

# Congregation Agudas Achim

## KOLENU

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April 2011

Adar II - Nisan 5771

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### April dates to remember

- ✧ Friday, April 1  
Tot Shabbat
- ✧ Saturday, April 2  
IPRS Shabbat School
- ✧ Sunday, April 3  
**No IPRS**
- ✧ Tuesday, April 5  
Sisterhood Passover Program
- ✧ Friday, April 8  
Dining & Davening
- ✧ Saturday, April 9  
Shabbat honoring the legacy of Rabbi Louis Schechter
- ✧ Friday, April 15  
**No HPS**
- ✧ Saturday, April 16
  - Junior Congregation
  - Shabbat Yeladim
- ✧ Monday, April 18
  - **HPS Break thru 4/26**
  - **IPRS Break thru 4/26**
  - **Office Closes 4:00 p.m.**
- ✧ Tuesday, April 19  
**Office Closed**
- ✧ Wednesday, April 20  
**Office Closed**
- ✧ Thursday, April 21
  - Programming Committee Meeting
  - Membership Committee Meeting
- ✧ Monday, April 25  
**Office Closed**
- ✧ Tuesday, April 26  
**Office Closed**
- ✧ Wednesday, April 27  
Sisterhood General Meeting & Elections
- ✧ Saturday, April 30  
Shabbat Speaker  
Maya Kadosh

### Pesach Service Schedule 2011

Search for Hametz at Home

**Sunday, April 17, 8:31 p.m.**

Siyum B'Chorim

Study Session for the First Born - following Minyan

**Monday, April 18**

Burning of Hametz

**Monday, April 18, before 12:28 p.m.**

First Seder at Home

**Monday, April 18**

Light Candles at **7:44 p.m.**

First Day Pesach Service at Agudas Achim

**Tuesday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.**

Congregational Second Seder at Agudas Achim

**Reservations Required**

**Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.**

Ma'ariv will be recited following the Seder - approx. **8:30 p.m.**

Light Candles at **8:39 p.m.**

Second Day Pesach Service

**Wednesday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.**

Seventh Day Pesach Service

**Monday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.**

Eighth Day Pesach Service (Yiskor)

**Tuesday, April 26, 9:00 a.m.**

***Observance of Pesach ends Tuesday, April 26 at 8:49 p.m.***

### Fast of the First Born

Because the first born of the Israelites were spared when the Egyptians were smitten in the 10th plague, all first born Jewish males fast on Erev Pesach. This is called *Taanis Bechorim*. If, however, one attends a *Seudas Mitzvah*, a feast accompanying the performance of a religious duty, one is no longer required to fast. Therefore, a *Siyum*, or conclusion of a Talmudic tractate, studied by the Rabbi, will follow the morning service that day. The conclusion of a Talmudic book is an occasion of rejoicing and warrants a feast, or *Seudas Mitzvah*. All first born males should attend morning service on Erev Pesach and stay for the *Siyum*. The parent takes on the responsibility for the child under Bar Mitzvah age.

# May I Have A Word With You



## Keep Asking More Questions

A charming story is told about a Passover Seder. The youngster has just asked the question which Jewish children have asked since time immemorial, “Why on this night do we eat matzo?”

The father answered, as fathers have answered through countless generations, telling the ancient story of the exodus from Egypt and the lack of time needed for the bread to rise.

But the youngster still looked puzzled. “What’s the matter?” asked the mother. “I don’t understand something,” the child began, “if they didn’t have time to let the bread rise, how did they have the time to make chicken soup and matzo balls?” That’s the beauty of this family holiday of Pesach, we always find questions. Indeed, the Haggadah is the elaboration of an answer to a series of questions asked by the child.

The story is told about a famous professor, who had won the Nobel Prize in Physics. When the interviewer asked him, “To what do you attribute your success?” the scientist replied, “I owe it all to my mother.” He said that whenever he came home from school, his mother said to him, “What good questions did you ask today?” As a consequence of this approach to the child, he developed into one of the great scientists of our age, having mastered the art of asking the right questions.

This art lies at the heart of the Jewish tradition.

What is the Talmud? We define it as a vast literature composed by the rabbis, or we refer to it as the historic legal tradition of Judaism.

To be more accurate, it is a dialogue between scholars in which questions are raised and answers are given. This process was maintained in the academies of Palestine and Babylonia for a period of over six hundred years with each question generating an answer, each answer a question, so that the written record of this dialectic conveys the laws, values and concepts of Judaism shaped by inquiry and response.

When we turn to the Haggadah itself, and we read the passage describing the four children, we note that the wise son is first, but the “wicked son,” who irritates and annoys us, is not last, but second. The Haggadah suggests that our greatest concern is not with the wicked son, because he is still part of the dialogue. We can communicate, argue and remonstrate with him. But the last son, who does not know how to ask, is our most serious problem. Is it that he doesn’t know enough, or that he doesn’t care enough to ask any questions? Because of his silence, we don’t know whether he affirms or rejects, whether he is loyal or rebellious. We must include him by teaching him how to ask.

Our concern is properly placed. For each of us should ask those questions which arise out of our identity and commitment. What does Judaism mean to me? What message does it convey? We make our heritage relevant as we address to it our needs and inquiries.

There are other questions emerging out of faith and loyalty. What should be the goal of Jewish survival? What should be the nature of the Jewish community in the next generation? What resources should we develop for the renewal of Jewish life?

Let us remember that the whole text of the Passover Haggadah is intended to build a pathway to a child’s heart. Passover awakens this question: How do we communicate our heritage to our young; how do we share with them the values so precious to us; how do we fortify and revitalize the Jewish family?

As the Haggadah declares: “Even were we all wise, all learned in the Torah, it is still our duty to tell the story, to ask the questions, for the more one seeks the answers, the more is he to be praised.”

Silvana and I want to extend our best wishes for a kosher and meaningful Passover to each of you. May you and your loved ones share in the blessings of this season.

*Rabbi Leonardo Bitran*

## 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).



# Kol Shira



It was a spectacular take-off! For the past two days it had been blustery and stormy, cloudy with short periods of rain—uncharacteristically cold weather for Israel in March, just the opposite of the beautiful, spring like weather we had experienced for the previous six days—but from my window seat I drank in the sun bathed beaches and contemporary buildings of metropolitan Tel Aviv, juxtaposed with the familiar architecture of the ancient port of Jaffa, a dramatic and compelling picture of the complexity of the State of Israel

today. For eight exhilarating days, my son Jonathan and I, as well as other delegates from the Partnership for Israel's Congregational Leadership Mission to the Western Galilee, were proud to represent our congregation and the greater San Antonio Jewish Community as participants in this exciting Mission. But wait...what is Partnership for Israel? What is their role? Why are we, members of the Jewish Community in South Central Texas, affiliated with this program? Why the Western Galilee, as opposed to some other area of Israel? What comprises the Western Galilee? How can we, and how can they, benefit from this partnership? I had similar questions, and a multitude of others, when several months ago I received a call from Judy Lackritz, our Federation's Community Relations Director, to consider participating in this Clergy Mission. Judy's personal commitment and enthusiasm for the program made me take a second look as I searched for answers to some of my many questions.

I learned that San Antonio is part of the Central Consortium, a group of fifteen communities in the center of our country, that for over a decade have created a strong bond with the people in this geographic area of Israel—north of Haifa to the Lebanese border, and west of the Kineret (Sea of Galilee) to the Mediterranean. I discovered that the Central Consortium includes the following Jewish communities—San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Toledo, Dayton, Canton, Akron, Youngstown, Louisville, Omaha, Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana, South Bend, Des Moines, Akko and Matte Asher. What do our cities have in common? We are linked partly by our size, with small to medium-sized communities away from the mega-Jewish populations of the East and West coast Jewish neighborhoods, just as the Western Galilee, known for its diverse population, compares to many other areas in Israel. Partnership for Israel is a project of the Jewish Agency for Israel, best known in years past for facilitating the integration of new immigrants into the mainstream of Israeli society. However, in recent years the Jewish Agency has focused on the strengthening of bonds between the diaspora communities and the people of Israel.

The Western Galilee is not usually the first place one thinks of when considering travel to Israel. A trip in Israel always includes the mandatory pilgrimage to Jerusalem and visits to Tel Aviv, Haifa, the Dead Sea and/or Masada, all of which have an allure for travelers. But here is the uniqueness of this program: it focuses not only upon a less travelled region of the country and its sites, but more important, it focuses on building meaningful, long-term relationships of diaspora Jews to local individuals and institutions in the area. Here are a few examples of our multiple interactions in the Western Galilee. We met with Danny Abecasis, Chair of the Photography Department at Western Galilee College and Albert Ben Shloosh, Co-Chair of the Regional Arts Task Force Council, who both facilitate the matching of artists-in-residence with interested communities, those in art, music and dance cultural exchanges, with

member cities of the Consortium. We learned of successful educational twinning programs between local Israeli students and American Religious and Day schools, where students study together over a period of an academic year and beyond. We visited the Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya, a few kilometers from the northern border, where physicians and health care providers from all over the world learn cutting edge techniques for providing emergency readiness services in the face of adverse conditions. We spent an extraordinary evening as dinner guests with local residents in their home, exchanging ideas, stories and getting a true taste of everyday life in Israel. We were welcomed with open arms to a local Kibbutz, learning of their unique way of life on the northern frontier, and their feelings of great satisfaction in the agricultural and textile goods they produce for the benefit of their community. We had the unique opportunity to undertake text study with them, and spoke honestly and openly with them about the level of their religious observance within their very secular environment. We saw the beauty of the region, from the ancient coastal city of Akko with its historic Crusader era castle turned fortified prison (during the British occupation), to the dramatic sea grottos of Rosh Hanikra, the very northernmost point of the country where Israel meets Lebanon. We experienced the holy city of Tzfat, known now for its artists' colony, but historically significant because of the sixteenth-century Jewish mystics who transformed the Friday evening *Kabbalat Shabbat* service into the liturgical form we know today. Tzfat is the birthplace of the beautiful poem *L'cha Dodi*, and the tradition of welcoming the bride Shabbat each and every week. This was just the tip of the iceberg!

As I experienced it, the true strength of the Partnership with Israel lies in the commitment of its volunteers and professionals, regular people like you and me, living and working in the Western Galilee to bring their expertise, commitment and passion to us, working tirelessly to bolster our personal ties to the people and to the Land of Israel, our spiritual homeland. There are a number of conduits through which the Jewish community in San Antonio might build bridges between our two communities: we could bring a Western Galilee based Israeli artist to San Antonio, utilizing his/her artistic talents and works as a springboard for meaningful, interactive Israel focused programming. An even more potent and beneficial link could be created through an educational twinning program between a Western Galilee school's students and our own Inda Posner Religious School students—an instant and powerful way to build cultural and religious bridges that would result in lifelong, one-on-one relationships, while at the same time exponentially enhancing the students' educational experience. Conversely, by participating in the Partnership and by traveling to this region, we let our Israeli counterparts experience firsthand our world view of living as Jews in an otherwise secular world, where we have to choose each and every day to affirm our passion and commitment to Judaism through community involvement in Jewish causes, synagogue affiliation, ritual practice, and our insistence of passing on those values and practices to our children and grandchildren through education and by example. Their Jewishness is a given, no matter what choices they may make, because it is part of the fabric of their Israeli society; our Jewishness is by necessity a constant re-affirmation and re-commitment, in spite of the fabric of our environment. I encourage you all to fully embrace the opportunities and relationships that Partnership with Israel has created just for us.

*B'shalom,*

*Hazzan Jeremy Lipton*

## Message From the Executive Director



Do you ever look into the mirror and wonder who is on the other side? Do you recognize the image that is reflected? Who is that person staring back? That cannot be me, I am not that old. I could not have changed that much; I still look like the person in my high school graduation picture. Ok, so maybe it is not that image, but at least I look the same when I graduated college, or maybe when I got married. How about when my kids had a B'nai Mitzvah? We all have the same thoughts; we realize that time appears to move more quickly the older we get. We find out that the clothes that we wore years ago, maybe even last week, no longer fit. In some cases, our clothes seem to have shrunk; for others, it is our body that has decided to shrink. We may tire more easily, even admit to having a few more aches and pains. We don't climb the stairs as well, and climbing a ladder may not cross our minds at all. When was the last time I was on the roof, or attempted to clean the gutters?

Living in New York, one learns early in life how to protect oneself from another and, when necessary, to run faster than others. I was on the track team in high school and college and ran distance races. Today, I can run half the distance I did then, and in twice the time and, maybe tomorrow, I will catch my breath. I think my body is teaching me discipline, sending a strong message to find another method of physical activity, stick with swimming as it is a bit more forgiving. Forget the lack of speed, the movements are no longer graceful and the strides are too short; the arms don't flow with the legs. But I am catching my father in age, and I may finally be able to beat him in a game of handball; he was always able to keep me running from one side of the court to the other. I would not attempt to play basketball today even though at one point in my life I was the 10<sup>th</sup> man in pick up games with at least one fantastic youngster who became a professional basketball player. We all look back at the "things" we did when we were younger and often wonder how we survived. We did not have the electronic equipment of today; if we had a television, we were lucky. We occupied ourselves with face to face interactions, dropped gum on the ground then, ate it again. We were not afraid of catching a disease by becoming a blood brother. We were successful in entertaining ourselves with a ball, a stick, a penny, a bottle cap, a top or a yo-yo where walking the dog had nothing to do with an animal.

Things changed very little. Friday night was Shabbat dinner. Saturday was Shabbat, a day to go to shul, or at least, a day that hosted a special meal. Sunday morning held bagels and lox and religious school.

We entertain ourselves differently today than just a few years ago. Our children's lives are so much more complicated than ours were, and they have an amazing variety of opportunities that keep pulling at them. One anchor remains; one central activity has changed little. Religious school is available, and the synagogue, though not often the center of life, hosts many functions. We do have services, daily, Friday night and Saturday morning. Our services allow you the opportunity of sanctuary, a chance to be removed from the mundane, a moment of peace, silence, thought and even prayer. We offer an opportunity to be alone and yet not lonely, an opportunity to socialize, to speak to others with a commonality, and even a chance to break bread with friends and family. There is also the opportunity to be uplifted by the service, the sermon and the melodic voices. There is a unique blending of tradition, of the past and of the present. We offer a home away from home. Spend some time with us and draw your own conclusions. We cannot recreate the past, but you can reach for that anchor, that connection to our heritage.

*Michael Linn*, Executive Director

"Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being."

*~ Morris Joseph*

The Rabbi and Hazzan, Professional and Office Staff,  
Officers and Board of Directors  
Wish everyone a happy and healthy Pesach.



## President's Remarks



It's nice having daylight savings again. I really missed the extended daylight this winter. April is a busy time for us with many activities happening at the synagogue. We celebrate Pesach this month. This is my favorite of all the Jewish holidays. I really enjoy the food and having a wife that is such a great cook doesn't hurt. We have always celebrated Pesach the traditional way. We have a special cabinet that we built in our home that holds all the dishes, pots, pans, and food. This makes it very easy for us to keep the tradition without having to change the dishes as we used to. I'm still lucky to have my mother's and mother-in-law's gefilte fish served with Eileen's amazing hot horseradish that she grinds from scratch. I can't wait.

On a sad note, I was in Israel when I learned of the death of our dear maintenance person Larry Thiedeman. He is really going to be missed by all of us. What a fine individual he was. He always had a smile on his face and was always willing to help. Larry was very lucky in death by passing in his sleep. He didn't have to suffer with any disease or ailments. He went peacefully, just at too young an age. My deepest sympathy to his entire family.

April is also Fiesta time here in San Antonio, and once again, our Men's Club will be setting up chairs at both parades. As some of you are aware, our Men's Club has gone stale over the past few years and really needs some retooling. I want to thank Greg Meyer for his tireless efforts to keep the Men's Club alive and vibrant, but it just didn't happen for him, even though he put countless hours into trying. We need our men to step up. This year's parades will be done without Greg's assistance. I have volunteered to take his place to keep our license valid. The parade license to set up chairs is the most sought after in the city. The waiting list is years long and no one wants to give up a license. We were in jeopardy of losing ours this year. The money made from parade ticket sales more than offsets the effort required. Therefore, we don't want to let the license go. Additional volunteers are needed to help Men's Club on Friday and Saturday to supervise the parade operations. After this year's parades, I will get with our Board and figure out the future of our Men's Club. It's been part of our synagogue for over 100 years, and it's sad that no one seems to care enough to keep it going. I'll see what we can do about this, but, for now, I need anyone and everyone to step up and help with parades. Please contact Michael Linn at the office to volunteer.

I am writing this article from Ramat Gan and want to briefly share my experience in Israel. As most of you are

aware, Agudas Achim is planning a congregational trip in 2012. First I want to say the weather is perfect this time of year. It's in the 70's, sunny and with very low humidity. I have been to Israel many times in the past either in June, August, or November and have never experienced this kind of weather. It can get very hot here.

Since I have been here many times, seeing the sites aren't on my priority list anymore. I have family and friends here and am able to live life like an Israeli. I have coffee at the neighborhood coffee house in the morning (no Starbucks here; they didn't make it). Coffee is served in a glass in a relaxing environment. There are fresh fruit and juice stands and wonderful bakeries on every block. No one seems to be in a hurry here. It's very relaxed and laid back. People love to sit and talk about current events or sports. They never feel any fear of threat from their neighbors. The streets are alive with people going who knows where. They are just out and about, and everyone seems happy. You don't see any beggars or homeless people. It's just a wonderful place. Each and every neighborhood is unique in some way, although the Israelis do like to flock to their area malls for shopping.

The economy seems to be good in Israel, and real estate prices are through the roof, especially in Tel Aviv. There is construction everywhere. Restaurants are also very abundant, and the nightlife is wonderful. They party every night until the sun comes up (not that I would know anything about that). I really encourage everyone who hasn't been to Israel to consider joining your fellow congregants on what will be a wonderful trip to our Jewish state. We are doing the research now and are happy to get your input. So, please don't hesitate to contact Michael or Rose in the synagogue office and share your thoughts about the Israel trip with them.

In closing, I want to remind everyone of our wonderful gala that is coming up on May 15<sup>th</sup> honoring Barbara and Dr. Roger Lyons and Amy Sugarman and Dan Weingart. Rhonda Gurinsky, our VP of Fundraising, has the most wonderful evening planned with entertainment provided by the nationally renowned a cappella group Six13. It's an evening that our entire congregation should plan to attend. Thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who have stepped up to make this a night to remember.

Well, it's time to hit the streets. A Happy Pesach to everyone, and as always, I look forward to seeing you at the synagogue.

*Robi Jalnos*  
President

## Chai Lights

Mazel Tov to grandparents **Leanore and Mike Kavy** on the college graduation of granddaughters Deborah Meyer and Emily Kavy.

Deborah graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Science in Accounting. She is the daughter of Sharon and Allan Meyer.

Emily graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Markets and Culture and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.



A special Yasher Koach and Todah Rabbah to recent Bar Mitzvah, Sylvan Gurinsky, for including Inda Posner Religious School in his mitzvah project. Sylvan's generous donation to our school will benefit his friends and serves as a terrific example of celebrating this wonderful event.

### *Marguerite Lerer and Tevia Friedman*

Thank the Agudas Achim Sisterhood and the Congregation of Agudas Achim for honoring us at the **92nd Agudas Achim Sisterhood Anniversary Tea**. We are devoted to Agudas Achim and the Sisterhood.

*Marguerite and Tevia*



Congregation Agudas Achim  
invites you to

A Shabbat Honoring the Legacy of  
Rabbi Louis Schechter

**Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**

A plaque will be dedicated in Rabbi Schechter's memory

With your support, we will establish the  
Rabbi Louis Schechter Scholar-in-Residence Fund

All contributions are welcome

### **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 Michael Linn at the synagogue office at 479-0307, or email to [mike.linn@agudas-achim.org](mailto:mike.linn@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.

# Goldie and Joe Tills Library Report



April, 2011

Hurry! Hurry! Step right up and get your *Ticket to Read* at our *Scholastic Book Fair Carnival!* There will be loads of fun, games, and prizes as well as wonderful books just in time for summer reading! Our Book Fair will take place **April 3 – April 11** at the Goldie & Joe Tills Library. The Fair will be open during HPS and IPRS hours.

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> will be “Bubbe and Zayde Day” at the Book Fair. Don’t be left out! Get your *Ticket to Read* at the *Book Fair Carnival!* For more information, log onto: [http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/tills\\_library](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/tills_library). Hope to see you there!!!

Todah Rabbah to Bruce Topletz for donating a subscription to *Tikun*, a Jewish monthly periodical which has current thought-provoking articles. We really appreciate your generosity!!

Also, thank you to Sandy Kline for donating two books.

Your donations for any occasion can be made to the *Goldie & Joe Tills Library Fund* and the *Bob Kbouti Children’s Book Fund*. Your contributions help the library purchase new books and materials.

Need some recipes for your Passover seders and meals? Our library has great Jewish cookbooks!

Don’t forget! The coffee is on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Our library is a wonderful place to study, relax, schmooze, or just hang out while you wait for your children! Come check us out!

Chag Pesach Sameach, y’all!

B’Shalom and Happy Reading,

Lynn Waghalter, Librarian

<http://tills-library.dyndns.org/infocentre/library.do>

Your contributions to the Goldie & Joe Tills Library Fund and to the Bob Kbouti Children’s Book Fund help our library to grow and stay current.



## Spread The Joy!

Please contact us with your Mazel Tov’s. We want to hear your good news and forward it on to your Agudas Achim family. We know the news is out there.

**Don’t force us to start making stuff up!**

*Deadline is the second Friday of every month!*

*Upcoming deadlines: April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>*

*Please note: a separate Kolenu **WILL NOT** be published in July. Please be sure any announcements for July are received by May 13<sup>th</sup> for publication in the June/July combined issue.*

**ALL submissions MUST be in writing! Submissions may be e-mailed to: [kolenu@agudas-achim.org](mailto:kolenu@agudas-achim.org)**

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**Anita & David Kbouti**

# Annual Gala and Honors Evening

## Agudas Achim Annual Gala and Honors Evening



Barbara and Dr. Roger Lyons

Mark your calendars for Congregation Agudas Achim's annual Gala and Honors Evening which will be held on **Sunday, May 15, 2011**. We will be honoring our members **Barbara and Dr. Roger Lyons and Amy Sugarman and Dan Weingart**. We will have exciting entertainment provided by the award winning Jewish a cappella group Six13.

Six-man vocal band Six13 brings an unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage. With songs that range from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems, their albums have been the recipients of five Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards and selections to nine different "best of" compilations. This summer, they were chosen as finalists in the casting process for NBC's prime-time series *The Sing-Off*, and the group has also become an internet sensation, with over 500,000 views on YouTube; their new music video collaboration with NCSY recently went viral. Six13's recent performance highlights include the Chabad Telethon, NYC's Mayoral Chanukah party, and performances for 30,000+ at Citi Field (five times), Dolphin Stadium, Madison Square Garden and NYC's Salute to Israel Parade. When not in the studio working on their fourth album, due for release this April, they are touring to standing ovations at simchas, affairs and concerts at synagogues, schools and JCCs from Tucson to Toronto. Visit [www.six13.com](http://www.six13.com) for more information and to find out how Six13 can make your concert, celebration or event unforgettable.



Amy Sugarman and Dan Weingart

To purchase tickets or an ad in the tribute book, fill out the form inside this issue and fax it to 479-0295 or mail it to Congregation Agudas Achim, 16550 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, 78248.

Service Times  
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



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Silvana  
Bacman

All services are held  
in the Vexler Chapel



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Apr. 1  
May 6



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# Congregation Agudas Achim Gala and Honors Evening

## Tribute Book Ad and Ticket Order Form

This year during our Annual Gala and Honors Evening on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. we will honor **Barbara and Dr. Roger Lyons** and **Amy Sugarman and Dan Weingart** for many years of devoted service to Congregation Agudas Achim and San Antonio's Jewish community. Please join us in honoring these two couples and supporting the Synagogue by purchasing tickets and/or space in our Tribute Book.

Please use this form to order tickets, purchase an ad to support our honorees or pay tribute to Agudas Achim. Business and personal ads are welcome. If you have a photo taken in one of Agudas Achim's buildings over the years, consider including that in your ad. Enclose camera-ready art for ads and/or clearly typed messages with this form. Ads and/or messages may also be sent via email to Amy Levine at [a.levine@agudas-achim.org](mailto:a.levine@agudas-achim.org). For further information, please contact the main office at 210-479-0307.

### Tribute Book Ad Prices

<p>___ Back Cover                                 \$18,000 <i>Includes 12 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p> <p>___ Inside Front                                 \$15,000 <i>Includes 10 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p> <p>___ Inside Back                                 \$10,000 <i>Includes 8 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p>	<p>___ Gold Page                                     \$5,000 <i>Includes 6 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p> <p>___ Silver Page                                 \$2,500 <i>Includes 4 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p> <p>For more information, please contact Charlie Gurinsky at 722-2776</p>
<p>___ Full Page                                     \$1,000 <i>Includes 2 Sponsor Seats + Parking</i></p> <p>___ Half Page                                     \$550</p> <p>___ Quarter Page                                 \$375</p>	<p>___ Greeting                                     \$100</p> <p>For more information, please contact Rhonda Gurinsky at 722-2775</p>

### Ticket Prices

<p>Soprano                                 \$250 x _____ = \$ _____ <i>Premium Seating + Parking</i></p> <p>Alto   \$180 x _____ = \$ _____ <i>Preferred Seating</i></p>	<p>Tenor                                     \$72 x _____ = \$ _____ <i>General Seating</i></p> <p>Bass   \$36 x _____ = \$ _____ <i>Balcony Seating</i></p>
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### Order Form (mail to: Congregation Agudas Achim, 16550 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248)

Congregation Agudas Achim's Gala and Honors Event	
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★ **TRIBUTE BOOK DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011** ★

# Hamantaschen Happiness!



## April Upcoming Events

- 9 Casino Night Fundraiser
- 15 Battle of Flowers (school closed)
- 18-26 Passover Break



## Have We Got a Summer Camp For You!

This year Heintz Preschool is presenting **THREE** great summer camps offering your child three times the HPS summer camp fun! All camps will take place from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.



### ONE WEEK STIR CRAZY COOKING CAMP: June 20 - June 24

Last year's class was so delicious that we're serving up another portion! The class is a dash of cooking activities, and a pinch of cooking arts and crafts. Toss in a sprinkle of fun and games, and we have the recipe for a great week! Camp is open to children ages 2-10 years old. Our mini chefs will be preparing their own lunches, so there's no need for the campers to "brown bag" it.

### ONE WEEK HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS (HWT)/ART CAMP: June 27-July 1

Available for children ages 4-6, HWT was recently adopted by the Texas Board of Education to be implemented in all elementary schools for the 2011 school year. HPS has been using this program in our curriculum since 2009. HWT teaches capital and lowercase letter and number formation in a fun, interactive way. Children will learn to print using hands-on materials with developmentally appropriate activities. Along with creative expression and artist appreciation, our little Picassos will have fun interpreting their HWT lessons into unique art form.



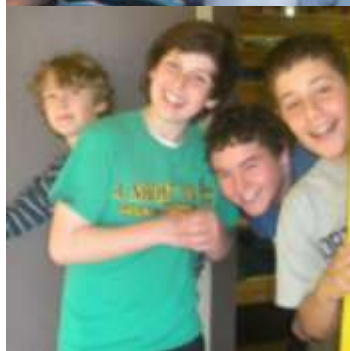
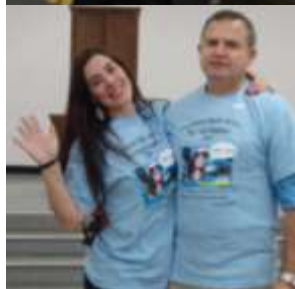
### TWO WEEK MACCABIAH SPORTS CAMP: July 11 - July 22



Children will learn all about team work, individual concentration, coordination and sports skills. This camp is for children ages 2-10 years old. We will even have an alumni class for children who wish to see their preschool friends from last year. Each child will receive a camp T-Shirt to be worn on Fridays for our special Sports Camp Shabbat programs.

Registration is underway! Children who are members of the Congregation and/or currently enrolled in our program will receive priority in registering. Summer camp is a great way for the children to see their friends in the middle of summer. It is also a great transition before starting in the fall, and it gives parents the break they need in the middle of summer. Call 479-0429 for more information and to receive a camp packet.

# What a Magical Shabbaton!



# Inda Posner Religious School



## PESACH WORD FIND

ALL THESE WORDS APPEAR IN THE HAGGADAH. CAN YOU FIND AND CIRCLE THEM? (CAN APPEAR FORWARDS, BACKWARDS, ANGLED...)

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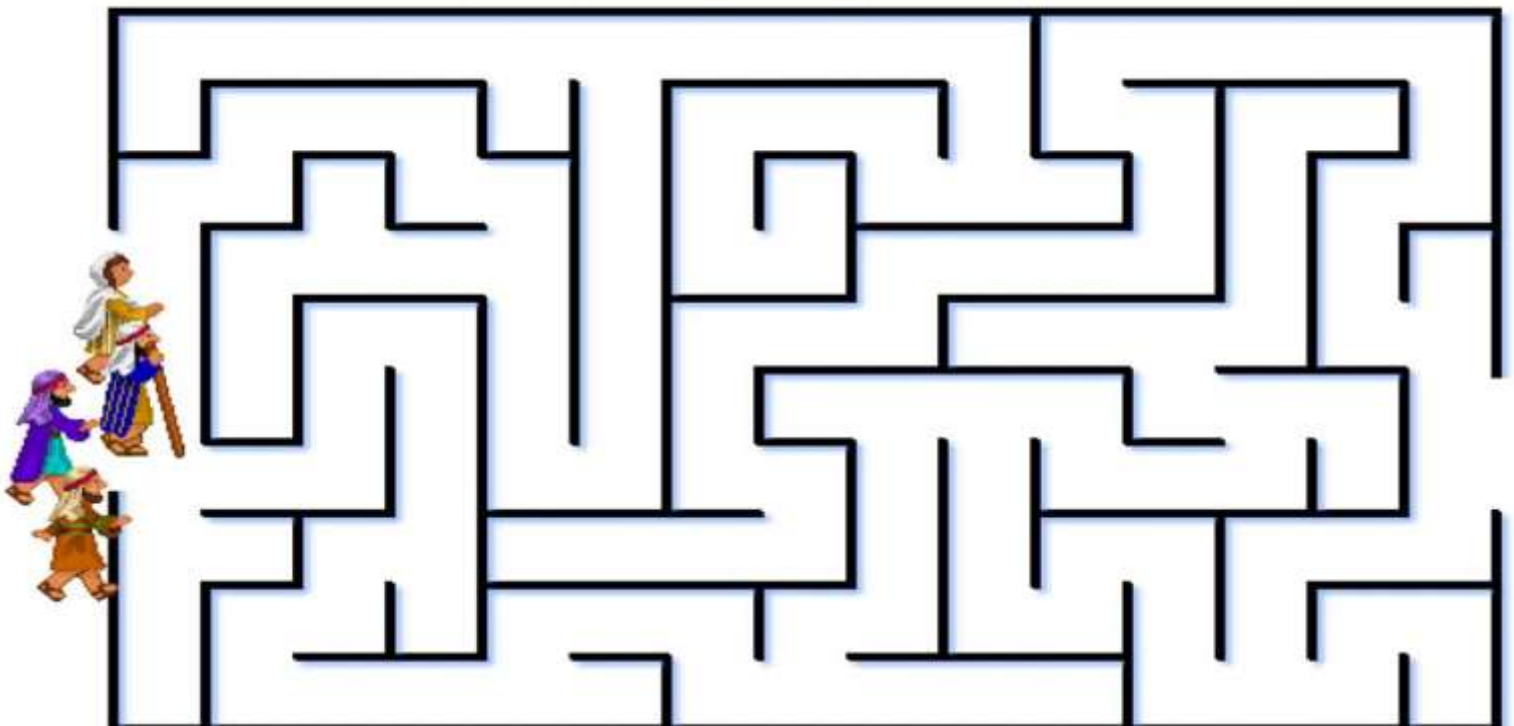
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**KORECH**  
**KARPAS**  
**ELIYAHU**  
**WINE**

## Pesach Quiz

Answers on page 29.

- At the Seder, we drink four cups of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Wine B. Water C. Soda D. Apple Juice
- The main symbol of Pesach is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Sukkah B. Menorah C. Matzo D. Shofar
- The house should be searched for hametz on the evening of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Nisan.  
A. 12<sup>th</sup> B. 13<sup>th</sup> C. 14<sup>th</sup> D. 15<sup>th</sup>
- The search for hametz should be done by the light of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the New Moon B. a Candle C. the Sun  
D. None of the above
- When the song asks "Who knows Twelve?" the answer is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Twelve Tribes of Israel B. Twelve Stones  
C. Twelve Nations D. Twelve Days
- The "bad guy" in the Pesach story was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Haman B. Amalek C. Pharaoh D. Hamas
- When the song asks "Who knows One?" the answer is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. One G-D B. One Dreidel C. One Seder D. One Cup Wine
- When the song asks "Who knows Ten?" the answer is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Ten Matzos B. Ten Plagues C. Ten Books  
D. Ten Commandments

## Cross the Red Sea





# Congregation Agudas Achim presents **Salute to Israel** Shabbat Morning Speaker Series



## **April 30, 2011—Maya Kadosh, Deputy Consul General, Israeli Consulate “Israel Turns 63”**



Maya Kadosh has been a member of Israel's Foreign Service since 2001. She comes to Houston after having been the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Israeli media. Prior to that post, she served at the Israeli Embassy in Singapore in the role of Deputy Chief of Mission, helping Israel to branch out into a community with limited knowledge of Israel.

Preceding her posting in Singapore, Maya served in the Economic Office of Israel and as a Fellow at the UN Program on Disarmament and Arms Control.

Maya graduated in 1997 from the Hebrew University with a Major in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies. She served in the Israel Defense Forces for 4 years in Intelligence and holds the rank of Captain (res). Maya is married to Sami and is a mother to three children.

## **May 7, 2011—Charles Pulman “Comprehensive View on Israel”**



Charles Pulman is a partner in the Dallas law firm of Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch and Ungerman, LLP. Charles received a BA, Cum Laude, from the University of Texas, his law degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Houston, and a Masters of Law in Taxation from New York University.

In addition to his many civic activities, Charles has been involved for many years in Jewish organizations, including Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and Israel Bonds. In August 2010, Charles co-chaired the Dallas Israel Celebration, a public pro-Israel celebration attended by over 5,000 pro-Israel supporters.

Charles has been to Israel more than 25 times since 1971, during which visits he has met and talked with a wide spectrum of Israelis from all walks of life and traveled extensively throughout Israel. Charles was in Israel in August 2006 during the war between Israel and Hezbollah. Charles has participated in several solidarity missions to Israel.

Charles is a frequent lecturer and has written many articles on the conflict between Israel and the Arabs/Palestinians, his trips to Israel, the relationship and bond between Diaspora Jewry and Israel, anti-semitism and Israel advocacy.

## **May 21, 2011—Dr. Chad Spigel “Israel Through Archeology”**


















Chad Spigel is an Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Trinity University in San Antonio, where he teaches courses in Hebrew Bible and Jewish history. He earned his B.A. from Brandeis University (1997), spent a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1995-1996), and earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Ancient Jewish History from Duke University (2008). His research interests include ancient synagogues and their roles in ancient Jewish communities, Jews living in the ancient Diaspora, and the use of archaeology and the Bible in popular television documentaries. Beginning in the summer of 2011 Chad will be working with Dr. Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) on the excavation of an ancient synagogue in Huqoq (Israel). In addition to teaching and digging, Chad is currently working on his first

book, which is tentatively titled: *Quantifying Ancient Synagogue Worship: Seating Capacities and their Implications for the Understanding of Early Judaism.*

# Congregation Agudas Achim

# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Adar II 26 Shabbat Tois 9:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m.  7:34 p.m.	2 Adar II 27 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Tazira IPRS Shabbat School 9:30 a.m.  8:35 p.m.
3 No IPRS	4 Adar II 29 Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m.	5 Nissan 1 Sisterhood Passover Program 10:00 a.m. Conservative Judaism at the Crossroads 11:30 a.m. The Gabbai Workshop 7:00 p.m.	6 Nissan 2	7 Nissan 3	8 Nissan 4 Shabbat Tois 9:15 a.m. Dining & Davening 6:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m.  7:38 p.m.	9 Nissan 5 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Metzora  8:39 p.m.
10	11 Nissan 7 Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m.	12 Nissan 8 Conservative Judaism at the Crossroads 11:30 a.m. The Gabbai Workshop 7:00 p.m.	13 Nissan 9	14 Nissan 10	15 Nissan 11 No HPS Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m.  7:42 p.m.	16 Nissan 12 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Achrei Mot Junior Congregation/ Shabbat Yeladim 10:30 a.m.  8:43 p.m.
17	18 Nissan 14 HPS Break thru 4/26 IPRS Break thru 4/26 Office Closes 4:00 p.m.	19 Nissan 15 Office Closed Congregational 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night Seder 6:00 p.m.	20 Nissan 16 Office Closed	21 Nissan 17 Programming Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 Nissan 18 Kabbalat Shabbat Services 7:00 p.m.  7:46 p.m.	23 Nissan 19 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m.  Pesah  8:47 p.m.
24	25 Nissan 21 Office Closed	26 Nissan 22 Office Closed	27 Nissan 23 Sisterhood General Meeting & Elections 9:45 a.m.	28 Nissan 24	29 Nissan 25 Shabbat Tois 9:15 a.m. Simcha Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m.  7:51 p.m.	30 Nissan 26 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Speaker Maya Kadosh  Kedoshim  8:51 p.m.

# Congregation Agudas Achim

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Yom Hashoah Nissan 27	2 Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m. Nissan 28	3 Sisterhood Mother's Day Luncheon and Installation of Officers 10:00 a.m. Nissan 29	4 Nissan 30	5 Iyar 1	6 Shabbat Tots 9:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m. Iyar 2	7 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbat Shabbat Speaker Charles Pulman Iyar 3
8 No IPRS Iyar 4	9 Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m. Iyar 5	10 Sisterhood Book Review 10:00 a.m. Iyar 6	11 HPS Muffins with Mom 9:15 a.m. IPRS Early Dismissal 5:30 p.m. Iyar 7	12 Iyar 8	13 Shabbat Tots 9:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m. Iyar 9	14 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Behar Iyar 10
15 IPRS Last Day Annual Gala and Honors Evening 6:30 p.m. Iyar 11	16 Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m. Iyar 12	17 Iyar 13	18 Programming Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m. Iyar 14	19 Membership Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Iyar 15	20 Shabbat Tots 9:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m. Iyar 16	21 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Speaker Dr. Chad Spigel Bechukotai Iyar 17
22 Log B'Omer Iyar 18	23 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Hebrew I 6:15 p.m. Conversion Class 7:15 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m. Iyar 19	24 Iyar 20	25 HPS Graduation and Art Show 5:30 p.m. Iyar 21	26 Iyar 22	27 Shabbat Tots 9:15 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Services 6:15 p.m. Iyar 23	28 Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Halle Michel Bat Mitzvah Bamidbar Iyar 24
29 Iyar 25	30 Office Closed Iyar 26	31 Sisterhood Board Meeting 9:45 a.m. Iyar 27				

## Permitted and Forbidden Foods

During the eight days of Pesach, hametz cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of hametz renders the whole admixture hametz and its use on Pesach is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, hametz follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e. it loses its identity in an admixture of non-hametz (batel Beshishim). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesach.

What follows is a general guideline; the Rabbi should be consulted when any doubt arises.

**Prohibited Foods** include the following:

leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the above list:

rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans, peas; string beans are permitted)

The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazi authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than its natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above.

Consult the Rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

### Permitted Foods

1. The following foods require no *kosher le-Pesach* label if purchased **prior** to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP), sugar, pure tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar, muenster, and camembert, frozen (uncooked) fruit with no additives, baking soda, canned tuna fish packed in water (with or without salt) but with **no** other additives.
2. The following foods require no *kosher le-Pesach* label if purchased before or **during** Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.
3. The following foods require a *kosher le-Pesach* label if purchased before or during Pesach: all baked products (matzo, cakes, matzo flour, farfel, matzo meal and any products containing matzo), canned or bottled fruit juices (juices are often clarified with kitniyot which are not listed among the ingredients), canned tuna (even when packed in water, tuna has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt and soda.
4. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a *kosher le-Pesach* label if purchased **during** Pesach: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea and fish, as well as all foods listed above.

### Detergents

If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a *kosher le-Pesach* label.

### Medicine

Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: if the medicine is required for life-sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesach. If it is not for life-sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult the Rabbi. If available, capsules are preferable.

### Passover Labels

No product can be used on Passover unless it is accompanied by a reliable heksher, an endorsement by a Rabbi whose name and location are clearly stated. A label reading simply "For Passover" and adorned with Jewish Symbols is not reliable, especially if not integral to the package. Baked products are a particular problem and their preparation by a bakery under Jewish ownership is not a guarantee of kashrut. It is also important to note that Jewish law forbids the purchase of bread immediately after Passover which has been baked during Passover.

# Passover Pages

## Delegation of Power for Sale of Hametz:

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Leonardo Bitran to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all hametz possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. hametz, possible hametz and all kinds of hametz mixtures). Also, hametz that tends to harden and adhere to inside surfaces of pans, pots or cooking utensils, the utensils themselves and all kinds of live animals and pets that have been eating hametz and mixtures thereof.

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran is also empowered to lease all places wherein the hametz owned by me may be found, particularly at the address(es) listed below, and elsewhere. Rabbi Leonardo Bitran has full right to appoint any agent or substitute in his stead and said substitute shall have full right to sell and lease sale used in the transaction to sell all my hametz, hametz mixtures, etc., as provided herein.

In consideration of the foregoing, my donation to the Congregation Agudas Achim Minyan Fund is attached.

**This power is in conformity with all Torah, Rabbinic and Civil Laws.**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to synagogue office or mail to:  
Congregation Agudas Achim Attn. Rose Arrellano 16550 Huebner Rd. San Antonio, TX 78248

## Search for Hametz

### A. Bedikat Hametz

The ceremony of Bedikat Hametz is observed this year on **Sunday, April 17**. After the house has been cleaned, on the night before Passover, we search once again for any crumbs of hametz we may have missed. It is customary to distribute the small individually wrapped pieces of hametz throughout the home before the search. We use a candle, a feather and a wooden spoon. This symbolizes that all the hametz which we could see has been removed. Before the search, recite the following blessings.

*Bo-ruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-lom A-sher Ki-de-sha-ny  
Be-mitz-vo-sov Vi-tzi-vo-nu-Al Be-or Chometz*

### B. Bittul Hametz

A formula renouncing any hametz left that we may have inadvertently missed is said canceling our responsibility for it, thus symbolically removing it from our homes. The formula for Bittul Hametz is recited this year on **Sunday, April 17**. Recite the following:

*“All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession, which I have neither seen nor removed and about which I am unaware, shall be considered naught and ownerless as the dust of the earth.”*

### C. Be’ur Hametz

On the morning before Passover we burn the hametz that has been found during the search of the night before. This ceremony should take place by **12:28 p.m.** on **Monday, April 18**. After the hametz has been thrown into the fire, recite the following:

*“All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession whether I have seen it or not, whether I have observed it or not, whether I have removed it or not shall be completely considered naught and ownerless as the dust of the earth.”*

### D. Mechirat Hametz

We are not always able to destroy or get rid of all the hametz. It may be economically disastrous. So the rabbis ordained that a symbolic sale be made of all the hametz to a non-Jew in the community who then sells it back to us after Pesach. The hametz is then no longer “in our possession”. This is normally done by Rabbi Bitran for those who contact him. Incidentally, it is only necessary to sell or destroy food stuffs. Dishes and utensils are simply locked away in storage for the duration of festival.

# Second Night Family Seder at Agudas Achim



## Menu

- Gefilte Fish
- Charoset
- Chicken Soup with Matzo Balls
- Vegetable Broth for Vegetarians (upon advance request)
- Mixed Greens with Vinaigrette
- Marinel's Herb Roasted Chicken**
- Baked Fish (upon advance request)
- Mushroom Spinach Kugel
- Roasted Potatoes with Fresh Herbs

## Dessert Buffet

- Dessert Tzimmes
- Passover Fruit Trifle
- Passover Apple Crisp
- Fruit Platter
- Kosher Wine and Grape Juice



**Join us for a Congregational Passover Seder for the entire family!**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Conducted by

Rabbi Leonardo Bitran and Hazzan Jeremy Lipton

Children's Activity led by Morah Silvana

### Congregational Family Seder

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

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Adolescents (6-12) \_\_\_\_\_ Children (3-5) \_\_\_\_\_ Tots (2 & under)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_\_\_ Disc \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please RSVP NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

*There will be **NO REFUNDS** given for cancellations made after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.*

***ALL late reservations will incur a \$5 late fee per person.***

Please send your reservation and check/credit card payable to: Congregation Agudas Achim  
16550 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248 or email: [a.levine@agudas-achim.org](mailto:a.levine@agudas-achim.org)

#### Dinner Prices Are As Follows:

Adults	\$26.00
College Students w/o Family	\$15.00
Adolescents (6-12)	\$15.00
Children (3-5)	\$ 6.50
Tots (2 & under)	Free

# Sisterhood Anniversary Tea



# Sisterhood Torah Fund Luncheon



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## Sisterhood

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# Sisterhood's Goldsmith-Levis Gift Shop has Reopened!

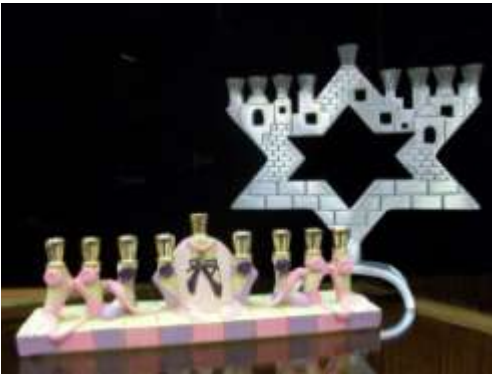
New merchandise is arriving weekly:

- ✧ Seder plates
- ✧ Jewelry
- ✧ Toys
- ✧ Kippot
- ✧ Menorahs
- ✧ Tallitot
- ✧ Gifts
- ✧ Tzadakkah boxes
- ✧ Mezuzahs
- ✧ Yads
- ✧ Much more



Our inventory is expanding, which gives you greater choices for quality Judaica at competitive prices.

Come check us out!



### Hours:

- ✧ Monday and Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ✧ Friday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- ✧ By appointment: call Judy Kelne, Gift Shop Manager, at 827-2644

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## Men's Club

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### Habitat for Humanity Build

The Agudas Achim Men's Club will be participating in two Habitat for Humanity builds along with the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood. The first build will take place on **Sunday, April 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The second build will take place on **Sunday, May 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Please contact Greg Meyer at [greg.b.meyer@gmail.com](mailto:greg.b.meyer@gmail.com) and let him know if you will be able to join the build team.

### Parade Ushers Needed

The Men's Club is looking for volunteers to usher during the Fiesta parades. Ushers are needed for the Battle of Flowers Parade, **Friday, April 15, 2011** and for the Fiesta Flambeau Parade, **Saturday, April 16, 2011**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Greg Meyer at [greg.b.meyer@gmail.com](mailto:greg.b.meyer@gmail.com) or Jeff Siegel at [jeff.siegel@caps-shirts.com](mailto:jeff.siegel@caps-shirts.com).

### **Hadassah San Antonio Chapter Honors Associates with Wine Tasting, Heart Health Tips**



The San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah is celebrating “L'Chayim: 100 for Life” with a special event for the men (Associates) of Hadassah on **Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.**

During 2011, the year leading up to Hdassah's centennial, men can become associates for life for \$100. Those who do so may attend a Kosher-for-Passover wine tasting and heart health talk at HEB Alon Market.

The event will feature Dr. Steven Haffner of the University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center. He is a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Epidemiology. Dr. Haffner received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and his Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from the University of Washington.

This event is open to all members and associates of Hadassah. For information on how to become a member or associate, or to make a reservation, please contact Kathy O'Neil at 823-8603.

### **Rose Treiman April Event**

The Rose Treiman Group of the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah will hold its monthly general meeting on **Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.** at the home of Lucille Behar-Mitrani. A catered luncheon will be served.

The guest speaker will be San Antonio Police Chief William McManus. His presentation, titled "Talk with the Chief," will be followed by a question and answer session. The public is invited.

The cost for this event is \$15 per person. Reservations are required **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 8, 2011.** Please contact Micki at 824-4178 or Ruth at 341-8969 to make your reservation. Please be sure to mention how many will be attending. The address will be given at the time of the reservation

### **SHARE! In Our Cultural Village Next Fall Semester**

**Become a host family for a Jewish Brazilian boy this fall.** The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is looking for a volunteer family to host a young Brazilian boy for just 5 short months this coming fall semester. He is Jewish and hopes to have a Jewish American host family.

The student's favorite subjects in school are math, geography, chemistry and history. During his free time he likes playing soccer, watching movies, bicycling and skateboarding. He is a member of a Jewish youth organization and volunteers for young Jewish children during summer camps.

Host families are asked to provide a bed, meals, a warm family environment and a willingness to share the American way of life with this young boy.

Cross-cultural exchange promotes friendship and goodwill around the world.

To view the student's application, or for more information about SHARE!, please call Yvette or Adriana today at 800-941-HOST (4778) or logon to [www.sharesouthwest.org](http://www.sharesouthwest.org). ERDT/SHARE! is a global nonprofit educational foundation.

# We Celebrate Anniversaries...here's to many more years!

## April 2

Barbara and Jerry Friedson  
Elizabeth and Ervin Mendlovitz  
Norma and Rich Spitz

## April 4

Hilary and Neal Kavy

## April 5

Rachel Stern and Scott Pullen

## April 7

Bertie and Selig Frank

## April 8

Meredith and Cary Fox

## April 11

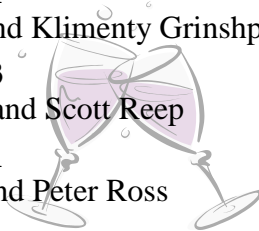
Fanya and Klimenty Grinshpan

## April 13

Gwenn and Scott Reep

## April 21

Peggy and Peter Ross



## April 23

Marilyn and Cal Lemmon

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## April 30

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Michael Ozer

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Bess Greenstein

### April 6

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### April 7

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Stephen Saklad

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Philip Sacks  
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Cory Weinberg

### April 9

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Seth Frydberg  
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Chelsea Loeffel  
Matthew Wolf

### April 10

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Eileen Bowman  
Ilanna Dinesman  
Matthew Loeffel  
Shari Markowitz  
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Isabelle Bouhadana  
Ethan Cohen  
Louis Halfant

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Deanie Vogel  
Marcia Weiner

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Howard Nestel

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### April 16

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Michael Souksamlane

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Jaime Farji  
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### April 21

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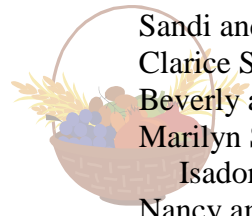
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April 1	7:34 p.m.
April 8	7:38 p.m.
April 15	7:42 p.m.
April 22	7:46 p.m.
April 29	7:51 p.m.
May 6	7:55 p.m.
May 13	8:00 p.m.
May 20	8:04 p.m.
May 27	8:08 p.m.



**Shabbat Ending Times  
For San Antonio**

April 2	8:35 p.m.
April 9	8:39 p.m.
April 16	8:43 p.m.
April 23	8:47 p.m.
April 30	8:51 p.m.
May 7	8:56 p.m.
May 14	9:00 p.m.
May 21	9:04 p.m.
May 28	9:09 p.m.

**Service Times**

<b>Daily Minyan</b>	7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday Vexler Chapel 9:00 a.m. Sunday Vexler Chapel Evenings by contacting office
<b>Shabbat Evening</b>	7:00 p.m. Vexler Chapel
<b>Shabbat Morning</b>	9:00 a.m. Alterman Salkind Louis Sanctuary or Vexler Chapel

*Yahrzeits are read at **EACH** service.*

*Babysitting provided for birth through 2nd grade at **all** Shabbat Morning services.*

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