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From the Desk of the Rabbi

ISRAELI RESPONSES TO THE HOLOCAUST

In 2000, Tom Segev, an Israeli journalist, authored a book titled *The Seventh Million: The Israelites and the Holocaust*. In his book he provides a fascinating account of the influence of the most traumatic event in Jewish history on the evolution of the modern Jewish State. Remembering the Holocaust with ceremonies and rituals clearly has become central to the civic religion of Jews in Israel as well as in other countries, especially the United States. However, while the fate of European Jewry has always been recognized as a terrible tragedy, according to Tom Segev, Israelis initially failed to grasp its importance.

According to Segev's account of history, Israelis did not comprehend the dimension of Nazi malevolence. This was certainly evident in the circumstances surrounding the creation of Yad Vashem, the famous Holocaust memorial. The idea of establishing such an institution was initially proposed as far back as September 1942 by Mordecai Shenhavi, who was member of a kibbutz in Palestine and a former delegate to several Zionist conferences. At that time, this idea was presented to leaders of the Jewish National Fund. Back then, most Holocaust victims were still living. Clearly, the destruction of Europe's Jews at that time was treated by many in the Palestinian Jewish community as an event in the past - when in fact its true depth and horror had just begun.

In Segev's opinion, the political conflict between David Ben-Gurion and Menachem Begin points to two principal differences which exist in modern Israel regarding the Holocaust. The issue of German reparations is a case in point. In 1951 the Israelis negotiated with Konrad Adenauer's government for payment of reparations both to Nazi victims and to the State of Israel as the refuge of Holocaust survivors. The following year a debate took place in the Knesset over whether to accept these reparations. This debate turned out to be the most acrimonious in the history of the modern Jewish State. Mr. Begin became the great dramatist of the Holocaust in Israeli politics. As such, he led the Parliamentary opposition to the reparations. At a demonstration which ended in a violent attack on the Knesset, Begin declared: "Today I will give the order; blood!" For this role in fomenting violence, he was suspended from the Knesset for three months. Ultimately, Ben Gurion won the debate, and Israel agreed to accept the reparations from Germany.

Throughout his career Begin continued to employ such rhetoric in pursuing his political goals. For example, he wrote to President Reagan in 1982 that destroying Arafat's headquarters in Beirut gave him the feeling that he had sent soldiers to kill Hitler in his bunker. Amos Oz, the eminent Israeli writer, reacted to Begin's constant Holocaust references in an article in *Yediot Achranot*: "Hitler is already dead, my dear Prime Minister, again and again, Mr. Begin, you reveal to the public eye a strange urge to resuscitate Hitler in order to kill him every day anew in the guise of terrorists." In sharp contrast, Ben Gurion sought to base the new Jewish identity on building a new society and a sovereign Jewish state, not on idolization of the dead.

The Begin-Ben Gurion conflict yielded two divergent approaches to the Holocaust in contemporary Israel. The Begin heritage, which appeals to nationalistic emotion, encourages the use of military force. Proponents of this view contend that a people who have been victimized by the Holocaust have a right to do whatever is necessary to prevent such a calamity from happening again. The pervasive Jew-hatred by

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President's Message – President's Message - Oh Me, Oh My, Omer

Why do we celebrate Lag BaOmer? Do you even know what an omer is... and why do we count so many of them, 49, or seven weeks worth to be exact, from the second day of Pesach until the day before Shavuot? All I recall about this holiday from my years at religious school are hiking, picnics, bows and rubber-tipped arrows, and something about bonfires. Nowadays we do little beyond saying the blessings. I wanted to know more about this mysterious "lesser" holiday. Thankfully, Hashem has blessed us with computers and the internet, so I will tell you what I found out.

Lag BaOmer translates to "the 33rd day in the omer." An omer is a sheaf or ancient volume of grain. In biblical times, on the day following Shabbat during Pesach, an omer of barley was brought to the Temple, a signal to all that consuming the newly harvested grain was allowed. Then on Shavuot, two loaves made of wheat were brought, signifying the beginning of the wheat harvest.

We count because Moses told the children of Israel upon leaving Egypt they would receive Hashem's Word. The Israelites began counting days until that happened with the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai on the 49th day. It's considered a mitzvah for every Jew to count the omer, and it's as easy as saying Kiddush or the Motzi. Here is the blessing of "the counting," to be said after dark: "Baruch atah Adoshem Eloheinu Melech Haolam Asher Kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al Sefirat Ha'omer" Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to count the omer.

The origins of the holiday are unclear; it's mentioned specifically in the 13th century in the Talmud when, during a terrible plague, 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students died. He was left with only 5 pupils to teach. The date of this holiday is supposedly the day the plague ended. One of his remaining students, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai became perhaps the greatest Torah scholar of his time and a noted Jewish mystic, writing *The Zohar*. It's said that Lag BaOmer is his yahrzeit, and so bonfires have traditionally been lit to celebrate the great light of wisdom he brought to the world.

Because so many died during the plague, the time of the counting of the omer has become a semi-mourning period for traditional Jews. During this time we do not: get married, buy anything extremely valuable, shave or cut our hair, listen to music, attend parties or dance.

Sefirot of the Omer Count – It is customary (and sounds fun and interesting, actually) to do as many traditional Jews do, assigning each day of counting the omer a sefira, that is, a Kabbalistic "emanation" or attribute to study. It only takes a few minutes and there is an easily accessible study guide you can find on Chabad.com. Here's how it works: each day and each week of the seven weeks is assigned a spiritual attribute: Chesed (loving kindness), Gevurah (discipline), Tiferet (compassion), Netzach (endurance), Hod (majesty or splendor), Yesod (foundation), and Malkhut (glory). The first day is Chesed of Chesed, then Gevurah of Chesed, etc., down to the last day of the first week will be Malkhut of Chesed. The first day of the seventh week is Chesed of Malkhut and the 49th day is Malkhut of Malkhut. You read a short study topic such as, for the first day: "The Love Aspect of Love. Whom do you love? Are you truly capable of loving another?" I believe everyone could spare five minutes daily to study and attempt self improvement!

There are many little-known and interesting facts about our holidays. I hope all of you find time to learn more about them, and I wish you Chag Sameach!

Debbie Markowitz

May Bimah Schedule

6 Ruth Elmakiss	7 Rita Roosth
13 Debbie Markowitz	14 Steve Roosth
20 Dr. Stan Weiner	21 Debbie Markowitz
27 Jose Escamilla-Perez	28 Dee Wapner

Remember, if you can't be on the Bimah, when scheduled, you need to find a replacement.

BULLETIN

DEADLINE:

May 18th

for June-July Bulletin

Submit articles to:

caasecretary@

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Thank you !

MAY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, May 22, 2015

9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

**If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Debbie Markowitz or
Ruth Elmakiss**



shabbat shalom



MAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	May	6	Evening Service	Birchat HaChodesh/Machar Chodesh	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	7	Morning Service	AHAREI MOT	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 17:1 - 18:30	
			Haftarah	I Samuel 20:18-42	
Friday	May	13	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	14	Morning Service	KEDOSHIM	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 19:23 - 20:27	
			Haftarah	Amos 9:7 - 15	
Friday	May	20	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	21	Morning Service	EMOR	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 23:23 - 24:23	
			Haftarah	Ezekiel 44:15 - 31	
Friday	May	27	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	28	Morning Service	BEHAR	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 25:29 - 26:2	
			Haftarah	Jeremiah 32:6 - 27	



**Please plan to attend and help make a minyan
for the unveiling for Thelma Sobel
Sunday, May 15th 1:30 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Achim Cemetery
W. Erwin St. Tyler, TX**



FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

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many Arabs should make it clear that if given the opportunity, they would perpetrate a second Holocaust; therefore, they must be dealt with harshly to ensure such a development never occurs.

The Ben-Gurion heritage, on the other hand, maintains that the genocidal racism which made the Holocaust possible can occur in any society. Consequently, racism must be battled everywhere; in particular, the Jewish State. The ethical duty of the Jews is to remove the kinds of conditions and circumstances which engender terrorist conduct. In practical terms, this has required Israel under international political pressure to make some territorial concessions and to recognize that the label "Jew" is most of the time, but not always, synonymous with the term "moral."

Both sides, however, do agree that the most essential and effective deterrent against another Holocaust is the very existence of the State of Israel. Remembering the Holocaust will always be important for the Jewish State and our people. May programs like our Holocaust Remembrance this coming May 1st and our continuing Holocaust Workshops with Region VII Educators every year continue to teach not only this generation, but the generations to come, wherever they may reside in this world, that the genocidal racism which spawned the Holocaust must never happen again.

With Torah Blessings, Rabbi



TODAH RABAH



Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

April 2 - The Escamilla-Perez Family in Honor of the Rabbi, the Sisterhood, and all those people who helped with Katryn's Bat Mitzvah
 April 16 - Charlene Goodman in Honor of her Children

May Brunches are generously sponsored by:

May 7 - Elsie Beaver in Honor of Mother's Day
 May 14 - Jerome & Sharon Smith in Honor of those who Prepare the Brunches
 May 21 - The Weiner Family in Honor of Katryn Escamilla's Bat Mitzvah & the Escamilla-Perez Family
 May 28 - Ruth Elmakiss in Honor of Rachel Elmakiss' Graduation

GENERAL FUND

Elsie Beaver in Honor of Rachel Elmakiss' Graduation
 Elsie Beaver in Honor of Chuck & Dee Wapner's Anniversary
 Elsie Beaver in Memory of Thelma Sobel
 H. Diane Roosth In Loving Memory of Pauline Heffler Roosth

Charlene Goodman in Honor of Karin & Dale Latner's Wedding
 Rabbi Arthur & Linda Flicker Remembering the Yahrzeit of Abraham Flicker
 H. Diane Roosth in Loving Memory of Barbara Beth Dworkin

BREAKFAST FUND

Elsie Beaver in Honor of Rita Roosth's Birthday
 Jerome & Sharon Smith remembering the Yahrzeit of Hyman Smith

Elsie Beaver in Honor Of Debbie & Jon Markowitz' Anniversary
 Jerome & Sharon Smith remembering the Yahrzeit of Selma Greenberg

SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

Jerome & Sharon Smith

May Celebrations

Birthdays

2	Carly M. Karten	13	Monroe Mirsky	22	Rita Roosth
5	Caryn J. Green	14	Toni Ellen Roosth	23	Mona Karten
	Fred Schumer	15	Sara Tobes	27	Gamaliel Escamilla
10	H. Diane Roosth		Sam Learner		Alaina Beaver
	Dr. Joe Roosth	17	Adrienne Taxon Indianer	28	Matt Kalmowitz
	Elinor Roosth	18	Vivian Schumer	30	Sam Roosth
	Elijah L. Rey	19	Ellen Learner		

Anniversaries

5	Debbie & Steve Roosth	22	Deborah & Jon Markowitz
16	Dee & Chuck Wapner	27	Mona & Steve Karten
		30	Joanne & Arthur Frank

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 Welcome to our new
 Congregation Ahavath Achim
 Board of Trustees member,
 Christie Osburn!

Also thanks to Christie for taking on the Secretary/Treasurer duties
 of the CAA Cemetery Board

MAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Yom Hashoah Program @ CAA 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Yom Hashoah \$8:53PM</p>	<p>6 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss</p>	<p>7 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: AHAREI MOT Bimah: Rita Roosht Brunch: Elsie Beaver</p>
<p>23 Nisan/8 L'Omer</p>	<p>24 Nisan/9 L'Omer</p>	<p>25 Nisan/10 L'Omer</p>	<p>26 Nisan/11 L'Omer</p>	<p>27 Nisan/12 L'Omer</p>	<p>28 Nisan/13 L'Omer</p>	<p>29 Nisan/14 L'Omer</p>
<p>8 Rosh Hodesh I</p>	<p>9 Rosh Hodesh II</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Yom Hazikaron \$8:57PM CAA Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Rita Roosht's home</p>	<p>12 Yom HaAtzmaut \$8:58PM</p>	<p>13 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz</p>	<p>14 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: KEDOSHIM Bimah: Steve Roosht Brunch: The Smith Family</p>
<p>30 Nisan/15 L'Omer</p>	<p>1 yar/16 L'Omer</p>	<p>2 yar/17 L'Omer</p>	<p>3 yar/18 L'Omer</p>	<p>4 yar/19 L'Omer</p>	<p>5 yar/20 L'Omer</p>	<p>6 yar/21 L'Omer</p>
<p>15 CAA Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Unveiling for Thelma Sobel 1:30 p.m. @ CAA Cemetery</p>	<p>16 Hadassah Book Club 10:30 am Brady's Coffee Shop</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner</p>	<p>21 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: EMOR Bimah: Debbie Markowitz Brunch: The Weiner Family</p>
<p>7 yar/22 L'Omer</p>	<p>8 yar/23 L'Omer</p>	<p>9 yar/24 L'Omer</p>	<p>10 yar/25 L'Omer</p>	<p>11 yar/26 L'Omer</p>	<p>12 yar/27 L'Omer</p>	<p>13 yar/28 L'Omer</p>
<p>22 Pesach Sheini CAA Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Lag B'Omer \$9:08PM</p>	<p>27 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Jose Escamilla-Perez</p>	<p>28 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: BEHAR Bimah: Dee Wapner Brunch: Ruth Elmakiss</p>
<p>14 yar/29 L'Omer</p>	<p>15 yar/30 L'Omer</p>	<p>16 yar/31 L'Omer</p>	<p>17 yar/32 L'Omer</p>	<p>18 yar/33 L'Omer</p>	<p>19 yar/34 L'Omer</p>	<p>20 yar/35 L'Omer</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				
<p>21 yar/36 L'Omer</p>	<p>22 yar/37 L'Omer</p>	<p>23 yar/38 L'Omer</p>				

**Torah study following brunch
unless noted**

A Holocaust Remembrance

Yom HaShoah

“Finding Enough”

Remembering the Righteous Among the Nations

An Interfaith
Remembrance
For Information”
Contact: 903-561-4284

Sunday, May 1, 2016

2:00 PM

Congregation Ahavath Achim
3501 S. Donnybrook Ave
Tyler, TX 75701

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THE FUNDS BELOW REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHECK

- Sylvan Mellinger Maintenance Fund
- Rabbi Discretionary Fund
- Sisterhood Flower Fund - **CAA SISTERHOOD**
- Cemetery Fund - **CAA CEMETERY**

Please plan to attend the Congregation Meeting on June 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Proxies to follow shortly



The Yellow Candle Program - A History

Over seventy years ago, half of the earth's Jewish population perished at the hands of the Nazi regime and its collaborators, who seized control of Europe and threw the earth into darkness. God's light unto the other nations flickered but did not die. A new, modern Exodus arose from the depths of despair and tragedy. From the ashes of Europe, survivors of the Holocaust, or Shoah, made their way towards new lives. Emigrants dispersed around the world, to the new State of Israel and to the western hemisphere. In these places, they began to rebuild shattered lives. In the following decades, survivors asked another question. How could Yahrzeits be observed for those victims whose entire families had been wiped out? The Yellow Candle Program was designed by Holocaust survivors who were looking for ways to expand the observance of Yom HaShoah. One of the ideas that emerged was to make a special memorial candle with yellow wax to keep alive the memory of the Six Million victims who perished in the Shoah.

The Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. A photo on the candle container shows young people visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This reflects the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million. In addition, the program logo is a yellow Magen David (Star of David) outlined with barbed wire, with the word "Jude" in the middle. This preserves the memory of the armband or cloth patch that Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

Memorial yellow candles are available from Congregation Ahavath Achim's Brotherhood.
Suggested donation - \$18.



Yahrzeits

MAY 1 - MAY 5

- 1 William D. Roosth
- 3 Ralph Davis
- 4 Ruth Waghalter
- 5 Maurice Block

MAY 6 - MAY 12

- 6 Isabell Davis
- 7 Anna Eisen
- 8 Morris Rudman
- 10 Hyman Smith
- 11 Arthur Frank
- Mary Mirsky
- 12 Raye Bromberg
- Ruth Gross
- Selma Greenberg
- Pauline Heffler Roosth
- Jerome Wolf

MAY 13 - MAY 19

- 13 Mary Hendleman
- Betty Beck
- Boris Tobes
- 14 David Learner
- 15 Otto Heffler
- Eva Offricht
- 19 Max Chodorow
- Sarah Golenternek

MAY 20 - MAY 26

- 20 Celia Roosth
- Joe Roth
- 21 Fannie Heffler
- 22 Charles Greenwald
- 23 Hyman P. Roosth
- 24 Irving M. Goodman
- Abraham Offricht
- 25 William Kelfer
- Rebecca Tuck
- 26 Simcha Leibel Bigus
- Moshe Bigus
- Chanah Bigus
- Malkah Bigus
- Aaron Bigus
- Avram Bigus
- Ester Bigus
- David Bigus

MAY 20 - MAY 26 cont...

- 26 David Bigus
- Frayde Bigus
- Pinchas Bigus
- Yaakov Mordechai Bigus
- Rae Forman
- Ruth Mastbaum
- Haim Mastbaum
- Nathan Mastbaum
- Aaron Mastbaum
- Hilary Mastbaum
- Jacob Mastbaum

MAY 27 - JUNE 2

- 31 Michael Schumer

JUNE 3 - JUNE 9

- 3 Rosa Krumholtz
- 4 Paul Forchheimer
- Louis Glasser
- 6 Jacob Fridkin
- Mollie Sherman
- 7 David Gross
- 8 Thelma Sobel
- 9 Sam Gross

JUNE 10 - JUNE 16

- 10 Tanchum Myer Roosth
- Myer Kline
- 12 Florence Strum
- 13 Isadore Mellinger
- 14 Freida Schumer
- 15 Henry Berry
- Doris Ginsberg Diamond

JUNE 17 - JUNE 23

- 17 Sadie Wapner
- 18 George Vainer
- Isaac Benedict Heffler
- 19 Feiga Ginsberg
- Israel Sutton
- 22 Louis Sherman

JUNE 24 - JUNE 30

- 24 Harry P. Goldberg
- 27 Rose Rudman
- 28 Dorothy Cohen Smith
- 29 Jackie Weinstock
- 30 Etta Golenternek Gross
- Thomas Werbner

JULY 1 - JULY 7

- 1 Robert Muntz
- Sam Sable
- Bill Werbner
- 2 Sol Ginsberg
- 3 Eugenia Levite

JULY 8 - JULY 14

- 8 Frances Fridkin
- 9 Fannie Mosier
- 10 Nora Modisett

JULY 15 - JULY 21

- 15 Arnette Sutton
- 16 Bella Rosenberg
- Berma Dean Levine
- 17 Ida Kessler
- 18 Harold Samuel Sulsky
- 19 Harry Goldberg
- Rabbi Kalman B. Taxon
- Sylvia Wolf
- 21 Nathan Harold Roosth

JULY 22 - JULY 28

- 22 Bernard Krasner
- 25 Rachel Krasner
- 26 Tillie Falk
- Sandra Greenberg Sharpe
- 28 Abe Laves
- Rena Tobes

JULY 29 - JULY 31

- 29 David Edward Berlin
- Rose Kapner
- Bessie Luskey Krasner
- 30 Morry W. Jacobs

May Their Memory Be For A Blessing



CAA KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

CAA Sunday school kids met on April 17th and we learned how to prepare for Pesach. The kids finished watching "The Prince of Egypt" with the focus on Moses' pleas for the Hebrew people to be freed; the ten plagues and the joyous liberation.

One of the children noted, "Wow! Look at what Moses did! when the Sea of Reeds parted. I asked, "Was it Moses or was it Hashem?" He wasn't too sure. Later, when the sea walls collapsed, he responded confidently, "It was Hashem!!" Our children learn a lot from the multimedia approach to learning, so again, a BIG THANK YOU to those who donated equipment for us to use.

We then helped Ms. Fran make charoset and the Sephardic Charoset Truffles. A big thanks to Fran Birmingham, Nanelle Houston, and Rebeca Escamilla for all their hard work behind the scenes!

Rabbi later led us through a mock Pesach Seder, so we will be prepared to answer questions at our Seders next weekend. As usual, we were all ready for the "Festive Meal" with sandwiches and matzah brickle.

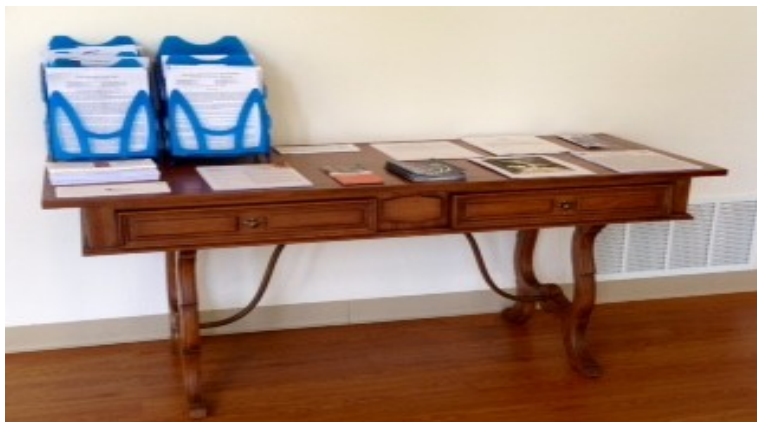
We will be meeting again on May 15th at 10:00 a.m. with regular classes and a focus on Israel.

Ruth Elmakiss
CCA Sunday School

**THANK YOU TO DALE & KARIN
LATNER FOR THE BEAUTIFUL
RAISED VEGETABLE AND HERB
BED FOR THE SHUL.
THE CONGREGATION WILL
SURELY ENJOY THE HARVEST
AS IT COMES!**



**THANKS TO BOB ROOSTH &
BARBARA ZIMMERMAN
FOR OUR WEBSITE OVERHAUL
IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT YET...
PLEASE VISIT IT AT
WWW.CAATYLERTX.ORG**



*Thanks to Jose & Rebeca Escamilla-Perez
for their donation of the lovely console table
for the Shul entryway.
It is the perfect height for everyone to reach!
The Board and Congregation are very
grateful for this beautiful addition to
our building.*

Sisterhood News

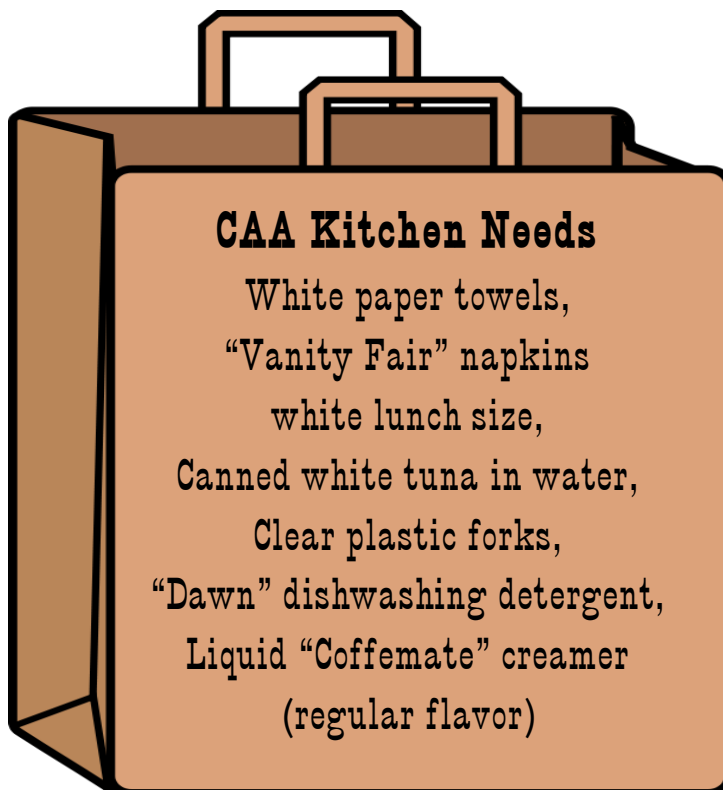
Despite the weather, Sisterhood was able to meet last month although there were some members who could not join us, we missed them! It was an informal meeting; everyone was busy planning for Passover but we did discuss some possibilities for fund raising. We will carry this over to our May meeting which will be our last meeting until August.

In May we will be setting up officers for 2016-2017. Brunches have been planned through August though there are still some Saturdays open, please check the schedule in the kitchen and sign up!

Our first meeting after our summer break will be in August and will be our annual luncheon on Sunday, Aug. 14th. This is always a fun one when everyone brings a dairy dish to share, please plan on joining us!

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, May 11th at 7:00 pm at the home of Rita Roosth.

Rita Roosth
CAA Sisterhood President



HADASSAH NEWS:

May – No meeting due to graduations.

Region Conference (Spring) June 3-5, San Antonio. This will be a very interesting and enjoyable conference for anyone open to a new Hadassah and a new way of doing things.

There is a \$100 discount (participants must first be approved by chapter) for anyone interested in attending. If you are unable to attend the entire 3 days but could spend all day Saturday (with a one day price of \$150) you will still be able to absorb/learn a great deal of what transpired over a three day period. You do not want to miss an opportunity to attend this dynamic conference which is a very rewarding learning experience. For more information please contact Susan Cason-Parks, 903-525-9183.

Open Meeting and Lunch, June 12, 11:30 AM, Traditions Restaurant, Tyler.

July/August – No Meetings

Trees: Trees make a very thoughtful gift for any occasion including a Memorial or special event. Price per tree = \$18.00. For further information, please contact Ellen Stein – 903-581-7360

Greeting Cards: These lovely greeting cards are readily available and convenient for every occasion:

Get Well	Congratulations
Sympathy	Bar Mitzvah/Bat Mitzvah
Birthday	Rosh Hashanah

Price: Single card = \$2.50 or 3 cards = \$5.00. For further information, please contact Margie Victor - 903-561-4409

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The originally scheduled reading of *Still Life*, by Louise Penny, has been moved from April to May.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, the Book Club meets every third Monday, 10:30 AM, Brady's Coffee Shop, Tyler.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
RACHEL ELMAKISS
ON HER GRADUATION
from Robert E. Lee High School
Rachel is the beautiful and
talented daughter of
Ruth Elmakiss

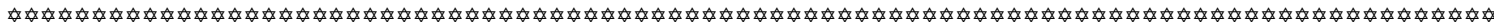
If you are moving or changing an email address, please use the contact information below to let us know, so we can stay in touch!

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- **Ahavath Achim**
- will not permit the open carry of
- firearms on synagogue property.
- This includes the Synagogue
- building, grounds, and ceme-
- tery. Pursuant to Section 30.07,
- Penal Code (trespass by license
- holder with an openly carried
- handgun), a person licensed un-
- der Subchapter H, Chapter 411,
- Government Code (handgun li-
- censing law), may not enter the
- property with a handgun that is
- carried openly.
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To help you with your wording, please look at the leaves currently on the tree. You will notice that the fewer words, the better, as the letters are larger and can be seen more clearly. We encourage you to follow this formula when you plan the wording for your leaf. If there are too many words, you will be asked to revise the wording and I will give you suggestions for changes. Remember.....simpler is better!!

Each leaf is \$100.00 and should take about 3 weeks from order, to receipt, to placement on the tree. You may choose the placement of your leaf. Please consider these things when you are placing an order. If you are interested in a leaf, please contact me and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Barbara Zimmerman-caamaya2151@aol.com or 903-258-5698