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Dear Fellow Congregants,

Some say it doesn't work, most don't like it. JEWISH GUILT.

One of the most important things we can do is remember our family. Saying Kaddish for a family member is a meaningful way to remember your family. Our synagogue has a long history of daily and evening minyans. We have struggled over the last few years to find a way to keep this tradition going.

We do have a group of dedicated members that come more than a few times a week to help make a minyan.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

If you do plan to come to synagogue to say Kaddish, please let the Rabbi know.

We have Captains in the morning who could definitely use your help in making a minyan.

Sunday – David Hirsh

Monday – Kenneth Sadler

Tuesday – Lynne Reeves.

Wednesday – Looking for a Captain

Thursday – Michael Konter

Friday – Bob Isaacson

Wednesday Evening – Linda Zoller

WE NEED YOU TO HELP KEEP THIS TRADITION ALIVE

Call one of the Captains.

Come once a month.

It's the start of a New Year.

If Jewish Guilt doesn't work

Feed your Jewish Soul, come to minyan.

Kenneth
President

FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

A few years ago, when Dinah was in Kindergarten, I asked her before Rosh Hashanah why we eat a round challah. In all of her then-five-year-old wisdom, she responded, “They are round because like the year, they don’t have a beginning or an end.”

There is something quite profound about that statement. Often, we think of life cycle events as completing one stage before moving on to the next. On Rosh Hashanah a couple weeks ago, we completed one year and began a new one; on Simchat Torah, which we’ll celebrate at the very beginning of this month, we will finish the last *parashah* in the Torah and start again with the first one. When we celebrate a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, we see it as leaving childhood and entering maturity; at a wedding, the couple moves from two individuals to a family unit. Yet, as Dinah pointed out, none of these is entirely accurate. It’s not really like one year started and the other stopped on Rosh Hashanah; one flowed right into the next. The whole point of Simchat Torah is that we don’t stop reading the Torah, but by starting over again, it is as if it never ended. The teenager and the married couple have not changed so drastically from the day before the Bar or Bat Mitzvah to the day after. On one hand, these are arbitrary landmarks in our lives, yet after each one, we recognize something meaningful has happened.

Over the last month, we’ve been focused on the transitions to the new year and thinking about who we want to be in the coming year. Now, after Simchat Torah, we find ourselves in a period where we don’t have another holiday until Hanukkah in December. Whereas leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we were focused on who we were and what we did in the past, now, without a holiday, we can look forward to the future. We realize that just because the calendar year flipped doesn’t mean we changed; we are, essentially, the same people we were the day before Rosh Hashanah and the day before Yom Kippur. What changed were the spiritual insights we had leading up to each holiday and that the holidays granted us. Now we have to work on actually making the changes we promised ourselves during the High Holidays. The landmarks of the High Holidays offered us an opportunity for reflection, but without a holiday to prepare for, we can focus on making ourselves the people we want to be.

We recognize that just because the calendar changed, just because the holidays passed, doesn’t mean much has necessarily changed. Like the challah we eat on Rosh Hashanah, the year goes round and round, with only arbitrary starting and end points. But we have the power to fix that. Now is the chance to really test ourselves about the resolutions we made last month, all the things we promised ourselves we’d do in the coming year, all the changes we wanted to make. May each of us in the next month find the wisdom, courage, and strength to do so.

Rabbi Steven Henkin



Our popular Rabbi on the Road series continues! For those of you for whom it's hard to get to the synagogue to meet, Rabbi Henkin will continue to go around to different areas of town to answer questions, learn together, or chat.

Come on by and visit!

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Coffee Deli (4517 Habersham St., Savannah)

Thursday, Oct. 18, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Savannah Coffee Roasters (215 W Liberty St., Savannah)

Thursday, Oct. 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Corner Perk (1297 May River Rd #101, Bluffton, SC)

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Three Tree Coffee (441 S Main St #1a, Statesboro, GA)

Please email Rabbi Henkin at rabbihenkin@gmail.com, if you have any suggestions of future meeting places!

Looking for More?

Are you searching for more ways to become engaged in your Jewish Life? Wish you could do more than sit in the pews during services, but take part in the action? We would love for you to do so! We are putting together classes for those interested in learning how to read Torah and/or Haftarah, lead services, or provide a d'var Torah to the community.

Please contact Rabbi Henkin at rabbihenkin@gmail.com to express which you're interested in learning or for more information.

Homestyle Judaism

In this new class, Rabbi Henkin will be teaching weekly classes on a monthly theme in the friendly atmosphere of people's homes. Feel free to join whichever class is most convenient!

The theme for October is

“Understanding our Jewish Neighbors: Basics of Denominations”

Check the weekly e-news for dates and locations

If you're interested in hosting future sessions and/or have topics you'd like to discuss in the future, let Rabbi Henkin(rabbihenkin@gmail.com) know!



Join us for GILEE Shabbat

Georgia Israel Law Enforcement
Exchange Shabbat

Friday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm

The entire community is invited to attend Friday night dinner and meet with high ranking Israeli officers that will discuss the current events in Israel and across the border.

Dinner is \$18 per person
Please contact the AA office for
reservations
912-352-4737

Weekly Study Opportunities

1. ***Food for the Soul*** (Wednesday mornings, after minyan and breakfast, hosted by Ron Ginsberg): Come for breakfast, stay for a discussion about some of the stores and issues going on in the Jewish world.
2. ***Rabbinic Literature Study Group*** (Thursday afternoons, 2:00-3:15 pm): Take a look into the rabbinic mind and how the rabbis interpret the Torah in this weekly class.
3. ***Skeptics Study Group*** (second Thursday of every month, 12 noon, hosted by Michael Konter): This group is for all of those who want to ask difficult questions about Judaism and/or seeking Jewish answers to the questions they have. Our next meeting will be October 11th.

More classes coming soon, so stay tuned!

*Have something you want to learn about but don't see a class about it?
Contact Rabbi Henkin at rabbihenkin@gmail.com or call the main office.*

SISTERHOOD MITZVAH-GRAM

How do I Send a Mitzvah-Gram?

Here are 4 simple steps to do this:

- 1 Print out the Mitzvah-Gram page from the **OCTOBER** HaYom newsletter with the list of people celebrating a birthday or anniversary in **NOVEMBER**.
- 2 Circle the names of all those people to whom you would like to send a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary greeting.
- 3 Mail or deliver your list, along with your *check made out to Agudath Achim Sisterhood for \$.50 for each circled name, to Barbara Abrams, 24 Raindrop Lane, Bluffton, S.C. 29909*, or leave your list and check in the synagogue office Sisterhood box, attention Mitzvah-grams.
- 4 Make sure to include your name(s) the way you want it (them) listed.

In order for your birthday and anniversary greetings to be delivered in a timely manner, everyone needs to turn in NOVEMBER Mitzvah-Gram sheet before OCTOBER 15th.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact me at barba43@hargray.com, or at (843)705-3723 or (843) 290-3995.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this exciting program.

Barbara Abrams, Chair

Gale Hirsh, Acting Sisterhood President

NOVEMBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS

2 Laura Lynn Miller	18 Rabbi Steven Henkin
2 Daniel Skidmore-Hess	18 Roberta Wolff
3 Annette Friedman	19 Stephen Morris
5 Charna Cweibel	20 Hilary Kronowitz
5 Paul Kulbersh	21 Bernice Luskey
5 Charles Sitrin	22 Lynn Simon
5 Cathy Skidmore-Hess	25 Gerald Caplan
8 Julius Davidson	25 Gale Hirsh
9 Roberta Kamine-Haysman	25 Morgan McGhie
10 Julian Miller	27 Michelle Allan
11 Richard Meier	28 Rachel Israel
12 Karen Cranman	29 Lynne Berkowitz
18 Jeffrey Lasky	30 Amy Kaminsky
18 Bert Tenenbaum	

NOVEMBER 2018 ANNIVERSARIES

9 Adam & Amy Kaminsky
16 Daniel & Kasey Berman
22 Arthur & Linda Brill



Please indicate how you would like your greeting signed:

e.g. Barbara & Ellis Abrams

If we are missing your NOVEMBER birthday and/or anniversary, please contact Barbara Abrams at barba43@hargray.com or (843) 705-3723 or (843) 290-3995.

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If you would like to participate in the Donor Dues Program contact the office with your credit card information or send in a check.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Come welcome the Shabbat by celebrating with our friends at Buckingham South on Fridays at 11am.</i></p>						<p><i>Shabbat Services followed by Kiddush Luncheons</i></p>
	<p>Office Closed ¹</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Shacharit 11:00 a.m. Yizkor 6:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration</p> <p><i>Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor</i></p>	<p>Office Closed ²</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Simchat Torah 7:44 p.m. Holiday Ends</p> <p><i>Simchat Torah</i></p>	<p>³</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study 6:00 p.m. Mincha/ Maariv</p>	<p>⁴</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Shacharit and Torah Study 6:00 p.m. Mincha/ Maariv</p>	<p>⁵</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:46 p.m. Candle Lighting</p>	<p>⁶</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 7:35 p.m. Maariv 7:39 p.m. Havdalah</p>
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UPCOMING 2018

Friday, November 2nd: GILEE Shabbat

OCTOBER 01/22 TISHREI

EVA SADLER
RACHMILL SCHLAFSTEIN
MILTON TODTFELD

OCTOBER 02/23 TISHREI

GUSTAVE KREH

OCTOBER 04/25 TISHREI

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OCTOBER 09/30 TISHREI

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OCTOBER 10/1 HESHVAN

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OCTOBER 13/4 HESHVAN

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OCTOBER 14/5 HESHVAN

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OCTOBER 15/6 HESHVAN

MATTHEW CRANMAN
PAULINE TENENBAUM

OCTOBER 16/7 HESHVAN

PEARL BERWITZ
MILTON TOWBIN
MICHAEL TURECK

OCTOBER 19/10 HESHVAN

HERSCHEL HARRIS

OCTOBER 20/11 HESHVAN

JULIUS SCHWACK
HELEN WITZKE

OCTOBER 21/12 HESHVAN

SHIRLEY ROBIN

OCTOBER 22/13 HESHVAN

YETTA MAYO

OCTOBER 23/14 HESHVAN

ANNA ELMAN
ESTHER PAZOL

OCTOBER 24/15 HESHVAN

PATRICIA BARBER
MORRIS NATHAN
MAY SMALHEISER

OCTOBER 25/16 HESHVAN

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OCTOBER 26/17 HESHVAN

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Shalom School

Thank You !

For any parent, teacher or school principal, the first day of school is always a balance between excitement and anxiety. That last Sunday of August, I left the house in the morning desperate to hear that commonly used blessing expressed to one another: "have a good day". Maybe if I heard it often enough, it would happen.

Well, that first day was wonderful. Children were smiling and excited to catch up with their Sunday school friends. Leaving us only a couple of sessions to talk about Rosh Hashanah, I was so happy to see the enthusiasm students show as they learned more about our New Year. It was only at the end of this emotionally charged day that I realized what had happened. Our day didn't turn out well because somebody *wished* it for us. We had that terrific day because each one of us took it upon him/herself to *make* that day into a great one and to focus on Hakarat Hatov, recognizing the good around us. It sometimes looks like we never feel we have enough, and we even might be prone to think we are entitled to have more. And if we remember King Solomon's quest for another woman, another horse, another ounce of gold ... we will remember that this attitude is not specific to our generation but one linked to our human nature. When we choose to feel content for our day and what we have we gain the ability to feel gratitude. And when we feel gratitude, we can then focus our energy to make what we have great. That 1st morning many of us made the choices to be happy for what we have and to work hard to make what we had special. From youngest to oldest our students put extra effort : In PreK, Addison made the brave decision to keep smiling when her parents left, even if it was her very first time at Shalom School; And ten of our 8th-10th graders decided that the best way to spend their Sunday morning was to volunteer in Shalom School classrooms. Our teachers and Rabbis made sure that first day would be a success when they carefully planned lessons to be engaging and fun. Our parents made sure they made Jewish education a priority when they drove them to school on a Sunday morning.

The lesson I took from that first day is an obvious one, but one that we need to remind ourselves of constantly: We don't just "*have* a good day", we *make* a good day. We need to work for and invest in it to make it happen. It's not a passive event but rather a very active one.

When saying "Modeh Ani" every morning we thank God for granting us another day, and while we may not have a choice in what comes our way for that day, we always have a choice in how we respond to what comes. We can be fearful or courageous, pessimistic or optimistic, despairing or hopeful. The choice is always ours to make. Every day we wake up with opportunities, with a plate-full of possibilities. No matter what mood we wake up in, we always have the power to make it a good day for ourselves and for others.

Hakarat Hatov, hard work, positive attitudes and determination, those are all the things that our students, their parents and our faculty brought to school that first day.

Thanks to all of you for that!

Eva Locker

GENERAL INFORMATION

BACKPACK BUDDIES NEEDS YOU.....

1. **To help us pack** – We pack every Wednesday morning at 9 AM at the synagogue. It takes about 90 minutes and we could use more help. You will only be asked to pack one Wednesday each month. If interested, please contact Stephen Friedman at ssfriedman@yahoo.com
2. **To help deliver the food to the schools** – We serve 4 elementary schools each week. Drivers are asked to deliver one or two times a month, on Thursdays. Each driver delivers to 2 of the 4 schools. Having a large car is helpful. Drivers do some loading and unloading of food bags. If interested, please contact Stephen Friedman at ssfriedman@yahoo.com
3. **To donate money to support the effort** - Our annual budget is roughly \$20,000. With those funds, we are able to serve approximately 150 children per week. To donate, please send your tax deductible gift to Congregation Agudath Achim, 9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31405, and note on your check that the gift is for Backpack Buddies. If you would like to step up to a “**Benefactor**” role (minimum gift of \$500), you can send your gift as above, or contact Stephen Friedman at ssfriedman@yahoo.com or 678-357-6666.

Wishing the Entire Congregation a Shana Tovah. May you never be hungry!!!!

Trip to Israel



We are exploring the possibility of another trip to Israel next year. If you're interested contact Motti!!

OCTOBER 2018 BIRTHDAYS



1 Chrissie Karp	11 Stephen Friedman	23 Alex Bykat
1 Suzanne Konter	13 Carol Offenbach	23 Richard Zimnavoda
1 Stephen Sacks	19 Larry Lehner	24 Barbara Abrams
3 Steven Arkin	19 Gay Udinsky	25 Ira Berman
7 Murray Galin	20 Rachel Schwartz	25 Marla Geffen
8 Sidney Karp	21 Howard Cohen	30 David Hirsh
9 Martin Melaver		31 Motti Locker

Yom Huledet Same'ach!
We Extend Happy Birthday Wishes
to the Above Members

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINYAN CAPTAINS

If you are planning to come to Shul for Kaddish,
 please contact the minyan captain a few days in
 advance.

Monday (7:15 am) - Kenneth Sadler

Tuesday (7:30 am) - Lynn Reeves

Wednesday (8:00 am) - Ron Ginsberg

Thursday (7:30 am) - Michael Konter

Friday (7:00 am) - Bobby Isaacson

Sunday (9:00 am) - David Hirsh



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