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## From the Rabbi

“Let me take you higher...” from Sly and the Family Stone

The *Yamim Nora'im* – Days of Awe -- will be upon us soon after you receive this letter. They begin with *Rosh Hashanah* on the first of *Tishrei* and conclude with *Yom Kippur* on the tenth. Those ten days are called the “*Aseret Y'mei Teshuvah* – 10 Days of Repentance”. One of the traditions during that time is to add a word to each *kaddish* prayer we recite: after “*L'aylah*” we add another “*Ul'eyalah*”. This repetition of the word makes the phrase mean “higher and higher”, something we certainly all strive for during the High Holy Days.

In Hebrew, the root for this word is *ayin-lamed-heh*, the same root as the word *Aliyah*. *Aliyah* is a word even in the modern Hebrew language, and still it is used in many different ways. Perhaps most commonly known is that “making *Aliyah*” means moving to Israel, as if there is a spiritual growth one attains simply by making a commitment to live in the land of Israel. Most of us also know that when one is called up to the Torah, it is an honor that is referred to as an *Aliyah*, meaning not only do you ascend the *bimah* (dais) to get to the Torah, but being called up for such an honor in itself raises you into a different plane of spirituality or holiness.

At *Agudath Jacob*, we also have the tradition of calling any kind of honor during

any of the high holiday services an *Aliyah*. Thus, in addition to being called up to the

Torah, other things such as opening the ark at a designated point in the service, or holding the Torah scrolls when such is needed are also referred to as *aliyot* (plural).

Our tradition here also includes selling these honors as a way of fund raising. While it doesn't nearly begin to raise as much money as it did 10 or 15 years ago, it still is an important piece of revenue in a congregation where dues have not been raised in 5 years, where there have been numerous requests for reduction in dues, where our membership numbers are decreasing, and where our aging building has increasing capital needs.

In the past, the tradition was to have auctions as a way of selling these *aliyot*. But as attendance dwindled at the auctions, the lay leadership has decided to try different ways to complete these important tasks. No single way is perfect, but the idea has always been to try to find ways that will incorporate our new members in this process, while at the same time allow those who have perhaps had a family tradition of buying certain *aliyot* to be able to continue those family traditions. Since it is an imperfect process, feathers sometimes get ruffled. Also, not everyone realizes that the number of *aliyot* changes, depending on if Rosh Hashanah falls on a Shabbat or not. But what is most important as we approach this season of holiness and forgiveness is to NOT allow such ruffling to linger, so that one has additional things for which

to atone, and to REMEMBER the spirit of moving higher, toward more holiness by these acts of *tzedakah*. Ultimately, the support to the synagogue should be more important than who gets which *Aliyah*. Believe it or not, there are actually some people who purchase an honor simply so they can give it to someone else. There are also others who purchase honors simply because it supports the congregation, rather than because they want a specific part.

There may be a few ark openings left for anyone who would still like to purchase an honor. If so, please contact me at the *shul* as soon as possible.

Mostly, I want to wish you all a very happy, healthy, and holy new year. May these Days of Awe bring you higher and higher, toward your personal spiritual goals.  
Shanah tovah,  
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

#### SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

CAJ Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 11, 2010  
7:30 p.m.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/1 Mr. & Mrs Martin Schwartz  
9/2 Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Hersh  
9/5 Mr & Mrs Gerald Bonneville

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/12 Abbye Silver  
9/14 Charles Levy  
9/15 Morris Marcus  
9/19 Lesley Rosen  
9/25 Marian Siedhoff  
9/28 Audrey Koss  
9/30 Mikkah Bauer

Sukkah Kits Available On-Line.  
Here are a couple of sites to visit.

[www.sukkahsoul.com/](http://www.sukkahsoul.com/)  
[www.sukkahkits.com/](http://www.sukkahkits.com/)

#### New For 5771 - Join Us For Combined Shemini Atzeret /Simchat Torah Services.

This year, due to all the weekday holidays being so close to the Sabbath, the Religious Committee and Rabbi Fuller have decided that we will have services only the first evening and morning at the beginning of Sukkot, and that at the end, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah will be combined.

You are cordially invited to join us for these festive services (see Service Schedule), and let us know what you think of these changes.

**Wednesday evening, September 29<sup>th</sup> will be the special 7:00 p.m. service that will combine both Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. This is the 1st required all-school program**

All Children will receive a flag and have the opportunity to carry a mock Torah in the procession. Special refreshments will follow services. Thursday morning, September, 30, will combine Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah as well, and will therefore include yizkor at approximately 11:15 a.m.



Those of you who wish to purchase Etrog/Lulav Sets may call the office to place your order. Standard sets are about \$30.00. Please let the office know by September 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Mitzvah of the Month

V'Samachta B'Chagecha!  
Rejoice in Your Holidays!!!

**SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE  
INCLUDES HOLIDAY SERVICE  
SCHEDULE**

**Friday, September 3**

Candle Lighting 7:33 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 4**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Shabbat ends 8:26 p.m.  
Selichot 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 8**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Candle Lighting 7:27 p.m.  
Evening Service 8:00 p.m.  
Oneg Following

**Thursday, September 9**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Tashlich 6:00 p.m.  
Koehne Park  
Candle Lighting 8:20 p.m.

**Friday, September 10**

**2nd Day Rosh Hashanah**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Candle Lighting 7:24 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 11**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Shabbat ends 8:26 p.m.

**Sunday, September 12**

Kever Avot 11:00 a.m.  
CAJ Cemetery

**Friday, September 17**

**Erev Yom Kippur**

Candle Lighting 7:15 p.m.  
Kol Nidre 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 18**

**Yom Kippur**

Shacharit 10:00 a.m.  
Mincha 5:45 p.m.  
Neilah 6:45 p.m.  
Break the Fast 8:01 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 22**

**Erev Sukkot**

Candle Lighting 7:09 p.m.  
Service 8:00 p.m.  
Oneg in Sukkah Following

**Thursday, September 23**

**Sukkot 1**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Candle Lighting 8:01 p.m.

**Friday, September 24**

**Sukkot 2**

Candle Lighting 7:24 p.m.  
Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 25**

**Hol Hamoed**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Contemplative/Spiritual Session following  
Kiddush  
Shabbat ends 7:58 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 29**

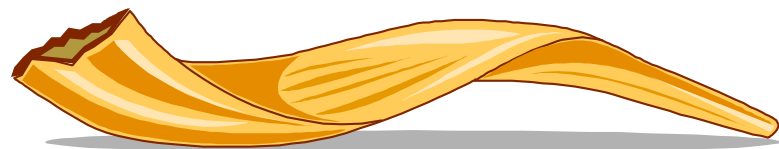
**Erev Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah**

Candle Lighting 6:59 p.m.  
Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 30,**

**Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah**

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.  
Yizkor (approx) 11:00 a.m.  
Food For Thought Lunch following.  
Candle Lighting 7:52 p.m.



**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Dr. Stephen Goldberg**

Lynn & Melvin Lipsitz

**Irwin "Buddy" Levy**

Simone & Jake Bauer

Bobbye Brickman

Florence & Dr. Stanley Hersh

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

Pearl Jacobson

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Lynn & Melvin Lipsitz

Elayne Lynn

Marcia & Jim Olmsted

Hilda Ruttenberg

The Schmucker Family

Jo & Dr. Harvey Spark

Mae Woolf & Family

**Fannie Lieberman**

Lea & Dr. Jeff Levin

**Rae Trustman**

Hilda Ruttenberg

**SPEEDY RECOVERY:**

**Saul Chernoff**

Shirley Hoppenstein

**SHABBAT DONATIONS:**

**07/31/10**

Simone & Jake Bauer

Florence & Dr. Stanley Hersh

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

Pearl Jacobson

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Margie & Morris Marcus

**08/07/10**

Simone & Jake Bauer

Tracey & Bill Burge

Florence & Dr. Stanley Hersh

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

Pearl Jacobson

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

08/14/10

Simone & Jake Bauer

Florence & Dr. Stanley Hersh

Judy Hersh

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

Pearl Jacobson

Susan & Abbye Silver

08/21/10

Simone & Jake Bauer

Florence & Dr. Stanley Hersh

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

Pearl Jacobson

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

If you do not see your contribution listed, it will be in the next newsletter.

**You are cordially invited to the Open  
Sukkah at the home of  
Rabbi and Sharon Fuller  
4412 Westchester  
September 26  
2 - 4 p.m.  
Please RSVP by September 20**



**Heart of Texas CROP HUNGER WALK**

**Sunday, October 10**

**Bledsoe Miller Park**

**300 Martin Luther King Blvd.**

**For more information: e-mail Katie Cook  
at [seedseditor@clearwire.net](mailto:seedseditor@clearwire.net) or call 254-  
755-7745. CROP Hunger Walk makes a  
difference around the block and around the  
world! A quarter of the proceeds will benefit  
Caritas of Waco.**

Photos from July Food For Thought Lunch and Study  
Sponsored by Marcia & James Olmsted.



***SEPTEMBER FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCH & STUDY***  
***Thursday, September 30, following morning services. Please RSVP by***  
***Tuesday, September 21.***

Of the many Bible stories about manna falling from heaven, David & I have been the recipients of that goodness even in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. How else could we explain all the kindness, food, and good wishes showered upon us during David's illness? Our hearts are overflowing with thanks, appreciation and love to each of you. May the coming New Year bless you abundantly.

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

September's Spirituality/Meditation Practice will be held following Kiddush on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us to connect the Holiday of Sukkot with these new practices. Dr. Jeff Levin will lead the session.



Please join us as our beloved daughter

*Eleanor Katherine Hargrove*

is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, October 9th at 9:30 AM  
Congregation Agudath Jacob  
Waco, Texas

Kiddush luncheon following services

M. Blake & Debra Hargrove

# September 2010

## 22 Elul 5770 - 22 Tishri 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:05AM/7:54PM        22 Elul Avodah Zarah 18	<b>2</b> 7:05AM/7:53PM        23 Elul Avodah Zarah 19	<b>3</b> 7:06AM/7:51PM ij7:33PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> 7:06AM/7:50PM §8:35PM SELIHOT Shacharit 9:30 a.m.    25 Elul Avodah Zarah 21
<b>5</b> 7:07AM/7:49PM No Religious School Unveiling 10:00 a.m. - Joe Rubel Eddy TX       26 Elul Avodah Zarah 22	<b>6</b> 7:08AM/7:48PM Labor Day Office Closed       27 Elul Avodah Zarah 23	<b>7</b> 7:08AM/7:46PM        28 Elul Avodah Zarah 24	<b>8</b> 7:09AM/7:45PM ij7:27PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH  Kabbalat Shabbat - 8:00 p.m. Oneg following service   29 Elul Avodah Zarah 25	<b>9</b> 7:09AM/7:44PM §8:29PM/ij8:29PM ROSH HASHANAH I Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Tashlich 6:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> 7:10AM/7:42PM §8:27PM/ij7:24PM ROSH HASHANAH II Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> 7:11AM/7:41PM §8:26PM       3 Tishri Avodah Zarah 28
<b>12</b> 7:11AM/7:40PM §8:25PM FAST OF GEDALIAH Kever Avot 11:00 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.       4 Tishri Avodah Zarah 29	<b>13</b> 7:12AM/7:39PM        5 Tishri Avodah Zarah 30	<b>14</b> 7:12AM/7:37PM        6 Tishri Avodah Zarah 31	<b>15</b> 7:13AM/7:36PM        7 Tishri Avodah Zarah 32	<b>16</b> 7:13AM/7:35PM        8 Tishri Avodah Zarah 33	<b>17</b> 7:14AM/7:33PM ij7:15PM EREV YOM KIPPUR Ma'ariv 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> 7:15AM/7:32PM §8:17PM YOM KIPPUR (YIZKOR) 10:00 a.m. Shacharit 5:45 p.m. Mincha 6:45 p.m. Neilah - Break the Fast 8:01 p.m.       10 Tishri Avodah Zarah 35
<b>19</b> 7:15AM/7:31PM Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.       11 Tishri Avodah Zarah 36	<b>20</b> 7:16AM/7:29PM        12 Tishri Avodah Zarah 37	<b>21</b> 7:16AM/7:28PM        13 Tishri Avodah Zarah 38	<b>22</b> 7:17AM/7:27PM ij7:09PM EREV SUKKOT Service 8:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> 7:18AM/7:25PM §8:10PM/ij8:10PM SUKKOT I Sukkot 9:30 a.m.	<b>24</b> 7:18AM/7:24PM §8:09PM/ij7:06PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> 7:19AM/7:23PM §8:08PM HOL HAMOED SUKKOT I Shacharit 9:30 a.m.   Spirituality Session following Kiddush.       17 Tishri Avodah Zarah 42
<b>26</b> 7:20AM/7:22PM HOL HAMOED SUKKOT II Religious School 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Open Sukkah at Rabbi's 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.       18 Tishri Avodah Zarah 43	<b>27</b> 7:20AM/7:20PM HOL HAMOED SUKKOT III       19 Tishri Avodah Zarah 44	<b>28</b> 7:21AM/7:19PM HOL HAMOED SUKKOT IV       20 Tishri Avodah Zarah 45	<b>29</b> 7:21AM/7:18PM §8:03PM/ij7:00PM HOSHANA RABBAH  7:00 p.m. Evening Service for Simchat Torah    21 Tishri Avodah Zarah 46	<b>30</b> 7:22AM/7:16PM §8:01PM/ij8:01PM SHEMINI ATZERET (YIZKOR) Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Yizkor approximately 11:00 a.m.  Food for Thought Lunch & Study following services.    22 Tishri Avodah Zarah 47		

[ijCandle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed August 27, 2010/17 Elul 5770 for Waco, TX]

**HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT**

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) \_\_\_\_\_, my/our beloved (relationship) \_\_\_\_\_. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

**Kaddish will be said September 3**

Elul 25	Morris Chernoff		Lillian Epstein
	Rae Trustman	Tishri 11	Irving Frankfort
	Zell Tobolowsky Wizig		J. Markusfeld
Elul 26	I. Diamond	Tishri 12	Jules Bloch
	Ronnie Hoppenstein		Friedman Goldberg
Elul 26	Edith (Sandy) Sacks		Albert Rubenstein
Elul 27	Mrs. I. J. Golob	Tishri 13	Perry Segal
Elul 28	Abe Taub		Emma Gallo
	Sam Schaevitz		Harry Levine
	Meyer Koppman	Tishri 14	Evelyn Dalkowitz
	Sarah Jacobson		Jacob Kroll
	Michael Stewart		Sarah Harris
Tishri 1	Jake Sampson	Tishri 15	Jacob Kessler
Tishri 2	Louis Meinstein		Morris Chazonow

**Kaddish will be said September 10**

Tishri 4	P. Markusfeld		Sophie Adams
	Lillie Siegel	Tishri 16	Estelle Falgout
Tishri 5	Fannie Klein		Bertha Wood
	Grace Goldsmith		Isaac Comer
	Louis Wolfe Wizig		Mrs. Sam Katz

**Kaddish will be said September 24**

	Sadie Wizig	Tishri 17	Zalman Tannenbaum
	Lionel Ellis	Tishri 18	Hannah Knop
	Sarah Kirschner		Sidney Samet
Tishri 6	Dora Woolf	Tishri 20	Helen Fitterman
	Sarah Brockman	Tishri 21	Boaz Levinson
Tishri 7	Shirley Greenberg		Jacob Aronson
	William Bell		Estelle Goldfeder
	Germaine Caron		Baby Harris
	David Chozick		Bess Levinson
Tishri 8	Chaya Silevitch		Max Udashen
	Sadie Hoppenstein		Doba bas Yitzchok
	Hyman Miller	Tishri 22	Minna Adams
Tishri 9	Dr Eli Berkman		Sarah Beerman
	L. Ginsberg		Rabbi Charles Blumenthal
	Anna Hoffman		Julia Ellis
	Miss Mary Levy		Harry Lapin
	Jack Schaevitz	Tishri 23	Abraham B. Blank
<b><u>Kaddish will be said September 17</u></b>			Billy Dwayne Brooks
Tishri 10	M. Markman		J. Harold Simon
	Mrs. M. Markman		