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PURIM CELEBRATION

Monday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Magician & Magic Show,
Megillah Bonanza,
Costume Parade and more

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INFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

Old Lessons on Fighting New Anti-Semitism

When I talk with many of you, it is clear that the outbreak in anti-Semitism we have seen over the last couple years is near the forefront of your minds. There are, of course, reasons to be concerned. The violence and rhetoric we are seeing in America is unlike anything most of us have witnessed in our lifetimes. While we may have personally experienced anti-Semitism (such as being barred from membership in certain clubs, jokes made about us, or membership quotas at universities), few of us have directly seen the outright attacks and violence that have been going on.

Though we may not have seen it, we should also not forget that this is not a new phenomenon. Besides Nazi Germany, the closest parallel to our experience comes from a story we read and celebrate this month, the book of Esther and the story of Purim—which, not coincidentally, also may provide us some insight as to how to deal with the hatred we experience.

In the story, the wicked Haman (feel free to insert your boos and loud noises here) convinces King Ahashverosh to do something about the Jewish people. He says, “There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the king’s laws; and it is not in Your Majesty’s interest to tolerate them” (Esther 3:8). This argument echoes those made against Jews for the last couple hundred years: they are different from us; they obey their laws, not ours; they are not loyal to us, only to themselves and/or to Israel. If it wasn’t in our Bible, it sounds like it could’ve come out of Enlightenment Europe, Soviet Russia, or any Nazi or neo-Nazi rally.

But we all know the end of the story: thanks to Queen Esther and Mordecai, on the same day that Haman had planned to attack the Jews, the tables were turned and the Jews fought back. Haman was killed on the very gallows he had planned to hang Mordecai on. Yet, how we get to that point is maybe as significant as the end result. When Esther first became queen, she hid her religion, following Mordecai’s advice. Even after Mordecai encouraged her to reveal herself, she was still hesitant. It was only when she told the king that she was Jewish that her and her people were saved.

Esther’s example should be instructive for us today, as well. As long as we hide who we are—whether by putting walls up around our community or walls around ourselves—we will never be able to defeat those who want to hurt us. In fact, it seems as long as Esther did so, the position of the Jews was weakened. It is only when she was open with the king that and used the relationships and friends that she had that Haman was defeated.

No, our own Jewish pride will not destroy anti-Semitism. But neither will walling ourselves off. The best weapon we have in this battle is our own *hutzpah*, our own audacity to have faith and commitment to our ideals under any circumstances and not be shy or hesitant about displaying it. In other words—our best weapon is to be ourselves. The hope of anti-Semites is that by making us afraid, we’ll go away or become like them. We defeat them by refusing to do so.

As we celebrate our ancestors’ being saved from the threat of destruction, may we take courage—and wisdom—about how we can deal with threats in our own time. And may we all have Esther’s bravery to not let the threats of the world engulf us and instead rise above them to be who we are and who we want to be: proud Jews.

Rabbi Steven Henkin

SYNAGOGUE RELATIONSHIP

Weekly Study Opportunities

1. Food for the Soul (Wednesday mornings, after minyan and breakfast, hosted by Ron Ginsberg): Come for breakfast, stay for learning! We are going to begin a new series of discussion-based classes on larger topics of Jewish interest. We hope to see you there!
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, 11 a.m., 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 session will be **Thursday, March 12th at 11 a.m.**
4. Rabbis of the Mishnah Class will take a deep look into the Rabbis of the Mishnah; who they were and what they were thinking. Our next session will be **Wednesday, March 11th at 9:50 a.m.**

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.

Homestyle Judaism - The Spiritual Side of Passover

We all know about the *seder*, eating *matzah*, and not eating *hametz* for eight days. But what does our observance of Passover mean for how we live our lives? What can it teach us about living our lives better? This month, in preparation for Passover coming up in April, we'll take a look at the holiday and how it can help us throughout the year.

Monday, March 16: Home of Monique & Jeffrey Mayo (South Carolina)

Monday, March 23: Home of Judy & Paul Todtfeld (Landings)

Monday, March 30: Home of Lynn & David Reeves (Midtown & Downtown)

Please let the host or Rabbi Henkin know if you plan to attend any of the sessions.
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!

TIME TO
Celebrate

Join us Shabbat, March 14th

for the month's Simcha, or Celebration, Shabbat.
On the second Shabbat of each month we celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries in that month.

We will honor those individuals during the service and also have a special Kiddush.

We hope you'll join us, especially if you have something to celebrate in March!

SYNAGOGUE RELATIONSHIP

May 1st at 6:00 p.m.
Scholar-in-resident Shabbat
with David Makovsky
Program is sponsored by
Ernie and Mary Weitz Friedman Fund
\$18.00 per person



David Makovsky is the Ziegler distinguished fellow at The Washington Institute and director of the Project on Arab-Israeli Relations. He is also an adjunct professor in Middle East studies at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In 2013-2014, he worked in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of State, serving as a senior advisor to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations.

Author of numerous Washington Institute monographs and essays on issues related to the Middle East Peace Process and the Arab-Israeli conflict, he is also coauthor, with Dennis Ross, of *Be Strong and of Good Courage: How Israel's Most Important Leaders Shaped Its Destiny* (PublicAffairs) and the 2009 Washington Post bestseller *Myths, Illusions, and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East* (Viking/Penguin). He is the host of the podcast *Decision Points: The U.S.-Israel Relationship*, which features interviews with authors, scholars, and practitioners on key moments in the history of U.S.-Israel relations from the Balfour Declaration to hi-

tech cooperation today. His 2011 maps on alternative territorial solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were reprinted by the *New York Times* in the paper's first interactive treatment of an op-ed.

Before joining The Washington Institute, Mr. Makovsky was an award-winning journalist who covered the peace process from 1989 to 2000. He is the former executive editor of the *Jerusalem Post*, was diplomatic correspondent for Israel's leading daily, *Haaretz*, and is a former contributing editor to *U.S. News and World Report*. He was awarded the National Press Club's 1994 Edwin M. Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence for a cover story on PLO finances that he cowrote for the magazine.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Makovsky received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree in Middle East studies from Harvard University.

MEN'S CLUB & SHABBAT



March Madness Men's Club Basketball Pool

March Madness Selection

is Sunday, March 15th

So start thinking about your brackets.

Rules like last year:

One point for every correct pick.

Include guess for total points* in championship game...

Picks to be turned-in before tip off on Thursday, March 19th.

P.S. 10% to Men's Club; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize to be determined once we get a view of participation...feel free to enlist friends.

Make \$ 25.00 Check to AA (note in corner MM or March Madness)

* points guess used as a tie-breaker if needed.

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GOT SHABBAT?!

CELEBRATE SHABBAT THROUGHOUT SAVANNAH!

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

5:30 P.M. • CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM

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MORE DETAILS OR EMAIL PJLIBRARY@SAVJ.ORG

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 **MARCH** HaYom newsletter with the list of people celebrating a birthday or anniversary in **APRIL**.
- 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 APRIL Mitzvah-Gram sheet before MARCH 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

APRIL 2020 BIRTHDAYS

2 Arnold Tillinger	18 Paul Abel
2 Simone Wilker	18 Connie Glaser
3 Phillip Wizwer	18 Lisa Goldstein
4 Meredith Bodziner	20 Michael Bonder
4 Reggie Goldstein	20 Morris Geffen
5 Harold Sacaloff	21 Preston Feiler
5 Steven Smithberg	21 Stanley Rosenberg
8 Matthew Allan	21 Bob Schwartz
14 Carole Cohen	22 Becky Cohen
15 Marcus Seligman	24 Jack Wolff
17 Kelly Gordon	25 Ira Miller
17 Clare Kinsey	27 Liela Weltman
17 Stephanie Zerden	30 Carolyn Cohen

APRIL 2020 ANNIVERSARIES

2 Steven and Anna Berwitz
5 Marvin and Charna Cweibel
6 Benjamin and Lisa Mackowiak
22 John Nowell & Harriet Karlin



Please indicate how you would like your greeting signed:

e.g. Barbara & Ellis Abrams

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



HAVDALAH HAPPY HOUR AT THE HENKINS

Saturday, April 4 7:30 pm

All those 50 and above, bring your friends and join us as we say goodbye to Shabbat with community, drinks, and nosh.

No cost to attend, but please RSVP to 912-352-4737 or agudatha@aol.com



Agudath Achim Sisterhood 2020 Calendar of Events

EVENT

*Multigenerational Mother's Day
event @ Board and Brush*

DATE

May 3

*Come join us, and help Sisterhood work wonders!
Contact aasavsisterhood@gmail.com to sign up to be part of Sisterhood.*

MARCH 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shalom School (CMI) 6:00 p.m. Maariv	2 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	3 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	4 8:00 a.m. Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Shalom School (AA) 6:00 p.m. Maariv led by Michael Konter	5 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Rabbinic Literature Study Group 6:00 p.m. Maariv	6 7:30 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:08 p.m. Candle Lighting	7 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 6:55 p.m. Maariv 7:03 p.m. Havdalah
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UPCOMING 2020

April 9th & 10th Passover

April 28th at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Purim Israel Independence Day Celebration at Locker's for AA

Come welcome the Shabbat by celebrating
with our friends at Buckingham South on
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

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MARCH 09/13 ADAR

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MARCH 10/14 ADAR

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MARCH 11/15 ADAR

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MARCH 12/16 ADAR

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Beyond gragger and hamentaschen

My mother always gives us a gift for Purim, this is the custom she grew up with in Tanger (Morocco). My mother in law in Jerusalem has the custom of putting a huge, long, and special Challah on the table for the Purim meal. Over the years, I had the privilege of celebrating Purim with people from different origins and different Purim traditions.

Whether it is the Mishloach Manot we give, the food we eat, or the way we react when the name of the villain Haman is said (*boooooo!!*), here is a sample of different old and current Purim traditions from around the world:

In France: The original graggers were stones! Children used to take smooth stones, write or engrave Haman's name on them, and strike them together during the Megillah reading whenever Haman's name was mentioned.

In Italy: The youngsters would divide into two camps and throw nuts at each other. The adults rode through the streets of the town on horseback with cypress branches in their hands. They placed an effigy of Haman in a high place, and surrounded it to the sound of trumpets.

In England: Congregants would write the name of Haman on a paper and erase it when his name was read.

In Egypt: The young men rode through the Jewish street on horsebacks, camels, and donkeys, in memory of the verse "and they brought him on horseback through the street of the city."

In Germany: On Purim eve, torches containing gunpowder were ignited. During the Megillah reading, the gunpowder exploded with a deafening noise.

In Uzbekistan: The ground would usually be covered with snow at Purim time. Next to the synagogue, a large snow-Haman was built and surrounded by a fire made of wood, rags and paper. They stood and watched until Haman melted, singing until it had completely disappeared.

In Afghanistan: The synagogue carpets were taken up and the congregants trampled underneath them, in case Haman was hiding there! Grooms sent their brides mishloach manot with sweets like halva and pastries.

In Russian and Poland: Jews ate koilitch, long challah loaves made sweet with raisins or candy. The twisted ropes were meant to evoke Haman's ultimate demise

In Morocco: Jews baked challahs called Ojos de Haman (translation: Haman's eyes) which included almonds and two unpeeled hard-boiled eggs. They also sent each other gifts, including jewelry and perfumes (A tradition my mother continues today).

In Bulgaria: Jews cooked Caveos di Aman, or Haman's Hair, a dish made of stringy pasta representing the Purim villain's hair. The recipe includes olives and hard-boiled eggs, both traditional foods of mourning. Our children might be familiar with hamantaschen and groggers, which can make Purim a great opportunity for virtual travel. No gun powder, snow Haman, or camel ride for us in Savannah, but we can have the children look for smooth stones to write Haman's name on while we grown-ups try to cook a Ojos or Caveos di Aman dish to serve with that gorgeous Koilitch Challah.

Chag Purim Sameah!

Eva Locker

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Your group can help make a difference in 2020:
Plastic Recycle Mats for the Homeless Project
Free weekly meet-ups, join in!

Our first dozen mats are completed and found a home with the help of Union Mission!

The process starts again— a dozen more mats in the next 3 months.

No experience needed. Looking to teach this service project to other groups.

Thursday Meet-Ups (9:30 to noon) continue in February & March

JEA with free parking: 5111 Abercorn Street/31405

FREE but RSVP each week a must to 912-355-8111

Email Carol MStarArts@gmail.com



union mission



**Rambam Day School Alumni
Presents**

**Sunday
March 8**

**\$20/Person
Drinks
Included**

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**EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE EVENT – 7:00–9:00pm
POOL TABLES & OTHER GAMES – AGES 21+
HORS D'OUVRES**

**Open to anyone who attended Savannah
Hebrew Day School or Rambam Day School, With a Plus One**

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MARCH 2020 BIRTHDAYS



1 David Reeves	12 Toby Hollenberg	23 Jerry Konter
2 Anita Schlossberg	13 Nancy Feldman	24 Ronnie Rosen
4 Brenda Rosenberg	13 Kenneth Hoffman	24 Mike Strear
5 Jon Cohen	13 Lynne Spector	25 Edward Bernard
6 Ginger Caplan	14 Anna Berwitz	25 Jack Streicher
6 Susan Timna	16 Patrick Salter	27 Jacqueline Sitrin
9 Susan Slotin	17 Ellis Abrams	28 Warren Zeger
10 Linda Hoffman	17 Marilyn Farley	29 Richard Barker
10 Eva Locker	19 Sheldon Tenenbaum	30 Sam Carroll
12 Donna Cohen	20 Eric Meyerhoff	30 Sally Greenberg

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

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Congregation Agudath Achim,
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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 (7:30 am) - Kenneth Sadler

Tuesday (7:30 am) - Lynn Reeves

**Wednesday (8:00 am) - Ron Ginsberg
 and Jerry Lederman
 (6:00 pm) - Linda Zoller**

Thursday (7:30 am) - Michael Konter

Friday (7:30 am) - Bobby Isaacson

Sunday (9:00 am) - David Hirsh



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