

The Agudagram

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SHABBAT & YOM TOV CANDLELIGHTING

May 9- Parshat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim- 7:51pm candlelighting

May 16- Parshat Emor- 7:58pm candlelighting

May 23- Parshat Behar-Bechukotai- 8:05pm candlelighting

May 30- Parshat Bamidbar- 8:11pm candlelighting

May 16-Lag B'Omer

May 26- Yom Yerushalayim

*June 1- Erev Shavuot- 8:12pm candlelighting

2nd night- 9:20pm candlelighting-Service schedule to follow*

Estate Planning?

Call the AIC office to reserve your cemetery plot(s) for you and your beloved family. Active planning helps family tend to your afterlife needs and their mourning with less stress.

Consider joining the Cemetery Committee to help our members and congregation with this lasting legacy.

SHABBATON!!!

This past weekend we had the delight of joining together for a Shabbaton with so many of our wonderful members led by Canton Ramon Tasat. The basis of the Shabbaton was to utilize the prayer skills we had been



working on in classes weeks prior to the event. The culmination of classes brought us together for a beautiful Oneg Shabbat service and dinner with candlelighting, kiddush, and a delicious traditional Shabbat meal catered by Around the Table Catering, a kosher catering company based out of Kingston with a food truck located on Market Street. We hope you enjoy these photos from the event and that we can enjoy many more together soon!





APRIL DONATIONS RECEIVED

<u>Yahrzeit Memorial Fund</u>		
<i>From</i>		<i>In Memory of</i>
Alan & Karen Levy	....	<i>Abe Levy, uncle</i>
Steven Klemow	....	<i>Alan Klemow, brother</i>
Phyllis Cohen Deitch	....	<i>Betty Cohen, mother</i>
Richard & Faye Bishop	....	<i>Bonnie Klemow, friend</i>
Sherri Klemow Shevlin	....	<i>Bonnie Klemow, sister</i>
Judy Gundling	....	<i>David Gundling, husband</i>
Barbara Montague	....	<i>Elliot Greif, brother</i>
Micki Auerbach	....	<i>Ethel Auerbach, mother-in-law</i>
Yanusiewicz & Kaplan Families	....	<i>Frances Lande Trout, aunt</i>
Beryl Brown	....	<i>Hannah Brown, grandmother</i>
Judy Gundling	....	<i>Harold Taub, father</i>
Gail Bayarsky Burger	....	<i>Henry Bayarsky, father</i>
Helene Lintz Vallese	....	<i>Herman Lintz, grandfather</i>
Richard Koller	....	<i>Ilene Katz, cousin</i>
Nathan G. Katz & Family	....	<i>Ilene Katz, sister</i>
Richard & Faye Bishop	....	<i>Ira Goldberg, friend & Hebrew school classmate</i>
Lois Kline Bailey	....	<i>Isadore Kline, father</i>
Thomas Kline	....	<i>Isadore Kline, father</i>
Carlos & Sharon Buchbinder	....	<i>Johanna Suss, grandmother</i>
Leonard & Ann Louise Brenner	....	<i>Joseph Brenner, father</i>
Marc Hurwitz	....	<i>Leonard Hurwtiz, father</i>
Myra Kline & Steven Russek	....	<i>Lillian Kline, mother</i>
Rosanne Druian, Charlotte & Mark Greenstein	....	<i>Louis Druian, father</i>
Micki Auerback	....	<i>Louis Ruttenberg, father</i>
Thelma & Marvin Chercass	....	<i>Milton Chercass, brother</i>
Honey Minkin	....	<i>Mollie Feller, grandmother</i>

Richard & Faye Bishop	....	<i>Murray Glassberg, father of friend & friend of parents</i>
Rhoda Smulyan Wolff	....	<i>Rebecca Kaplan, grandmother</i>
Howard Narrow, Rhona Narrow	....	<i>Rose Narrow, grandmother</i>
Eileen Brenner	....	<i>Ruth V. Brenner</i>

<u>AIC Endowment Fund</u>
<i>In Memory of Martin & Elsie Cohn</i>
Lawrence Cohn
<i>In Memory of Arnold Robinson</i>
Richard Rockman
<i>In Memory of Marilyn Bergstein</i>
Betty Gross Eisenberg & Family
Debbie & Larry Walko
Jill Rosenfield
Marcia & Kevin Winn
Michael & Gina Arlen
Micki Auerbach
Rachel Eisenberg, Stuart Greene & Family
Susan Rubin

thank you!

We greatly appreciate donations for yahrzeits, life events, and other celebrations! They truly keep the shul running and show how strong our congregation is.

If you'd like information about donating, please email us at agudasisraelhazleton@gmail.com or call the shul office.

GET WELL WISHES ARE EXPRESSED TO: CAROL SILVER, JANET KEICH, LEANNE TRATTNER, SHIRLEY BRENNER, BONNIE YANUSKIEWICZ, & SARA FRIEDMAN.

SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE AIC FAMILY, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO AGUDASISRAELHAZLETON@GMAIL.COM TO RUN IN THE NEXT AGUDAGRAM!



May (Iyar) Yahrzeits

May the memory of the righteous endure as a blessing.

The yahrzeit plaque lights are on in the sanctuary in memory of our departed loved ones.

*Numbers before each name correspond to the Hebrew date of their passing. The date after each name is the secular day of the yahrzeit. Yahrzeit candles should be lit the evening before this date burning through the day of their passing. Kaddish should be the evening before and the day of the date of passing.

IYAR

6 Alan Klemow 5/4	15 Esther Williams 5/13	25 Hal Goldstein 5/23
7 Mollie Glassberg 5/5	16 Cecelia Miller 5/14	28 Hannah Cohn 5/26
7 Bessie Klemow 5/5	17 Samuel Gandell 5/15	28 Stella Gold 5/26
7 David Tumarkin 5/5	17 Thelma Tybie Cohen 5/15	28 Isaac Jaffe 5/26
8 Kalman Sugarman 5/6	17 Ethel Clark 5/15	29 Sidney Schwartz 5/27
9 Marshall Steiner 5/7	19 Anna Shlesinger 5/17	
10 Rudolph Seuss 5/8	21 Naomi Jaffe 5/19	<u>SIVAN</u>
10 Nathan Gersteen 5/8	21 David Grossman 5/19	3 Anna Fishman 5/30
11 Jerry Brownstein 5/9	22 Israel T. Klapper 5/20	4 David Bishop 5/31
11 Nathan Cenower 5/9	23 Ruth Klemow 5/21	4 Jonas Steiner 5/31
11 Anna Shupack 5/9	23 Sarah Goldstein 5/21	4 Samuel Jaffe 5/31
11 Annabelle Trattner 5/9	24 Herbert Clark 5/22	
12 Edith Wagner 5/10	24 Isaac Figlin 5/22	
13 Carrie Mandelberg 5/11	24 Joseph Soller 5/22	

REFLECTION WHICH MAY BE READ WHEN LIGHTING A YAHRZEIT CANDLE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE:

"I light this candle to bring peace to the soul of _____ (insert Jewish name) ben/bat (son of/daughter of) _____ (insert father's Jewish name)."

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of (*insert name*) enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen.

Neir Adonai Nishmat Adam. Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu Veilohei Avoteinu, Shetehei Nishmat (insert name) Tzerurah betzeror hachayim, im nishmot Avraham Yitzchak ve'Ya'akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel VeLeah. Tehi Menutchatah kavod, Selah

Yom Yerushalayim for the Young (and Young at Heart!)

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

It Once Happened...

Rabbi Akiva, the Fox, and the Six Day War

In those critical, tense weeks before the Six Day War, I was just coming near the end of my first year at Cambridge University. And for those three weeks we all felt that something terrible was going to happen, after all the troops were massed on the Egyptian and Syrian borders. All of my generation born after the Holocaust feared that we were about to witness a second holocaust. All the Jewish students, vast numbers of them, turned up in the little shul in Thompson's Lane to pray. I've never seen so many people there before or since. The atmosphere was absolutely intense. And for me it was life-changing.

As soon as we saw the paratroopers, as soon as we heard the words, "*Har habayit beyadeinu!*" ("The Temple Mount is in our hands!"), I knew I had to go to Israel and see it for myself. I went there, and looking from Har HaTzofim (Mount Scopus), down on the Old City, I suddenly realised that I was standing at the very place that the Mishnah and Gemara talk about at the end of Tractate Makkot, when Rabbi Akiva and three of his rabbinical colleagues are standing on Har HaTzofim looking down on the ruins of the Temple. And the other Rabbis are weeping, and Rabbi Akiva is smiling. And he says, "Why are you weeping!?"

They respond, "Look the Holy of Holies, it's all in ruins, a fox is walking through there! The place that only the holiest man, the High Priest, could enter, only on the holiest day, and now it is nothing but ruins. Of course we're weeping. Why are you not weeping?"

And Rabbi Akiva says, "Because there were two Prophets who gave prophecies. One, Michah, saw the city in its destruction and another one, Zechariah, saw it rebuilt, and saw it as a place where "*Od yeshvu zekeinim uzekeinot birchovot Yerushalayim*", where old men and women would sit at peace in the streets of Jerusalem, and the streets would be filled with the sounds of children playing.

"So if I have seen the fulfilment of the prophecy of destruction am I not convinced that there will one day come true the prophecy of rebuilding and restoration?"

In any of our prayers, at our weddings, we always remember Jerusalem.



And as I stood where Rabbi Akiva stood 2,000 years earlier, I said to myself, “If he had only known how long it would take, would he still have believed?” And then I realised, of course he would still have believed, because Jews would never give up hope of Jerusalem. We never allowed it to escape our minds. In any of our prayers, at our weddings, we always remember Jerusalem. Every time we comfort mourners we say, “*HaMakom yenachem etchem betoch sha’ar avalei Tzion v’Yerushalayim.*”

You know, Jews were a circumference whose centre was Jerusalem. And I knew then that a people who could never forget this holy city must one day return to it. And as I stood there, soon after the Six Day War, I suddenly realised that faith brought back Jews to Jerusalem, and will one day rebuild its ruins. That is the most powerful testimony of faith I know.

MAY PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Shalom to all,

I can’t even find the words to describe how elated I was after the Shabbaton weekend that we just had at the shul with Cantor Ramón and all the wonderful people that attended. It was so uplifting being in person and making beautiful music together. We can add to our long list of awesome traditional memories in our beautiful building. We would like to plan more events in the future which would bring more people together for joyous celebrations. Please use these experiences to come join in

for a minyan for weekly Shabbat Services and enjoy Marlene’s uniquely delicious Kiddushes!!!

I hope you enjoyed seeing photos from the event! I would like to thank Cantor Ramón Tasat and Roanne, the Estate of Robert Klemow, the Sisterhood, JCC, Sherri Klemow Shevlin, Christina Ferry, Marlene Leonard, and Laurie Klemow for all of their tremendous efforts in achieving a beautiful, memorable, and spiritual Shabbaton weekend!

Enjoy Spring!

Sincerely,

Debbie Walker