

Congregation Ahavath Achim

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AUGUST 2016

From the Desk of the Rabbi

Rabbi; Is it a Title or Something Much More?

"Rabbi." This title still resonates within me when people call me by that name. I must confess that ten years ago, when I first came to CAA as a cantor to this congregation, to be its spiritual leader, the title of "Rabbi" was a bit awkward and took some time to get used to hearing. When I met some of you for the very first time, you asked me what I would prefer to be called, and I answered, "Rabbi," with the hope that my long hoped-for dream would finally become a reality. Over the years this title has become part of me, and as I continue in my Smicha program towards ordination, I feel more connected to it than I could ever hope to be.

This August will mark my tenth year as "your" Rabbi. I feel in many ways it is a great milestone for all of us. You have given me the opportunity to fulfill a dream which started when I was very young. You have allowed me to bring my experience as a cantor and offered me an outlet by which I can continue to do what I love the most; to teach and use what I have learned. When I see members of my congregation participating, and leading in services, it reminds me that just as much as I am committed to teaching, you all are committed to learning and participating.

When I see people attending my Torah Study class after brunch and we have so much fun engaging in the Parsha of the week, I am reminded that this has become an established Minhag of our congregation - which has extended beyond our own membership to other individuals outside of our congregation. This also has been the case with my Thursday night Adult Study class as well.

Over the last ten years I can only count twice we did not have a minyan on a Shabbas morning. Considering the size of our congregation, I see this as a testimony to the commitment of our members and also the great support you show me as your Rabbi.

We are experiencing some growth in membership, and with it, more children! How wonderful it is to see the "kinder" up on the Bimah participating in services in Hebrew. Sunday School has grown, and has the dedication of the parents in their support and participation. I could not be more proud and privileged to be a part of this great program. We see more and more potential from all of our children every week.

At the beginning of my article, I mentioned the word "Rabbi". Is it a title or is it something much more? Looking back over the last ten years, I am proud to say that with your support and respect, it has come to mean more than just a title. It means everything that I value most in Judaism. Thank you for allowing me to be your Rabbi; your teacher, your spiritual leader and most of all, your partner together in faith and friendship. Here's looking forward to the next ten years. May Hashem bless us all with the Koach and Parnasah.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi

President's Message –

On our recent trip to Europe, Rachel and I stayed at a small 15th century hotel across the Cannaregio Canal from the Venice Ghetto. We explored the small streets and 6 to 7 story “medieval high-rises” of the Ghetto. We learned that this was the very first ghetto in Europe, with Jews having migrated to the area mainly from Spain. Depending who was in power at various times in the early history, Jews would be allowed to remain in Venice and would then be banned from the area until 1516, when Venice decided to permanently “allow” Jews to live in the northern part of one small island. “Jews could perform one vital mercantile task that was forbidden to observant Christians in the late Middle Ages. They could **lend money**. The church called this usury (which was not merely bad; it was a cardinal sin). The Jews called it banking.”

The area became known as the “geto” which in Venetian dialect meant “foundry” which was also located in that area. There were 2 bridges to the Ghetto, which were closed in the evenings, except to Jewish doctors or performing musicians. The Jews had to wear identification badges, and could only leave to work. This small area grew to a population over 5,000. Since they could not spread out, they built upward. The synagogues were built on the top floors of the buildings, as nothing could be built over a synagogue.

Napoleon's invasion in 1797 brought an official end to the Ghetto, and full citizenship for Jews. The citizenship was short-lived, but the full restriction of the Ghetto was ended. Of the 204 Venetian Jews sent to Nazi death camps, only 8 lived. There are currently about 500 Jews in Venice, with only about 30 living in the historic Ghetto. The Ghetto is still the center of Jewish life, though, with 2 synagogues, a Jewish library, day school, Kosher food shops and a Jewish bakery, and of course, a glass shop!

Here in East Texas, we have a tendency to be lackadaisical about our Jewish identity, about attending services, about supporting the synagogue through gifts and service...not due to being confined in a small ghetto closed off from the world with guards at the bridges... but from being caught up in our busy daily lives. I challenge myself – and the rest of our small congregation – to make our Jewish life more meaningful, to support our synagogue by attending services more regularly, to actually assist in portions of the services, and to encourage our families and young people to be involved in synagogue life.

We don't even have to climb 6 or 7 flights of stairs to come to Congregation Ahavath Achim!
Ruth Elmakiss

August Bimah Schedule

5 Debbie Markowitz	6 Ruth Elmakiss
12 Ruth Elmakiss	13 Steve Roosth
19 Debbie Markowitz	20 Christie Osburn
26 Debbie Markowitz	27 Rita Roosth

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

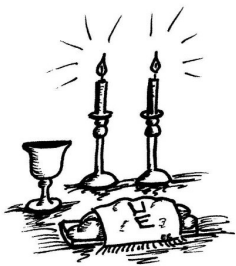
BULLETIN DEADLINE:

AUG. 17
for **SEPT. Bulletin**
Submit articles to:
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Thank you !

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Sunday, August 21, 2015
9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Ruth Elmakiss or Christie Osburn



shabbat shalom



AUGUST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	August	5	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	6	Morning Service	MATTOT & MASEY	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Numbers 33:50 - 36:13	
			Haftorah	Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4	
Friday	August	12	Evening Service	SHABBAT CHAZON	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	13	Morning Service	DEVARIM	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 2:31 - 3:22	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 1:1 - 27	
Friday	August	19	Evening Service	SHABBAT NAHAMU	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	20	Morning Service	VA'ATCHANAN	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 5:1 - 7:11	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 40:1 - 26	
Friday	August	26	Evening Service	BIRCHAT HA'CHODESH	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	27	Morning Service	EKEV	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 10:12 - 11:25	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3	



An Opportunity to Serve

CAA Board of Trustees would like to invite members of our congregation to serve on a committee to develop an Outreach Program to our East Texas community. We want to encourage people in our area to learn more about our congregation and about Judaism in today's world. If you would like to collaborate with a small group of members to plan this program, please contact Ruth Elmakiss, or leave word with Leanne at the office.

The CAA Board of Trustees and Members

Wish to Thank

Debbie Markowitz

For her Excellent Tenure as President of the Congregation

Congratulations to new CAA President,

Ruth Elmakiss

Board of Trustees for 2016-2017

President Elect: Dr. Stan Weiner

Secretary: Christie Osburn

Treasurer: Steve Roosth

Debbie Markowitz, Immediate Past-President

Board Members:

Dee Wapner

Jose Escamilla-Perez

Jerome Smith

Beck Roosth

Dr. Wiley Roosth

TODAH RABAH

Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

- June 4 *The Escamilla-Perez family in Honor of Gamaliel's Birthday*
- June 11 *The Weiner Family in Honor Wiley & Rita Roosth's Anniversary*
- June 18 *Arthur Frank*
- June 25 *Rabbi & Ellen Learner in Memory of David Learner*
- July 2 *Beck Roosth in Honor of Independence Day*
- July 9 *Gary Beck in Memory of Betty Beck*
- July 16 *Elsie Beaver in Honor of our U.S. Service Members*
- July 23 *Rachele & Stormy Tycksen in Honor of Rabbi Learner & our new CAA Family*
- July 30 *The Weiner Family in Honor of Rachele & Stormy Tycksen*

August Brunches are generously sponsored by:

- August 6 - *The Weiner Family in Honor of Rabbi Learner & Family*
- August 13 - *The Latner Family in Honor of Rowan Alford, our new Granddaughter*
- August 20 - *The Weiner Family in Honor of All Those who Prepare the Brunches*
- August 27 - *The Escamilla-Perez Family in Honor of (Dolores) Katryn's Birthday*

BREAKFAST FUND

- Elsie Beaver in Honor of Dr. Wiley & Rita Roosth's Anniversary
- Elsie Beaver in Honor of the Escamilla-Perez Family
- Debbie Markowitz in Honor of Rachel Elmakiss' Graduation
- Jerome & Sharon Smith Remembering the Yahrzeit of Dorothy Smith
- Chuck & Dee Wapner Remembering the Yahrzeit of Sadie Wapner

GENERAL FUND

- Dr. Stan & Janice Weiner Remembering the Yahrzeit of George Vainer

RABBINIC FUND

- Dale & Karin Latner in Honor of Rita & Wiley Roosth's Anniversary
- Dale & Karin Latner in Honor of Dee & Chuck Wapner's Anniversary
- Dale & Karin Latner in Honor of Rabbi Alan & Ellen Learner's Anniversary
- Dale & Karin Latner in Honor of Rebeca & Jose Escamilla-Perez' Anniversary

August Celebrations

Birthdays

- 4 *Frederick Beaver*
- 5 *Mollie Elizabeth Rose*
Matthew Joshua Frank
Rebecca Ruth Frank
- 9 *Dr. Wiley Roosth*
Cynthia Marker
- 10 *Melissa Lenderman*
- 11 *Aaron Goldfarb*
Abraham Goldfarb
- 14 *Dr. Steven L. Feld*
- 15 *Mira Shoshana Roosth*
- 18 *Shiloh Leaner*
- 23 *Dee Wapner*
Dolores Katryn Escamilla
- 24 *Gail Eisen*

Anniversaries

- 7 *Andrea & Stuart Roosth*
- 21 *Joanne & Dr. Steven Feld*

CAA Memorial Book

If you haven't already responded to your invitation to participate in our annual Memorial Book, please respond by sending in your list of loved ones and friends, who you would like to remember. The deadline for responding is Friday, August 19, 2016. Please choose to participate in this important fundraiser for our synagogue.

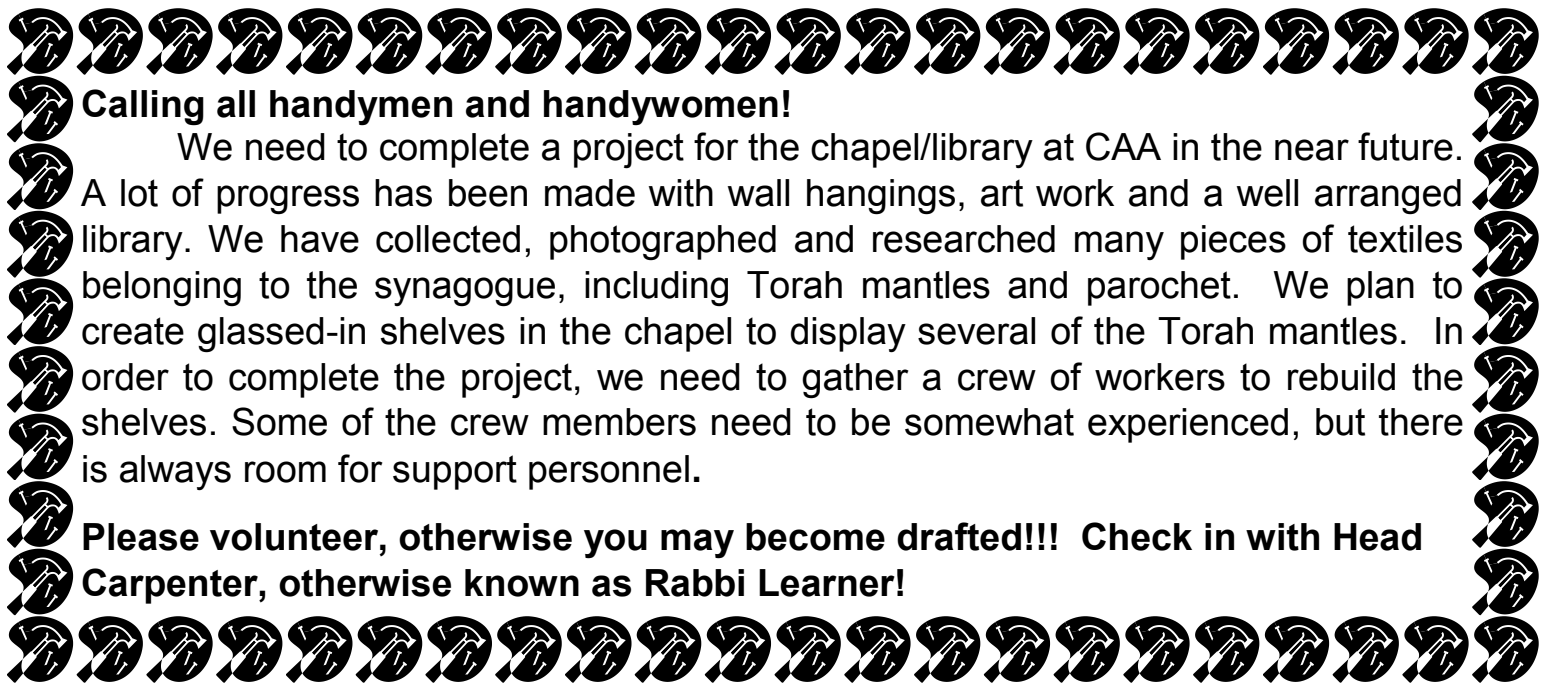
If you have not received an invitation or would like additional information please contact me at caamaya2151@aol.com

Thank you,
Barbara Zimmerman

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	26 Tammuz	27 Tammuz	28 Tammuz	29 Tammuz	1 Av	2 Av
					Rosh Hodesh Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: MATTOT & MASEY Bimah: Ruth Eimakiss Brunch: The Weiner Family
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CAA Sisterhood Meeting & Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Rita Roosth's home	26 Tammuz	27 Tammuz	28 Tammuz	29 Tammuz	1 Av	2 Av
3 Av	4 Av	5 Av	6 Av	7 Av	8 Av	9 Av
					Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Eimakiss	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: DEVARIM Bimah: Steve Roosth Brunch: The Latner Family
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Fast of Tisha B'Av	Hadassah Book Club 10:30am Brady's Coffee Shop				\$8:50PM/ii:7:47PM Tu B'Av Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAATCHANAN Bimah: Christie Osburn Brunch: The Weiner Family
10 Av	11 Av	12 Av	13 Av	14 Av	15 Av	16 Av
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m.					Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: EKEY Bimah: Rita Roosth Brunch: The Escamilla-Perez Family
17 Av	18 Av	19 Av	20 Av	21 Av	22 Av	23 Av
28	29	30	31			
24 Av	25 Av	26 Av	27 Av			

**Torah study following brunch
unless noted**



Calling all handymen and handywomen!

We need to complete a project for the chapel/library at CAA in the near future. A lot of progress has been made with wall hangings, art work and a well arranged library. We have collected, photographed and researched many pieces of textiles belonging to the synagogue, including Torah mantles and parochet. We plan to create glassed-in shelves in the chapel to display several of the Torah mantles. In order to complete the project, we need to gather a crew of workers to rebuild the shelves. Some of the crew members need to be somewhat experienced, but there is always room for support personnel.

Please volunteer, otherwise you may become drafted!!! Check in with Head Carpenter, otherwise known as Rabbi Learner!

CAA KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The parents and children of CAA thoroughly enjoyed our final Sunday School session in June. We learned more about Shavuot through reading, discussion and video. The students and the parents each completed surveys to provide feedback as to planning for the upcoming school year. The children each prepared their own pizzas with Ms. Rebecca, played outside games with Ms. Rachelle and thoroughly enjoyed pelting each other with water balloons and squirt guns! Ms. Barbara stopped by for some action photography, so you may want to check the website in the future. Our other adults worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

We will begin our new school year with the traditional swim party at Rabbi's house in late August, so be sure to watch your email for further information.

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM DONATION FORM - Thank You For Your Donation!!!!!!

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Congregation Ahavath Achim 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, TX 75701

Thank you for printing!!!

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INDICATE THE FUND OF YOUR CHOICE BELOW AND IN THE MEMO AREA OF YOUR CHECK.

- Breakfast Fund
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- Hebrew School Fund
- Adult Education Fund
- Trust Fund
- General Fund
- Rabbinic Fund
- Book Fund

THE FUNDS BELOW REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHECK

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

Yahrzeits

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 4

2 Rose Greenwald
Ester Levine
3 David Abramsky
4 Isadore Roosth

AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 11

5 Harry Block
Lillian Roberts
8 Morris Rosenberg
Marlin Waghalter
10 Aleck S. Genecov

AUGUST 12 - AUGUST 18

13 David Levy
Sam M. Cohen
Rebecca Lulky
17 Herman Pines
Sol Roosth
18 Lonnie Goldfeder

AUGUST 19 - AUGUST 25

19 Harry Kapner
21 Pearl Levine
22 Yidus Rudman Scrinopskie
24 Ella Kelfer
Jake Davidoff

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1

26 Albert Weintraub
28 Jacob Meyer Edelman
30 Molly Luskey
Jennie Glasser
31 Hannah Goldstein
1 Eve Abramsky Smith

SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 8

2 Lester Waghalter
3 Rose Heffler
5 Stella Jarrett
6 Max Edelman
Morris Forman
8 Abraham Davidoff

SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 15

10 Mary Davidoff
Herta Levite
12 Israel Smith
13 Charles Simon Weintraub

SEPTEMBER 16 - SEPTEMBER 22

17 JoyceLynn Jacobs Lee
18 David Howard Smith
22 Frank Covnet
Kolman Marmar
Annie Waghalter

SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 29

23 William Zuckerman
25 Mollye Goldberg
26 Betty Smith
David L. Wapner
Hannah Solinger
27 Christopher Jeffers Forzano
Harry Krumholtz
29 Mose Heffler
Sydelle Israel

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6

1 Isaac Levine
Anne Werbner
2 Abraham Schumer
5 Leah Cosel
Hilda Genecov
Dorothy Berlin Heffler

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 13

7 Jennie Roosth
9 Isadore Greenberg
Ann Mayerson
10 Rosa Josephine Wolf
11 Zelick Greenberg
13 Solomon Golenternek

OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 20

14 Anne Beleck
15 Hanna Kaplan
16 Esther Roosth
17 Ethel Cohen
Pincus Kessler
Ethelyn Tucker
18 Sam A. Gaylin

OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 27

21 Max Dworkin
Hyman Ginsberg
Sam Goldstein
25 Barbara Beth Dworkin
Tanya Dworkin
Sylvia Miller
27 Elissa Dworkin
Henry Heffler
David Lawrence
Warren Roosth
Bertha Taylor

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 3

28 David Forchheimer
29 David Davidoff
Dr. Robert Swerdlow
Adolph Topperman
30 William Bromberg
Arnold Oblonsky
Lillie Katz
31 Dora Antonoff
Helen Cromer

May Their Memory Be For A Blessing



Sisterhood News

The next meeting of the Sisterhood will be Sunday, August 7th at 11:30 a.m. at my home for our usual salad luncheon. Please plan to attend this wonderful luncheon and bring your own favorite dairy salad to share. There are a lot of items that need to be discussed for the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Special Onegs are:

Sunday Sept. 4, 2016 Aliyah Cookout - need a chair
Wednesday Oct. 12, 2016 Break-the Fast - need a chair
Sunday Oct. 16, 2016 Succot - Rebeca Escamilla- Perez
Sunday Oct. 24, 2016 Simchat Torah - need a chair
Saturday Dec. 24, 2016 Chanukah dinner - Karin Latner
Saturday March 11, 2017 Purim - Fran Birmingham
Tuesday May 30, 2017 Shavuot—need a chair

Rita Roosth

CAA Sisterhood President

HADASSAH NEWS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 18 – New Member Meeting and Rory Kennedy Film “Jews Coming to America”. Location and time TBA.

Greetings: Letters will be sent out shortly regarding the purchase of Hadassah New Year’s Greetings.

Greetings are now listed in a separate pamphlet from the

Yearbook. The Greetings are sent out before Rosh Hashanah and the Yearbook is sent out at the beginning of the new Gregorian year. If you are interested in purchasing a Greeting, please contact Judy Milstead at 903-787- 7382 or majec.5@sbcglobal.net.

Checks for \$10.00 should be made payable to Hadassah and given or mailed to Judy at 2307 Homestead Lane, Tyler 75701 as soon as possible.

Note: If there are any changes to your address, phone number or e:mail, please contact Barbara Zimmerman, 903-258-5698; caamava2151@aol.com asap so that she may enter it into the 2017 Year Book.

Position Opening : Someone needed to step up to the plate as Corresponding Secretary and in charge of the Jewish National Fund. Acceptance of this position would be greatly appreciated.

Ruth Goldberg

Bulletin Chairman

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

Book to Be Announced for August

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



Mazel Tov !

*Dale & Karin Latner
On the Birth of
a new Granddaughter
Rowan Alford on
June 9th, 2016*

CAA Kitchen Needs

White paper towels,
“Vanity Fair” napkins
white lunch size,
Canned white tuna in water,
Clear plastic forks,
“Dawn” dishwashing
detergent,
Liquid “Coffemate” creamer
(regular flavor)

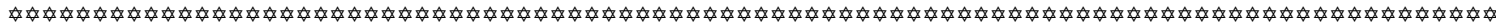
If you are moving or changing an email address, please use the contact information below to let us know, so we can stay in touch!

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- **Ahavath Achim**
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- building, grounds, and ceme-
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- 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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 The Synagogue

OUR TREE OF LIFE - A SISTERHOOD FUNDRAISER

Upon entering the synagogue, one is welcomed by a beautiful, wooden tree, with golden leaves. This is our Tree Of Life and is a way to honor, thank, congratulate, show love, and/or appreciation for someone in your life.

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