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From the Desk of the Rabbi

MASQUERADING THROUGH LIFE

It is hard to find another festival in the Jewish calendar that can tell us more about life than the hilarious celebration of Purim.

The glorious spirit of Purim is reflected in its carnival-like nature. Other people have their annual carnivals in their calendar too. Many celebrations, like the Mardi Gras, last a full week or more. For the Jew, a week is a long period of time to party. During the week, it is a time to be reserved for creativity and not wasted in frivolity. This is why Purim is observed for only one day. The message of the holiday can be gotten across without prolonged "revelry."

On Purim we reenact the events of the Biblical Scroll of Esther. It is a Rabbinic holiday as opposed to a Biblical divinely ordained holiday. The thrilling action recorded in those ten brief chapters of Megillat Esther is read formally as part of the evening service. Then, after the Megillah and the noisemakers set the tone, we customarily adjourn to the social hall or to our homes and celebrate the victory of Mordecai and Esther over the unsuccessful plot of Haman and his henchmen. Although never prevalent among Jews according to the Talmud, one may drink on Purim until he can no longer distinguish "cursed be Haman" from "blessed be Mordecai." This custom was allowed so as to comply with the term "mishteh," which was expressly permitted in the Bible for the yearly celebration of Purim.

The festivities usually included a reenactment of the suspenseful Biblical narrative in rhyme and song, dance, costume, pantomime, and masquerade. This is the one day of the year when we get a little silly and get out of our normal zone.

Jewish History states that masquerading on Purim was first introduced at the close of the fifteenth century by Italian Jewry that had been influenced by the Roman carnivals. It appears the custom of donning masks and costumes is here to stay. Almost everyone will agree that masquerading is purely for fun and merry-making. No one is permitted to be serious or introspective on Purim. We joke, we jest, we pretend, we gloat over Haman's downfall. Yes, even I will put on my jesters crown and wear my favorite Purim shirt. Purim should never be the opportunity to masquerade as weird, questionable, and grotesque individuals. It is not a day to promote horror. Never confuse Purim with the cultural holiday of Halloween which in this country has evolved from the original pagan holiday of All Hollows Eve. We can masquerade as personifications of evil and banality such as the wicked Haman. We can masquerade as opposites of our true selves for only a short time. This is allowed on Purim.

During this joyous holiday, we must never lose sight of how many people can think Purim is never over. Consider how many clown away their days, never accomplishing much that is worthwhile. We can have a tendency to masquerade our way all along the social structure of our lives. We need to be concerned with the plight of humanity, with poverty, with war, with injustice and bigotry. We must never lose sight or forget the rising anti-Semitism that continues to plague our people as well as the racial prejudice that continues to rear its ugly head against people of all ethnic backgrounds. The message of Purim needs to be told and internalized by not just the Jewish People, but to all those who continue to be oppressed by the very nations that wish to suppress the natural rights gifted by our Creator to all humanity.

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Co-President's Message

For the last few months, I have shared about a few of the people in our Congregation who help make our synagogue a very special place. This month, I would like to focus on a man who has been integral in leading CAA for years.

Dr. Wiley Roosth fulfilled many roles in our synagogue – President of the Board, Chairperson of the Ritual Committee, and many other roles in his long history at CAA. He attended services weekly until his health deteriorated. He and his wife, Rita, were generous contributors financially, but also with their time and mentorship. Dr. Wiley never wanted attention brought to himself for these acts.

More than his personal investment in Congregation Ahavath Achim, Dr. Wiley encouraged each person in the congregation in various ways. One of our members recalls Dr. Wiley telling him on numerous occasions, "We're here every Saturday!" Following his retirement, that member now attends every Shabbat service. If he cannot attend on Saturday, he comes on Friday evenings. This member has taken on an integral role in our shul in the past year.

When Dr. Wiley determined that he should resign as Chairperson of the Ritual Committee, he mentored his replacement for that important committee. That is one reason our services are able to run so smoothly and efficiently.

When I took on the role of President of the Board of Trustees a few years ago, I spent numerous visits with Dr. Wiley to gain his input and impressions of protocol. Dr. Wiley was a font of knowledge about our Congregation as his father, Sam Roosth, had also been integrally involved in the development of the synagogue.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet. May we all remember Dr. Wiley Roosth in our own way. For me, he will always direct the service from the last row in the sanctuary – indicating with gestures when to open the curtain on the Aron Kodesh, telling the person carrying the Torah to use the handrail, and letting us all know to "Load them up!" following the Haftarah.

May His Memory be for a Blessing! Ruth



March Bimah Schedule

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ruth Elmakiss | 2 Steve Roosth |
| 8 Samantha Clark | 9 Dale Latner |
| 15 Ruth Elmakiss | 16 Christie Osburn |
| 22 Samantha Clark | 23 Dee Wapner |
| 29 Ruth Elmakiss | 30 Tim Birmingham |

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

BULLETIN

DEADLINE:

MARCH 18

for **APRIL Bulletin**

Submit articles to:
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suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)

Thank you !

MARCH BOARD MEETING

Sunday, MARCH 10, 2019

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

The Board of Trustees of Congregation Ahavath Achim
wish to extend their deepest condolences to
Rita Roosth, Dr. Joseph Roosth, Stuart Roosth
& Ann Melamed
and the entire Roosth family
for the loss of Dr. Wiley Roosth
May his memory be forever a blessing!



The Board of Trustees of Congregation Ahavath Achim
wish to extend their deepest condolences to
the Mirsky Family
for the loss of Monroe Mirsky
May his memory be forever a blessing!



The Board of Trustees of Congregation Ahavath Achim
wish to extend their deepest condolences to
Dale & Karin Latner and Family
for the loss of Dale's Brother, Jessie Latner
May his memory be forever a blessing!



shabbat shalom



MARCH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	March	1	Evening Service	Birchat HaChodesh	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	March	2	Morning Service	VAYAKHEL	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 35:1 - 36:19	
			Maftir	Exodus 30:11 - 16	
			Haftorah	II Kings 12:1 - 17	
Friday	March	8	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	March	9	Morning Service	PEKUDEI	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 39:22 - 40:38	
			Haftorah	I Kings 7:51 - 8:21	
Friday	March	15	Evening Service	Shabbat Zachor	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	March	16	Morning Service	VAYIKA	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 4:27 - 5:26	
			Maftir	Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19	
			Haftorah	I Samuel 15:2 - 34	
Sunday	March	17	Morning Service	Tephillin Minyan	8:30 A.M.
Wednesday	March	20	Evening Service	PURIM	6:30 P.M.
Friday	March	22	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	March	23	Morning Service	TSAV	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 8:1 - 8:36	
			Haftorah	Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3; 9:22 - 23	
Friday	March	29	Evening Service	Birchat HaChodesh	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	March	30	Morning Service	SHEMINI	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 11:1 - 47	
			Maftir	Numbers 19:1- 22	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 36:16 - 38	

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Yes, joy is supposed to be a basic ingredient in the mixture of life. But life is most beneficially lived, when those who would accept its responsibilities would face up to them in joyous anticipation of their fulfillment. Let's celebrate Purim, live it up, make a few L'Chai'yims, and for a short time, pretend to be somebody else for a day. But on the morrow let's not forget to remove our masks, get back to reality and continue on our mission to repair the world; one Mitzvah at a time.

With Torah Blessings and a Chag Sameach Purim,
Rabbi

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood has continued to provide awesome brunches each week. We are currently preparing for the upcoming Purim Celebration. We will be baking Hamantaschen on Sunday, March 17th following the Sunday School students who will be creating their own Hamantaschen.

Please mark your calendars to come help! Our next Sisterhood meeting will be on March 10th at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you all then!

The Brotherhood is selling Yom HaShoah candles, the suggested donation is \$18 each. We will gladly accept donations from anyone who would like to donate. These candles are for the remembrance of the Holocaust.

We must never forget. Wally Newsom, Brotherhood

With the growth in our synagogue including young families, high chairs have become more needed. If you have an unused high chair, or know where we could find one, please leave word with Leanne at the office.



**PLAN TO ATTEND!
BE PART OF THE CELEBRATION !
READ A PORTION FROM
THE MEGILLAH !
MAKE SOME NOISE !
WEAR A COSTUME !
HAVE SOME FUN !**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT
6:30 P.M.**

Thank you everyone for your participation and encouragement in our newly formed book club. Our next book club meeting will be held in Sunday March 24, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in the social hall. At this meeting we will be discussing "Teffilin" by Aryeh Kaplan.

At our last meeting we chose our next book :

"The Beast That Crouches At The Door "by Rabbi David Fohrman.

Please order your book as soon as possible to be prepared for our discussion of this book during the April book club meeting. If you would like for us to order a book for you please contact either Christie Osburn or Shannon Hammel.





MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 26 Adar I	5 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m. 28 Adar I	6 29 Adar I	7 Rosh Hodesh I Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m. 30 Adar I	8 Rosh Hodesh II Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Samantha Clark 24 Adar I	9 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: PEKUDEI Bimah: Dale Latner Brunch: TBA 25 Adar I
10 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m. CAA Sisterhood Meeting 10:30 a.m.	11 4 Adar II	12 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	13 20 Adar II	14 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m. 7 Adar II	15 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss 1 Adar II	16 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYIKRA Bimah: Christie Osburn Brunch: TBA 2 Adar II
17 Tephillin Service 8:30 a.m. CAA Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Hamantaschen Baking	18 4 Adar II	19 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	20 Fast of Esther PURIM Service 6:30 p.m. 6 Adar II	21 Purim Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m. 7 Adar II	22 Shushan Purim Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Samantha Clark 8 Adar II	23 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: TSAV Bimah: Dee Wapner Brunch: Steve & Debbie Roosth 9 Adar II
24 BOOK CLUB MEETING 10:30 a.m.	25 11 Adar II	26 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	27 13 Adar II	28 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m. 14 Adar II	29 Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss 15 Adar II	30 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: SHEMINI Bimah: Tim Birmingham Brunch: The Escamilla-Perez Family 16 Adar II
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CAA SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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The students in Sunday School have been involved in many aspects of learning. The students have created the decorations in the door window panels over the last couple of months. Our younger students also began some decorations for our Purim celebration on March 20th.

In classes, the Torah Tots learned what a mitzvah is and how they can take part in a mitzvah. The Torah Tots age group continues to grow as more families are coming to CAA.

The middle group discussed the attributes of Hashem and compared our ideas to the Ki Tissa passage in the Chumash. Our students are amazing!

The older group met with Rabbi to learn even more about their Jewish Heritage.

Our next session will focus mostly on Purim as we meet on March 17th. Be sure to come by 10:00 a.m. so they can create their own Hamantaschen!

March 17, 2019 / April 7, 2019 / May 19, 2019



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TODAH RABBAH



Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

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| February | 2 | The Weiner Family in Honor of All Members of Congregation Ahavath Achim |
| February | 9 | Mrs. Charlene Goodman |
| February | 16 | The Latner Family in Honor of Dale Latner's Birthday |
| February | 23 | The Escamilla-Perez Family in Honor of the Weiner Family |

March Brunches are generously sponsored by:

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| March | 2 | Gail & Marshall Eisen in Honor of Charlene Goodman's Birthday |
| March | 9 | TBA |
| March | 16 | TBA |
| March | 23 | Steve & Debbie Roosth in Honor of Rebecca Roosth's Birthday |
| March | 30 | The Escamilla-Perez Family in Honor of Dr. Michael & Becky Tobes |



GENERAL FUND

Trent Jackson
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BREAKFAST FUND

Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Eddie Chalmers
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of Rita Roosth
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of Dee Wapner
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of the Rabbi Learner & Ellen
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of the birth of Fred Solomon Roosth
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of Debbie & Steve Roosth
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of Aunt Beck Roosth

MELLINGER MAINTENANCE FUND

Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Esther & Sylvan Mellinger
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Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Frances Sulsky Chalmers
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Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Rose Rudman
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Anna & Morris Leaman
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Memory of Esther & Tanchum Mayer Roosth
Marlene Roosth Swerdlow in Honor of Evelyn Muntz' 90th Birthday

March Celebrations

Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|
| 2 | Charlene Goodman |
| 6 | Rabbi Arthur Flicker |
| 7 | Rachel L. Jackson |
| 8 | Aaron D. Frank |
| 10 | Andrea Roosth |
| 14 | Tanya Grace Melamed |
| | Tina Cecile Melamed |
| | Jon M. Jacobs |
| 15 | Kelli Beth Roosth |
| 16 | Rachel Renae Roosth |
| | Calvin Jackson |
| 19 | Stuart Roosth |
| 22 | Deborah Markowitz |
| | Lee Ann Yates |
| 23 | Jennifer Lee Roosth |
| 24 | Rebecca Roosth |
| | Zachary Rosenfield |
| 25 | Frances Bromberg |
| 28 | Amy Sylvia Markowitz |

Anniversaries

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| 23 | Karlee & Juan Munoz |
| 25 | Shannon & Wally Newsom |
| 31 | Dr.s Rachel Keilin & Ron Hekier |

Yahrzeits

MARCH 1 - MARCH 7

- 1 Edna Greenberg
- 2 Hannah Jarrett
Nelson Kendall Jeffers
Anna Leaman
Charles Rosenthal
- 3 Phillip Feld
- 5 Isadore Sulsky

MARCH 8 - MARCH 14

- 12 Mary R. Golenternek
Richard Hale Jeffers
Freida Serkes
- 13 Celia Goldstucker
- 14 Harry Mermelstein

MARCH 15 - MARCH 21

- 15 Alexander Golenternek
Miriam Seiderman
- 18 Morris Jarett
- 19 Ida Goldberg

MARCH 22 - MARCH 28

- 23 Helen Nathan Caro
- 25 Nate Ginsberg
Bert Jacobs

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4

- 31 Jack J. Berry
- 2 Annie Levine
- 3 Sylvia Gaylin

APRIL 5 - APRIL 11

- 9 Rosa Lee Roosth
Eva Zuckerman
Maurine Muntz
- 10 Sidney Manuel Kahn
Mike Cohen
- 11 Thomas Dula
Louis Schafts

APRIL 12 - APRIL 18

- 12 Ida Hannah Lazarus
Jacob Meyer
- 13 Beatrice Goldfeder
Bennie Roosth
Bob Benjomin Taylor

APRIL 12 - APRIL 18 cont..

- 15 Jerry Jeffers
- 16 Manuel Zimmerman
Sarah Zuckerman
- 17 Pearl Krumholtz

APRIL 19 - APRIL 25

- 22 Sam Levine
- 23 Clara Levine

APRIL 26 - MAY 2

- 26 Abraham Flicker
- 28 William D. Roosth
- 30 Ralph Davis
- 1 Ruth Waghalter
- 2 Maurice Block

MAY 3 - MAY 9

- 3 Isabell Davis
- 4 Anna Eisen
- 5 Morris Rudman
- 8 Hyman Smith
Mary Mirsky
- 9 Raye Bromberg
Ruth Gross
Selma Greenberg
Pauline Heffler Roosth
Jerome Wolf

MAY 10 - MAY 16

- 10 Mary Hendleman
Betty Beck
Boris Tobes
- 11 David Learner
- 12 Otto Heffler
Eva Offricht
- 16 Max Chodrow
Sarah Golenternek

MAY 17 - MAY 23

- 17 Celia Roosth
Joe Roth
Rose Terlitsky Chrona
- 18 Fannie Heffler
- 19 Charles Greenwald
- 20 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth

MAY 17 - MAY 23 CONT...

- 21 Irving M. Goodman
Abraham Offricht
- 22 William Kelfer
Rebecca Tuck
- 23 Simcha Bigus
Leibel Bigus
Moshe Bigus
Chanah Bigus
Malkah Bigus
Aaron Bigus
Avram Bigus
Ester Bigus
David Bigus
Frayde Bigus
Pinchas Bigus
Yaakov Mordechai Bigus
Rae Forman
Ruth Mastbaum
Haim Mastbaum
Nathan Mastbaum
Aaron Mastbaum
Hilary Mastbaum
Jacob Mastbaum

MAY 24 - MAY 30

- 30 Michael Schumer

MAY 31 - JUNE 6

- 31 Rosa Krumholtz
- 1 Paul Forchheimer
Louis Glasser
- 3 Jacob Fridkin
Mollie Sherman
Bessie Spero
- 4 David Gross
- 5 Thelma Sobel
- 6 Sam Gross



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