

SHABBAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGUDAS ACHIM CONGREGATION

פרשת ויגש

PARASHAT VAYIGGASH



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11 Tevet 5781 / December 25-26, 2020

י"א טבת תשפ"א

TORAH READING

PARASHAT VAYIGGASH

Genesis 45:28-46:27 p. 279

Maftir

Genesis 47:25-27 p. 288

Haftarah

Ezekiel 37:15-28 p. 291

These page numbers are for the Etz Hayim.

YASHER KOACH

...to our Torah and Haftarah readers:

Miriam Perlberg

Barbara Elkin



PRESCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS

All are welcome to learn about the Agudas Achim Preschool, meet the director, and ask questions.

Tuesday, January 12 | 10 am
Wednesday, January 13 | 8 pm
Thursday, January 14 | 2pm
Tuesday, January 26 | 8 pm
Wednesday, January 27 | 2 pm
Thursday, January 28 | 10 am

Zoom Meeting ID: 940 8284 9223
Passcode: Hj*L4Y

שבת שלום

VIRTUAL SHABBAT SERVICES

Zoom:

<https://tinyurl.com/servicesAAC>

Dial: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 979 9810 9590

Password: h5kk1F

Friday, December 25

Candlelighting4:35 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Services6:30 PM

Saturday, December 26

Shabbat Services9:30 AM

Ma'ariv & Havdalah Services5:30 PM

Havdalah5:43 PM

NOAM

K-2 | Saturdays, 9:30 AM

3-6 | Saturdays, 11:00 AM

Join Morah Chaya for virtual Shabbat services for children in grades K-6 with their families.

[Register K-2](#)

[Register 3-6](#)

NOAM will not meet Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

YOUNG FAMILIES GAN SHABBAT

Second Saturday of the month | 11 AM

Families with 0-5 year olds are invited to participate in a virtual Gan Shabbat. [Register here.](#)



DAILY MINYAN

MORNINGS

Mondays-Fridays7:30 AM

Sundays & Federal Holidays

.....9:00 AM

EVENINGS

Sundays-Thursdays7:30 PM

Zoom information for all services can be found online at

www.agudasachim-va.org/worship

Shabbat HAPPENINGS

VIRTUAL KIDDUSH

Stay on zoom following Shabbat morning services and enjoy a virtual schmooze.

LIFT YOUR VOICE — RAISE OUR SPIRITS

During services, congregant voices enrich our Shabbat experience. Please sign up to lead *Ashrei*, *Ein Keloheinu* or *Adon Olam* for Shabbat morning: <https://tinyurl.com/participate-JanFebMar>

TECH GABBAI'IM WANTED

Are you comfortable on zoom? Familiar with services? Please consider joining the gabbai team. Email rgoldberg@agudasachim-va.org.



YOUNG FAMILIES VIRTUAL HAVDALAH

Saturday, December 26 | 7 PM

Read bedtime stories with Morah Jen before lighting the *havdalah* candle and singing *Shavua Tov* (Have a Good Week).

[Please register.](#)

YOUNG FAMILIES

VIRTUAL SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, January 1 | 5 PM

Morah Jen will lead the group in singing songs, reciting blessings, and enjoying the first part of the meal together. [Please register.](#)

NOTES

Religious school is taking a break; classes resume January 10, 2021.

The office will be closed Friday, January 1; morning minyan will begin at 9 a.m. and Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m.



CALENDAR NOTES

Knitting Club: Sundays | 12:30 PM

Learn to Manage Your Online Shul Account: Thursday, January 7 | 11 AM

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 10 | 6 PM



JUDAICA SHOP NEWS

Please continue to visit the Shop website at agudas-achim-judaica-shop.square.site and keep an eye out for monthly promotions. January will feature *mezzuzot*, *tzedakah* boxes, *challah* boards. Discounts listed online.

Michelle (202 288-9856) or Susan (703 489-5068) can answer questions or help with special orders; email agudasachimjudaicashop@gmail.com.



CLASSES

Classes are taking a break December 21-January 2.

Intro to Judaism: Tuesdays | 7 PM

Together and Apart—Jewish Peoplehood: Wednesdays | 7 PM

Daf Hashavua—Talmud Class: Fridays | 9 AM

Jewish Ritual: The Basics with Hazzan Dienstfrey

Wednesdays | 6 PM | Starts January 6

What's the Meaning Behind *Fauda*? with Yasmin Drescher and Alan Zucker

Thursdays | 8 PM | Starts January 7



SEEKING USED CAR

Our Shlichah Yasmin is in need of a newer (used) car. If you would like to make a tax deductible vehicle donation, please contact **Barry Nove**, 703-998-6460, bnove@agudasachim-va.org.



BUDDY PROGRAM

Do you like to meet new people and connect them with our community? Join the Buddy Program, www.agudasachim-va.org/community.

IN THE Family

Happy Birthday: Mark Arbesfeld, Susan Auerhan, Miriam Berkowitz, Ilana Cohen, Lester Edelman, Dara Greene, Michael Hamberger, Cydney Kasenetz, Alexander Kash, Ilana Katwan, Caleb Landsman, Ava Munz, Naomi Pitkin, Bryan Quigley, Yehudit Quigley, Harris Ringel, Reina Rothman, Madeleine Rowan, David Runkle, Avi Scheinberg, Robert Shapiro, Susan Swafford, Emily Townsend, Saralyn Wasserman, Beverly Weaver, Jodi Wittlin

Happy Anniversary: Cheryl & Bruce Goldhirsch, Carla & Alex Grosz, Samantha & Peter Seigman, Deborah & David Yaffe

IN Memoriam

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO...

Mickey Lazarus on the death of her husband Allan Lazarus z"l

John and Diane Ehrman on the death of his father Leonard Ehrman z"l

This week we remember...

DECEMBER 25, 2020

10 TEVET

Clair Begun
Seth Fingerman
Sheila Friedman
Janie Kleiman

Ben Zion Mendelson
Anna Newman
Simcha Perlmutter
Murray Rosen
Ramon Ruiz

DECEMBER 26, 2020

11 TEVET

Florence Barnett
Sue Berlowe
David Charles
Kurlantzick
Edward Meritz
Nosan Rubin
Jacqueline Russler

DECEMBER 27, 2020

12 TEVET

Bernard Lowell
Albert Mourad
Karyn Poole
Jack Stoler

DECEMBER 28, 2020

13 TEVET

Delphine Landau
Marie Reif
Kate Schneider
Adam Sher

DECEMBER 29, 2020

14 TEVET

Anna Alster
Bessie Cohen
Rose Marie Fiedler

Mollie Rose
Gussie Shapiro

DECEMBER 30, 2020

15 TEVET

Henrietta Levine
Anna Sklarewitz
Harry Vavithes
Annette Witkin-Jones

DECEMBER 31, 2020

16 TEVET

Mordechai Arkin
Eti Lieberman
Harry Sandler

JANUARY 1, 2021

17 TEVET

Sara Anglister
William Davis

Morris Dinerstein
Rena Franklin
Bernard Lehman
Joseph Lichtman
Evelina Moulder
Sidney Ratner
Adrienne Warshawsky
Helen Weintrob

JANUARY 2, 2021

18 TEVET

Ayala Dvoretzky
Lawrence Friedman
Selma Issner
Solomon Ludwig
Solomon Rosen
Jim Scherr
Ida Valenstein

Upcoming EVENTS

ACHAYOT B'YACHAD (SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE)

Monday, January 4 | 10 AM
Monday, January 25 | 8 PM

Let's stay in touch via screen. Zoom link is on the Sisterhood webpage: [agudasachim-va.org/community/sisterhood](https://www.agudasachim-va.org/community/sisterhood)

TEEN PROGRAM

Saturday, January 9 | 12 PM
Stay tuned for details.

GAN SHABBAT

Saturday, January 9 | 11 AM

Families with small children are invited to Gan Shabbat on zoom. Sing songs, learn Torah stories, enjoy challah and juice. Visit Young Families webpages for program details and registration: [agudasachim-va.org/community/young-families](https://www.agudasachim-va.org/community/young-families)

SOCIAL ACTION SOIREE

Monday, January 11 | 8 PM

All are welcome to a continued discussion of the book, "Family Properties" by Beryl Satter. For zoom, visit [agudasachim-va.org/community/social-action-committee](https://www.agudasachim-va.org/community/social-action-committee).

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ZOOM PARTICIPANT TIPS

Creating community and meaningful engagement online requires us to be even more intentional about the way that we show up and communicate than when we are in person.

Here are some recommended norms that will help create a meaningful, safe, and effective community space:

- Mute, unless you are speaking.
- Technology permitting, be on camera.
- When you're here, be fully here.
- Your life is welcome on screen.
- If you wouldn't act/dress/present yourself in a particular way if we were in person, don't do it online.
- Share the air. Notice how much you're speaking to make room for others to share too.

Community NOTES

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 18 | 10 AM-12 PM | 5 PM-7 PM

Many elementary school students in our area have very little to eat between their Friday school lunch and Monday school breakfast. The **Power Pack Program (P3)**, spearheaded by **Food For Others**, provides these children with food to take home and eat over the weekend.

Please join the Social Action Committee in creating and donating Power Packs. To make a power pack, fill two-gallon size Ziploc bags with 2 breakfast items, 2 lunch items, and 2 dinner items, plus 2 snacks and 2 healthy beverages.

Suggested items include:

breakfast

oatmeal packets
cereal (individual size)
granola bars
Nutri Grain Bars

lunch/dinner

mac & cheese (individual size)
chili
tuna/chicken salad
individual pastas

snacks

granola or cereal bars
fruit cups (not in syrup)
cheese & crackers
dried fruit

healthy beverages

single serving boxed milk
single serving 100% juice

Please DO NOT include anything with

peanut butter, candy, Poptarts, Vienna sausages, glass containers, applesauce with foil lids.

More information at www.agudasachim-va.org/power-pack-2021.html

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF KOSHER FOOD DELIVERED TO AAC FOR PICKUP

Meet the delivery in the AAC parking lot. Char Bar, Shouk and Sunflower give back to AAC.

Char Bar | monthly, first Friday

Friday, Jan. 1, Feb. 5 | 1-3 PM

Place order by 8 p.m. Wednesday prior

Order: <https://tinyurl.com/CharBarAAC>

Holy Chow | every other month, third

Wednesday, Feb. 17 | 5 PM

Order: call 301-649-5466, holychow.me

Kosherwine.com

Order a case anytime for home delivery, mention AAC

Order: Brad Du Plessis, 202-796-9824;

brad@kosherwine.com

Moti's Market | monthly

Monday, Jan. 14 | 5 PM

Order: motismarket.com

Shouk | weekly

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM

Order: shouk.com

Sunflower Bakery

Purim delivery | February 23

Details at sunflowerbakery.org.

CARPENTER'S SHELTER REACHING "NEW HEIGHTS"

Agudas Achim, spearheaded by Sisterhood, is on a path to raise \$2,500 for the new Carpenter's Shelter facility—about half of the funds have been raised to date.

It is important not only to contribute to the success of this worthwhile project, but also to demonstrate that the Jewish community is a part of this effort to help the homeless in our midst. A plaque for donors at this level will be hung in the new facility.

Sisterhood urges everyone in the AAC Community, whether or not a Sisterhood member, to contribute to this cause. Please direct contributions to "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund," and in the memo line indicate "Sisterhood contribution to New Heights Carpenter's Shelter."

ALIVE! UPDATE

The pandemic has put enormous pressure on the **ALIVE! food program**. Every dollar purchases 1.25 pounds of food. Donate at alive-inc.org.

Help ALIVE!'s Child Development Center get the toys they need to educate a special low-income population. [Toy drive details here](#).

Questions? Contact **Joan Hartman Moore**, wordcrafer88@comcast.net.

PLEASE BE IN TOUCH

We miss you. We want to hear from you. We are here for you by phone and email.

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