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Dear fellow congregants,

I hope everyone had a wonderful October with family and friends for all of our holidays.

November will be a very busy month for the leadership at AA.

The three-year strategic plan survey has been written and will be mailed or emailed or you can pick it up at the office during the first 10 days of November. We ask that you return it within two weeks so that we can compile your responses on how we can better serve you. You will be hearing a lot about our strategic planning as the information is gathered and the strategic plan committee begins the process of developing ways to meet your needs.

Please I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to complete this very important questionnaire with an open mind. Your thoughts are important to us.

I thank you in advance for helping us develop programs for you,

Victor Shernoff



FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

What's Next?

Still one of the best television series I've seen was *The West Wing*, which was on from 1999-2006. One of my favorite lines from the show is spoken frequently by President Bartlet (played by Martin Sheen): "What's next?" In one particularly well-known scene early in the show, while the president's staff tries to continue a conversation he is dismissing, he sharply replies, "When I ask 'what's next?' it means I'm ready to move on to other things. So, what's next?" It's become part of my own personal, mental dialogue so that when I finish something (or am ready to move on from it), I'll chime in—either in my head or aloud—with "What's next?"

As we have concluded the High Holiday season (including Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah), we would be wise to ask ourselves the same question. So much of the last month has been spent on reflecting on the past year and thinking about where we have made our mistakes. But the whole concept of these holidays is not to dwell forever in the past; it's to learn from it to create a better future. The reason we reflect on our errors is not so that we can continue re-living them, it's to be better people, live more meaningful lives, and strengthen ourselves and our relationships—both human and divine—because of them. In that spirit, with the holidays over, perhaps we need to heed Bartlet's advice to move on to other things and ask ourselves, "What's next?" What have I learned about myself that I can apply moving forward? How can I use this time wisely? How can I live my life better? Who do I want to be? What's next for me?

As we enter into a quiet period of the Jewish calendar with no holidays until Hanukkah, this is a perfect time for this kind of reflection and question to take place. Wishing each of you a sweet, healthy new year, and may you always know (and know to ask) what's next.

Rabbi Steven Henkin

Rabbi Henkin's High Holiday Sermons

For anyone who was not here over the High Holidays, would like to review Rabbi Henkin's messages, or would like to share them with friends and family, all of his sermons from Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are posted online.

Please feel free to visit <https://ravsbh.wordpress.com/> to view them.

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, November 14th 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 two sessions will be Wednesday, November 6th and November 20th, at 11a.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

What does it mean to be grateful?

With the American holiday of Thanksgiving coming up this month, we'll look at what Judaism has to teach us not only about how important it is to give thanks, but how we can do so in our lives.

Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm: Home of Jeffrey & Monique Mayo (South Carolina)

Monday, November 11, 7:00 pm: Home of David & Amy Rosenthal (Landings)

Monday, November 25, 7:00 pm: Home of Rick & Linda Meier (Midtown)

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TIME TO *Celebrate*

Join us Shabbat, November 9th
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 November!



Congregation Agudath Achim
invites you to

HAVDALAH HAPPY HOUR AT THE HENKINS

Saturday, November 23 6pm
Calling all adult members ages 50
and below, 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



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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.

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

DECEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS



3 Halina Bykat	14 Ronald Cohen	20 Stacey Schlafstein
3 Jean Kaminsky	14 Gail Harrell	23 Arnold Young
4 Mike Silverman	15 Catherine Wexler	24 Barbara Bart
5 Allan Ratner	16 Cindy Morris	24 Betsy Lehner
6 Joan Pam	16 Sara Robin	24 Robin Rackoff
7 Steven Berwitz	17 Debby Luskey	26 Linda Tillinger
7 Marvin Cweibel	17 Zelda Tenenbaum	28 Adam Kaminsky
11 Melvyn Goldstein	19 Gary Udinsky	29 Marlene Dobbs
11 Joel Greenberg	20 Jodi Sadler	29 Leslie Walcoff

Please indicate how you would like your greeting signed:

e.g. Barbara & Ellis Abrams

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



Agudath Achim Sisterhood 2019-2020 Calendar of events

EVENT	DATE
Beaded Kippah event	September 15
Sangria in the Sukkah	October 17
ABC's of Sisterhood Baking	December 8
Game Day	January 12
Sisterhood Shabbat	February 1
Multigenerational Mother's Day event @ Board and Brush	May 3

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



NOVEMBER 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 7:30 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:17 p.m. Candle Lighting	2 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 7:05 p.m. Maariv 7:11 p.m. Havdalah
3 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shalom School (CMI) 6:00 p.m. Maariv	4 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	5 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	6 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	7 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Rabbinic Literature Study Group 6:00 p.m. Maariv	8 7:30 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 5:11 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	9 Celebration Shabbat 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 6:00 p.m. Maariv 6:06 p.m. Havdalah
10 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shalom School (CMI) 6:00 p.m. Maariv	11 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	12 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	13 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	14 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 11:00 a.m. Skeptics Study Group 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Rabbinic Literature Study Group 6:00 p.m. Maariv	15 7:30 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 5:07 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	16 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 10:30 a.m. PJ Library Shabbat 12:40 p.m. Mincha 5:55 p.m. Maariv 6:03 p.m. Havdalah
17 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shalom School (CMI) 6:00 p.m. Maariv	18 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	19 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	20 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	21 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Rabbinic Literature Study Group 6:00 p.m. Maariv	22 7:30 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 5:04 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat	23 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 5:55 p.m. Maariv 6:00 p.m. Havdalah Happy Hour at the Henkins
24 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Shalom School (CMI) 6:00 p.m. Maariv	25 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	26 7:30 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv	27 8:00 a.m. Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study 6:00 p.m. Maariv led by Michael Konter	28 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 a.m. Shacharit 6:00 p.m. Maariv <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i> 9:00 a.m. Shacharit with breakfast to follow 5:02 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	30 9:45 a.m. Shabbat Services 12:40 p.m. Mincha 5:55 p.m. Maariv 5:59 p.m. Havdalah
UPCOMING 2019 Sisterhood Challah Bake - Dec. 8th AA Hanukkah Party - Dec. 29th				Come welcome the Shabbat by celebrating with our friends at Buckingham South on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.		

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BACKPACK BUDDIES-FAMILY THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM

Dear Fellow Congregant,

This year, as in past years, your Backpack Buddies program will be providing a complete cooked Thanksgiving meal to the families of the children that we serve weekly. I don't have to tell you how meaningful that can be for a family in serious need.

We will be providing each family we serve with a 10-12 pound fully cooked turkey, with sides of stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, cranberry dressing, and dessert. We project that we will serve 90 - 110 families. We buy these complete meals from Publix for \$55. So, we are trying to raise \$5,000 - \$6,000 to cover the cost of these Thanksgiving meals.

I am writing to ask if you would sponsor one or more families by making a donation of \$55, \$110, \$165, or some other amount with which you are comfortable, toward this Backpack Buddies Special Thanksgiving Meal program. We would be so very appreciative if you would participate.

To do so, you can either:

- 1) contact the office, tell us how much you would like to donate, and the synagogue will bill you; or
- 2) send your check to: Congregation Agudath Achim, ATTN: BPB Thanksgiving Meals,
9 Lee Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31405.

We are blessed in the knowledge and comfort that, for our families, a bountiful Thanksgiving meal will be on our tables on Thursday, November 28th.

Together, we can ensure that the families of the children we serve weekly also will enjoy a share of those blessings.

Thank you for your continued support of the Agudath Achim Backpack Buddies program and for the mitzvah you perform.

Warmest regards, Stephen and Annette



SHALOM SCHOOL



Ruach (camp spirit), games and events

The 2019-2020 Shalom School year is officially underway!

We've welcomed some new faces this year, and we are so grateful to have them as part of our team. Brina Harris joins us this year as our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and Truman Matheny is our new song leader. Both of our new teachers are students at SCAD.

In the past, as well as this year, we have had qualified and eager students from SCAD seek out positions in our school. Even though those students are young, they often come to us with us with a great experience in the field of Jewish education: Brina has taught Sunday school for a few years already and Truman is a summer camp song leader - and a very cool guitar player.



Creativity and enthusiasm is why we choose them.

Watching them interact with the students quickly showed us that they were a perfect fit.

Our morning service is now full of ruach (camp spirit) and Brina's students are quick to shout the answers to another game she has put together for them.

With the holidays and the hurricane, our teachers have been busy planning full and meaningful lessons that include art projects, peer work, and lively songs. We are already preparing for a very busy end of the first semester! Our Grandparents & Special Friends Breakfast is just around the corner, happening the morning of November 17. This is a day where our students in grades PreK-4th turn into waiters and welcome the 2 special guests they have invited. They'll perform with their classes while spending the morning with their loved ones. Our teachers are also already hard at work planning for our Hanukkah program on December 15. We've got quite the performance in store, including some one of a kind song parodies and cute costumes!

We are thrilled to be off to yet another wonderful year and grateful for the support of our community.

Eva Locker

NOVEMBER 2019 BIRTHDAYS



2	Laura Lynn Miller	10	Julian Miller	20	Hilary Kronowitz
2	Daniel Skidmore-Hess	11	Stuart Klugler	22	Lynn Simon
3	Annette Friedman	11	Richard Meier	25	Gerald Caplan
5	Charna Cweibel	12	Karen Cranman	25	Gale Hirsh
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