

KOL NIDRE SUPPLEMENT

Wednesday & Thursday

September 15 & 16, 2021

10 Tishrei 5782

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Congregants and Guests:

Most *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth* events since last year's High Holiday season were held online as a safeguard from the threat of COVID-19. Yet, much has happened in the *Shul* during this time. Here, I summarize important achievements and milestones, as we review the past and plan for 5782.

Even though COVID limitations kept us from physical gatherings much of the year, we joined together as a community in many nurturing and enhancing ways. Online worship, classes, and social opportunities nourished our souls. Pre- and post-Shabbat services were held weekly, as were similar services for *Yom Tovim*. Monthly *Shacharit* services for weekday *Rosh Chodesh* days were also held. Our clergy led an online model Seder prior to *Pesach*, and, following a Shofar-blowing event outdoors at the JCC, recordings for last year's High Holidays were offered online to enhance your davening experience.

The importance of in-person contact was made quite clear during this period. To address this need, *Adas Kodesch* initiated an in-person, weekly *Mincha* service outdoors at the JCC soon after *Sukkot*. It has been well-attended and is ongoing. Two outdoor "pop-up" *Mincha Minyanim* were also held in honor of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* and *Yom Yerushalayim*.

Once vaccinations became available and were shown to be effective, the Health Committee was formed. Its members are congregants Alan Goldberg (Leader), Alan Bleier, David Epstein (MD), Neil Lattin (MD), Richard Plotzker (MD), and Lenny Seltzer (MD). The goal was to construct a set of guidelines, consistent with the recommendations of the CDC and the State of Delaware, which would ensure a safe re-opening of in-person indoor Shabbat services. This effort was successful, and Shabbat services have been held since early June.

From February 2019 to December 2020, when we entered into a lease arrangement with Immanuel Church, *Adas Kodesch* was temporarily located in the Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS) Building. Near the end of December, we moved into our new home. It is a charming facility and is ideal for intimate in-person events. It has been transformed into a *Shul* - a new home for our AKSE family. If you have not yet seen it, please do so. It is beautiful.

Successful in-person *Shavuot* services were held in May in the parking lot of our new home, with more than 25 congregants attending each day. In July, we held a tour day during which congregants and other visitors were able to see our new facility and to learn about it from docent congregants Harriet Ainbinder and Dianne Seidel. In early August, we held a fun-filled, enjoyable BBQ for current congregants and prospective new members.

Other offerings included clergy-led online courses and lectures. Rabbi Saks' multi-week courses, ***Jewish Life in Muslim & Christian Lands*** and ***Dead Sea Scrolls***, were well-received. Two of Cantor Redfern's lectures addressed Jewish Musicians. His other lectures focused on famous cantors, *Megillot Esther*, and *Hallel*.

We also had a set of three movies, each of which congregants could watch at their leisure and then, a day or so later, participate in an online discussion of each movie. Building on this success, we plan to continue this type of event in 5782.

Congregants also helped in our Adult Education efforts. Besides congregants leading the movie discussions already cited, Eric Doroshov has taught us, in two classes, about ***The 12 Tribes of Israel*** and **Warren Buffett, Mussar Master?** Whether movies or classes, it was heartening to see congregants teaching each other.

Stay tuned, as we chart the next phase of *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth*.

I wish you a meaningful and easy fast.

L'Shanah Tovah and G'mar Chatimah Tovah,

Alan Bleier

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President, AKSE

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Shalom Chaverim,

Over these *Aseret Yemei Teshuvah* (Ten Days of Repentance), we focus on repairing our relationship with G-d and our fellow. Good communication is key to repairing and maintaining relationships. The vast majority of the time, the best way to ensure good communication is to communicate directly. While it is often easier to “complain” to a third party hoping that he/she will convey the message on your behalf, this “triangular” communication is usually not as effective. Even with the best intentions, the messenger may not convey your message accurately. Additionally, people will often become particularly resentful and defensive when they feel that others have been “complaining” about them behind their back. Speaking to someone directly demonstrates that you feel strongly enough about the issue to speak to him/her directly.

The Talmud emphasizes the importance of direct communications by teaching that Adam & Eve were originally created back to back, attached at the tailbone. However, G-d realized that this was not good because the couple could not communicate directly. Therefore, he detached them so they could speak face to face.

As we enter 5782, let's repair and maintain by making an effort to communicate directly as much as possible.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,

Rabbi Saks

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

G'mar Chatimah Tovah! May everyone at *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth* be totally inscribed in the Book of Life for this Jewish year of 5782. Roberta and I want to wish everyone a year of good health, prosperity and peace here and peace in Israel.

The choir has been rehearsing throughout the summer practicing their repertoire and improving their vocal technique and blending their voices into a bright harmonic quality. We are still singing in a unique situation with the Coronavirus still afflicting our world. We sing with masks still with great conviction and resolution of our prayers. The High Holiday Choir this year includes Mike Cabelli, Art Cohen, Martin Cohn, David Epstein, Jeff Seidel, Mark Wagman, and Mark Weinberg. The choir did a fantastic job for our High Holyday Services.

One of the most memorable melodies of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* is *Sh'ma Kolaynu* (Hear our voice). My mentor and distinguished author of Jewish Liturgical Music and Prayer, Cantor Macy Nulman, of blessed memory, discussed this prayer in his award-winning volume *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Prayer*. We recite responsively with intensity and fervor in the Ashkenazic rite when saying *Selichot*. We say *Sh'ma Kolaynu* several times on *Yom Kippur*: at *Maariv*, *Musaf* and *Mincha* services.

The first verse is identical to the opening of the 16th blessing of the weekday *Amidah*. Hear our voice, Hashem, our G-d, pity and be compassionate to us and accept—with compassion and favor—our prayer. The second verse, *Hashivaynu*, is from the verse in Lamentations, Chapter 5, verse 21. Bring us Back to You, Hashem, and we shall return, renew our days as of old. The third verse *Amareynu* (“*To our saying give ear*”) concluding with *binah hagiggaynu* (“*perceive our thoughts*”) and the fourth verse *Yih'yu L'ratzon* (“*May the expressions of our mouth*”) ending with *hegyon libenu* (“*meditation of our heart*”) are usually chanted quietly and the Cantor does not chant them out loud. The next two verses are said aloud; both start *Al Tashlicheynu* (“*Do not cast us*”): Do not cast us away from Yourself, and do not remove your holy spirit from us. Do not cast us away in old age, when our strength gives out, do not forsake us. These verses are from the Psalms. *Shema Koleynu* was compiled into the *Machzor* and *Selichot* in the 16th century.

The chant for the *Shema Koleynu* that I utilize in our services was composed by a very famous Cantor from the late 19th century and early 20th century, Isaac Kaminsky (1863-1945). Another one of my Cantorial teachers from Yeshiva University, Cantor Noach Schall, in his book *Hazzanut for the High Holy Days*, briefly traces the biography of Cantor Kaminsky. He was born in Lithuania. He had a traditional European *Cheder* training and served as a choir boy. As his voice developed, he became the leading solo tenor with the famous Nissi Belzer, who had a profound influence on Kaminsky's late musical style. Kaminsky came to America in 1898 and officiated as Cantor of the historic Senier Vilno Synagogue on New York's East Side. He worked with the distinguished Meyer Machtenberg serving as his choirmaster. Among the choir boys was a lad destined for a famous career, David Sarnoff, who became the President of Radio Corporation of America (RCA) in 1930.

The *Shema Koleynu* chant is very much a sad and reverent melody with the melody going from basic minor scale to the phreigish scale utilizing the melody similar to the well-known “*Shaloym Aleychem*.” We stand up in our service when we chant the *Shema Koleynu* and the Ark of the Torah is opened.

May we have a sincere, faithful and reflective *Yom Kippur*. May we have an easy fast but also a meaningful fast. May all our prayers be accepted by the *Ribono Shel Olam* (Master of the Universe).

Cantor Yehoshua Redfern

WELCOME TO OUR SHUL

Rabbi Saks, Cantor Redfern, the Officers and Board of Governors of AKSE are pleased to welcome to our congregational family **Evan & Melissa Brodsky, Joy & Lenny Davis, Nina & Jim Hubbert, William & Felicia Rosen,** and **Faith Tomases**. Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth offers a spiritual home for everyone who walks through its doors. Perhaps you have a friend new to the community or an unaffiliated current resident who might enjoy all the opportunities that AKSE membership has to offer. Feel free to refer your friends! Once they call the office, we will gladly share information about our embracing, engaging and enriching community!

Lena Elzufon, Membership

NEW HOME DONORS

On behalf of the AKSE Congregation, Board of Governors and the New Home Committee—A sincere thank you to all of those that contributed to the New Home Fund monetarily:

Sheila and Julius Berman
 Alan Bleier
 Gloria Brown
 Arnold Drescher
 Lena and John Elzufon
 Shirley Fischer
 Helen Gordon
 Paula Gordon
 Lidia and Avi Ini
 Rhonda and Jim Lehr
 Sandy Rosen and Maurice Linett
 Arlene MacLaren
 Sharon and James Marshall
 Robert Meyer
 Bobby Miller
 Sue Pikes
 Lewis Shapiro
 Martin and Ed Zukoff



And to the families that contributed furniture and accessories that pulled our new home together - a sincere thank you too!

Sylvia and Mark Wagman
 Dianne and Jeff Seidel
 Moshe and Cathy Vinograd
 Meryl Kauffman
 Sophie and Michael Longwill – Airbase Carpet Mart

Dianne Seidel and *Lidia Ini*
 Co-Chairwomen of the New Home Decor Committee

THE CIRCLE CLUB CAMPAIGN

The Circle Club's 24th annual voluntary contribution campaign is underway. The Club is composed of four categories of giving: **Mitzvah (\$300)**, **Chai (\$600)**, **President's (\$1,200)** and **Super Chai (\$1,800)**. As of **September 20, 2021, 23 members/families** have contributed a total of **\$19,800**. Your participation helps ensure that the needs of AKSE and its members are met.

We are grateful to the following members who have joined The Circle Club this year:

SUPER CHAI

Harriet Ainbinder, Alan Bleier, John & Lena Elzufon, Jeff & Dianne Seidel, Martin Zukoff

PRESIDENT'S

David & Susan Epstein, Rachel L. Epstein, Ron & Mollie Makar, Nan & Hal Pezzner

CHAI

Martin & Lorraine Cohn, Vivian & Alan Goldberg, Helen C. Gordon, Judith & Max Rosenberg, Judy, Leonard & Larry Seltzer, Mark & Sylvia Wagman

MITZVAH

Julius & Sheila Berman, Melissa & Evan Brodsky, Eileen Cohen, Neal & Barbara Cohn, Shirley Fisch, Paula Gordon, James & Rhonda B. Lehr, Rabbi Steven & Anne Saks

If you would like to join the Club (it is NEVER too late) please contact the office at **302-762-2705**.

L'Shana Tova – A Healthy and Happy New Year,

Lena & John Elzufon

Chairpersons, Circle Club

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CONGREGATION

There are many ways that you demonstrate your support for AKSE:

- Attending Shabbat services
- Participating in a *Rosh Chodesh*, *Yom Tov* or other service, in person or online
- Volunteering to help in one of the programs held at the shul
- Attending social or educational activities at AKSE
- And, of course, through your financial support

We enjoy a wide range of financial support from the members of AKSE. As Treasurer, I shall always encourage you to do more. Whether it's the Circle Club, your dues, the appeal or other contributions, please try to do more this year, if at all possible. It really does make a difference!

Thanks,

Max Rosenberg

PLEASE HONOR YOUR HONOR

If you received a High Holiday Honor this year, please remember to honor it with an appropriate donation. A mailing to you will include a form for this purpose. Your consideration is most greatly appreciated.

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 5782: SUPPORT OUR SYNAGOGUE BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS

The GIFT CARD Program

The GIFT CARD program should be such a great fundraiser. Why? Because everyone must eat, and it costs nothing. We have GIFT CARDS for the following stores: **ACME**, **GIANT**, and **SHOPRITE**. Take that extra few minutes to exchange your money for GIFT CARDS. For every **\$100** you spend, you receive **\$100** worth of GIFT CARDS. For every **\$1,000** we buy, the store charges us **\$950**, thereby contributing **\$50** to our GIFT CARD program. It's a WIN-WIN situation. You receive full value for your money, and we receive a 5% discount for buying in quantity.

HOW TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS - CASH OR CHECKS ONLY:

From the Synagogue office (in person): **Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

From our "satellite" offices: Contact **Dianne Seidel**, who lives at **1422 Drake Road in Green Acres, 302-479-0490** or **Marty Zukoff** who lives at **2523 Bona Road, Chalfonte, 302-478-4734** with your order. If need be, we can deliver...???

DON'T FORGET TO SHOP AT AMAZON AND EARN MONEY FOR AKSE!! Visit the AKSE website and scroll down to the "Shop at Amazon" link. Once this link is clicked, any purchases you make from Amazon will **earn AKSE 4%-10% of your purchase total!** Further instruction is available on the AKSE website. Let your friends and family know how easily they too can raise funds for AKSE!

BRING YOUR SHOES TO SHUL: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has been participating in collecting no longer used shoes and sending them to women's clinics, veterans' homes, rehab centers and to communities and villages in need throughout the world (including communities in the USA). And for each container of shoes that we send in, AKSE receives a small donation. Since we began this program, we have kept over 32,450 pounds (16 tons) of shoes out of our local landfills, processed over 31,000 shoes and raised over \$23,300 for AKSE.



Please join this very worthy effort – "Bring your Shoes to Shul." We have a shoe collection box near the entrance, or you can call the AKSE office and we will arrange to come pick them up from you. It's a win-win-win program: You clean out closet space, thousands of pairs of shoes are kept out of our local landfills, those in poor areas of the world get shoes to wear, and AKSE receives funds.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 2021-2022

The Adult Education Committee has developed a year of learning for you. Mark your calendar immediately after the holiday! Whether the activity is in-person or virtual is indicated. However, the format is subject to change depending on the pandemic situation.

ONGOING CLASSES:

NOTE: All of these classes start after the holidays. Watch for announcements.

Rabbi Saks will again lead the popular **Parsha and Pizza** (without the Pizza due to COVID) class. Have a slice of Torah and a slice of pizza. Virtual weekly on Thursdays.

Rabbi Saks will lecture on “**The History of Jewish Thought**,” based on Dr. David B. Ruderman’s *Jewish Intellectual History*. How Jewish thinkers have attempted to reconcile Jewish belief with the reality of Jewish life. Virtual weekly on Wednesdays.

Learning Hebrew with Eleanor Weinglass. In person Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Learning Torah Trope, taught by Karen Moss. Beginners welcome. In person weekly.

Chug Ivri (Hebrew speaking club). An opportunity to listen to and converse in Hebrew, read part of a story and translate it, and even sing a song or two. You are welcome whatever your level of proficiency. We help each other. Leaders: Ed Zukoff and Sylvia Wagman. Virtual monthly on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

MOVIES:

1. **Welcome to Kutsher’s** Exploring the full Dirty Dancing-era Catskills Experience. Virtual. Available from 10/2 to 10/4/2021. Discussion led by Faith Brown, the night of 10/5/2021.
2. **On the Banks of the Tigris** A film about an Iraqi-Australian, who discovers a hidden history of the Jewish role in Iraqi music. Discussion led by Irene Plotzker. In person showing in our new building on 2/27/2022.
3. **In Search of Israeli Cuisine** A portrait of the Israeli people told through food. Israeli dinner followed by showing of movie, followed by discussion. In person May 2022 date TBA.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

AKSE ACADEMY:

Six classes on different facets of Judaism as they play out in contemporary life. This year: Healing after COVID - David Epstein, Jews and Climate Change - David Brown, Halacha and Meat Substitutes - Irene Plotzker, Portrayal of Orthodox Jews in Movies Today - Barry Solan, King David and his Psalms: Lessons of Courage and Inspiration for Tough Times - Eric Doroshov, American Jewish Women’s Activism: A Brief History - Melissa Klapper. In person the evening of 1/15/2022.

TAKE A TRIP TO TEL AVIV - Mara Seidel will lead us on a virtual tour of Tel Aviv and tell us how it came to be a tourist destination. March 2022 date TBA.

For more information, call Harriet at 302-478-6314.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: The AKSE Torah Scroll Endowment Fund was created 20 years ago as a result of our successful Torah scroll project. Earnings from the fund are available to help support special educational activities and projects, including speakers and Shabbatons. Individuals and groups within the congregation may submit funding proposals, which should describe the activity or project, the target audience, and the budget. Submissions for the year ahead should be directed to the AKSE office, attention **Harriet Ainbinder**, or e-mailed to Harriet at haza@verizon.net.

CARE OF TORAH SCROLLS

Please keep the following rules in mind when you are called to the Torah:

1. DO NOT TOUCH THE SCROLL WITH YOUR HANDS OR WITH THE *YAD* (POINTER). The scroll will deteriorate more quickly if it comes into contact with the oil from hands or the sharp point of the *Yad*.
 2. WHEN TOUCHING THE PARCHMENT WITH THE *TALLIT*, USE VIRTUALLY NO PRESSURE AND TOUCH ONLY IN THE WHITE AREAS BESIDE OR BELOW EACH COLUMN OF WORDS.
 3. PLEASE DO NOT SNEEZE OR COUGH IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TORAH. Fluids of any type will permanently damage the parchment. **Thank you for caring for our precious Torah scrolls.**
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HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE: AKSE offered a Children's Service for 3-10 year olds on both days of Rosh Hashanah and will offer it again on Yom Kippur at approximately 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. **The Rabbi will announce the beginning of the service from the Bimah.** These services are open to the children and grandchildren of members and their out-of-town guests who have made prior reservations. All those attending the children's Service must wear a mask and one adult per family needs to stay with their children. Due to COVID restrictions, no snacks can be served. Parents need to bring their own snacks, books/toys and other items needed for their children. We are excited to play and pray together! **Today Rabah to Tess Brown for blowing shofar at Children's Services on Rosh Hashanah.**

Sylvia Wagman and Rosanne Cabelli

WOMEN'S SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE: THE TRADITION IS BACK!! The 39th annual AKSE Women's Simchat Torah service will take place on **Wednesday morning, September 29, 2021**. The service will begin at approximately **10:30 a.m.**, after the 7th **Hakafah**. Please contact **Sylvia Wagman (302-475-8351 or srwag8@comcast.net)** or **Harriet Ainbinder (302-478-6314 or haza@verizon.net)** if you would like to participate.

FRIDAY EVENING/KABBALAT SHABBAT TIME CHANGE: The regular Friday night service time will move to **6:00 p.m.** in October, and it will remain at this time until March.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON OUTDOOR MINYAN: In both hot and cold weather, we have been holding a successful *Mincha* service in the parking lot of the Siegel JCC just past the swimming pool on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. The service is pausing for the September holidays but will resume in October (weather permitting). Please join us for a quick service and some COVID-safe socializing.

KESHER COMMITTEE: The Keshet Committee consists of AKSE members who willingly give of their time to help other members in need. If an AKSE member needs meals prepared, a ride to an appointment, an errand done, or just a friendly visit, those on the committee are there to help. **Debra Zussman** is the chairperson and can be reached at 302-529-1054. **If you would like to participate or if you know someone in need of help, please call.**

WHAT? YOU'RE NOT GETTING E-MAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AKSE? If you are not on AKSE's e-mail distribution list, you are not getting weekly newsletters, as well as fast-breaking notifications and reminders. If this is the case, please inform **Ron Makar** by sending him an e-mail at enews@akse.org with your e-mail address, and he will make sure that you are added to the distribution list. Thanks!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We once again had a very successful honey sale for a sweet New Year. Thanks to all of you who supported this worthwhile project! Funds raised go to support synagogue events, like our summer BBQ, and enable us to continue to give the synagogue a sizeable year end contribution.

COVID restrictions prevent us from offering the usual full "break-the-fast" of past years. **Sisterhood will be providing juice packs and granola bars on the way out at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services.**

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,

Sylvia Wagman

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH: If you would like to sponsor a small regular Kiddush (when conditions allow) in honor of a special occasion, please call the office to check if the date is available. Then Judy Berlin will contact you to discuss our limited (due to COVID restrictions) menu with you. Thank you!

Shalom...

Happy New Year from the Sisterhood Gift Shop...

Even though at this time there is no physical shop in our new home, please feel free to call me. I have all the inventory there and what you request might be packed.

Candles, parchments, some holiday items to name a few and the famous AKSE Sisterhood cookbook only \$4.00 (reg. \$21.95), a great gift for any occasion. It's fun looking through all the pages to recall the great bakers and cooks that have been AKSE congregants.

Call Dianne at 302-479-0490.

OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

The Congregation extends its thanks and appreciation to the following:

**תודה רבה
Thank You**

OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, RABBI STEVEN SAKS: We thank **Rabbi Steven Saks** for his inspiring and thought-provoking sermons and for his spiritual leadership throughout the year.

OUR CANTOR, YEHOSHUA REDFERN: We thank **Cantor Redfern** for reading Torah and for leading services throughout the year and during the High Holidays with his lyrical tenor voice, uplifting melodies, and sincere spiritual manner.

MEN'S CHOIR: *Yasher Koach* to the members of our choir: **Michael Cabelli, Art Cohen, Martin Cohn, David Epstein, Jeff Seidel, Mark Wagman and Mark Weinberg.**

SHALIACH TZIBUR: Many thanks to **Scott Slomowitz** who so capably and beautifully led services, and to those who read Torah—**Neil Lattin, Richard Plotzker, Scott Slomowitz, Howard Stromwasser, Jeff Wagman, Mark Wagman, and Mel Zussman**, and chanted Haftorah—**Ahron Augenbraun, Mel Zussman, Neil Lattin, and Howard Stromwasser** this *Yom Tov*.

SOUNDING THE SHOFAR: The Congregation expresses appreciation to **David Brown** for his excellent sounding of the Shofar and for his ethical and humble demeanor. We also thank **Tess Brown** for her Shofar blowing on *Rosh Hashanah* and **Art Cohen** for his Shofar blowing on *Rosh Hashanah* and during the month of *Elul*.

SYNAGOGUE APPEAL: Many thanks to **Alan Bleier** for delivering this year's synagogue appeal. The appeal is just the "tip of the iceberg" of what Alan does, much of it behind the scenes, to keep our congregation running smoothly and planning for the future.

ENDOWED HONOREES: *Yasher Koach* to our deserving endowed honorees. **Lidia Ini** was honored on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*; thanks to **Alan Bleier** for his tribute to her. **Kathleen Taylor** was honored on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*; thanks to **Dianne Seidel** for her tribute to her. Special thanks to **Riva Brown, Living Letters Studio, Wilmington, DE**, for the beautiful certificates and to **Mark Wagman** for administering the honoree program.

ISRAEL BOND APPEAL ON KOL NIDRE NIGHT: Now more than ever, it is essential to support Israel. Israel continues to meet both internal and external challenges, including absorbing new immigrants, building its infrastructure, and protecting its citizens. And please remember that the purchase of Israel Bonds is **NOT** a donation. It is an investment in the future of the people of Israel. It is an investment that earns interest, and its safety is unequalled. Israel, since the first bond issue in 1951, has never defaulted, making every payment of principal and interest on time and in full.

Mazel Tov Bonds may be particularly attractive to many investors. They are sold with a minimum subscription cost of **\$100** and in **\$1** increments thereafter up to **\$2,500**, with a term of **5 years** and current interest rate of **2.38%**. They make ideal gifts for every Simcha, more meaningful than just giving a check, and

also make an attractive investment for yourself. If bought for children, they also have the added advantage of establishing a lifelong connection to Israel. There is also an **eMazel Tov Bond** available only online with a minimum cost of **\$36** and in **\$1** increments thereafter up to **\$2,500**, with a term of **5 years** and current interest rate of **2.48%**.

Todah Rabah to **Marty Zukoff** for delivering the Appeal on *Kol Nidre* night. If you have any questions about the purchase of Israel Bonds, call Marty at 302-478-4734 or email him at martyzukoff@gmail.com.

As a special bonus, **Mara Seidel Apelstein** will speak about the **Bayit Brigade**, a non-profit that provides affordable housing to lone soldiers and new veterans in Israel. Mara is the Program Manager of the organization.

YIZKOR BOOK: Sincere thanks to **Max Rosenberg** for preparing the Yizkor Book for the current year 5782 and to **Kathleen Taylor** and **Mark Wagman** for their help.

HIGH HOLIDAY COMMITTEE & TASK FORCE: We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to all the individuals who helped to plan, coordinate and perform High Holiday activities this year. Specifically, we would like to thank the following for their time and involvement: **Rabbi Steven Saks, Cantor Yehoshua Redfern, Mel Zussman, Neil Lattin, Vivian Goldberg, Scott Slomowitz, Mark Wagman, Ron Makar, Sharon Marshall, and Kathleen Taylor.** In addition, we would like to thank all the honorees for participating and **Ron Makar** for coordinating the ushers. Thanks to the choir, **David Brown, Art Cohen,** and the many others who have helped to make our services so meaningful. Special thanks to all those who made certain everything necessary for services was in place in Miller Hall (please see next "thank you").

Mike Cabelli
High Holiday Committee

Alan Bleier
High Holiday Task Force

HIGH HOLIDAY USHERS: A very heartfelt *Todah Rabah* to our congregants who volunteered to serve as ushers this year. Your willingness to welcome those entering our Shul, check vaccination status, answer questions, direct "traffic" and maintain the appropriate decorum outside the sanctuary contributed greatly to the overall sanctity of these High Holy Day services. Thank you so very much. *Ron Makar*

MILLER HALL SETUP-CREW: Thank you to **Brad Glazier, Lidia, Ini, Moshe Vinograd, Jonathan Jaffe, Ron Makar** and **Max Rosenberg** for your help in setting up chairs, tables, etc. Special thanks go to **Mike Cabelli** for providing the CAD-generated plan for seating and Bimah items. *Alan Bleier*

BRIAN APPELBAUM: Thank you for constructing a beautiful base for the *Aron Kodesh* and a lovely *Shulchan* for our use in Miller Hall. Your workmanship is high quality and admired by all. Thank you for the many hours you donated to help AKSE.

TORAH COVERS FOR ARON KODESH: Thank you to **Mel Zussman** for changing the Torah Covers for scrolls in the *Aron Kodesh* before the Holidays.

TORAH ADORNMENTS: Thank you to **Dianne Seidel** and **Maurice Linett** for polishing the very many beautiful silver Torah adornments.

FLOWER DONATION: Thank you to **Kathleen Taylor**.

GABBAIM: Thank you to **Mel Zussman** and **Neil Lattin** for their diligence in being our *Gabbaim*. Thank you to **Howard Stromwasser, Scott Slomowitz, Rabbi Saks, and Alan Bleier** for filling in as needed.

JUDY BERLIN AND KIDDUSH COMMITTEE: Thanks for your countless hours preparing, serving, and cleaning up the delicious weekly Shabbat Kiddush for our congregation. Special thanks to **Kathleen Taylor** for her regular assistance. Thanks also for your extra efforts to make the Kiddush “safe” during the times that we have had it. We are nourished in body and in spirit on Shabbat because of your efforts.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Our gratitude and many thanks to **Alan Goldberg (Leader), Drs. David Epstein, Neil Lattin, Richard Plotzker, and Lenny Seltzer, and Alan Bleier**, for reviewing the health recommendations of the CDC and of the State of Delaware regarding COVID-19 and providing the Congregation with health guidelines that permitted in-person, High Holiday services. Your work provided a clarity under often changing pandemic conditions.

RITUAL COMMITTEE: We want to send a “Thank You” to all who participated in the Ritual Committee’s activities this past year. We look forward to working together to make our services even more inspiring in our new home:

Clergy: **Rabbi Steven Saks, Cantor Yehoshua Redfern**

Gabbaim: **Mel Zussman, Neil Lattin;**

Back-up Gabbaim: **Howard Stromwasser, Scott Slomowitz, Rabbi Saks, Alan Bleier;**
Partnership Minyanim Gabbaiot: **Harriet Ainbinder, Vivian Goldberg, Mollie Epstein-Makar, Karen Moss**

High Holiday Committee: **Mike Cabelli, Mark Wagman, Mel Zussman, Alan Bleier**

Ritual Committee Members: **Vivian Goldberg, Eleanor Weinglass, Mel Zussman, Mollie Epstein-Makar, Harriet Ainbinder, and Mike Cabelli**

Chairpersons: **Scott Slomowitz and Vivian Goldberg**

Yasher Kochachem to all attendees and participants in our Zoom-session *minyanim*, including Erev Shabbat and *motzei*-Shabbat and Holiday services, our outdoor Tuesday afternoon *Mincha* services at the JCC and to everyone that has attended and participated, and will continue to do so, in our in-person services in our new home. As we settle in and acclimate ourselves to the new normal, we hopefully can plan again for Partnership Minyanim in our new home, as well as re-starting the mobile minyanim, of course, with the health of all participants being our primary concern.

We want to especially thank the many AKSE volunteers who coordinated and carried out the move of all our ritual items from our transitional home at CBS to our new home. As in the past, Paula Gordon and Mel Zussman have made certain that the particular ritual items needed for a particular Jewish holiday are now permanently available onsite at our new home.

We most certainly want to thank all our AKSE Torah readers and service leaders, both men and women, including: **Mel Zussman, Neil Lattin, Howard Stromwasser, Alan Bleier, Mark Wagman, Richard Plotzker, Rabbi Saks, Jonathan Jaffe, Scott Slomowitz, Martin Cohn, Irene Plotzker, Lisa Elliott, Vivian Goldberg, Eleanor Weinglass, Sylvia Wagman, Ann Jaffe, and Harriet Ainbinder.**

All the Ritual Committee's work is carried out under the supervision of our *Mara D'Atra*, **Rabbi Steven Saks**. The committee members are to be commended for their time and thoughtful input.

And a special thank you to Vivian Goldberg for handling RC activities over the past months.

Scott Slomowitz

ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Thank you for your leadership, your wisdom and your hard work.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
President	Alan Bleier
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V.P. Ways & Means	(Open)
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2020-2022	2021-2023	PAST PRESIDENTS	
Scott Slomowitz	Rachel Epstein	Harriet Ainbinder	Ron Makar
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Lidia Ini	Moshe Vinograd	Jonathan Jaffe	
Art Cohen*	Rosanne Cabelli		

* Appointed by the President

Nominating Committee: Alan Bleier (Chair), Gene Tolpin, Harriet Ainbinder, Jonathan Jaffe, Ron Makar

OFFICE STAFF: Our thanks to **Sharon Marshall** and **Kathleen Taylor** for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the synagogue. Sharon is courteous and good humored while efficiently sending out letters and Yahrzeit notices, copying flyers, responding to phone calls, greeting visitors to the office and coping with the myriad daily tasks that enable our synagogue to function. Our bookkeeper, Kathleen, is always thorough, meticulous, and diligent as she handles our finances and responds to many requests. This *Rosh Hashanah* Kathleen was recognized with an endowed honor for going above and beyond in contributing to the smooth functioning of our congregation.

SHOFAR: Thank you, **Jonathan Jaffe**, for doing a great job as the editor of the *Shofar*. Thanks also to assistant editor **Mark Wagman**.

SHOFAR CREW: Thank you to **Kathleen Taylor** for running off the Shofar each month and **Jonathan Jaffe** for collating the Shofar and taking it to the mailroom each month.

SOUND: Thank you, **Ron Makar**, for your dedication to providing sound system set-up for the High Holidays and every other synagogue event during the year. We hope you hear this thank you "loud and clear."

BARNEY AND CLAIRE KANTAR: Thank you for generously donating the beautiful *Aron Kodesh* and its accompanying furniture, now in use in the Chapel of our new home. Your gift has enhanced our holy spaces.

JOSH SCHOENBERG, STEVE MICHLIN (SCHOENBERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL): Thanks for your invaluable service to the Jewish community and for, once again, providing us with Jewish calendars. Special thanks for your help and flexibility in properly burying our many religious materials that were beyond repair and no longer needed as we prepared to move.

IMMANUEL CHURCH: Special appreciation goes to **Senior Pastor Daniel Nelms**, **Val Ventresca**, Office/Facilities Administrator, and **Judy Crescenzi**, Office Secretary, for the warm welcome extended to our Congregation. You and all the Church members have been gracious and friendly in helping AKSE to adapt to our new home. Thank you.

BRAD GLAZIER (GLAZIER PHOTOGRAPHY): Thank you for taking all those "official" professional synagogue photos.

MANY OTHERS: Thank you to the many people who should have been thanked and weren't; we thank you for being so forgiving at this season of the year.

Thank you to those who provided names and information for the Kol Nidre supplement, to **Sharon Marshall** for assembling it, and to **Mark Wagman** for editing it.



Va'ad HaKashruth of Delaware



KASHRUTH UPDATE

The Va'ad HaKashruth of Delaware, an independent community organization established in 1948, serves the needs of kosher certification for Delaware's Jewish Community. The Va'ad facilitates and promotes high Orthodox standards of Kashruth by supervising and certifying several local establishments, caterers and institutions. If you have questions or suggestions about kashruth in Delaware or would be willing to become involved in the work of the Va'ad, please contact the *Rav Hamachshir*, **Rabbi Steven Saks**, at 302-762-2705.

Approved establishments, updated 9/13/2021

Type	Name	Address	Phone (or other contact method)
Deli	Kosher Department at ShopRite (not general deli area)	1300 Rocky Run Parkway Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 477-3270
Bakery	ShopRite Bakery	1300 Rocky Run Parkway Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 477-3270
Fish Market	Kosher Department at Shoprite	1300 Rocky Run Parkway Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 477-3270 (Pre-orders ONLY)
Catering	Kosher Department at Shoprite	1300 Rocky Run Parkway Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 477-3270 (ask for kosher department)
Catering	Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	704 River Road Wilmington, DE 19809	(302) 764-7000
Catering	Drop Squad Kitchen	928 Justison St Wilmington, DE 19801	abundance@dropsquadkitchen.com
Restaurant	Drop Squad Kitchen	928 Justison St Wilmington, DE 19801	(302) 984-2773
Ice Cream	Drop Squad Kitchen	928 Justison St Wilmington, DE 19801	(302) 984-2773
Community	Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth	2412 Pennsylvania Ave Wilmington, DE 19806	(302) 762-2705
Community	Congregation Beth Shalom (kitchen, minyan room)	1801 Baynard Blvd. Wilmington, DE 19802	(302) 654-4462
Community	Siegel Jewish Community Center (main kitchen, other kitchens, early childhood center)	101 Garden of Eden Rd. Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 478-5660
Community	Milton & Hattie Kutz Home (kitchen)	704 River Road Wilmington, DE 19809	(302) 764-7000

AKSE YOM KIPPUR AND SUKKOT SCHEDULE 2021 - 5782**EREV (EVENING OF) YOM KIPPUR**Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Fast begins	7:06 PM
Mincha	6:30 PM
Kol Nidre	PROMPTLY at 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting before	6:52 PM
Sermon: "Making up with dearly departed loved ones"	

YOM KIPPURThursday, September 16, 2021

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Torah Service	10:00 AM
Mask Break	TBD
Sermon: "Recycling Yourself: Learning from AKSE's own heroes"	
Yizkor Memorial Service	11:45 AM
Musaf	12:15 PM
Mincha	5:30 PM
Ne'ilah	6:50 PM

Sounding of the Shofar, Ma'ariv
and Havdallah (end of fast) 7:51 PM

Yom Kippur services take place in Miller Hall in Immanuel
Church at 2414 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Children's services take place in our building (2412
Pennsylvania Ave.) at approx. 10:45 AM on Yom Kippur.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah services take
place in our building (2412 Pennsylvania Ave.).

EVENING OF (EREV) SUKKOTMonday, September 20, 2021

Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 PM
Candle Lighting	6:44 PM

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOTTuesday, September 21, 2021

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting after	7:42 PM

SECOND DAY OF SUKKOTWednesday, September 22, 2021

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:45 PM
Havdallah (wine only)	7:41 PM

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOTThursday, September 23 to Sunday, September 26**HOSHANAH RABBAH**Monday, September 27, 2021

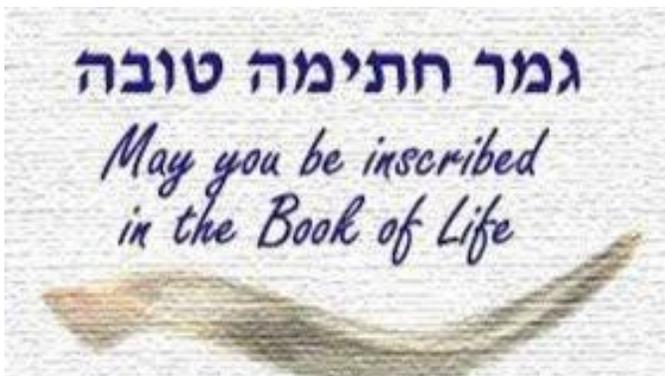
Shacharit (Zoom)	8:00 AM
Yizkor (Zoom)	6:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:15 PM
Candle Lighting	6:32 PM

SHEMINI ATZERETTuesday, September 28, 2021

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Yizkor Memorial Service	10:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
Hakafot	6:30 PM
Candle Lighting after	7:31 PM

SIMCHAT TORAHWednesday, September 29, 2021

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Hakafot	10:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 PM
Havdallah (wine only)	7:29 PM



TIME FOR THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve this year to enrich your life by participating in more activities at your congregation. Do it for yourself and for AKSE.

Please return this form to let us know how you would like to be involved.

-----COMMITTEES-----

Ritual	AKSE Marketing/Publicity	Communications
Adult Education	Gift Card Marketing	Shofar
Finance	Kiddush	Shabbat newsletter
Administrative	Israel Advocacy Committee	Website
Facilities	High Holiday	E-mail
Membership	Circle Clubs	<i>By election/appointment—</i>
Ways and Means	Historical	<i>Executive Board</i>
Community Affairs	Cemetery	<i>Board of Governors</i>
Kesher (Outreach to Ill and Homebound)	New Home	<i>Collections/adjustments</i>
		<i>Torah Scroll Endowment Fund</i>

-----ORGANIZATIONS-----

Sisterhood	Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society)
Men's Club	Lanetzach Tzi'irim (Adult Dancers)
Chug Ivri (Hebrew Speaking Club)	High Holiday Choir
Va'ad Hakashruth (Kashruth Supervision)	

-----ACTIVITIES-----

Shabbat Services	Shabbaton	Endowed Honors
Yom Tov Services	Shabbat Hospitality	Purim Gift Baskets
Women's Tefillah Group	Café Tamar	(Mishloach Manot)
Partnership Minyan	Men's Club Breakfast Series	Hamantashen Baking
Friday Night Dinner	Shabbat Torah Study Class	Yahrzeit Notices
Shabbat Kiddush	Basic Hebrew Reading Class	Yizkor Book

NAME:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

Please contact me about the following committees, organizations, and activities:

I have an idea for a new activity or program:

Please return to the AKSE Office, 2412 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806, or e-mail to office@AKSE.org, or contact the AKSE President at prez@AKSE.org