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FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

Two Thanksgivings

As I write this month's article for the bulletin, we have just finished celebrating the holiday of Sukkot. The two days I was able to spend in Shreveport and Plano were very fulfilling and spiritually rewarding. It is nice to visit other congregations once in a while and share in the mitzvah of participating in their services. It also offers an opportunity to experience how other congregations observe the Chagim. One common thing we all share is the recitation of Hallel during Shacharit service before the Torah service. Hallel is the one section recited during Chagim which is identified primarily with the concept of Thanksgiving.

When we chant the specific verses during which the Lulavim and Etrogim are waved in 6 directions, this shows our acceptance of Hashem's sovereignty in all areas of the world, and how His power governing nature permeates every aspect and direction of our lives.

The Jewish people have always looked upon the holiday of Sukkot as our "Jewish Thanksgiving". How fortunate we American Jews are able to celebrate another secular version of Thanksgiving, sharing something in common with our fellow non-Jewish neighbors! Perhaps the non-Jews in their own way, are in fact celebrating their own version of Sukkot.

Naturally "our" Thanksgiving (Sukkot) has always been tied to worship and religious significance. In recent decades, secular Thanksgiving in our country is celebrated by parades, football games and the start of the Christian holiday season. Also in our modern era it has become known as the kick-off of the shopping period for the Christian holidays. When originally placed into national observance back in 1863 during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day had much greater religious significance. It officially became observed on the fourth Thursday in the month of November in 1941 by President Roosevelt in an effort to boost our economy, and not as a reason for a four-day weekend.

With progress, the observance of secular Thanksgiving has lost some of its mazel. I recently read an article which stated the majority of stores that had been opening earlier and earlier on Thanksgiving Day will not be open on Thanksgiving Day this year at all. Are they moving to a higher level of spiritual value? Are these retailers being a little more thoughtful and realizing the religious significance to this beloved holiday? Unfortunately, that's not the case. They have simply calculated through polls and surveys that people are not spending more (nor as much) nor have the stores seen any further increase in sales and profits. So maybe Hashem is in some small way at work here.

As I look through the spiritual spectacles of our religious traditions, I see that the meaning of the Shabbat Shabbaton of Sukkot differs greatly from the secular holiday of Thanksgiving. So it was in ancient times that our traditions were different from how the other nations gave thanks; sacrifices were made on behalf of the other Seventy Nations of the world. Perhaps it may not be such a bad idea this coming secular Thanksgiving to offer up a few prayers at your Thanksgiving table for the welfare of the other nations of the world which total far more than Seventy. At the same time, pray for the welfare of Israel, the welfare of our fellow Jews around the world who are in harm's way, and the welfare of all humanity. Let us put some of our own mazel back into Thanksgiving!

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi

President's Message –

As we reflect on the past month, we have developed a lot of shared memories. We look back on the happy days of Rosh Hashanah – the fabulous meals with family and friends, renewing friendships and acquaintances developed over the years, hearing the shrill cry of the shofar to call us to action, and the continual reminders to make things right with each other and with Hashem. We remember the wonderful Haftorah chants that lingered in our minds from Katryn Escamilla-Perez as she sang her first Rosh Hashanah Haftorah and from Adrienne Indianer as she reprised her annual Haftorah chant.

We also reminisce as we recall the many times we repeated Hashem's attributes, as we were reminded of the many ways we have fallen short of Hashem's standards for us, and of the long 25 hours of our fasting. We long for that Tekiah Gedolah of the shofar shouting that victory is at hand, we just have to grasp it. We remember Stuart Roosth's Haftorah reading about Abraham's willingness to offer his best, his son, and the scapegoat that Hashem provided. We also smile as we recall Dr. Joe Roosth's conversation with his friend, Jonah, as he chanted the book of Jonah, as Dr. Wiley had chanted for years before him. At Congregation Ahavath Achim, we also recall the noodle kugels, cinnamon rolls and other goodies that Rita Roosth and her busy committee prepared for our Break-the-Fast meal. Dale and Karin Latner, along with Barbara conducted an award-winning raffle for our Brotherhood.

We then remember the Season of our Rejoicing as we gathered to celebrate in the Sukkah. We recall the years in which our children and adults have come together to decorate the sukkah at the shul, saying Kiddush in the sukkah with our friends, and shaking the lulav and etrog in all directions reminding us that Hashem is everywhere. We remember the wonderful oneg prepared for us by Rebeca Escamilla-Perez and Christie Osburn.

As we concluded this very active month of Tishrei, we celebrated Simchat Torah as we gathered to complete our reading of the Torah and began a whole new year of Torah as we began anew with Bereshit, reminding us that the Torah is a circle, never ending. We also look back as we paraded and danced around the sanctuary with the Torah singing songs of praise, celebrating the value of the Torah in our lives. We recall the beautiful oneg prepared for us by Dee Wapner and Charlene Goodman. Throughout this very busy month of Tishrei, we certainly remember Rabbi Learner as he led our many services with a voice rich in melody and meaning, as he called us to Hashem with the blowing of the shofar and taught us more about Hashem's love for us.

As we move on through this next relatively quiet month, we need to recall all of the desires of our hearts as we spent this past month of introspection and worship. (Many of us may need to consider a new diet plan, too!)

Ruth Elmakiss, President

November Bimah Schedule

4 Debbie Markowitz	5 Dee Wapner
11 Ruth Elmakiss	12 Dale Latner
18 Debbie Markowitz	19 Christie Osburn
25 Ruth Elmakiss	26 Steve Roosth

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

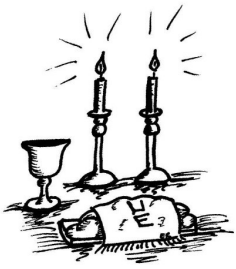
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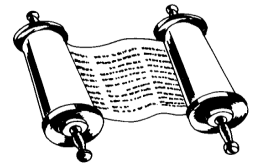
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, November 18, 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



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	November	4	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	November	5	Morning Service	NOAH	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 6:9 - 8:14	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5	
Friday	November	11	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	November	12	Morning Service	LEKH LEKHA	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 12:1 - 13:18	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16	
Friday	November	18	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	November	19	Morning Service	VAYERA	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 18:1 - 18:33	
			Haftorah	II Kings 4:1 - 37	
Friday	November	25	Evening Service	BIRCHAT HA'CHODESH	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	November	26	Morning Service	HAYYEI SARAH	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 23:1 - 24:9	
			Haftorah	I Kings 1:1 - 31	



CAA KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our CAA Sunday School gathered on October 16th to learn more about Sukkot and Simchat Torah, to decorate the sukkah at the shul, and to create beautiful edible sukkahs to decorate our tables for a wonderful Sukkot oneg. Many thanks go to Rebeca and Nanelle as they prepared homemade gingerbread and all the decorations for building the edible sukkahs. The children did an awesome job on their construction project.

Thanks also go to Shannon Hammel as she was the substitute teacher while I was away. We also thank all the children (the ones beyond the age of 16) who came to assist in decorating the sukkah. It sounds like everyone had a great time. We also thank Rabbi Learner for teaching the whole group more about Sukkot. We will be meeting together again on November 13th at 10:00.

Ruth Elmakiss

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2016-2017

November 13, 2016

February 12, 2017

December 11, 2016

March 5, 2017

January 22, 2017

April 2, 2017

May 14, 2017

NOVEMBER

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6			1 Rosh Hodesh I	2 Rosh Hodesh II	3 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	4 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz	5 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: NOAH Bimah: Dee Wapner Brunch: C. Goodman Hadassah Donor 6-8:00 p.m.	
13 CAA Sunday School 10:00 a.m.	7	8	30 Tishi	1 Heshvan	9 CAA Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Rita Roosht's home	10 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	11 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss	12 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: LEKH LEKHA Bimah: Dale Latner Brunch: Dr. & Mrs. Ron Beals
	5 Heshvan	6 Heshvan	7 Heshvan	8 Heshvan	9 Heshvan	10 Heshvan	11 Heshvan	
20 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 10:00 a.m.	14	15	14 Heshvan	16 Heshvan	17 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	18 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Debbie Markowitz	19 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYERA Bimah: Chrstie Osburn Brunch: The Weiners	
	12 Heshvan	13 Heshvan	14 Heshvan	15 Heshvan	16 Heshvan	17 Heshvan	18 Heshvan	
27	28	29	30					
26 Heshvan	27 Heshvan	28 Heshvan	29 Heshvan	20 Heshvan	21 Heshvan	22 Heshvan	23 Heshvan	
	19 Heshvan	20 Heshvan	21 Heshvan	22 Heshvan	23 Heshvan	24 Heshvan	25 Heshvan	
	Hadassah Book Club 10:30 a.m. @ Brady's Coffee Shop				24 CAA Offices Closed for Thanksgiving	25 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss	26 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: HAYYEI SARAH Bimah: Steve Roosth Brunch: Debbie Markowitz	

Torah study following brunch unless noted



TODAH RABAH

Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

October 1 - Taylor and Misti Wilson in Honor of Taylor's Grandfather Troyis Wilson

October 8 - None

October 15 - Sid Kahn in Loving Memory of His Grandfather, David Levy

October 22 - Elsie Beaver in Loving Memory of Sylvia Miller

October 29 - The Weiner's in Honor of Josh's Birthday

November Brunches are generously sponsored by:

November 5 Charlene Goodman

November 12 Ron Beals in Honor of Veterans Day

November 19 The Weiner Family in Honor of Dr. Wiley & Rita Roosth

November 26 Debbie Markowitz in Honor of the Board of Trustees

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Tommy & Priscilla Roosth, Marleen Swerdlow and Cynthia & Michael Wolf In Loving Memory of Dr. Harold Roosth, Rosa Lee Leaman Roosth Mellinger and Meyer Mellinger.

Chuck & Dee Wapner

November Celebrations

Birthdays

9 Larry Rosenfield

Heather Rey

14 Taylor Goodman

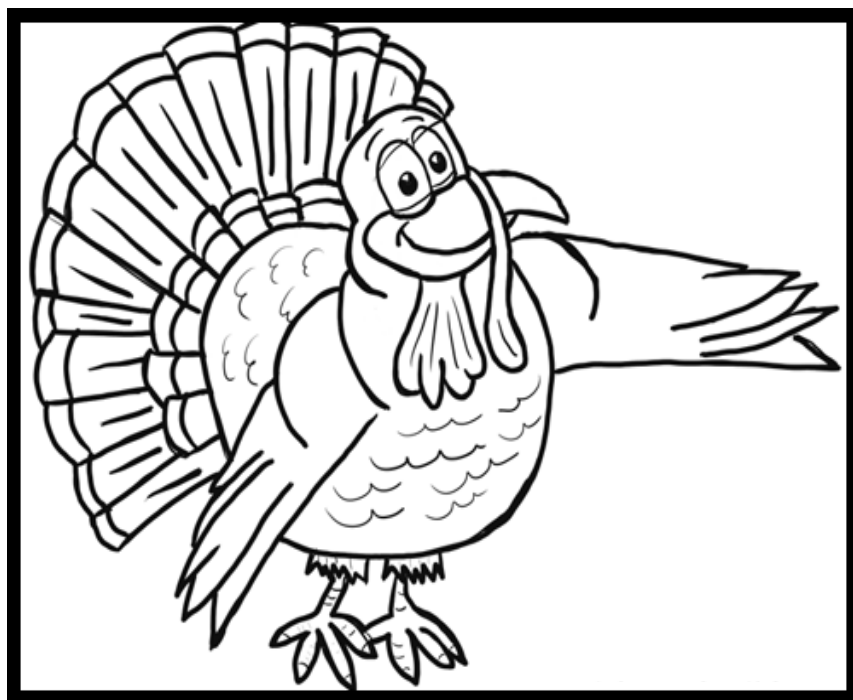
15 Richard Beaver

18 Ruth Elmakiss

19 Chad Alexander Roosth

20 Samantha Dobbs

23 Jason Bromberg



Yahrzeits

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 3

- 1 Morris Lulky
- 2 Julius J. Genecov
Elizabeth S. Gugenheim

NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 10

- 4 Evelyn Greenwald Lazarus
- 5 Joe Harr
- 6 Beatrice Dworkin
- 8 Bernice Golden
Samuel Offricht
Gitel Sack
Jacob Sack
- 9 Fannie Z. Ginsberg

NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 17

- 11 Freda Lichtman
- 14 Pauline Edelman
- 16 Boyce Genecov

NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 24

- 18 Edward Hertzfeld
Leo Golenternek
- 21 Esther Katz
Max Katz
Sam Krumholtz
- 22 Julia Weintraub
- 23 Helen Heffler Silverman
Isadore Mayerson

NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1

- 25 Alexander Mirsky
- 26 Hyman Falk
Goodman Lazarus
Sidney Waghalter
- 27 Sylvia "Teeby" Forchheimer
Yetta Engle
Burton Gaylin
- 29 Ely Taylor
- 30 Abraham Leon Luskey

DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8

- 3 Jacob Bromberg
- 4 Esther Mellinger
Ida Richman
- 6 Morris Fleishman
Samuel J. Waghalter

DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 15

- 12 Rebecca Davis Edelman
Doris Miller

DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

- 16 Barney Cohen
Sylvan Mellinger
Jake Solinger
- 18 Bertha Bertheim
William Edelman
Morris Goldberg
Frank Levine
- 19 Frances Chalmers
Walter Lazarus

- 20 Hilda G. Roosth
- 21 Meyer Mellinger

DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29

- 26 Alex Golenternek
- 27 Abner Waghalter
Ben Edelman
- 28 Madeline Lieberman Wolf
Rebecca Heffler Berry
- 29 Hershel Sobel

DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5

- 31 Sam Greenberg
- 2 Fanny Fleischman
Louis Miller
- 3 Freda Levy
- 5 Claire Ann Gaylin

JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12

- 6 Madeline Lugassy Richings
- 7 Annie Rosenthal
- 8 Hyman Golenternek

JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12 cont...

- 8 Bertram Jacob Learner
- 9 Herman Davis
- 10 Philip Golenternek
- 11 Freda Genecov

JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19

- 13 Isaac Goldberg
- 14 Phillip Mosier
- 16 Sherry Roosth
Charlie Cohen
- 18 Celia Levine
Oscar Mastbaum
- 19 Joe Golenternek

JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 26

- 20 Mindel Katz
Mickey Mermelstein
Max Rubin
- 21 Max Antonoff
- 22 William Beleck
Mildred Sable
Rose Carst Mirsky
Sam Roosth
- 23 Max Mellinger
- 24 Eugene Sanford Katz
- 25 Murray Kravitz
- 26 Rose Carter
Sarah Hertzfeld
Morris Leaman
Joe Levy
Jesseo Tubat
Louis Sobel

JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31

- 28 Mollie Acenberg
- 30 Winifred Heringhi
Milton Joel Kapner
- 31 Dr. Dan Golenternek
Aaron Joseph Levy
Harris Zuckerman

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

Sisterhood News

October was one busy month and as such this is the first meeting of the new year. I want to thank all of the wonderful women of our sisterhood who worked so hard to make last year memorable, meaningful and fun. A lot was accomplished but there is always much more to be done. Any suggestions for the New Year will be welcome!

I want to thank Dee Wapner & Barbara Zimmerman for this year's new yearbook. It will be a big help to keep us ahead of things and on our toes.

I know you all saw and enjoyed the beautiful blooming rose bushes that greeted us as we entered the synagogue during the High Holidays. Many thanks to Dale Latner and Debbie Markowitz for taking this on and starting our New Year in a fresh and hopeful way.

The beginning of our New Year is always very busy for everyone at home as well as the synagogue and I owe a tremendous thank you to all who helped make the Break-the-Fast and clean up so easy— Debbie Roosth, Stuart Roosth, Debbie Markowitz, Elsie Beaver, Ann Melamed & Ruth Elmakiss – everyone who stepped in and asked if they could help in any way and they all did.

The Sukkot oneg with Rebeca Escamilla-Perez and Christie Osburn and the Simchat Torah oneg by Dee Wapner and Charlene Goodman were all big successes. If anyone's name is missing, please forgive me and know how much you were appreciated.

If you missed Simchat Torah services and did not get to see the youngsters carry their little Torahs as they marched around the synagogue, you really missed a heart warming sight! It was a pleasure and joy to watch Sophie Learner who offered her little Torah to everyone present to kiss, just as the adults do. It was a sight to truly melt your heart. Thank you to Debbie Markowitz for making this possible.

I hope everyone had met our new kitchen helper Maria Rosales. If you haven't, please take a moment to meet her. She is very pleasant and is eager to help us anytime she can.

We have started the year with a new burst of energy— let's keep it up. To all of you, may the new year bring you good health, much love and the fulfillment of all your desires.

Rita Roosth
CAA Sisterhood President

HADASSAH NEWS:

On Sunday, September 18, 10:00 AM a board meeting was held at the home of Margie Victor. Susan Cason-Parks, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. The meeting came to a close at 11:30 AM and Margie then showed an interesting and informative video titled "Jews Coming to America."

The nomination of officers took place on Sunday, October 16 at the home of Susan Cason-Parks. Members will be receiving an email regarding slate of officers. Please answer with either Approve or Disapprove and return to sender.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Donor Cocktail Buffet will be held on Saturday, November 5 – 6:00-8:00 PM at the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Gross, 3510 Matt Lane, Tyler.

Food for Donor: If anyone is interested in contributing a dish to the Donor Cocktail Buffet please contact Margie Victor, 903-561-4409, mjsvictor@gmail.com or Susan Cason-Parks, 903-525-9183, mavette521@yahoo.com

Officer Installation and Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 11. Time and location TBA.

Ruth Goldberg
Bulletin Chairman

Hadassah Book Club:

The book club will be meeting on Monday, November 28, 10:30 AM at Brady's Coffee Shop, Tyler. Book reading will be The Mark of the Assassin by Daniel Silva.

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

Shabbat Brunch Sponsorships

Our office is currently scheduling Shabbat brunch sponsorships through Sept. 2017. If you have a special date between December 2016 and September 2017,

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!

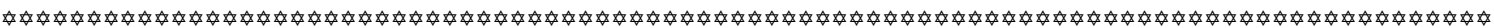
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