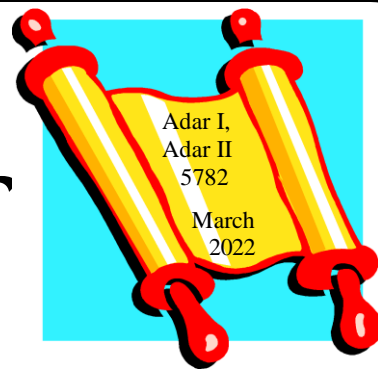




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Candle Lighting Times

March

March 4 – 5:33 p.m.

March 11 – 5:41 p.m.

March 18 – 6:48 p.m.

March 25 – 6:56 p.m.



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April

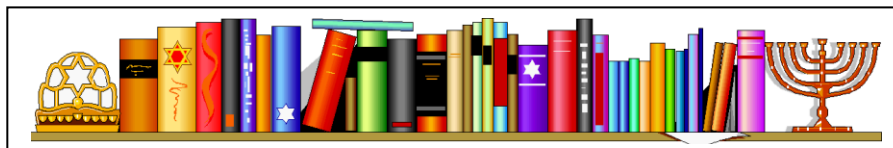
April 1 – 7:03 p.m.

April 8 – 7:10 p.m.

April 15 – 7:18 p.m.

April 22 – 7:25 p.m.

April 29 – 7:32 p.m.



March

Billy Dorris
Daniel Halperin
Andrew Kravetz
Alan Galsky
Marcia Inselberg
Rebecca Kravetz
Lewis Steinberg
Marcy Kennelly
Evelvn Harrison



March

Jennifer and Andrew Kravetz
Tem and Larry Williams

The Board of Directors and members of Congregation Agudas Achim wish to express their sympathy to The family of Dan Steinberg

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 5

9:30 a.m. – Service
Parsha: Pekudei

Saturday, March 12

9:30 a.m. – Service
Parsha: Vayikra

Sunday, March 13

10 a.m. – Talmud Study via Zoom
Zoom link will be sent via email

Wednesday, March 16

7:15 p.m. – Inpersosn Ma'ariv
Followed by Megillah reading

Wednesday, March 17

6:40 a.m. – Inperson Shacharit followed by Megillah reading

Saturday, March 19

9:30 a.m. – Service
Parsha: Tzav

Sunday, March 20

9:30 a.m. – Agudas Achim Board meeting

Saturday, March 26

9:30 a.m. – Service with Rabbi Arsers
Parsha: Shemini

From our Rabbi, Michael Arsers

The Peoria Jewish Community has a long and distinguished history. We were reminded of this fact in a program sponsored by the Peoria Jewish Federation entitled “Our Jewish Roots in Peoria.” The first of what is going to be a series of talks was presented by local historian Monica Vest Wheeler who has gathered archival materials that provide a wealth of information about the earliest Jews to arrive in Peoria in the 1840’s. Some of the family names mentioned in the presentation are still familiar to those of us who have been in the community for a while. Ms. Wheeler included information on the founding of both Anshai Emeth and Agudas Achim. The history of Anshai Emeth is particularly noteworthy because its earliest members were among the founders of the Reform Movement in the United States, playing a role in the creation of the Hebrew Union College and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, both of which were institutions started by Isaac Meyer Wise. We were informed that Peoria was even considered as a possible location for Hebrew Union College – the leading educational institution where Reform Rabbis are trained – but it was instead built in Cincinnati, Ohio. Imagine, Peoria could have been one of the great centers of Jewish scholarship in the world!

A central focus of the talk was the role Jews played in establishing businesses of a wide assortment in Peoria and the philanthropic activities promoted by those Jews. Support for Jewish causes, including the establishment of the State of Israel, is one of the most important achievements of Peoria Jews. I believe that Ms. Wheeler will provide us with insight into the founding of Israel Bonds by prominent Peoria Jews in a future talk since her plan is to follow the history of the community from its origins until the 1950’s or 60’s. I am sure that these future talks will be every bit as filled with interesting information as was the first one.

It may help us in our current efforts to preserve Jewish life in Peoria if we have an appreciation for what a rich heritage we have received from the past. A small number of

individuals were able to establish a thriving Jewish community that has made significant contributions to the Jewish People.

I would encourage you to log on to the ZOOM session on March 22 for the next installment in this series.

Let’s Study Talmud

We are continuing our study of the Shemoneh Esre based on the discussion in the Talmud.

Join Rabbi Arsers for more insights into the origins and meaning of the central prayer of the Jewish service.

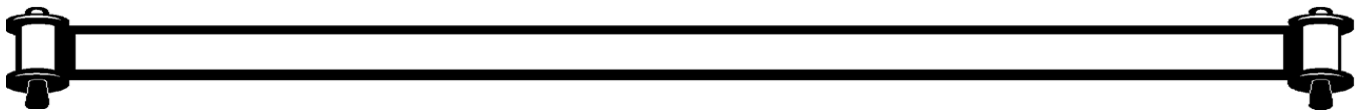
The session will be on ZOOM
on March 13th at 10 AM

It will be helpful to have a siddur available to refer to for this session.

The 2022 cRc Pesach Guide

A FULL VERSION of cRc Pesach Guide will be available at no charge on their website the week of March 14th, 2022, you are welcome to download it or view it there www.crckosher.org

cRc Pesach Guide has a brand new look and includes laws regarding Pesach and the Seder, information regarding kashering the kitchen and appliances, various articles researched and written by the cRc rabbis, Sephardic customs, a list of medicines and cosmetics, a pull-out comprehensive product and shopping guide, frequently asked questions, a letter signed by several prominent rabbis regarding laws of cosmetics and medicines on Pesach, and several new articles.



Kiddush Fund Donations

Honor of Trude Reiser on the birth of her grandson, Judah Alexander Reiser. Congratulations to the parents, Michelle and Jeffrey Reiser

2 X CHAI – Jumna and Norman Nathan

2 X CHAI – Shanta and David Nathan

Honor of Gladys Awada's recuperation and all the wonderful things she does

CHAI+ – Joan Freed Kuchel and family

Memory of Donna Louise Mason-Rickey

2 X CHAI+ – Greg and Robin Ramsay & family

Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved mother, Dorothy Lefco Harris

17 X CHAI – Kathy Lefco

Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Roy Propp

CHAI – Marilyn Propp

2 X CHAI – Mike and Sharon Stein and family

Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved friend, Zang Freed

CHAI+ – Marie and Bruce Schindles



Torah Fund Donations

Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved mother, Hannah Cohen

CHAI – Delores Schonbrun

Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Oscar Finkelstein

CHAI – Betty Congress and family

Debbie and Lester Liby

Myrna and Richard Cohen

Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved cousin, Mark Oxenfeldt

CHAI – Marcia and Carl Inselberg and family

Memory of the yahrzeit of my dear, beloved father, Solomon Cohen

CHAI – Delores Schonbrun

Freyda Fredman Hospitality Fund

Honor of Susan and Sheldon Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Anne Sams. Congratulations to the parents, Rachel and Martin Sams

Cindy and Eric Goldberg

Charity Fund Donations

Honor of Susan and Sheldon Katz on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Anne Sams. Congratulations to the parents, Rachel and Martin Sams

Joan and Tom Halperin

Honor of Marie and Bruce Schindles' anniversary

CHAI+ – Michael and Marcy Kennelly

Memory of the yahrzeit of our dear, beloved father, father-in-law, and poppy, Zangwill H. Freed

CHAI+ – Marcy and Mike; Matthew, Lindsey, and Iila; Scott, Leah, David, and Caroline Kennelly

Peoria Hebrew Day School News

PHDS students had a great time celebrating the 100th Day of School. Students celebrated with a fun 100th party. The students brought in one hundred objects of their choice to show their fellow classmates. We counted to one hundred in different ways, hundreds day activities, and enjoyed fun treats.

Congratulations to Hedria Saltzman for being the 50/50 raffle winner out of 325 raffle tickets purchased! Hedria is the winner of nearly \$1,200, and she generously donated it back to PHDS!! Please see the live drawing on social media. Thank you all who participated and supported. Also, we have our 50th anniversary celebration coming up on May 15st. Please note the NEW date! More details to come. We will be including a memory book for Alumni to share words of encouragement or stories, make sure to participate and leave a legacy. For more information, please contact Yona Lunken.

**ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF PHDS AND FORMER PHDS STUDENTS
AND PRESENT AND FORMER STUDENTS:**

I am helping with the 50th anniversary of the Peoria Hebrew Day School. A few of you have already sent in your favorite memories. If you have not, please have your child (parent(s) can contact me with student's memories and up to date information as to what the students are doing today. I also need your last year of your attendance-if you graduated from the school or not, (and up to date picture if you would like). **I would also love to have old Day School pictures as well.**

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE!

MARCY FREED KENNELLY FORMER TEACHER AND CO-DIRECTOR OF PHDS

PLEASE Contact me at:

marcykennelly@gmail.com, or 941-266-7735,
or 4408 Sawyer Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34233

MECHIRAT CHAMETZ

The sale of Chametz is an important law, the observance of which is necessary for the maintenance of the Kashruth of the Jewish home. Chametz that is retained over the Passover holidays may not be used after the holiday period, unless it was previously sold through the procedure prescribed by Jewish law. Our law provides for the legal sale of Chametz to a non-Jew, with the rabbi generally acting as agent. For those who are unable to come in the synagogue personally, the form may be used and mailed to the synagogue office. It must be received no later than ***March 30th, 2022***. Mail the enclosed form to:

Congregation Agudas Achim
5614 North University Street
Peoria, IL 61614-4157
Or email it to congaa@sbcglobal.net
Or Call Gladys at (309) 692-4848

INPERSON Purim Celebration

Join us at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, March 16, 2022

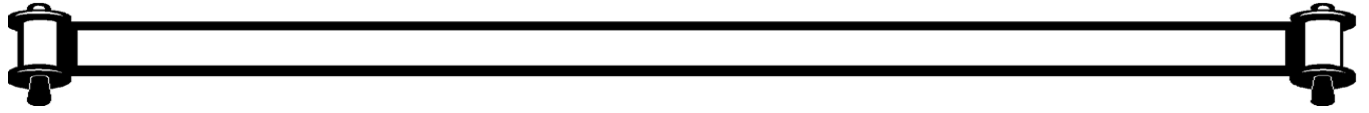
for inperson Ma'ariv followed by Megillah reading.

We will provide take out dairy seudah meal.

Please call Gladys with your reservation for a meal and let her know your preference to pick up the meal between 12-3pm on Wednesday or take it home after the Megillah reading.

RSVP by March 10, 2022





I, the undersigned, empower Rabbi Sholem Fishbane to act in my place and/or to appoint an agent on my behalf, to *sell all chametz* – as defined by Torah/Biblical and Rabbinic Jewish Law – and all products containing even the smallest percentage of *chametz*, which are owned by the individual or company listed below, and to lease all places where the aforementioned items may be found.

Address: Home _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

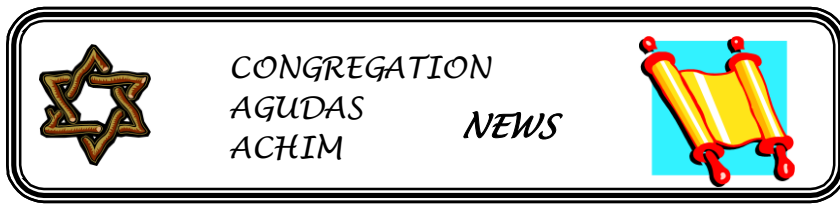
To this I do hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____ 2022

Name – Please Print

Your Signature

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Rosh Chodesh	4 Candles @ 5:33 Rosh Chodesh	5 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Pekudei
6	7	8	9	10	11 Candles @ 5:41	12 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Vayikra
13 10 am –Talmud Study	14	15	16 7:15 pm –Inperson Ma’ariv followed by Megillah Reading	17 6:40 am Inperson Shacharit	18 Candles @ 6:48	19 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Tzav
20 9:30 am – A.A. Board meeting	21	22	23	24	25 Candles @ 6:56	26 9:30 am – Service with Rabbi Arsers Parsha: Shemini
27	28	29	30	31	1 Candles @ 7:03	2 9:30 am – Service Parsha: Tazria Rosh Chodesh



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