

# Congregation Ahavath Achim

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## From the Desk of the Rabbi TO FAST OF NOT TO FAST

Whether it is young children in our Talmud Torah or adults learning in the various classes we offer at the Shul, the study and observance of our many life cycle holidays are woven into our curriculum. In the midst of studying about these wonderful, joyful holidays, there are also days of national mourning, also known as fast days. All of these fast days with the exception of Yom Kippur are strictly rabbinical in their observance. Even the Biblically mandated commandment concerning the observance of Yom Kippur found in the Torah became subject to interpretation by the Sages to mean that you practice self-denial. Fasting was implied with that commandment.

Out of all the fast days, only Tisha B'Av has the same level of observance as Yom Kippur when it comes to fasting. The other minor fast days are from sun up to sundown and the prohibitions of work do not apply. For those who observe this practice, it can be a very trying time in the summer months as we all know how important it is to stay hydrated in the hot Texas summer. Those of you who cannot fast for medical reasons are exempt from this practice. For those of you who are able, I encourage you to try. Many things other than the destruction of both temples have occurred on this major fast day. Even the nine days preceding this day are considered to be days of intense mourning and with the exception of the Shabbat, even meat and wine traditionally are not to be consumed during these nine days.

Why should Jews observe the various fast days and what should they mean to us in these times that we live in? What lesson should this solemn day of Tisha B'Av teach us that we can apply to our current times? The traditional answers that have been offered for centuries establish the pattern of rabbinic observance that most of us have come to accept as Halacha.

Mourning the destruction of both Temples in 586 BCE and 70 CE should be just cause to warrant the need to observe this solemn day. There are also many other calamities which have befallen our people on this day in our long history. This day in our calendar year allows us to reflect on our past; reminding us what we do not have in our lives today as an *inheritance*. While Jerusalem may have been reunified in the 6 day war, and we have the Kotel for worship, it is not the same as what the original Temple meant to us.

However, can mourning on an annual basis for something that was lost nearly 2000 years ago appear to lose its impact and meaning to us today? The further we go from these two pivotal moments in our history, is it possible we can fall into a state of apathy where we begin to ask the questions; what does it mean to me? What does it mean to you? This is not something that happened in our parents' or grandparents' time where you have living witnesses to those times.

I see the observance of this rabbinic practice as being very plain and straight forward. The Sages teach in Tractate Gittin in the Talmud; Sinat Chinam (The baseless hatred of Jew against Jew) was the cause of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple's destruction and our current exile from the land. This is a prime example of what happens when the Jewish people do not stand together and remain dedicated to the principle that Israel is our Jewish homeland, and Jerusalem is Hashem's Holy city. There His presence dwelt among our people for the entire world to see.

We see division today among Jewish people and it is the very reason that our enemies are scope-locked with the anti-Semitic rhetoric of our current time. Whether it is the BDS movement, or individuals who keep coming out with revisionist historical propaganda, the Jewish people must stand united! The various political parties that exist in Israel today speak volumes on how divided our people can be.

Perhaps we should consider this perspective in our time. While each of us may mourn in our own way during Tisha B'Av, let us not focus on what was lost, but focus on why it was lost. If we can eternalize this and work towards correcting this destructive behavior, perhaps then we can offer this prayer and may it go from our lips to Hashem's ears; "May this be the last Tisha B'Av that we have to observe in mourning. May we see the redemption of Zion soon in our lifetime. May next year be the day when Tisha B'Av goes from a day of mourning to a day of rejoicing the likes of which the world has never seen."

With Torah Blessings,  
Rabbi

## Co-President's Message

Dr. Ron Beals recently shared an article with me written by Rabbi Sacks titled "Things Life has Taught Me About Judaism" (<http://rabbisacks.org/things-life-has-taught-me-about-judaism/>) Please take time to read the whole article at your convenience. I have bookmarked it myself. I just want to share parts of the article with all of you.

**"Never ever be embarrassed about being a Jew.** Our people has survived so long and contributed so much, that you should see being Jewish as an honor and a responsibility. Some people look down on Jews: they always have. In which case, **we have to walk tall, so that, to see our face, they are forced to look up.**

**Never compromise your principles because of others.** ... Non-Jews respect Jews who respect Judaism. They are embarrassed by Jews who are embarrassed by Judaism.

**Never look down on others.** Never think that being Jewish means looking down on gentiles. It doesn't. Never think that being a religious Jew entitles you to look down on nonreligious Jews. It doesn't. The greatest Jew, Moses, was also, according to the Torah, "the humblest person on the face of the earth". Humility does not mean self-abasement. **True humility is the ability to see good in others without worrying about yourself.**

**Never stop learning.** ...


**Never confuse righteousness with self-righteousness.** ...

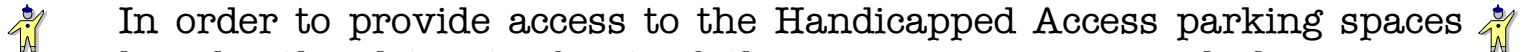
**Whenever you do a mitzvah, stop and be mindful.** Every mitzvah is there to teach us something, and it makes all the difference to pause and remember why. Mindless Judaism is not good for the soul.


**Don't worry if you can't keep up with the congregation.** One word said from the heart is greater than a hundred said without understanding or attention.

**G\_d lives in the space we make for him.** Every mitzvah we do, every prayer we say, every act of learning we undertake, is a way of making space for G\_d."

Shalom, Ruth

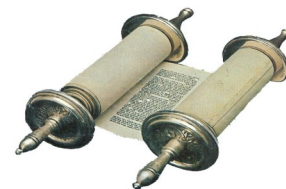
  
The Safety Committee continues to implement improvements to the buildings and grounds in support of various safety initiatives. New initiatives include projects currently underway, such as leveling the south sidewalk to eliminate a tripping hazard caused by ground settling. The labor for the sidewalk project is provided by congregant volunteers. Other projects include installation of emergency evacuation hardware and lighting improvements on the grounds around the synagogue perimeter. A recent parking lot striping project includes reserved spaces for handicap parking, thus assuring access for congregants and guests with additional mobility requirements.

  
In order to provide access to the Handicapped Access parking spaces and make the drive in front of the synagogue more orderly, we are asking everyone who comes through the circular drive to enter on the north end driving south as to the parking lot. Thank you for helping with this new expectation.





# shabbat shalom



## AUGUST SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	August	2	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	3	Morning Service	<b>MATTOT &amp; MAS'EY</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Numbers 33:50 - 36:13	
			Haftarah	Jeremiah 2:4 - 28, 3:4	
Sunday	August	4	Morning Service	<b>Tephillin Minyan</b>	8:30 A.M.
Friday	August	9	Evening Service	Shabbat Hazon	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	10	Morning Service	<b>DEVARIM</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 2:31 - 3:22	
			Haftarah	Isaiah 1:1 - 27	
Friday	August	16	Evening Service	Shabbat Nahamu	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	17	Morning Service	<b>VA'ET'HANNAN</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 5:1 - 7:11	
			Haftarah	Isaiah 40:1 - 26	
Friday	August	23	Evening Service	BIRCHAT HaCHODESH	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	24	Morning Service	<b>EKEV</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 10:12 - 11:25	
			Haftarah	Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3	
Friday	August	30	Evening Service	ROSH CHODESH	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	August	31	Morning Service	<b>RE'EH</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Deuteronomy 15:1 - 16:17	
			Maftir	Numbers 28:9 - 15	
			Haftarah	Isaiah 66:1 - 24, 23	



### AUGUST Bimah Schedule

2 Co-President	3 Wally Newsom
9 Co-President	10 Steve Roosth
16 Co-President	17 Christie Osburn
23 Co-President	24 Samantha Clark
30 Co-President	31 Sean Hammel

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
AUGUST 18  
for SEPTEMBER  
Bulletin

Submit articles to:  
caasecretary@  
suddenlinkmail.com  
Thank you !

### AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Sunday, AUGUST 18, 2019  
9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

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

## RETIREMENT PARTY

Bring no gifts!!! We are retiring the Silverman High Holiday Machzorim as we prepare for the new Lev Shalem Machzorim. A lot of you have grown up using the Silverman version, or have used it at our synagogue for quite a long time. Others may just want to see what they were like. NOW is your opportunity! If you would like a copy of the Silverman Machzor to add to your library, please pick one up at your convenience. Just like all retirees, they need to feel valued and have a purpose. If you are out of town and would like us to hold a copy or two for you, please let Leanne know in the CAA office.

### MEMORIAL BOOK REMINDER

High Holy Days begin on the evening of Sunday, September 29.  
Your Memorial Book forms must be returned by Friday, August 23.

If you need a form, please contact Barbara Zimmerman  
at caamaya2151@aol.com or 903-258-5698 and leave a message.

We hope you will participate in this important fundraiser for our synagogue.

Barbara Forzano Zimmerman  
Memorial Book Coordinator

### BROTHERHOOD EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th Tephillin Class  
AND Brotherhood Meeting. Please  
come help make a minyan and stay  
for breakfast and meeting. We have  
several items to discuss.

The Brotherhood prepared hot dogs  
and burgers on Saturday July, 6th for  
Shabbat Brunch. From the lack of any  
leftovers— apparently it was enjoyed  
by all.

Thanks to:  
Wally Newsom & Seth Clark for  
coming in Friday to prepare!

### August Celebrations

#### Birthdays

- 4 Frederick Beaver
- 5 Matthew Joshua Frank  
Rebecca Ruth Frank  
Mollie Elizabeth Rose
- 9 Cynthia Marker
- 10 Melissa A. Lenderman
- 11 Aaron Goldfarb  
Abraham Goldfarb
- 14 Steven L. Feld
- 15 Mira Shoshanah Roosth
- 16 Galit Moyal
- 18 Seth Christopher Clark
- 23 Delores Kathryn Escamilla-Perez  
Dee Wapner
- 24 Gail Goodman Eisen

#### Anniversaries

- 7 Stuart & Andrea Roosth
- 8 Christie & Paul Osburn
- 21 Dr. Steven & Joanne Feld

# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4</b> Tephillin Class 8:30 a.m. CAA Sisterhood Meeting 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Meeting after class</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 29 Tammuz</p>	<p><b>2</b> Rosh Hodesh Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-Prez. or Trustee</p>	<p><b>3</b> Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: MATTOT &amp; MASEY Bimah: Wally Newsom Brunch: Linda Thomas Jr. Congregation</p>
<p><b>11</b> Fast of Tisha B'Av \$8:59PM</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> \$8:54PM/7:51PM Tu B'Av Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-Prez. or Trustee</p>	<p><b>17</b> Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAETHANNAN Bimah: Christie Osburn Brunch: The Newsom's Jr. Congregation</p>
<p><b>18</b> CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-Prez. or Trustee</p>	<p><b>24</b> Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: EKEV Bimah: Samantha Clark Brunch: TBA</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-Prez. or Trustee</p>	<p><b>31</b> Rosh Hodesh I Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: RE'EH Bimah: Sean Hammel Brunch: TBA</p>
<p>24 Av</p>	<p>25 Av</p>	<p>26 Av</p>	<p>27 Av</p>	<p>28 Av</p>	<p>29 Av</p>	<p>30 Av</p>

TORAH STUDY  
AFTER BRUNCH unless  
indicated here





# TODAH RABAH



### Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

- June 1 Michael Diamond
- June 8 The Escamilla-Perez Family
- June 15 The Weiner Family
- June 22 Ruth & Rachel Elmakiss
- June 29 Linda Thomas
- July 6 The CAA Brotherhood
- July 20 Debbie Markowitz
- July 27 The Weiner Family

### August Brunches are generously sponsored by:

- August 3 Linda Thomas
- August 10 The Weiner Family
- August 17 Shannon & Wally Newsom in Celebration of Seth Clark's Birthday
- August 24 TBA
- August 31 TBA

### GENERAL FUND

Debbie & Jon Markowitz in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth  
Mrs. Rita Roosth in Memory of Jimmy Reed Davis

### BREAKFAST FUND

Chuck & Dee Wapner Remembering the Yahrzeit of Sadie Wapner

A big thanks to Tim Birmingham for installing 2 new doorbell systems. We now have working doorbells at both the front door and the kitchen door with buzzer buttons that work easily and speakers which allow them to be heard from a distance!! While he was at the Shul, he also installed a new peephole in the social hall outer door for safety and fixed a problem with the men's bathroom door. It was a busy day as Dale's Lawn crew caught up on the mowing, trimming and hauling away brush that had been accumulating, Dale and Tim took down two branches on the oak tree at the southeast corner to allow the sun to help establish new grass under that tree to prevent further erosion. Tim and Dale have also worked hard to correct an issue with a portion of our sidewalk on the south side of the building!

Thank you, gentlemen!!

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

Please use this form to make your donations and send to:  
Congregation Ahavath Achim 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, TX 75701

Thank you for printing!!!

Attached is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is being made:  
IN HONOR / MEMORY / OTHER OF:

Send acknowledgment to:

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

**MINIMUM DONATION \$5 PER REMEMBRANCE.**

- Breakfast Fund
- Maintenance Fund
- 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**

## CAA SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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*Our Sunday school program has grown exponentially over the past year, and with growth comes change. There will be a few changes in the way we do things for Sunday school starting this year. The goal is to have two meetings a month starting in August, and the starting date is yet to be determined. Another change is that we will be serving a light snack only and will be wrapping things up swiftly after the end of each session. The Sunday school committee is immensely looking forward to the start of a new year and we hope to enrich the minds of the youth with Judaism as much as possible in the short amount of time that we all carve out of our busy lives for this time together.*

*Thank you all for allowing us the pleasure of assisting in your child's growth in Judaism.*

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

The sisterhood has enjoyed a mostly restful summer with the two biggest events being the Holocaust Educators Program and our annual kitchen clean up. The Holocaust Educators program went extremely well, with an attendance of over 30 teachers, and a big thanks goes to all the ladies who worked tirelessly through the day to make sure that the teachers were well fed and taken care of!

Debbie Roosth did a wonderful job of coordinating and preparing for the event. Fran Birmingham, Rita Roosth, Jan Rosenfield, Dee Wapner along with Debbie Roosth made it all work so well during the event!

Dee Wapner, Ruth Elmakiss, Fran Birmingham, Linda Thomas, Debbie Roosth, Seth & Samantha Clark all spent several hours on Sunday, June 23rd scrubbing the kitchen from top to bottom in order to continue putting out the fabulous brunches we have all come to enjoy. The opening meeting for the sisterhood is scheduled for August 4th at 9:00 a.m. at the synagogue.



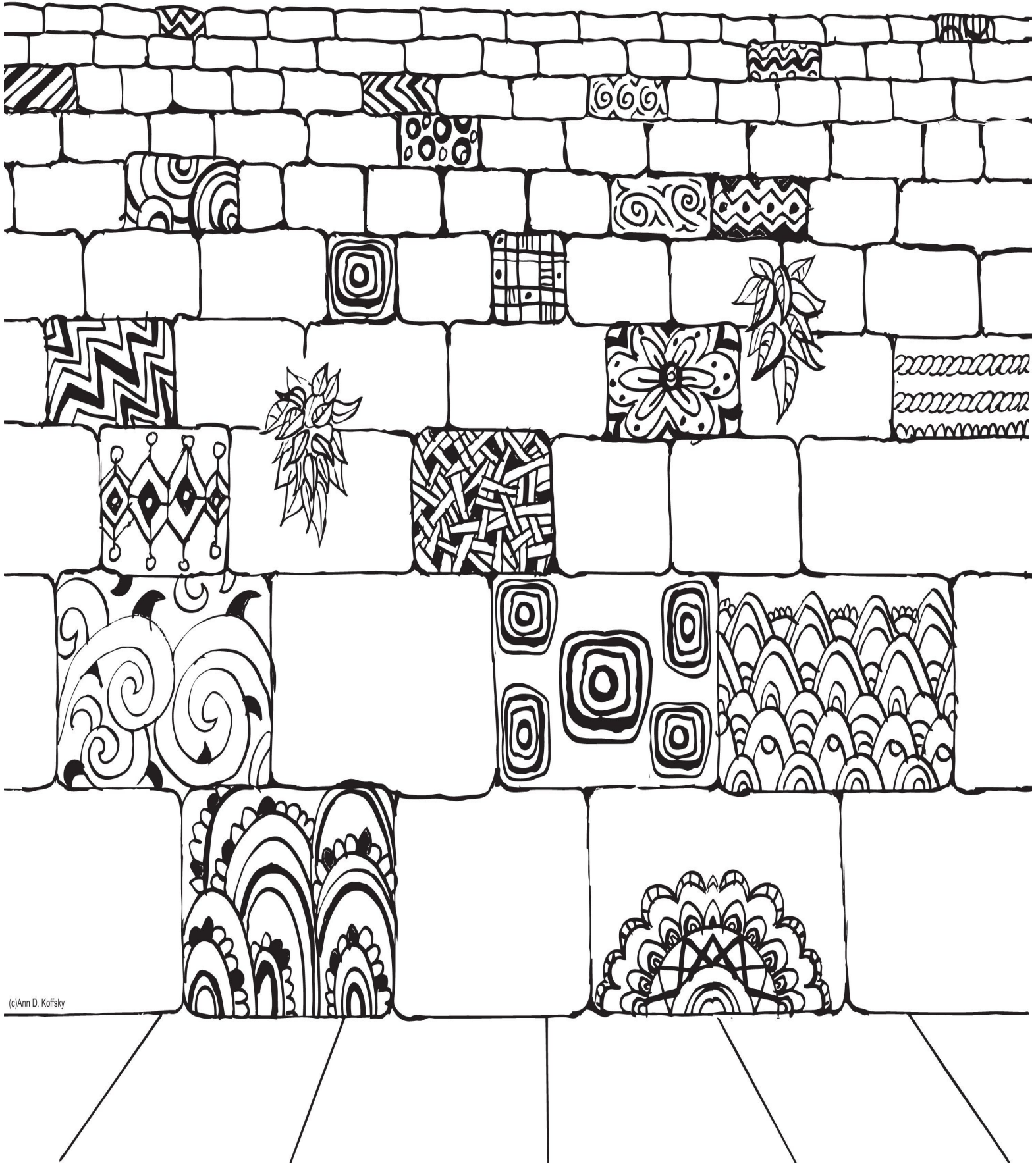
#### Cooking With the Sisterhood

#### CORN PUDDING

2 cans creamed corn  
2 eggs or 1/2 cup Egg Beaters  
1 tbsp. to 1/4 cup sugar (to taste)  
2 to 3 Tsp. flour of breadcrumbs or matzo meal

Mix together and place in low sided metal or glass baking dish. Bake 45 mins. to one hr. at 350 degree oven. You can add diced bell peppers, mushrooms or celery, etc.

# If I Forget thee, Oh Jerusalem...



(c)Ann D. Kofsky



## Yahrzeits

### AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 8

- 2 Harry Block  
Lillian Roberts  
5 Morris Rosenberg  
Marlin Waghalter  
7 Aleck S. Genecov

### AUGUST 9 - AUGUST 15

- 10 David Levy  
Sam M. Cohen  
Rebecca Lulky  
14 Herman Pines  
Sol Roosth  
15 Lonnie Goldfeder

### AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 22

- 16 Harry Kapner  
18 Pearl Levine  
19 Yidus Rudman Scrinopskie  
21 Ella Kelfer  
Jake Davidoff

### AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29

- 23 Albert Weintraub  
25 Jacob Meyer Edelman  
27 Molly Luskey  
Jeanne Glasser  
29 Eve Abramsky Smith

### AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5

- 30 Lester Waghalter  
31 Rose Heffler  
2 Stella Jarett  
3 Max Edelman  
Morris Forman  
5 Abraham Davidoff

### SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 12

- 7 Mary Davidoff  
Herta Levite  
9 Israel Smith  
10 Charles Simon Weintraub

### SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19

- 14 JoyceLynn Jacobs  
15 David Howard Smith  
19 Frank Covnet  
Annie Waghalter

### SEPTEMBER 20 - SEPTEMBER 26

- 20 William Zuckerman  
22 Mollye Goldberg  
23 Betty Smith  
David L. Wapner  
Hannah Solinger  
24 Christopher Jeffers Forzano  
Harry Krumholtz  
26 Mose Heffler  
Sydelle Israel

### SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3

- 28 Isaac Levine  
Anne Levine  
29 Abraham Schumer  
2 Leah Cosel  
Hilda Genecov  
Dorothy Berlin Heffler

### OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 10

- 4 Jennie Roosth  
6 Isadore Greenberg  
Anne Mayerson  
7 Rosa Josephine Wolf  
8 Zelick Greenberg  
10 Solomon Golenternek

### OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 17

- 11 Anne Beleck  
12 Hanna Kaplan  
13 Esther Roosth  
14 Ethel Cohen  
Pincus Kessler  
Ethlyn Tucker  
15 Sam A. Gaylin

### OCTOBER 18 - OCTOBER 24

- 18 Max Dworkin  
Hyman Ginsberg  
Samuel Goldstein  
22 Barbara Beth Dworkin  
Tanya Dworkin  
Sylvia Miller  
24 Elissa Dworkin  
Henry Heffler  
David Lawrence  
Warren Roosth  
Bertha Taylor  
Helen Bolnick

### OCTOBER 25 - OCTOBER 31

- 25 David Forchheimer  
Coy Mayfield  
26 David Davidoff  
Dr. Robert Swerdlow  
Adolph Topperman  
27 William Bromberg  
Arnold Oblonsky  
Lillie Katz  
28 Dora Antonoff  
Helen Cromer  
29 Morris Lulky  
30 Julius J. Genecov  
Elizabeth S. Guggenheim



## May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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**Tyler, TX 75701**

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**caatylertx.org**

If you are moving or changing an email address-  
 Please let us know so we can stay in touch!

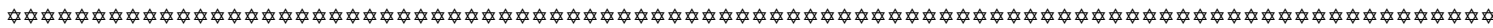
Call (903) 561-4284, email:

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Or write to: CAA 3501 S. Donnybrook Ave.  
 Tyler, TX 75701

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**FOR SECRETARY**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
**10:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.**  
**FOR RABBI LEARNER**  
**TUESDAY- THURSDAY**  
**4:15 -7:15 P.M.**  
**PLEASE CALL FIRST!**

- **Congregation Ahavath**
- **Achim** will not permit the open
- carry of firearms on synagogue
- property. This includes the Syna-
- gogue building, grounds, and ceme-
- tery. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Pe-
- nal Code (trespass by license holder
- with an openly carried handgun), a
- person licensed under Subchapter
- H, Chapter 411, Government Code
- (handgun licensing law), may not
- enter the property with a handgun
- that is carried openly.



**Remember A Loved One**

Memorial Plaque Order Form

Honor your departed loved ones with a fitting remembrance.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR:**

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Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Plaques - \$250 each

Make checks payable to Congregation Ahavath Achim  
 and send to 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, Texas  
 75701. If you need help with any part of this order  
 form, contact the synagogue at:  
 903-561-4284 or rabbialan@suddenlinkmail.com

**SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND**

Interested in ordering flowers for the Bimah?  
 Contact Charlene Goodman 903-894-7488  
 After you order, send your check, made out to:  
 Congregation Ahavath Achim Sisterhood to  
 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 tree is our Tree Of Life and is a way to honor, thank, congratulate, show love, and/or appreciation for a living person in your life. Let's fill our Tree of Life with lots of joy and happiness.

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.....simple 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 Rita Roosth and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you,  
 Rita