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3501 SOUTH DONNYBROOK, TYLER, TEXAS 75701

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From the Desk of the Rabbi

CLIMB YOUR MOUNTAIN

The Torah reading on Rosh Hashanah morning 2nd day comes from the Book of Genesis. It describes the Akedah on Mount Moriah. As a test of faithfulness and commitment, Hashem asks Abraham if he is willing to sacrifice his son Isaac on the mountain. Will Abraham offer to Hashem his beloved son and successor? In fear and trepidation, in despair and foreboding, "they walked together." The Midrash comments: "one to slaughter and one to be slaughtered, one to sacrifice and one to be sacrificed. And yet here they climbed together."

Jewish history is replete with unforgettable moments on mountains. In solitude Moses stood on the peak of Mount Sinai, amidst the thunder and lightning, receiving the Ten Commandments. On Mount Carmel, the prophet Elijah thundered to the prophets of Baal that "the L-d He is Hashem." On Mount Tabor, Deborah mustered her troops to do battle with Barak against Sisera and the Canaanites. On Mount Nebo, Moses viewed the Promised Land after 40 years in the wilderness.

A mountain symbolizes challenge. Moriah was a challenge to Abraham, Sinai to Moses, Carmel to Elijah, and Tabor to Deborah. So, this Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and in the year to come, what is our mountain we have to climb? What challenge or challenges await us in this New Year of 5781? When examining from the perspective of our Congregation, for me and I'm sure everyone else, it is staying healthy and maintaining the spiritual connection with Hashem as we wade carefully through the trying times of COVID-19.

Some of the greatest lives have been devoted to climbing mountains, not literally, but metaphorically. A mountain is a symbol of challenge: obstacles, impediments and hurdles. We talk of a "mountainous way", a "hilly ascent," "a challenge that looms ahead of us!" A mountain symbolizes size and magnitude. We talk of "mountainous doubts," "mountainous problems", "mountainous disappointments", "mountainous tzuris" and even "mountainous chutzpah". Will we be negotiating peace "on the summit" of Har Moriah (Jerusalem) this coming year and with who?

One of the ways we will attempt to overcome this "mountainous challenge" is by incorporating live steaming of our services which hopefully can connect many of our members who are not able to attend services this year for the High Holidays due to the COVID-19 concerns. This is an unprecedented time in our Congregation. We have always operated with the understanding of using electronics in our Shul on Shabbas and Chagim was not permitted due to our interpretation of the 39 Melachot. Getting to this decision to do so, has presented some challenges which we could consider a small mountain that had to be climbed.

Time will tell whether we are able to reach the top of this "mountain". Needless to say, we are moving forward and will soon have this new technology in place. Always remember this is no substitute for staying at home. If you are healthy, able and confident, please come to services. I encourage you to do so. Nothing beats a physical presence in any service than when we gather together to praise Hashem. It's not just good for me; it's good for all of us. Just make sure you let us know you are coming so we can plan the proper seating for social distancing.

May Hashem bless us and keep us safe from all harm as we go forth into this New Year of 5781. May the mountains we have to climb in the next year allow us to emerge stronger on the other side. May you all stay healthy and clear of the COVID-19 and may Hashem bring healing quickly to those who continue to climb and struggle in our current times, and the times to come. May we continue to climb together in strength.

L'Shana Tova, and with Torah Blessings, Rabbi

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Dear CAA Members:

Covid-19 virus and the surrounding debate continues to be a very heavy weight on all our hearts. However, the CAA Board of Trustees and voting members worked diligently to develop a compromise through three surveys. By a majority of 7 to 3 (70%) in favor, a majority finally agreed to cautiously reopen the synagogue on August 29, 2020, but only to our congregation members. However, there will be strictly limited capacity and mandatory compliance with the following safety policy requirements:

- (1) Social distancing of 6 feet between individuals and between individuals and family groups. Family groups are exempt from social distancing within their family group.
- (2) One empty row between each occupied row in the sanctuary.
- (3) Three empty seats between unrelated individuals and between unrelated individuals and family groups; families may sit together.
- (4) All persons ten years of age and older are required to wear a mask at all times when in the synagogue. Wearing a face shield that wraps around the sides of the wearer's face and extends below the chin is acceptable for those persons who have personal medical or physical difficulties that prevent them from safely wearing a mask. However, either a mask or a shield is required at all times in all locations, including the sanctuary, all hallways, and other rooms within the synagogue building.

The objectives are to: (A) reduce the broad spray of droplets when a mask/shield wearer accidentally coughs/sneezes; and (B) reduce the risk of inhaling any remaining droplets by bystanders who are also wearing masks/shields.

- (5) Limit attendance to 35 adults. Children attending with the adults are not included in the count.
- (6) Distribute the "CAA Covid-19 Plan Poster" via the congregant email list prior to reopening and again to each individual and family group as they arrive at the entrance.

As additional clarification, social distancing of six feet applies to the sanctuary and all other rooms and hallways within the synagogue building at all times. This means that when visiting inside the building before services, during breaks and after services, attendees must maintain social distancing (6 feet spacing) and wear either a face mask or a face shield.

Because the number of persons attending must be limited, if you plan to attend, you must reserve a spot for any Saturday service and for the anticipated High Holiday services in advance. Only the first 35 adults and their minor children will be allowed in services because we must accomplish safe social distancing.

If you plan to attend, please contact Leanne as soon as possible to reserve your space. You must list how many and the names of any family members that are planning to attend with you. caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com (903) 561-4284

We are sorry for this inconvenience, and while we would prefer to accommodate all attendees, we have adopted social distancing recommendations established in compliance with public health and government guidelines.

Once the reservation list has been filled for a particular service date, late applicants will be notified that the services are closed.

Discussion of Face Masks and Face Shields

Electing to use a face shield, rather than a face mask, is a reasonable accommodation for those persons who know that they have medical or physical difficulties that prevent them from safely wearing a face mask. We trust your judgment and will not interfere or inquire as to why if you choose to wear face shield rather than a face mask.

I respectfully submit that the Board of Trustees and voting members are well aware and understand the vigorous debate relative to personal choices about wearing face masks and face shields, which is an entirely separate issue from medical risks and conditions. Notwithstanding, CAA has adopted this standard safety policy based exclusively on medical risks and conditions that require face masks (preferred) or the use of a face shield when medical or physical difficulties prevent someone from safely wearing a face mask (reasonable accommodation).

The Board of Trustees and voting members must maintain the safest environment reasonably feasible for everyone if CAA is to remain open for services. At no fault of our own, we are forced to weather through the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic and we need your help, support and understanding. We have defined a reasonable accommodation for those who cannot safely wear a face mask. However, if you have decided you are unwilling to wear a face mask or a face shield as a matter of personal choice, we want you to know in advance before you make plans that persons without a face mask or a face shield may not attend inperson services.

I respectfully remind you, attending in-person services is your personal choice. Each of us is responsible for preserving our own life and health and the life and health of others to the extent feasible as a religious duty (Pikuach Nefesh). The synagogue is not responsible for and cannot assure your health and safety relative to COVID-19 exposure. COVID-19 can be totally without symptoms in some people (asymptomatic). An asymptomatic person carrying active COVID-19 may be completely unaware that they have the virus, which is why everyone is required to wear a face mask or a face shield when inside the synagogue building, to protect themselves AND others. Additionally, if you are in a high-risk group or have health issues, we strongly recommend that you weigh your specific risks very carefully before choosing to attend services or other group activities.

In closing, there is hopeful news. CAA is introducing a new opportunity over the next week. We are working diligently to implement a new computer system for streaming live services to your home computers and to the computers of our remote congregants and friends. We are expecting installation on Thursday, August 27, 2020 and will be testing the equipment between now and the High Holidays.

In advance, thank you, all, for understanding why these safety requirements are so important, and for respectfully complying with the mandatory CAA safety policy requirements that are in place should you choose to attend.

My very best regards to all, and may Hashem bless, shield and protect you as move toward the High Holidays.

Tim Birmingham, CAA President 2020



HIGH HOLIDAY POLICIES

As in the past, Congregation Ahavath Achim welcomes all out-of-town family members, guests and visitors to our High Holy Day services. Attendance will be complimentary to the following people: (i) full-time students; (ii) Ahavath Achim conversion class students; and (iii) guests who belong to a synagogue in their home area.

Anyone who resides (i) within 90 miles of Tyler; or (ii) 90 miles or more from Tyler and who does not belong to a synagogue in their area, may attend services for a required minimum donation of \$180 per seat. There is no reduction in the donation for services not attended. Children under age 18 accompanying their parents will receive complimentary seats.

Any non-member wishing to attend High Holy Day services should contact our synagogue secretary (903.561.4284) or email caasectary@suddenlinkmail.com. While we welcome all visitors, we ask that you please be mindful that our congregation is committed to the principles and values of Conservative Judaism. Proselytizing and engaging in discussions that are contrary to the principles, values, and beliefs of Conservative Judaism are strongly discouraged. Violators of our policies will be asked to immediately disengage from such activities or be asked to leave.

SEPTEMBER Bimah Schedule

- 5 Kimberly Walls
- 26 Dr. Stan Weiner
- 12 Dr. Michael Tobes
- 27 President (KN) | SEPTE
- 18 President (Erev RH)
- 28 President (YK) | for SEPT
- 19 President (RH)
- 20 President (RH)

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

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BULLETIN
DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 18
for SEPTEMBER
Bulletin
Submit articles to:
caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com
Thank you!

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

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If you have an item for the agenda, please call or e-mail Tim Birmingham or Dr. Michael Tobes

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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	September	5	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	KI TAVO Deuteronomy 26:1 - 27:10 Isaiah 60:1 - 22	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	September	12	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	NITSZAVIM & VAYELEKH Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:14 Isaiah 61:10 - 63:9	9:00 A.M.
Friday Saturday	September September	18 19	Evening Service Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir Haftorah Afternoon Service Evening Service Torah Reading	EREV ROSH HASHANAH 1st Day ROSH HASHANAH Genesis 21:1 - 34 Numbers 29:1 - 6 Samuel 1:1 - 2:10 MINCHA 2nd NIGHT ROSH HASHANAH Deuteronomy 32:1 - 1-12	7:00 P.M. 8:00 A.M. 6:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.
Sunday	September	20	Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir	2nd Day ROSH HASHANAH Genesis 22:1 - 24 Numbers 29:1 - 6	8:00 A.M.
Saturday	September	26	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	HA'AZINU SHABBAT SHUVA Deuteronomy 32:1 - 52 Joel 2:15 - 27	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Monday	September September	27 28	Evening Service Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir Haftorah	EREV YOM KIPPUR-KOL NIDRE YOM KIPPUR Leviticus 16:1 - 34 Numbers 29:7 - 11 Isaiah 54:14 - 58:14	6:45 P.M. 9:00 A.M.
			Afternoon Service BLOW the SHOF	AR/BREAK the FAST (at home)	4:45 P.M. 7:45 P.M.





YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH CAREFULLY WEIGH RISKS BEFORE CHOOSING TO ATTEND SERVICES IN PERSON

Do not plan to attend services in-person if:

You currently have COVID-19; You know you have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days;

You have fever or have had fever within the last 14 days; You have health conditions that put you at increased risk for COVID-19 infection/complications; You are unwilling, as a matter of personal choice, to wear a face mask or face shield in the building.

All persons ten years of age and older are required to wear a mask at all times when in the synagogue. Wearing a face shield that wraps around the sides of the wearer's face and extends below the chin is acceptable for those persons who have personal medical or physical difficulties that prevent them from safely wearing a mask.

However, either a mask or a shield is required at all times in all locations, including the sanctuary, all hallways, and other rooms within the synagogue building.

To reduce droplet spray effectively – sneeze/cough into your elbow, even when wearing a mask. Check your temperature at home just before you come to the synagogue to assure it is within the normal range. Use hand sanitizer immediately when you enter the synagogue. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Maintain at least six feet between you and other congregants. Family members may sit in seats beside each other but must socially distance six feet from other individuals. Seating arrangements require one empty row between occupied rows. Three empty seats are required between individuals and between individuals and family groups. Parents are responsible to supervise their children at all times and to assure the children comply with social distancing requirements when around other congregants who are not members of their family. Notify the synagogue in advance by phone or email if you plan to attend services. Seating is limited to 35 adults with accompanying minor children during services until further notice due to social distancing requirements.

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SEPTEMBER

Service: 4 Birnah: Pr Blow the S 9 Tishri 7:45 pm	27 ;i6:56PM 28 Erev Yom Kippur Service: 6:45 pm Erev Yom Kippur-Kol Nidre Bimah: President Bimah: President Bimah: President	2 Tishri	20 \$8:09PM 21 Fas Rosh Hashanah II Service: 8:00 am 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Bimah: President	24 Elul	13 CAA Board of Trustees 9:00 am	17 Elul	6 7			Sunday
Service: 4:45 pm Mincha Birnah: President Blow the Shofar (at home) 7:45 pm 10 Tishri	§7:58PM opur (Yizkor) O am ident	3 Tishri	§8:07PM Fast of Gedaliah	25 Elul		18 Elul				Monday
11 Tishri	29	4 Tishri	22	26 Elul	15	19 Elul	&	12 Elul	7	Tuesday
12 Tishri	30	5 Tishri	23	27 Elul	16	20 Elul	9	13 Elul	N	Wednesday
High Ha		6 Tishri	24	28 Elul	17	21 Elul	10	14 Elui	ω	Thursday
Holy Days	NO 1	7 Tishri	25 i _i 6:59PM	29 Elul	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service: 7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Bimah: President	22 Elul	11 17:18PM	15 Elui	4 7:27PM 5	Friday
	NO TORAH STUDY AFTER SERVICES	8 Tishri	26 Service: 9:00 am PARSHA: HA'AZINU Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner	1 Tishri	19 §8:10PM/i¡8:10PM Rosh Hashanah I Service: 8:00 am 1st Day Rosh Hashanah Bimah: President	23 Elul	\$8:20PM Selihot Service: 9:00 am PARSHA: NITZAVIM & VAYELEKH Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes	16 Elul	5 Service: 9:00 am PARSHA: KI TAVO Bimah: Kimberly Walls	Saturday





September Celebrations <u>Birthdays</u>

- 4 Kai Hammel
- 7 Steven Maxwell Jalnos Rachel Marie Latner
- 9 Jan Rosenfield
- 10 Kesleigh L. Terry
- 11 Fay E. Green
- 13 Hannah Birmingham Mikhael Jacob Latner
- 14 Jamie Rachel Kaufman
- 15 Suzanne Sobel
- 24 Sophia Roosth
- 25 Merrion Adelaide Birmingham Joshua Marc Schumer
- 26 Shannon Newsom
- 27 Betty Odile Goodman-Hasse

Anniversaries SEPTEMBER

- 5 David & Felice Silverberg
- 17 Richard & David Melamed
- 26 Dale & Karin Latner









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Larry Krasner in Memory of Bernard & Bessie Krasner

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IN HONOR / MEMORY / OTHER OF:	☐ Rabbinic Fund ☐ Book Fund
Send acknowledgment to:	THE FUNDS BELOW REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHECK
Name AddressCity/State/Zip	☐ Sylvan Mellinger Maintenance Fund
This donation is made by:	☐ Rabbi Discretionary Fund
Name	Sisterhood Flower Fund - CAA SISTERHOOD
Address	Cemetery Fund - CAA CEMETERY

Yahrzeits

30	Charles Simon Weintraub
SEPTE	MBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 10
4	David Howard Smith
8	Frank Covnet
	Kolman Marmar
	Annie Waghalter
9	William Zuckerman
SEPTE	MBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 17
11	Mollye Goldberg
12	Betty Smith
	David L. Wapner
	Hannah Solinger
13	Christopher Jeffers Forzano
	Harry Krumholtz
15	Mose Heffler
	Sydelle Israel
17	Isaac Levine
	Anne Werbner
SEPTE	MBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 24
18	Abraham Schumer
20	Sam Mayerson
21	Leah Cosel
	Hilda Genecov
	Dorothy Berlin Heffler
22	Earl Dan Israel
23	Jennie Roosth
	MBER 25 - OCTOBER 1
25	Isadore Greenberg
	Anne Mayerson
26	Rosa Josephine Wolf
27	Zelick Greenberg
29	Solomon Golenternek
30	Anne Beleck
1	Hanna Kaplan

<u>SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 3</u> 29 Israel Smith

OCTO	BER 2 - OCTOBER 8
2	Esther Roosth
3	Ethel Cohen
	Pincus Kessler
	Ethlyn Ticker
4 7	Sam A. Gaylin
7	Max Dworkin
	Hyman Ginsberg
	Samuel Goldstein
<u>осто</u>	BER 9 - OCTOBER 16
11	Barbara Beth Dworkin
	Tanya Dworkin
	Sylvia Miller
13	Elissa Dworkin
	Henry Heffler
	David Lawrence
	Warren Roosth
	Bertha Taylor
	Helen Bolnick
14	David Forchheimer
	Coy Mayfield
15	David Davidoff
	Dr. Robert Swerdlow
	Adolph Topperman
<u>OCTO</u>	BER 17 - OCTOBER 22
16	William Bromberg
	Arnold Oblonsky
	Lillie Katz
17	Dora Antonoff
	Helen Cromer
18	Morris Lulky
19	Julius J. Genecov
	Elizabeth S. Gugenheim
21	Evelyn Greenwald Lazarus
22	Joe Harr
28	Freda Lichtman

осто	BER 23 - OCTOBER 29
23	Beatrice Dworkin
25	Bernice Golden
	Samuel Offricht
	Gitel Sack
	Jacob Sack
26	Fannie Z. Ginsberg
27	Mary Bromberg
осто	BER 30 - NOVEMBER 5 Pauline Edelman
31	Pauline Edelman
2	Boyce Genecov
4	Edward Hertzfeld
	Leo Golenternek
5	Meyer Mayerson
NOVE	MBER 6 - NOVEMBER 12
7	Esther Katz
	Max Katz
	Sam Krumholtz
8	Julia Weintraub
9	Helen Heffler Silverman
11	Alexander Mirsky
12	Hyman Faulk
	Goodman Lazarus
	Sidney Waghalter
NOVE	MBER 13 - NOVEMBER 19 Sylvia "Teeby" Forchheime
13	Sylvia "Teeby" Forchheime
	Yetta Engle
	Burton Gaylin
15	Ely Taylor
16	Abraham Luskey
19	Jacob Bromberg
<u>NOVE</u>	MBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26
20	Esther Mellinger
	Ida Richman
	Sol Edelman
22	Morris Fleishman
	Samuel Waghalter
24	Musia Shteinsheleifer
<u>NOVE</u>	MBER 27 - DECEMBER 1
28	Rita Mayerson Roosth

Rebecca Edelman Davis

Doris Miller

May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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If you are moving or changing an email address-Please let us know so we can stay in touch! Call (903) 561-4284, email: caasecretary @ sudddenlinkmail.com 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 Synagogue building, grounds, and cemetery. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal 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.

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Hebrew Date of Death_____

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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 Leanne the secretaryand I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne