Achim, we offer a heartfelt *Mazal Tov* and *Yasher Koach* to **Hazzan Lipton** on his recent election as an International Officer of the Cantors Assembly at their 64<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention in Toronto. We recognize that Hazzan Lipton's new position as one of only six elected leaders of the Conservative Movement's Cantorate will bring honor and recognition to our congregation over the next decade and beyond, as his ongoing presence, leading to his eventual service as the President of the Cantors Assembly, will steer the course of this, the largest professional organization of *Hazzanim* in the world.

**Ruth Rutstein Posner** is thrilled to announce the birth of her 18<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild. Brady Isaac Rutstein was born on May 18<sup>th</sup> to Dianne and Avi Rutstein. Avi is the son of Ruth's first child, Larry Rutstein.

Mazel Tov to **David Present** for being awarded the Docent of the Year Award for 2011 by the San Antonio Holocaust Memorial Museum.

**Sally Scharff** is proud to announce the graduation of her daughter, **Samantha Scharff**, from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Studies.

### 1958 Kindergarten Photo Request

Around 1958, the Agudas Achim kindergarten took a field trip to Harry Goodman's Midas Muffler store on N Main Avenue, and the Goodmans took a photograph of all the kids. At that time, all the families of the students in attendance received a copy of the photograph. We would like to find a copy of the photograph. Unfortunately, the Goodman family cannot locate a copy or the negative.

If you have a copy of the photograph, or know where one can be found, please contact Amy in the synagogue office at 479-0307 or by email at [a.levine@agudas-achim.org](mailto:a.levine@agudas-achim.org). We would like to scan the photograph and publish it in the Kolenu.

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## Chai Lights

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*"I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good, therefore, that I can show to any human being,  
let me do it now.  
Let me not defer nor neglect it,  
for I shall not pass this way again."  
~~Stephen Grellet~~*

Having had the opportunity to live in various parts of this country, I have also had the opportunity to meet a number of distinct individuals and unforgettable characters. These chance meetings often developed into lasting friendships and relationships. As would be expected, many of these friendships have had a lasting impression on me and my family. I have a dear friend who, at the age of 83, can still crawl under a car to change the oil, and who has taught me much about the uniqueness of maintaining an old British car. There was the vice president of a bank who took the time from a busy schedule to teach me how to use a dagger board and to correctly trim a sail. There was the Rabbi who thought enough of us to call inquiring about our health and our absence from services. There, too, was the gentleman I met on a British car website comparing life cycle events, noting the commonality of friends and the inclusion of extended family members. I hope that in my brief time here, I have managed to make a positive impact on your life.

*Michael Linn*

### Care Calendar

This past June, the congregants of Agudas Achim came together to make dinners for one of our own. Dr. Rebecca Garfinkle left for deployment in Iraq in March of 2011. She will return in September. In the meantime, a Care Calendar was initiated to help feed family left behind: husband Mark and three-year-old Abram.

Rebecca sent an email stating that she is so thankful that we are taking care of her family. It has meant a great deal to her as well as to her husband, Mark. A huge "thank you" to all of you who have assisted by creating a meal for this family. Let's keep it going until September! If you would like to help with this worthwhile Mitzvah, the website is: [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org), login: **76357**, and password: **5550**.

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## Tisha B'Av

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**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** Ma'ariv/Erev Tisha B'Av Service - 8:00 p.m.  
Fast Begins - 8:21 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** Tisha B'Av Service - 7:00 a.m.  
Fast Ends 8:46 p.m.

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*"For 830 years there stood an edifice upon a Jerusalem hilltop which served as the point of contact between heaven and earth. So central was this edifice to the relationship between man and God that nearly two-thirds of the mitzvot are contingent upon its existence. Its destruction is regarded as the greatest tragedy of our history, and its rebuilding will mark the ultimate redemption - the restoration of harmony within God's creation and between God and his creation."*

*~ Anonymous*



For twenty centuries, Tisha B'Av, the ninth of Av, has been the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is known as the White Fast; Tisha B'Av is called the Black Fast. It commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, the death of Bar Kochba, and the last rebellion against Rome in 135 CE, as well as the expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290 and from Spain in 1492, and the first mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942.

When they could, Jews would go to the area near the *Kotel* (the Western Wall) to read *Eicha* (the Book of Lamentations) and to weep. Most Jews, of course, could not go to Jerusalem, and during many periods, the *Kotel* area was inaccessible.

Today, with the establishment of the State of Israel, there is some question as to whether Tisha B'Av is still necessary. The debate continues. We observe the day to recognize its symbolic power and acknowledge that we must still grieve the destruction of the Temples, which cracked our sense of connectedness to God. **Please join us in this opportunity to connect with history and experience Tisha B'Av.**

5772/2011  
**High Holy Days Schedule**



**Selichot**

Saturday, September 24  
Havdalah and Ice Cream Social  
8:10 p.m.  
Special Program  
guest speaker to be announced  
and  
“Mastering the Mahzor”  
and  
“Shofar Sho Good”  
Presented by Rabbi Bitran and  
Hazzan Lipton  
8:30 p.m.  
Torah Scroll Mantle Change and  
Procession - 10:00 p.m.  
Selichot Service - 10:30 p.m.

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Wednesday, September 28  
8:00 p.m.  
*Babysitting provided during service*

**First Day Rosh Hashanah**

Thursday, September 29  
8:00 a.m.  
*Babysitting provided during service*

**Second Day Rosh Hashanah**

Friday, September 30  
8:00 a.m.  
*Babysitting provided during service*  
Kiddush following

**Kabbalat Shabbat/Mishpacha  
(Family) Service**

Friday, September 30  
6:15 p.m.  
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**Shabbat Shuvah**

Saturday, October 1  
9:00 a.m.

**Kever Avot/Memorial Services**

Sunday, October 2  
Memorial Gardens - 9:00 a.m.  
Palmetto Street - 11:00 a.m.

**Tashlich Service**

Sunday, October 2  
Riverwalk at original  
Agudas Achim site  
5:00 p.m.

**Kol Nidre**

Friday, October 7  
6:45 p.m.  
*Babysitting provided during service*

**Yom Kippur**

Saturday, October 8  
9:00 a.m.  
*Babysitting provided during services*  
Musaf - 11:15 a.m.  
**Yizkor** - 12:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Recess  
1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
*Babysitting provided during services*

Avodah - 3:45 p.m.  
Martyrology - 4:15 p.m.  
Mincha - 5:00 p.m.  
Neilah - 6:15 p.m.

Children's Processional - Final  
Shofar - Family Havdalah  
7:54 p.m.  
Break the Fast In Memory of  
Ruth Reif

**Erev Sukkot**

Wednesday, October 12  
6:15 p.m.

**Sukkot First Day**

Thursday, October 13  
9:00 a.m.

**Sukkot Second Day**

Friday, October 14  
9:00 a.m.

**Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv  
Service**

Friday, October 14  
6:15 p.m.  
Family Dinner - 7:00 p.m.  
*Reservation required*

**Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot  
Service**

Saturday, October 15  
9:00 a.m.

**Heintz Preschool's  
Pizza-in-the-Hut**

Tuesday, October 18  
6:00 p.m.  
*Reservation Required*

**Hoshanah Rabbah**

Wednesday, October 19  
7:00 a.m.

**Erev Sh'mini Atzeret**

Wednesday, October 19  
6:15 p.m.

**Sh'mini Atzeret (Yizkor)**

Thursday, October 20  
9:00 a.m.  
**Yizkor Service** - 11:00 a.m.

**Erev Simchat Torah**

Thursday, October 20  
Family Dinner - 6:00 p.m.  
*Reservation required*  
Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Dancing with Sifrei Torah  
7:15 p.m.  
Dessert following

**Simchat Torah**

Friday, October 21  
Service & Dancing with  
Sifrei Torah  
9:00 a.m.

**Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv  
Service**

Friday, October 21  
6:15 p.m.

**Shabbat Morning Service**

Saturday, October 22  
9:00 a.m.



# 5772 High Holy Days 2011 Youth Services



We invite all our congregants and guests to participate in a variety of exciting age-appropriate programs throughout the High Holy Days. We have planned a rich and varied program of worship and study with engaging activities for all ages.

**Rosh Hashanah**  
**First and Second Day**  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

***Yeladim***  
**Birth - 3 Years Old**

**Yom Kippur**  
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Location**

Gurinsky Family Social Hall

Join Dena Hoenig Valdez, Director of the Heintz Preschool, for a parent and child interactive program. The program will include story time, games and a special project and will conclude with a snack.

**Rosh Hashanah**  
**First and Second Day**  
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

***Chaverim***  
**Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Yom Kippur**  
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Location**

Vexler Chapel

Join Silvana Bacman, Family Education Director, for a fun and exciting service. Children may attend this service with or without their parents. The service concludes with a snack.

***Junior Congregation***  
**Group One: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**      **Group Two: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Rosh Hashanah**  
**First and Second Day**  
10:45 a.m. - Conclusion of service in the  
Alterman Salkind Louis Sanctuary

**Yom Kippur**  
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location**

\*3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade - School Wing Rooms 9 and 10

\*6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Vexler Chapel

\*Groups will rotate locations and end in the opposite location

Join Karen Katims, Director of the Inda Posner Religious School, Silvana Bacman and Rachel Stern for Junior Congregation Yom Tov services, fun holiday programming. Snack will be served on Rosh Hashanah.

**Rosh Hashanah**  
**First Day**  
11:00 a.m.

***Conversations and Connections***  
**9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**\*Yom Kippur**  
1:15 p.m.

**Location**

Erica Rutstein Youth Lounge

Here's your opportunity to be heard! Awesome holiday-related discussions for ALL high school age students. Refreshments will be served on Rosh Hashanah. \*Join Rabbi Bitran and Hazzan Lipton on Yom Kippur for *Conversations and Connections*.

# Book of Remembrance



Perhaps the most sacred moment of the High Holy Days season is when, as a Congregation, we collectively and individually recall those of our loved ones who are no longer with us. To sit in our inspiring sanctuary on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, and to recall a voice, a smile, a gesture, an idea, a face, a tear, reinforces the very purpose of our Yiskor service...the continuity of life.

According to the *Gematria* (Jewish Numerology), the value of the word "chai" is 18. Chai means life. We use the words "L'Chai'im" when we celebrate, have a milestone, acknowledge a birthday, attend a wedding or recognize an anniversary. We change the Hebrew name to "Chaim" when one is gravely ill in hopes that the Angel of Death will be confused. We use \$18.00 and multiples whenever we think of tzedakah, social justice and those in need. Therefore, we use \$18.00 and multiples of \$18.00 in hopes of giving them life.

This coming Yom Kippur, adding to the importance of the day, we will once again publish our Book of Remembrance. Please fill out the form below and return it, along with your payment, to Rose Arrellano in the Synagogue Office **BEFORE September 9, 2011** so your loved one's names may be printed in this year's book.

**Names from last year's book are not automatically carried over to this year.**

**The September 9<sup>th</sup> deadline will be kept and we regret that we cannot make any exceptions.**

The first six names remembered are \$18 per name.

Additional names will be listed at \$10 per name.

Please include the following names in the **Book of Remembrance**:

Please put in the order you want names listed:

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Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Names at \$18 per name; \_\_\_\_\_ Names at \$10 per name; for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorial Plaques

## Memorial Plaques

Orders for memorial plaques are now being accepted. If you wish to honor a loved one, please complete the order form below and return it, with payment, to Rose Arrellano in the synagogue office. Cost per plaque is \$525.

### Memorial Plaque Order Form

Name on Plaque \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_\_\_ Disc \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Sukkot Supplies

## Sukkot Supplies Order Form



Just around the corner is one of the most joyous seasons of the Jewish year - the week-long festival of Sukkot, which has dual origins. Agriculturally, it celebrates the final gathering of fruits and produce for the year. Historically, it represents the journey of Israel through the desert after the exodus from Egypt. Building a Sukkah at home during this fun-filled holiday can be one of the most important steps in building a positive Jewish identity and a joyful attitude toward being Jewish. And it's fun!

**Schach:** These are the palm fronds that cover the top of your Sukkah. They come in bundles of 5. An average 8' x 12' Sukkah uses 5 bundles; an 8' x 10' uses 4 bundles; an 8' x 8' uses 3 bundles.

**Lulav and Etrog:** A palm branch together with willow and myrtle sprigs along with the citron fruit. These come boxed and assembled.

**I would like to order:**

\_\_\_\_\_ schach (palm frond bundles) at \$12 each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ lulav and etrog sets at \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to Congregation Agudas Achim. **Your order will not be processed without payment.**

**Deadline for orders is Friday, September 2, 2011.**

*You will be notified when items are ready for pickup.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# High Holy Days

## Parking . . . Parking . . . Parking!

*“When Solomon said there was a time and a place for everything, he had not encountered the problem of parking his automobile.”*

*~ Bob Edwards*



Don't want to schlep on the shuttle or sweat in the heat? If you are interested in a reserved parking spot for the High Holy Days, just mail in a check or credit card payment for \$250, or contact Amy Levine at 479-0307 or [a.levine@agudas-achim.org](mailto:a.levine@agudas-achim.org). Your prompt attention will assure your parking space as there are limited spaces available.

## Important Message - Overflow Parking

We are pleased to announce that once again Concordia Lutheran Church is kindly allowing us to use their parking lot for High Holy Days overflow parking. Overflow parking will be permitted ONLY in the Concordia Lutheran parking lot and only on the days indicated below. The shuttle van will begin a half hour before each service:

- ✧ Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Wednesday, September 28
- ✧ First Day Rosh Hashanah  
Thursday, September 29
- ✧ Kol Nidre  
Friday, October 7
- ✧ Yom Kippur  
Saturday, October 8

We thank Concordia Lutheran for the generous use of their parking lot this year. **We have been asked to park closest to the frontage road of 1604, away from their church and buildings.**

## Tashlich Service at Original Synagogue Site



**Tashlich**

The Agudas Achim Tashlich service will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.** at a very special and sacred location. The service will be held on the

Riverwalk at 102 Aubrey Street, at the corner of Old Guilbeau, the site of the first synagogue of Congregation Agudas Achim. Riverwalk access from street level is via both a stairway and wheelchair ramp. The location is one block north of Durango Blvd. and two blocks north of the King William area, at the south end of downtown.

## High Holy Days Tickets Available for Individual Holidays

Once again this year, we are selling High Holy Days tickets to unaffiliated non-members at a charge of \$75 per person for one High Holy Day or \$125 per person for both High Holy Days.

## Meet New Friends - Be an Usher for the High Holy Days

Where does the time go? The High Holy Days are fast approaching. We need volunteer ushers for High Holy Day services. Ushers are needed for *Erev Rosh Hashanah*, first and second day *Rosh Hashanah*, *Erev Yom Kippur*, and *Yom Kippur*. Ushers at the daytime services will work in shifts.

Our ushering staff is completely egalitarian. Men and women are welcome. The staff is also diverse in age and young people in USY are as welcome as their parents and grandparents. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mike Kelne at [m.kelne@agudas-achim.org](mailto:m.kelne@agudas-achim.org).

## It's in the Mail . . . Soon



It's that time of year already! We're getting closer to completing the High Holy Days packets and they will be sent out soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding ticket policy, reserved parking or any other information, call the office at 479-0307, and we'll be happy to answer your questions!



## Congregation Agudas Achim 2011 High Holy Days Babysitting Registration



Congregation Agudas Achim families and their guests attending evening and morning services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are invited to bring their young children (birth - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and leave them with a professional babysitter in the Kolitz-Silber Education Wing. Please fill out this form and return it to the synagogue office so that we know how many babysitters will be needed. We cannot accommodate children who are above 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. There will be Junior Congregation for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Please be sure to leave a well stocked diaper bag if applicable.** Children should be picked up immediately after the close of services or before. Babysitting is provided for parents while attending services only; for the safety of your child(ren), we ask that you not leave the building during services. If you must leave the building, please pick up your child(ren) from babysitting.

**\*A registration form is required for all children to be admitted to babysitting\*  
Please return this form by Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number in Case of Emergency During Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please keep your cell phone on vibrate)*

Please indicate the dates your child(ren) will be in our childcare:

Date	Times Available During Services	Name of Child(ren) and Age(s) - Please Print Clearly
Erev Rosh Hashanah 9/28	7:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	_____
First Day Rosh Hashanah 9/29	7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	_____
Second Day Rosh Hashanah 9/30	7:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	_____
Kol Nidre 10/7	6:30 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.	_____
Yom Kippur 10/8	8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	_____

My child has permission to leave the babysitting room ONLY with \_\_\_\_\_

Snacks will be provided during all babysitting sessions. No outside food is allowed in the babysitting room. Please list any food allergies or concerns that we should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Babysitting is provided free of charge as a courtesy to our congregants and guests. However, if you would like to help offset this synagogue expense, we encourage a donation in an amount of your discretion. Thank you for helping Congregation Agudas Achim provide quality babysitting to your family.

YES, I would be delighted to help defray the cost of High Holiday babysitting. Please accept my donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options:  Check (enclosed)  Visa  MC  AmEx  Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Heintz Preschool Keeps Its Cool Thanks to Our Wonderful Community



Heintz Preschool and Congregation Agudas Achim would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus, Barshop Jewish Community Center and the Eleanor Kolitz Academy for their generous donation of classroom space to our preschool summer camp while the synagogue sorted out our air conditioning situation.

Without any hesitation, Mike Griffin, Saul Levenshus and Allison Oakes took our needs into consideration and did everything possible to ensure continuity in our preschool's summer curriculum. Moving to the Campus allowed Heintz Preschool to proceed with our Handwriting Without Tears Camp and not disappoint our happy campers.

We always knew Heintz Preschool was cool and thanks to our community, our summer was, too!

## Cooking Camp Stirs Up Fun

Here's the scoop on Heintz Preschool's Summer Cooking Camp: our little chefs never sausage fun! We scrambled to do all the fun activities and were exhausted after pudding in such a busy week; it just whisked by! We all took the thyme to ketchup on our cooking skills and camp couldn't have been butter! Simmer down and enjoy some pitchers:



## Have You Registered Your Child for the 2011/2012 School Year?



If not, just click over to [www.agudas-achim.org](http://www.agudas-achim.org) and click the "schools" bar on the left. Scroll down and you'll see the registration prompt!

### **IPRS Looks Forward to Another Successful Year with The Institute of Southern Jewish Life Curriculum**

Two years ago IPRS adopted the Goldring Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) curriculum, and we are delighted that we will continue with the program for the 2011-2012 school year.

The ISJL Religious School Education Program is the primary resource IPRS teachers use to create a solid curriculum, with each grade benefitting from 30 two-hour lesson plans. Different content areas are covered in different years, and are repeated at increasing levels of sophistication. These creative lessons provide the tools our teachers use to create their own unique lesson plans catered to their personal teaching style and modifying the material to the classes' individual makeup.

The curriculum includes virtually all aspects of Jewish education: community, culture and symbols, God, Hebrew and Prayer, Israel, Jewish History, Jewish Holidays, Jewish Lifecycle events, Mitzvot and Jewish Values, and Tanach (Torah, Prophets and Writings). Incorporated into lessons are multiple options for the diverse needs of many kinds of learners, such as visual, auditory and kinesthetic activities. The lessons include text and story books, music, games, physical activities, discussion points and group projects. Music, art, drama, cooking and games, along with reading and worksheets are all important educational activities that are part of the ISJL activities.

Our teachers also benefit from unlimited access to an ISJL Education Fellow for guidance, innovative ideas, inspiration and problem solving throughout

the school year. Our ISJL Fellow has conducted workshops at our staff development sessions and contributes to our annual Shabbaton weekends by helping with programming for the weekend, accompanying us, and interacting and teaching our students first-hand.












Being an ISJL partner congregation means that we are connected to a network of 78 congregations in the southern United States. ISJL also hosts an annual conference in its home city of Jackson, Mississippi, wherein IPRS Director, Karen Katims, attends two days of workshops with the ISJL professional staff, along with guest faculty from across the country providing an overview of the program. Attendees have the opportunity to choose sessions that address the specific needs of their schools and network with their peers.

We are also very fortunate that we have the ISJL Director of Education, Rachel Stern, as a member of Agudas Achim and on our staff. Her credentials and experience enrich our school profoundly. As the ISJL Director of Education, she is easily accessible to our staff as a consultant. Rachel also teaches at IPRS, and her children are enrolled in our religious school.

We are very proud to be teaching the ISJL curriculum and are very pleased at the level of knowledge our students achieve every year. From K'tantan through Confirmation, we are confident the children of our congregation are receiving the best possible Jewish education we can provide.













# Congregation Agudas Achim

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Av 1	2 Av 2	3 Av 3	4 Av 4	5 Av 5	6 Av 6
	Erev Tisha B'Av Service 8:00 p.m.	Tisha B'Av Service 7:00 a.m.			Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  8:06 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. College Shabbat  Devarim Summer Shabbat Celebration 7:00 p.m.  9:05 p.m.
7 Av 7	8 Av 8	9 Av 9	10 Av 10	11 Av 11	12 Av 12	13 Av 13
	Erev Tisha B'Av Service 8:00 p.m.	Tisha B'Av Service 7:00 a.m.			Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  8:00 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Vaetchanan  8:59 p.m.
14 Av 14	15 Av 15	16 Av 16	17 Av 17	18 Av 18	19 Av 19	20 Av 20
HPS Open House 11:00 a.m.			HPS First Day 9:00 a.m.	Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  7:53 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Eikev  8:52 p.m.
21 Av 21	22 Av 22	23 Av 23	24 Av 24	25 Av 25	26 Av 26	27 Av 27
Texas Hold 'em Poker League 2:00 p.m.			Programming Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.		Simcha Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Re'eh Summer Shabbat Celebration 7:00 p.m.  8:44 p.m.
28 Av 28	29 Av 29	30 Av 30	31 Elul 1			
Sisterhood Program Judaism and the Hereafter 2:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:45 a.m.				

# Congregation Agudas Achim

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Elul 2	2 Elul 3	3 Elul 4
					Tot Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  7:38 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Samuel Grossman Bar Mitzvah  Shofitim  8:36 p.m.
4 Elul 5	5 Elul 6	6 Elul 7	7 Elul 8	8 Elul 9	9 Elul 10	10 Elul 11
	Office Closed Labor Day				Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  7:29 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Ki Teitzei  8:28 p.m.
11 Elul 12	12 Elul 13	13 Elul 14	14 Elul 15	15 Elul 16	16 Elul 17	17 Elul 18
		Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon 10:00 a.m.		Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  7:21 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Ki Tavo  8:19 p.m.
18 Elul 19	19 Elul 20	20 Elul 21	21 Elul 22	22 Elul 23	23 Elul 24	24 Elul 25
			Programming Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.		Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.	Torah Study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Re'eh Selichot 8:10 p.m.  8:11 p.m.
25 Elul 26	26 Elul 27	27 Elul 28	28 Elul 29	29 Tishrei 1	30 Tishrei 2	
	Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:45 a.m.	Office Closes 4:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 8:00 p.m.	Office Closed Rosh Hashanah First Day Service 8:00 a.m.	Office Closed Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service 8:00 a.m. Simcha Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.  7:04 p.m.	

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## Youth News

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Dear CAA Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders:

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the summer. I am finding out the hard way that the Churchill band program, the Churchill PTA, and Agudas Achim Kadima and USY programs do not take off for the summer. What's up with that?

I wanted to let you know that I will continue to act as the Interim Volunteer Director for the USY programs for the coming school year. I have spent a good deal of time researching programs and have talked with Maury Jacobs, the USY director in Austin, frequently over the spring and summer about how to jump start the interest in Youth Programs at CAA.

One thing all of the experts that I have spoken with agree upon: parents must show an interest in these programs as well as throw their support behind them.

To that end, I would like to explain to you my plan for the 2011 – 2012 USY and Kadima Youth program.

I would like to register as many of the youth as I can. I am looking for 95% of 11 – 18 year-olds to register before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration packets for Kadima (6-8 graders) and USY (9-12 graders) are available in the synagogue office. Costs remain \$18 for Kadima and \$36 for USY. Half of the registration cost goes to USCJ in order to be included in their programming.

Maury Jacobs will help me hold leadership workshops for our Board Members. During these workshops, the kids will knock out:

- ✧ a monthly activity
- ✧ another monthly activity that involves charitable works, *Tikkun Olam*
- ✧ a weekly or semi-monthly time for youth to congregate in our youth lounge, do homework, watch a movie, hear a speaker, and learn *ruach*
  - we will place these events on a monthly calendar that will be displayed prominently in the Youth Lounge and also will be published in the Kolenu

- ✧ develop and hold a Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur Youth Service
- ✧ discuss enrolling youth in reading Torah and/or reciting their own D'var Torah interpretations at Shabbat morning services
- ✧ find ways for the youth of the synagogue to give back to the synagogue, whether it is in Minyan service, cleaning the grounds around the shul, helping get the Kolenu out, building the Sukkah, etc.
- ✧ discuss ideas for the Purim Carnival, organizing a Purim Schpiel, and developing some other fundraisers

These are but a few ideas. You may have more, and I would certainly love to hear them. Drop me a line, or feel free to call me.

I firmly believe, in order to develop a fun, entertaining, enriching program for our youth, we need to start with our parents supporting it and encouraging our youth to try it out by attending some of the events. The more the merrier!!

My email is [pam.rosen@att.net](mailto:pam.rosen@att.net) and my phone is 562-3813.

Thanks so much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

*Pam Rosen*  
Youth Advisor

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# College Connection

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A college connection committee has been established to provide support to our college students while they are away. During the course of the year, four holiday boxes will be sent to our students to let them know that their family and their congregation are thinking of them.

If you know of a college student who would enjoy staying connected, please have him/her submit the form and return it to the Synagogue. We will do the rest!

If you are interested in supporting College Connection, we would appreciate any donations as we are trying to keep the cost to families low.

Lastly, we would also like to recognize our students as they leave for college. On **Saturday, August 6, 2011** we invite all college students to participate in our Shabbat morning service. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rose in the synagogue office at 479-0307 or by email at [r.arrellano@agudas-achim.org](mailto:r.arrellano@agudas-achim.org) to let her know you will be there.

If you should have any questions about College Connection, please contact Mindy Spigel 492.6185.

Thank you so very much!

*The College Connection Committee*

## ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

### *College Information Wanted!*

Don't miss being included in this year's Congregation Agudas Achim College Connection Program. College students will receive holiday care packages. **Please return this COMPLETED form no later than September 9<sup>th</sup> in order to assure your student receives the first package.**

### Please PRINT Neatly

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Year/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Student's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Parent Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Will this student be at another location during the school year? (i.e. study abroad):**

Which Semester? \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership fee of \$60 is enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't have a college student but I would like to contribute to College Connection

Send the COMPLETED form to:  
Congregation Agudas Achim  
16550 Huebner Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78248  
Attn: Mindy Spigel

*For more information, please contact Mindy Spigel at 492-6185.*

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# Sisterhood

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Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your summer in spite of the relentless heat and lack of rain. In order to think “cool,” Sisterhood members have been meeting during June and July to plan programs for our new year. Our Executive Board met in June, and, under the leadership of our Programming Chair, Sandy Weingart, we have put together an interesting variety of programs and activities for 2011-2012.

On Sunday, August 28, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., we'll kick off our year and welcome new members with an afternoon with Rabbi Bitran, discussing “Judaism and the Hereafter.” This promises to be a very unusual and, certainly, a challenging topic. Jean Karren is the Chair for this event, so call her at 341-8928 for further information.

Other events we have planned are a shopping trip to San Marcos, a visit to the Alamo, a Friday night service honoring our active and retired military, and, of course, our annual Games Day and Torah Fund luncheon. On our calendar is a Hanukkah party for the residents of Madison House, as well as “Chocolate and Chuckles” in April. We haven't had it for a few years, and we're looking forward to bringing it back. We're also planning to have more general membership meetings this year with interesting guest speakers, and, as always, our terrific Book Reviews.

Of course, believe it or not, we have a lot of fun working at our Estate and Thrift (rummage) Sale. Please volunteer to lend a hand any and all days from October 30 - November 4, 2011. We also need your help pricing, usually on Tuesdays, in the synagogue.

## Judaism and the Hereafter

On **Sunday, August 28, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Sisterhood will kick off our year with a discussion with Rabbi Bitran regarding Judaism's view about the “Hereafter and Souls.” It should be an interesting afternoon and will feature a dessert reception. The charge will be \$5 per person for current members. If a current member brings a prospective new member there will be no charge for either. All new members who have joined us within this year will be our guests. Please plan to attend. We look forward to having you join us. Please RSVP to Babs Schnitzer at 764-1714 by Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Time goes by so quickly, it won't be long before it's New Year's Eve. I hope you will celebrate with Sisterhood at a fun-filled party on December 31, 2011. Joan Bernstein, Chair, is already starting to work with a planning committee. We want to make this a New Year's Eve you will not forget -- in a good way, I hope.

But the biggest event occurs May 6 - 8, 2012. I'm so proud that our Sisterhood has been chosen to host the Intracontinental Regional Convention. Our region spans an area from northern Mexico, up through the central states, to southern Canada. This Convention is a huge undertaking, and we'll need the participation of all Sisterhood members to make this a rousing success. Dorothy Jo Weiss and her committee will be calling on you to help make this the best Regional Convention ever. We'll have a large number of delegates coming to San Antonio, and we want to be proud of our Sisterhood, synagogue, and city.

These are just some of the events and programs we are working on. If you're not a Sisterhood member, don't you want to be one? We'd love to have you, so call Membership Vice-President, Jean Karren, at 341-3928. It's a “bahgin” at only \$25 a year.

Have a wonderful August.

See you in shul.

B'Shalom,

*Judy Halfant*  
Sisterhood President

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## Sisterhood Estate Sale

Congregation Agudas Achim Sisterhood

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November 1 - 3, 2011



We **NEED** your usable items:

- ✧ Clothing (men, women, children, infants) - all sizes (plastic hangers only)
- ✧ Accessories and Handbags
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- ✧ Housewares and Glassware
- ✧ Toys and Games (no missing parts)
- ✧ Books and Office Supplies
- ✧ Luggage (with wheels only)
- ✧ Small Working Appliances
- ✧ Lamps, Tables, Artwork and Collectibles
- ✧ Jewelry (costume and fine)
- ✧ Baby Items



Bring your donations to the synagogue (school entrance). For further information, please contact Chairperson Jean Schlesinger at 349-7840, or Sandy Shaenfield at 492-9562 or Bernice Mazer at 341-8226.



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**For information on our free trial membership, please contact Mike Kelne, Interim Executive Director at (210) 479-0307 or [m.kelne@agudas-achim.org](mailto:m.kelne@agudas-achim.org)**

**www.Agudas-Achim.org**

16550 Huebner Road  
 San Antonio, TX, 78248  
 (210) 479-0307

## The Welcome Mat Is Out!



Do you know a Jewish family new to the San Antonio community or not yet affiliated with a congregation? If so, please contact Mike Kelne at the synagogue office at 479-0307, or email to [m.kelne@agudas-achim.org](mailto:m.kelne@agudas-achim.org). If possible, get their names and phone numbers so Michael can call, welcome them to San Antonio, and tell them about our wonderful congregation.



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## August 1

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Shaenfield

## August 4

Sandi and Bob Kolitz  
Gail and Melvin Topp

## August 5

Alice and John Troy

## August 7

Lisa and Kevin Epstein  
Rae and Brian Pector

## August 14

Chrissie and Andy Cohen  
Lala and Steve Gossen

Ellen and Rikko Ollervidez  
Martha and Bernard  
Rabinowitz

Bari and Arthur Rosenthal

## August 17

Carolyn and Howard Glick  
Robin and Joseph Laycock

## August 20

Linda and Marvin Aboloff  
Joan and Stuart Bernstein  
Lynni and Adam Cohen  
Anne and Robert  
Marcovich

## August 21

Lily and Alex Rose

## August 23

Jodi and Greg Marion  
Dawn and Sam Ribak

## August 24

Clara and Harold Reich

## August 25

Margie and Joel Baseman  
Silvana and  
Rabbi Leonardo Bitran

## August 26

Michele and Gerry  
Leverant

Nancy and Brad Smith

## August 27

Lucy and Gene Goldman

## August 28

Miriam and Morton  
Greenberg  
Sandy and Fred Kline  
Jean and Ron Schlesinger

## August 29

Natalie and Irwin Barath  
Jean and Arnold Eisenstot

## August Birthdays

### August 2

Anne Marcovich  
Barbie Scharf-Zeldes  
Sam Trakhtenbroit

### August 3

Amy Levine  
Dorothy Jo Weiss

### August 5

Sunny Goldberg  
Ross Halfant  
Joe Rogal  
Jessica Rosenberg

### August 6

Micheline Cohen

### August 7

Carolyn Epstein  
Lisa Friedman  
Eric Holwitt

### August 9

Abraham Kirkpatrick  
David Regenbaum  
Louis Stahl

### August 10

Gail Clover  
Joshua Pulman

### August 11

Matthew Fein  
Suzanne Olian

### August 12

Amy Ross  
Olivia Tawil

Tevia Tawil

### August 13

Lucille Friedman  
Emily Furman  
Leonard Leighton  
David Rosenberg

### August 14

Jonathan Nussbaum  
David Tawil

### August 15

Daniel Blucher  
Richard Spitz  
Ruth Toback

### August 16

David Friedman  
Barry Lunenfeld  
Pamela Rodriguez  
Lisa Tudzin  
Joan Westgor

### August 17

Tracy Frydberg  
Alexander Jonasz  
Bertye Wolfson

### August 18

Keith Klein  
Barbara Loeffel  
Bryan McKinley  
Stephen Pechenik  
Carmen Saltzman  
Marian Smith

### August 19

Julie Klinger

### August 20

Robert Frank  
Amanda Ross

### August 21

Jean Eisenstot  
Race Fierman  
Mary Jo Friedson  
David Thompson

### August 22

Mark Garfinkle  
Evan Goldberg  
Samantha Rosenblatt

### August 23

Rebecca Jalnos  
Rosario Korngold  
Evan Ratner  
Sharyn Teitelbaum

### August 24

David Epstein  
Victoria Mitzelman  
Jessica Peden  
Bonnie Scott

### August 25

Barry Efron  
Susan Furman  
Jo Halfant  
Bob Kolitz  
Ellen Ollervidez  
Abraham Ribak  
Stacey Schwartz

### August 26

Madeline Cytrin

Adam Efron

Alec Fisher  
Steve Gossen

### August 27

Aden Atlas  
Jim Barshop  
Janice de Leon  
Sidney Goldstein  
Rebecca Ross

### August 28

Wendy Brenman  
Benjamin Fogel  
Maxwell Fogel  
Norman Jacobson  
Molly Sowry  
Heather Wilk

### August 29

Alicia Heintz  
Joe Ohlstein  
Reese Rosenberg

### August 30

Irving Gindy  
Hazzan Jeremy Lipton

### August 31

Roger Adler  
Emily Brenman  
Rikko Ollervidez  
Joshua Rosen  
Nancy Smith

# Yahrzeit . . . *May their memories be for a blessing*

Our sincere condolences to the families of

Viola Cale Clear, Barbara Dunn, Stephanie Kirschen,  
Shirley Ruth Smith, Shirlee Werbner



## August 1

Morris Herschman  
Marion Lebowitz  
Jake Levine  
Ann Molotsky

## August 2

Willard Fonarow  
Jack Pocras  
Pattie Rosenberg-Soloff  
Muriel Segaloff Spigel

## August 3

Hyman Davis  
Zalman Goldberg  
Anna Hammer  
Alfred Isaac  
Leo Leavitt  
Bea Shannon

## August 4

Ida Cohen  
Simon Kerman  
Jules Miller  
Abe Pressman  
Albert Rosenthal  
Philip Schwartz

## August 5

Lena Gam Braunstein  
David Olian

## August 6

Louis Franklin  
Abraham Benjamin Goldberg  
Max Halpin  
Ludwig Maas  
Nathan Wasserteil  
Ben Wilk

## August 7

Phyllis Gordon  
Mary Maze  
Brad Jay Rosen

## August 8

Aliza Fisher  
Yale Kalmans  
Harold Scharlack

Ruth Young

## August 9

Roselle Smith

## August 11

Joseph Eliezer Feldman

## August 12

Jacob Byer  
Zvi Drezner  
Leah Esserick  
Samuel Levine  
Sandra Udell

## August 13

Kenneth Brown  
Mildred Kenter  
Sol Roosth  
Solomon Sterenberg

## August 14

Israel Barenblat  
Rachel Barenblat  
Stephen G. Cohen  
Meyer Scharlack  
Guenter Strehle

## August 15

Mayme Lawson

## August 16

Max Barath  
Bernard Kanter  
Inda Posner

## August 17

Isadore Nadler  
Samuel S. Schwartz

## August 18

Bessye L. Jacobs  
Abraham Marsh  
Julia Catherine McInnes

## August 19

Eva Lew Cohn  
Bernard Fein  
Sofia Seeman  
Rebecca Wiedermann

## August 20

Israel Goldberg  
Edgar Joseph  
Irving Yallen

## August 21

Evelyn Barath  
Harold Barenburg  
Philip Sherman

## August 22

Eddie Greenberg  
Jesse Edward Karpf

## August 23

Joseph Markowitz  
Lawrence Zucker

## August 24

Vera Heubaum

## August 25

Nell Morin

## August 26

Adela Fuks  
Bronia Fuks  
Sol Schnitzer  
Israel Silber  
Anna Simon  
Israel Teitelbaum

## August 27

Sylvia Yetta Schechter

## August 28

David Klinger

## August 29

Victor Fox  
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## August 31

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Elaine Frank by Bertie and Selig Frank

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Florence Strehlke, beloved mother, on her yahrzeit, by Sharon and Kenny Kaufman and Family

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our granddaughter, Rebecca Simone Rich, on her graduation, by Marcia and David Segal

Linda and Ed Wilk, Mazel Tov on your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, **you're both greater than great,** by Sylvia Wilk

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Julius Kelfer, beloved father, by Marsha and Van Adamson

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*Speedy Recovery to*  
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*In Appreciation of*  
the Aliyah, in honor of my birthday, by Gert Myers

*Mazel Tov to*  
my niece, Samantha Elise Scharff, on graduating from UT Austin, by Lisa Marie Tudzin

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