



# **KOL NIDRE SUPPLEMENT**

**Tuesday & Wednesday**

**October 4 & 5, 2022**

**10 Tishrei 5783**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Fellow Congregants and Guests:

Since last year's High Holy Days, much has occurred at AKSE. We erected our sukkah outside of our building and held Sukkot and Simchat Torah services in our synagogue and had Kiddushim in the sukkah. We also had in-person Chanukah services.

In June 2021, we started to have select services in our building, but in January 2022 our indoor assemblies came to an abrupt halt when a serious upsurge in COVID forced us to suspend in-person indoor group activities for two months. Since early March, following the guidance of our Health Committee led by Alan Goldberg, we have had in-person services each Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening in our synagogue, Thursday morning in our synagogue, and Tuesday afternoon at the JCC. We secured the Kehillah Lounge at the JCC for Tuesday services, where we have a choice of having the service inside, while wearing masks, or having it in the adjacent outdoor courtyard without masks.

We have revived the Partnership Minyan, where women share in leading the services, including reading Torah. Harriet Ainbinder and Lisa Elliott instituted "Torah Talks" in place of the Shabbat sermon, while we are without a rabbi. These talks have been given by our members and have been very well researched and extremely interesting. Many would consider them to be the highlight of our Shabbat morning services.

Other activities that have resumed this year are: the online Chug Ivri (Hebrew Conversation Group), led by Sylvia Wagman; the Hebrew Class, taught by Eleanor Weinglass; and the AKSE Passover Seders, hosted and led by Rabbi Saks, for which the food was arranged and served by his wife and daughters. The rabbi continued to hold Parsha and Pizza class in-person and online and a history class online.

Over the year, we have become more and more comfortable with Zoom, which we use for our Executive Board, Board of Governors, and committee meetings as well as for events like movie discussions and the Latkes-vs.-Hamantashen debate. This has been a great convenience for our involved congregants, as they no longer have to drive to the shul for these meetings and events.

We have celebrated several wonderful lifecycle events: a Bat and a Bar Mitzvah held in our synagogue, and two weddings held in the Kehillah Lounge at the JCC.

Alan Bleier established the Security Committee. After arranging for a professional assessment of our risks and vulnerabilities to antisemitic attacks, such as the one that occurred earlier this year in Colleyville, TX, the committee developed a proposal for the federal program under FEMA. The program is designed to help non-profit organizations to increase the physical security of their facilities. AKSE hired a consulting grant writer to guide and to assist us in this effort. In May, AKSE applied for a \$150,000 grant under that program. Immanuel Church recognized the value of this program and supplied a letter of support that was included in the application. The program can also cover some of the costs of training our clergy, staff, and congregants on how to respond best in the event of threats to AKSE or suspicious behavior of individuals. Recently, we received the great news that AKSE will be a recipient of the grant funding in the full amount requested!

Alan Bleier, in his role as head of the High Holy Day Task Force, engaged Rabbi Noah Gradofsky to help lead Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

The day I assumed the office of President of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Rabbi Saks called me to inform me that he was leaving us. Mark Wagman and Alan Goldberg agreed to co-chair the Rabbi Search Committee, which is tasked with finding a new rabbi. Until we have a new permanent rabbi in place, we are covering essential rabbinical duties, as I detailed in my letter in the September Shofar. As for finding a new rabbi, we have more than a dozen applicants already, several of whom may be a good fit for us. The committee has interviewed several candidates, and already one of them has visited us for a Shabbat. The search process is continuing, and I am confident that we will be welcoming a new permanent rabbi before long.

Shanah Tovah and G'mar Chatimah Tovah,  
*Martin Cohn*

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Family,

Thank you for welcoming me into your congregation as I “pinch hit” for the High Holidays. I hope that I have been able to be a part of a meaningful experience for you and wish AKSE the best in your search for a permanent rabbi.

### Empty Calories

As we experience this year's Yom Kippur fast, it is worth thinking about what we are hungry for. When it comes to food, we eat “empty calories,” foods that, while enjoyable, have no nutritional value. What is true about food is true about all things in life. We often pursue things that don't really make our lives better while diverting our attention from the pursuit of what really matters. We might think of this as the pursuit of spiritually empty calories.

The prophet of Isaiah asks:

לָמָּה תִשְׁקָלוּ-כֶסֶף בְּלוֹא-לֶחֶם, וַיִּגְיַעְכֶם בְּלוֹא לֶשֶׁבֶעָה; שְׁמְעוּ שְׁמוֹעַ אֵלַי וְאִכְלוּ-טוֹב,  
וְתִתְעַנְּגוּ בִדְשָׁן נִפְשֵׁיכֶם

Why do you spend your money on that which is not bread and your efforts on that which will not satisfy; hearken to me and eat well, and your souls will enjoy the finest food.

The idea is that what truly nourishes our soul is much more than bread. As Moshe Rabbenu (Moses, Our Teacher) says in Deuteronomy 8:3:

כִּי לֹא עַל הַלֶּחֶם לִבְדוֹ יִחְיֶה הָאָדָם כִּי עַל כָּל מוֹצָא פִי יִקְרָא יְהוָה הָאָדָם  
A person does not live on bread alone, but rather a person lives by the word of the LORD.

Unfortunately, sometimes by pursuing wealth and other material comforts, we lose sight of what is truly important, living a meaningful life and having a positive impact on the world around us. Ibn Ezra is quoted as giving a similar message, saying

אדם דואג על איבוד דמיו ואינו דואג על איבוד ימיו דמיו אינם עוזרים ימיו אינם חוזרים  
 A person worries about losing money but does not worry about losing days ... [but a person]'s money doesn't help, and [a person]'s days don't come back.

Yom Kippur is a moment for us to reflect on our priorities. No doubt being able to provide for our personal needs and the needs of our family is important. But beyond that, time spent pursuing material well-being at the expense of more wonderful life experiences, for instance quality time with family and friends and quality time with God through prayer and Torah study, is time spent pursuing spiritually empty calories.

I hope that our High Holiday experience will help renew our hunger for that which is truly important in life, help hone our sense of what that is, and inspire us to put in the effort to pursue those things.

### My High Holiday Sermons and Keeping in Touch

If you are interested in reading or sharing any of my sermons from this High Holiday season, links will be available at [www.e-ark.net/rabbi/2022hhsermons.html](http://www.e-ark.net/rabbi/2022hhsermons.html). Links to the rest of my online rabbinic material can be found at [www.e-ark.net/rabbi\\_writings](http://www.e-ark.net/rabbi_writings).

Please feel free to be in touch with me in the future. You can reach me by email at [RabbiNoahG@e-ark.net](mailto:RabbiNoahG@e-ark.net) and I am also on Facebook (@noahsark76) and Twitter (@noahgradofsky). I also maintain an email list through which I share any rabbinic material (sermons, articles, classes, etc.) that I publish. If you would like to join my email list, please visit [http://www.e-ark.net/rabbi\\_writings](http://www.e-ark.net/rabbi_writings) and click on the link toward the top where it says "Please click here if you would like to be notified when I post new material online."

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy new year filled with spiritual growth and fulfillment.

b'Shalom,  
*Rabbi Noah Gradofsky*



MAY YOU BE INSCRIBED FOR A  
 YEAR OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS



## CANTOR'S MESSAGE

*Gamar Chatimah Tovah!* May everyone at *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth* be totally inscribed in the Book of Life for this Jewish year of 5783. Roberta and I want to wish everyone a year of good health, prosperity, and peace here and peace in Israel.

The choir has been vigorously rehearsing throughout the summer, practicing their repertoire and improving their vocal technique and blending their voices into a bright harmonic quality. The High Holiday Choir this year includes Mike Cabelli, Art Cohen, Martin Cohn, David Epstein, Jeff Seidel, Steve Tursky, Mark Wagman, and Mark Weinberg. We also miss our *M'natzeach* (Choirmaster) Lou Brown. They have worked hard and marvelously sang with the many special melodies for our *Yamim Noraim* that have been chanted by the AKSE High Holy Day choir for over fifty years.

Two special prayers of *Ne'ilah*, our closing prayer service on Yom Kippur, are *Atah Notayn Yad* (You have reached out your hand) and *Atah Hivdalta* ("You have set men apart from the beginning"). My mentor and distinguished author of Jewish Liturgical Music and Prayer, Cantor Macy Nulman, of blessed memory, discussed these prayers in his award winning volume, *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Prayer*: the first prayer *Atah Notayn Yad* which has two parts, from the beginning to *lefikhakh hirbayta selihataynu* ("therefore Thou hast abundantly provided us with means of pardon") and a second part from *Mah anu, meh hayaynu* ("What are we, what is our life?") to the end of the prayer. Ashkenazim retain the entire version as given in our Seder Rav Amram Gaon, whereas Sephardim leave out the first part and recite the second part only. This is the confession formula prescribed by the Talmudic sage Samuel (Babylonia, third century). This latter part, joined with Rabbi Johanan's introduction, forms the confession that was taken into the preliminary service of the daily prayers.

*Atah Hivdalta*, which follows *Atah Notayn Yad*, comprises various biblical quotations recited in all rituals at *Ne'ilah*. This passage expresses the thought that man has been set apart from other living creatures on earth because he possesses a soul and mind enabling him to serve G-d. The worshippers recite *Atah Hivdalta* as well as *Atah Notayn Yad*, after the conclusion of the silent *Amidah*. However, the *Sheli'ach Tzibbur* recites both passages within the repetition of the *Amidah*, in the fourth blessing. It is thus incumbent upon the Cantor only, and not the worshippers, to make mention of the Sabbath, if Yom Kippur falls on Shabbat. This year Yom Kippur falls on Wednesday. Both prayers emphasize the importance of repentance; even if men and women have stumbled, they can always rise.

I also want to thank and give a *Yasher Koach* to our wonderful guest Rabbi for officiating on *Yamin Noraim*, Rabbi Noah Gradofsky.

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

The Officers and Board of Governors of AKSE, together with Cantor Redfern, are pleased to welcome to our congregational family **Sabrina Kober, Kevin and Stephanie Rudolph, and Steve and Amy Tursky**. If you have not yet had the chance, please make sure to welcome them!

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!

*Melissa Brodsky*  
Membership

## MAKING 2412 MORE LIKE HOME

In January of 2023 it will be two years since we moved from our temporary home at CBS and four years since we left our longtime home on Washington Blvd.



**Our home is now 2412 Pennsylvania Avenue, and we are making a renewed effort to complete some unfinished tasks and to move our “stuff” out of storage**—for instance, the large Shulchan for the High Holidays, which we can finally use again now that we are able to gather and sing together. The bookshelves of our library are being filled with books on observance, prayer, history and topical issues. This will be more like a reading room than a lending library—there is a big conference table for reading, classes and meetings. Our Shabbat services are routinely followed by tasty kiddushim in a now well-established routine—thank you Judy Berlin and her committee. Brad Glazier continues his wonderful shoe recycling effort at 2412—there are

collection bins in the lounge, and sorting and bagging takes place in the large basement.

But there is much more to do. We have art and memorabilia to display. We have money for painting and other fix-ups in the library, which we would like to brighten up by painting the existing dark brown ceiling white.

**Would anyone like to help, either with ideas or by volunteering to help paint or with the general fix-up?** Please let me know by calling the office at 302-762-2705.

Thank you,  
*Jonathan Jaffe*  
Facilities

## **STATUS OF RABBI SEARCH**

As you know, a search committee has been established to find and recommend a suitable successor for Rabbi Saks. The announcement of Rabbi Saks' resignation occurred during the transition between synagogue presidents in June. Alan Bleier and Martin Cohn together then asked us to co-chair the rabbi search.

In July we organized the committee and got to work. Here are the members of the search committee: **Alan Goldberg (co-chair), Mark Wagman (co-chair), Harriet Ainbinder, Melissa Brodsky, Martin Cohn, Susan Epstein, Vivian Goldberg, Karen Moss, and Joel Roisman.** We have found this group to be collaborative, hardworking, and focused on the task at hand.

Early on we considered critical issues for the congregation. The rabbi is indispensable in holding the congregation together and in being a presence in the community. We want a rabbi who is a good fit for us in terms of religious outlook and knowledge. We agreed on the essential functions of a rabbi that are important to us and which we cannot fulfill with lay people. With the changes in our congregation over the last few years, there are fewer such functions than before. These changes raise the question of whether we still need a full-time rabbi. This question remains an open one; its resolution will depend in part on the specific candidates who apply and whom we choose to pursue.

After updating and creating documents for our search, we posted on several job sites and applied to the Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ), an organization of rabbis whose religious philosophy is close to ours. We also made some networking inquiries.

Our overall process has been 1) to screen resumes, 2) to hold a 30-min. Zoom interview with three of us, 3) to hold a 2-hr. Zoom interview with the entire committee, and 4) after checking references, to invite the candidate for an in-person visit over a Shabbat. For a given candidate, the committee decides after each step whether to proceed to the next step (we record the initial interview, and all committee members review it).

**We have been pleasantly surprised by the response to our inquiries. At this writing, we have received 15 resumes.** We have held 8 initial interviews and 4 longer second interviews, with 2 more second interviews pending. **To date, we have 6 viable candidates!** They are diverse in age, experience, and geographic location. All hold Orthodox semicha (rabbinic ordination) but are comfortable serving in a congregation such as ours that has mixed seating.

Many of you experienced at least part of Rabbi Abe's in-person visit in September. Your feedback afterwards has been valuable to the committee. We expect to invite 1 or 2 of the other viable candidates for in-person visits after the holidays, likely in late October and November. Stay tuned for announcements about these visits. Our goal is to be ready to make a recommendation to the Board and congregation by the end of 2022.

**Throughout this process, we are open to your feedback and suggestions.** Let us know if you have questions or key issues that you feel we should raise with candidates. Give us your opinion of candidates who come for a visit. And let us know if you have information about the candidates through your personal "networks." The easiest way to contact us is through the email address [search@AKSE.org](mailto:search@AKSE.org). If you would like us to call you, just include your contact information in the email.

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy year,

*Alan Goldberg*                      *Mark Wagman*

Co-Chairs, Rabbi Search Committee

## THE CIRCLE CLUB CAMPAIGN

The Circle Club's 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 2022, 19 members/families** have contributed a total of **\$18,960**. 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, Dianne & Jeff Seidel, Marty Zukoff

### PRESIDENT'S

Martin & Lorraine Cohn, David & Susan Epstein, Ron & Mollie Makar, Nan & Hal Pezzner

### CHAI

Rachel L. Epstein, Vivian & Alan Goldberg, Helen C. Gordon, Lolly & Kevin Gross, Judith & Max Rosenberg, Sylvia & Mark Wagman

### MITZVAH

Julius & Sheila Berman, Paula Gordon, Ann Jaffe, Ehyal Shweiki, Amy & Steven Tursky

**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 V.P. Finance, 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. Those assigned honors in advance received a mailing with a form for this purpose. Your consideration is most greatly appreciated.

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## MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 5783: 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!

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### DON'T FORGET TO SHOP AT AMAZON AND EARN MONEY FOR AKSE!!

Shop via [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designate Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth as your chosen charity.

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**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 43,288 pounds (21 tons) of shoes out of our local landfills, processed over 42,500 shoes and raised over \$36,000 for AKSE and other non-profit organizations.



Please join this very worthy effort – “Bring your Shoes to Shul.” We have a shoe collection box in our lounge to the right of 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-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.

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## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES 2022-2023

Although we are a bit late getting started, the Adult Education Committee is once again planning an exciting, informative and fun year. To whet your appetite, we will once again bring back the AKSE Academy and the trio of movies.

Our popular Torah Talks are already booked through December, so come on Shabbat morning and hear what your fellow congregants have to say.

We are negotiating a lecture series, and we hope to have Mara Seidel and the Brigantine synagogue back with us again.

Eleanor Weinglass will be teaching Hebrew, and the Chug Ivri will continue to meet monthly.

Keep watching the Shofar for a year of surprises.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:** The AKSE Torah Scroll Endowment Fund was created 22 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](mailto: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.**

**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., beginning at the start of the Mask Break. 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.

*Sylvia Wagman and Rosanne Cabelli*

**HELP ERECT AND DECORATE OUR SUKKAH - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6:** We need volunteers to help at 10 a.m., right after the morning minyan. **If you can help erect or decorate the sukkah, please contact Martin Cohn at 302-691-7134 or [martin.cohn@ymail.com](mailto:martin.cohn@ymail.com)** (or just let him know at Yom Kippur services).

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**WOMEN'S SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE: THE TRADITION IS BACK!!** The 40<sup>th</sup> annual AKSE Women's Simchat Torah service will take place on **Tuesday morning, October 18, 2022**. The service will begin at approximately **10:30 a.m.**, after the 7<sup>th</sup> Hakafah. Please contact **Sylvia Wagman (302-475-8351 or [srwag8@comcast.net](mailto:srwag8@comcast.net))** or **Harriet Ainbinder (302-478-6314 or [haza@verizon.net](mailto:haza@verizon.net))** if you would like to participate.

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**FRIDAY EVENING/KABBALAT SHABBAT TIME CHANGE:** The regular Friday night service time will move to **6:00 p.m. on October 21**, and it will remain at this time until March.

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**TUESDAY AFTERNOON OUTDOOR MINYAN:** We have been holding a successful *Mincha* service in the Kehillah Lounge of the Siegel JCC, Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. Please join us for a quick service and some COVID-safe socializing. (Resuming on October 25 after the holidays)

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**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 302-540-2222. **If you would like to participate or if you know someone in need of help, please call.**

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**EMMANUEL DINING ROOM DATES APPROACHING! Volunteers Needed for November 6, December 6 and January 6.** Last year we rejoined the network of churches and synagogues that provide nutritious meals to needy individuals at Emmanuel Dining Room East. Feeding the hungry is such a basic mitzvah; for some of the people served by Emmanuel Dining Room, the meal we provide is their only meal of the day.

We will need bakers as well as donations to defray the cost of ingredients for the meal, for our upcoming dates in November, December and January. Please contact **Karen Moss (302-478-4991 or [Hamorahkeren96@gmail.com](mailto:Hamorahkeren96@gmail.com))** or **Wendy Shlossman (302-479-5599 or [pshlossman@comcast.net](mailto:pshlossman@comcast.net))**, EDR Co-chairs, to volunteer your assistance for this important mitzvah.

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**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](mailto:enews@akse.org)** with your e-mail address, and he will make sure that you are added to the distribution list. Thanks!

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**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! We had record participation!** Funds raised go to support synagogue events and enable us to continue to give the synagogue a sizeable year-end contribution.

COVID restrictions will once again prevent us from offering the usual full “break-the-fast” of past years. **Sisterhood will be providing a lite snack for you to take with you on the way out at the conclusion of the Yom Kippur services.**

We received a great response to our dues mailing and look forward to having a welcome back event in the Sukkah. Details to come.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,  
*Sylvia Wagman*

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**SPONSOR A KIDDUSH:** If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush 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 somewhat limited (due to COVID restrictions) menu with you. Thank you!

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**GREAT NEWS!**  
**AKSE Awarded \$150,000 FEMA Security Grant**

**Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has been awarded federal funding to upgrade our security under the FY2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP).**

Under the purview of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), the program will provide AKSE with a grant of \$150,000 to upgrade its physical and cyber-security.

Much work remains to be done though. The grant monies will be rewarded retroactively, after work is completed. AKSE is tasked with deciding exactly what we want (within the guidelines in our proposal). We will need to set out for bid and approve contractors and monitor the work. So we have a large project in front of us: we will need to learn about cameras, monitors, safety doors and windows, and communication with law enforcement. We will need the skill sets and efforts of many members of the congregation to bring this very worthwhile project to completion. **If you would like to help, please contact Alan Bleier. Thank you.**

**Alan Bleier serves as the Chair of the Security Committee. Kathleen Taylor, Brad Glazier, Lidia Ini, Ron Makar, Sylvia Wagman, Scott Slomowitz, and Jonathan Jaffe also serve on the Committee.**

**Mazel Tov to the Committee!**

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**OUR APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE**

**The Congregation extends its thanks and appreciation to the following:**

**תודה רבה**  
**Thank You**

**OUR HIGH HOLIDAY RABBI, RABBI NOAH GRADOFSKY:** We thank **Rabbi Gradofsky** for his expert leadership, informative and engaging commentary, and inspiring and thought-provoking sermons.

**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.

**RABBI STEVEN SAKS:** We thank **Rabbi Saks** for his spiritual leadership over the past year. We wish him and his family all the best in his new congregation.

**MEN'S CHOIR:** *Yasher Koach* to the members of our choir: **Michael Cabelli, Art Cohen, Martin Cohn, David Epstein, Jeff Seidel, Steve Tursky, Mark Wagman** and **Mark Weinberg**, and to **Cantor Redfern** for his dedicated and expert direction of the choir.

**SHALIACH TZIBUR:** Many thanks to **Cantor Redfern, Rabbi Gradofsky**, and **Scott Slomowitz**, who so capably and beautifully led services, and to those who read Torah—**Neil Lattin, Scott Slomowitz, Howard Stromwasser, Jeff Wagman, Mark Wagman**, and **Mel Zussman**, and chanted Haftorah—**Ahron Augenbraun, Neil Lattin, Mark Wagman** 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 **Art Cohen** for his Shofar blowing on *Rosh Hashanah* and **Alan Bleier** for his shofar blowing during the month of *Elul*.

**SYNAGOGUE APPEAL:** Many thanks to **Martin Cohn** for delivering this year's synagogue appeal. The appeal is just the "tip of the iceberg" of what Martin 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. **Alan Bleier** was honored on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah*; thanks to **Jonathan Jaffe** for his tribute to him. **Neil Lattin** was honored on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*; thanks to **Mel Zussman** for his tribute to him. 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 thousands of Ukrainian refugees, 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** are a popular choice. 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**. **The interest rate for these bonds has increased significantly to a very attractive rate of 4.74%**. 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 **4.84%**.

*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](mailto:martyzukoff@gmail.com).

**YIZKOR BOOK:** Sincere thanks to **Max Rosenberg** for preparing the Yizkor Book for the current year 5783 and to **Kathleen Taylor** for her 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: **Cantor Yehoshua Redfern, Mel Zussman, Neil Lattin, Vivian Goldberg, Scott Slomowitz, Mark Wagman, Ron Makar, 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*

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE:** Thank you to **Sylvia Wagman** for leading engaging Children's Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and to **Rosanne Cabelli** and **Rina Wagman** for their assistance. *Todah Rabah* to **David Brown** for blowing shofar at Children's Services on Rosh Hashanah.

**MILLER HALL SETUP-CREW:** Thank you to **Max Rosenberg, Mike Cabelli, Martin Cohn, and Mel Zussman** for your help in setting up chairs, tables, etc. Special thanks go to **Mike Cabelli** for providing the CAD-generated plan for seating and to **Kathleen Taylor** for retrieving and setting the flowers out for all to enjoy. *Alan Bleier*

**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** for polishing the very many beautiful silver Torah adornments.

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

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**JUDY BERLIN AND KIDDUSH COMMITTEE:** Thanks for your countless hours preparing, serving, and cleaning up the delicious weekly Shabbat Kiddush for our congregation. 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.

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**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 Shabbat, Yom Tov, High Holiday, and weekday services. Your work provided clarity under often changing pandemic conditions.

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

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

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

**Back-up Gabbaim:** Howard Stromwasser, Scott Slomowitz, Rabbi Saks, Alan Bleier

**Partnership Minyanim Gabbaiot:** Harriet Ainbinder, Vivian Goldberg, Karen Moss, Irene Plotzker

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

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

**Chairperson:** Vivian Goldberg

***Yasher Kochachem*** to all attendees and participants in our in-person services, Zoom-session *minyanim*, and our Tuesday afternoon *Mincha* services at the JCC.

We also wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank each of our AKSE Torah, haftorah, and megillah readers and service leaders, both men and women, including: **Ahron Augenbraun**, **Mel Zussman**, **Neil Lattin**, **Howard Stromwasser**, **Alan Bleier**, **Mark Wagman**, **Richard Plotzker**, **Rabbi Saks**, **Jonathan Jaffe**, **Scott Slomowitz**, **Martin Cohn**, **Steve Tursky**, **Jeff Seidel**, **Gene Tolpin**, **Evan Brodsky**, **Michael Cabelli**, **Marty Zukoff**, **Sam Romirowsky**, **Irene Plotzker**, **Lisa Elliott**, **Vivian Goldberg**, **Karen Moss**, **Sylvia Wagman**, **Harriet Ainbinder**, **Gail Weinberg**, **Melissa Brodsky**, **Faith Brown**, **Gail Tolpin**, **Lorraine Cohn**, and **Linda Sereduke**. You enhance our services with your participation.

**SERVICE ATTENDEES:** We thank all those who have attended Tuesday afternoon, Thursday morning, Kabbalat Shabbat, and Shabbat Mincha/Ma'ariv services over the last few months. We apologize in advance to anyone we have inadvertently left off this list: **Ahron Augenbraun, Alan Bleier, Howard Berlin, Judy Berlin, David Brown, Robert Brown, Edina Buzgon, Mike Cabelli, Joel Chodos, Art Cohen, Martin Cohn, John Elzufon, David Epstein, Brad Glazier, Alan Goldberg, Paul Gottesman, Jonathan Jaffe, Seth Katzen, Peter Kopolovic, Neil Lattin, Jim Lehr, Charlotte Levin, Eric Levin, Maurice Linett, Ron Makar, Hal Pezzner, Richard Plotzker, Cantor Yehoshua Redfern, Joel Roisman, Sandy Rosen, Kevin Rudolph, Dianne Seidel, Jeff Seidel, Lewis Shapiro, Barry Solan, Dan Tanzer, Gene Tolpin, Amy Tursky, Steve Tursky, Mark Wagman, Sylvia Wagman, Mark Weinberg, Ed Zukoff, Martin Zukoff, and Mel Zussman.** Special thanks to **Alan Bleier, Mark Wagman, and Mel Zussman** for stepping up and leading services in this interim period between permanent rabbis.

## ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

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

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	
President	Martin Cohn
Executive V.P.	Alan Bleier
V.P. Finance	Max Rosenberg
V.P. Education	Harriet Ainbinder
V.P. Religious Affairs	Vivian Goldberg
V.P. Administration	Dianne Seidel
V.P. Facilities	Jonathan Jaffe
V.P. Membership	Melissa Brodsky
V.P. Community Affairs	Mark Wagman
V.P. Ways & Means	(Open)
Treasurer	Jeff Seidel
Secretary	David Epstein

<b>2021-2023</b>	<b>2022-2024</b>	<b>PAST PRESIDENTS</b>	
Rosanne Cabelli	Lena Elzufon	Harriet Ainbinder	Ron Makar
Art Cohen	Mollie Epstein-Makar	Elliott Echt	Joel Roisman
Rachel Epstein	Lidia Ini	John Elzufon	Harvey Rubenstein
Phyllis Feibus	Scott Slomowitz	Alan Goldberg	Jerome Smith
Brad Glazier	Marty Zukoff	Perry Goldlust	Mark Wagman
Karen Moss		Jonathan Jaffe	
Sylvia Wagman			

**Thanks to the Nominating Committee:** Alan Bleier (Chair), Harriet Ainbinder, Jonathan Jaffe

**OFFICE STAFF:** Our thanks to **Sharon Marshall**, of blessed memory, and **Kathleen Taylor** for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the synagogue. Sharon's helpful nature and good humor will be missed while she efficiently sent out letter and Yahrzeit notices, copied flyers, responded to phone calls, greeted visitors to the office and coped with the myriad daily tasks that enabled our synagogue to function. Our bookkeeper, Kathleen, is always thorough, meticulous, and diligent as she handles our finances and responds to many requests. In her new role as Office Administrator, Kathleen will be taking on the duties Sharon handled as well as her existing financial regimen.

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**SHOFAR:** Thank you, **Jonathan Jaffe** and **Mark Wagman**, for doing a great job as co-editors of the Shofar.

**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.

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**SOUND:** Thank you, **Ron Makar**, for your guidance on the sound system set-up for the High Holidays and **Martin Cohn** for helping to set up the system. We hope you hear this thank you "loud and clear."

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**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.

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

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**BRAD GLAZIER (GLAZIER PHOTOGRAPHY):** Thank you for taking all those "official" professional synagogue photos. Many thanks also for your continued successful efforts with the shoe project.

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**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 **Kathleen Taylor** for assembling it, and to **Mark Wagman** for editing it.

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# 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 **Rabbi Steven Saks**, at 302-494-7928, who continues to serve as *Rav Hamachshir* during this interim period.

Approved establishments, updated June 2022

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 2022 - 5783****EREV (EVENING OF) YOM KIPPUR**Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Mincha	6:30 PM
<b>Kol Nidre</b>	<b>PROMPTLY at 6:15 PM</b>
Sermon: <i>"Her Lips Moved, but Her Voice Was Not Heard: What the Physical Elements of Jewish Prayer Teach Us About Our Relationship With God"</i>	
Candle Lighting before	6:21 PM
Fast begins	6:40 PM

**YOM KIPPUR**Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Shacharit	8:45 AM
Torah Service	10:00 AM
Mask Break	10:45 AM
Sermon: <i>"Finding Yourself By Imitating Others"</i>	
	11:00 AM
Yizkor Memorial Service	11:45 AM
Mincha	5:00 PM
Ne'ilah	6:20 PM
Sounding of the Shofar, Ma'ariv and Havdallah (end of fast)	7:20 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.

**EVENING OF (EREV) SUKKOT**Sunday, October 9, 2022

Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting	6:13 PM

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT**Monday, October 10, 2022

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
Candle Lighting after	7:10 PM

**SECOND DAY OF SUKKOT**Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
Havdallah (wine only)	7:08 PM

**SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED**Friday, October 14, 2022

Kabbalat Shabbat	6:30 PM
Candle Lighting	6:06 PM

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Shacharit	9:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
Havdalah	7:03 PM

**HOSHANAH RABBAH**Sunday, October 16, 2022

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:45 PM
Candle Lighting	6:03 PM

**SHEMINI ATZERET**Monday, October 17, 2022

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

**SIMCHAT TORAH**Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Shacharit	9:00 AM
Hakafot	10:00 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:15 PM
Havdallah (wine only)	6:58 PM

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May you be inscribed  
in the Book of Life

**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>
	Security	<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	Sunday Breakfast Series	Honey Project
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](mailto:office@AKSE.org), or contact the AKSE President at [prez@AKSE.org](mailto:prez@AKSE.org)