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From the Desk of the Rabbi

As you receive this bulletin, we will be in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. If you look at your Hebrew calendars, you will see after the month of Tishri is over, with the exception of Rosh Chodesh, Cheshvan has no holidays, and no major events. Does this mean the month of Cheshvan is without Mazel? Nothing could be further from the truth!

There are many books on Jewish Mysticism and thought. One of these books is the *Sefer Yetzirah* or *Book of Formation* whose origins go back to the Oral Tradition as far back as Abraham. More practically we find it connected to the period of the Mishnah around the second century C.E. Jewish Mysticism can be a very deep involved process to absorb, but with a little reference and explanation, the month of Cheshvan has very deep, spiritual and messianic meaning as taught in the *Sefer Yetzirah*.

Cheshvan in Hebrew: חֶשְׁׁוֹן as it is also known, Mar-Cheshvan, is the eighth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. In the Bible, *Cheshvan* is called the month of *Bool* בּוֹל a name stemming from the word for "flood" or Ma'bool מַבּוּל. The flood began on the 17th of *Cheshvan*, and ended the following year on the 27th of *Cheshvan*. On the following day, the 28th of *Cheshvan*, Noah brought his sacrifice to G-d and G-d swore never again to bring a flood upon the earth to destroy all mankind, and then revealed the sign of His covenant with the world, the rainbow.

The *Sefer Yetzirah* states *Cheshvan* is "reserved" for the time of the Mashiach, who will inaugurate the third Temple in the month of *Cheshvan*. The letter of the Hebrew alphabet *Cheshvan* corresponds to is the letter *Nun*. As a verb-root, *nun* means "to reign." As a noun, it means "the heir to the throne".

The Zodiac sign for the month of *Cheshvan* is Scorpio or the Scorpion. Now one may wonder how the Scorpion can be a positive thing for the month of *Cheshvan*? Our sages teach us the scorpion or Ak'rab עֶקְרָב is the deadliest member of the general category of poisonous creatures whose archetypal figure is the primordial snake of Eden. The Hebrew word for "scorpion," derives from the word meaning "heel" or Ah'kav עֶקֶב as is said in the Torah: "And you [the snake] shall bite him [man] at the heel" (*Genesis 3:15*). Thus the scorpion symbolizes the consummate "bite" of the snake at the heel of man. This biblical curse will all be negated with the coming of the Mashiach. According to the Gematria, the word "Mashiach" numerically adds up to 358. The word "scorpion" or Ak'rab עֶקְרָב equals 372. The Mashiach is to be a descendent of David דָּוִד whose value is 14. When you add 14 to 358, it equals the value of "scorpion". The *nun* is the 14th letter of the Hebrew alphabet which connects to the royalty of the Davidic dynasty.

Cheshvan has a tribal connection which is Menashe who was the firstborn son of Joseph and means "to forget" (literally "to leap, up and away"). Menashe represents the power of the "Tzadik" or the "righteous one" (referring to Joseph) who went through hardships, trials and tribulations in Egypt before rising to power. It is believed when the Mashiach comes, our hardships, trials and tribulations will be transformed into joy.

Out of all of the five senses, *Cheshvan* is associated with the sense of smell which is the most spiritual of all human senses. The Hebrew word for "smell" or Ray'ach רִיחַ is similar to the word for "spirit" or Ru'ach רוּחַ. The sages teach us that smell is the one and only sense "the soul enjoys and not the body." The sense of smell is the only sense (of the five senses) that did not participate, and thereby was not blemished or polluted, in the primordial sin of man in the Garden of Eden. It is the "sense" which saved the Jewish people in the time of Mordechai and Esther, who are called Mor Ve'Hadas "myrrh and myrtle," the two primary sources of fragrance). Furthermore, it is explicitly stated the sense of the Mashiach is the sense of "smell". "And he shall smell with the awe of G-d"—"he shall judge by smell" (rather than by sight or hearing. Isaiah 11:3; *Sanhedrin* 93b). By his sense of smell (his "holy spirit"), the Mashiach will know how to connect each Jewish soul to its Divine root, and thereby identify its tribe (branch) in Israel.

Jewish Mysticism may seem way out there at times, but one cannot ignore the insight that has resulted from study of these ancient sages into this area of Jewish study. How they were able in their own time, without the help of computers, to connect these aspects to the Mashiach and the month of *Cheshvan* is remarkable. Each Hebrew month comes with its own level of Jewish Mysticism. *Cheshvan* does not stand alone.

So, the next time after High Holidays are over, and you think the dull month of *Cheshvan* is just the month before Kislev and the holiday of Chanukah, reflect on some good old Jewish Mysticism. You will find that just like the Sages of old, the more you put into your Judaism, the more you will get out of it. May you have a joyous *Cheshvan*, and may we all live to see the messianic fulfillment this month mystically represents.

With Torah Blessings,

Rabbi

President's Message

I am very happy to announce the recent exposure to Covid-19 at the synagogue has been resolved. Thankfully, everyone is fine and this event has passed without complications or spread of infections.

We are very excited to announce that the synagogue is open and we began conducting in-person services on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

It is important to note, precautions necessarily remain in place, as defined in the revised safety policy poster included in this bulletin for your convenience. Social distancing within the sanctuary and masks or face shields are still the key elements. However, I would like to report we never exceeded the attendance limit in place during the High Holidays. Based on our attendance since reopening, we have sufficient room to accommodate additional congregants and friends, while continuing to maintain safe distances between seating arrangements. So, we want you to feel welcome to attend. Although the total number of seats and seating arrangements are necessarily limited to approximately 35 adults and their accompanying children due to distancing requirements, we will gladly seat additional attendees as they arrive, so long as we can maintain one row and three seats between family groups and individuals.

Additionally, the Board has decided we will no longer require reservations for in-person services, making it possible for you to attend without advance planning or notification. Please arrive at 9:00 AM for services to assure your seat and to be present to help us make minyan for Torah services.

We invite you to enjoy in-person services and to help us make a minyan each Saturday. It is an especially exciting and important period for Congregation Ahavath Achim since one of our youth congregants is in the final moments of preparation for his Bar Mitzvah and he will be leading services along with the Rabbi through the end of October, at which time he will celebrate his bar mitzvah.

Your health is our priority during these challenging times. So, if you unable to safely attend services in person, then we encourage you to begin or to continue attending virtual services on-line. Our on-line YouTube channel is up and running with very good results, thus far. During the High Holiday season, we received more than 40 new subscribers to our channel, resulting in more than 500 views and more than 15,000 minutes of viewing time. I will distribute a survey to you in the next few days to assess your opinion relative to virtual services. In advance, CAA greatly appreciates your participation to help us improve the streaming service.

As a reminder, the following link goes directly to our YouTube channel where you can view live services, when available, and archived services, based on your convenient viewing schedule: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCapnlzuDDx1N6dKn7o2LppQ>

In closing, we sincerely appreciate all of our congregants and friends and we are very excited to open our doors wider, extending our services to more congregants and other interested friends. Over the coming months, we hope to welcome new Jewish members, to reacquaint with our Jewish congregants who have not attended in recent months, and to meet new friends and supporters.

In summary, our safety precautions and safety plan seems to have stabilized our ability to reopen in-person services and recent events seem to support that our preparedness has improved. With your help and support of our policies, we envision remaining open for services in a safe and welcoming environment.

Tim Birmingham, CAA President 2020

Thank You to All Who Donated to the Rabbi's High Holiday Bonus

A VERY SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee would like to recognize and express our deepest thanks and appreciation to the following people for your dedication, commitment and leadership during our Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services:

- ✦ Rabbi Alan Learner for your inspiring services and energizing shofar blowing;
- ✦ Kai Hammel for your superb Torah Service;
- ✦ Stan Weiner for your exceptional Haftorah reading;
- ✦ Seth Clark for your brilliant Yonah Haftorah reading;
- ✦ Christie Osburn for your fantastic services as gabbai;
- ✦ Sam Learner for calling out the shofar notes at the closing of Yom Kippur;
- ✦ Ruth Elmakiss for your beautiful English readings on Kol Nidre and during Neilah on Yom Kippur;
- ✦ Seth Clark, Christie Osburn, and Karin Latner for your excellent English readings for the Shacharit, Musaf, and Mincha services, respectively, on Yom Kippur;
- ✦ Daron Walls for your attentive petichah Ark openings; and
- ✦ Our Safety Team members for giving us all a sense of calming reassurance.

And, a note of special thanks to Shannon and Wally Newsom for your generous and kind donation for the beautiful floral arrangement for our bimah.

To each and every one of you who volunteered your time and energy, or attended services over the High Holidays in person or “remotely”, we thank you for helping make this year’s High Holidays special in spite of the COVID-19 challenges.

Dee Wapner, Chair
The Ritual Committee

NOVEMBER Bimah Schedule

| | |
|----|----------------|
| 7 | Ruth Elmakiss |
| 14 | Steve Roosth |
| 21 | Dale Latner |
| 28 | Kimberly Walls |

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

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

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue**

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



shabbat shalom



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

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| Saturday | November | 7 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | VAYERA Genesis 19:1 - 20:18 II Kings 4:1 - 37 | 9:00 A.M. |
| | | | | BIRCHAT HACHODESH | |
| Saturday | November | 14 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | CHAYEI SARA Genesis 24:10 - 24:52 I Kings 1:1 - 31 | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | November | 21 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | TOLDOT Genesis 26:23 - 27:27 Malachai 1:1 - 2:7 | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | November | 28 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | VAYETZIE Genesis 30:14 - 31:16 Hosea 12:13 - 14:10 | 9:00 A.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.

NOTICE – You are responsible for your own health. 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 mask or face shield when inside the synagogue 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.

NOVEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|---|
| 1 14 Heshvan | 2 15 Heshvan | 3 16 Heshvan | 4 17 Heshvan | 5 18 Heshvan | 6 19 Heshvan | 7 20 Heshvan Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYERA Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss |
| 8 CAA Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m. | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 14 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: CHAYEI SARA Bimah: Steve Roosth | 14 20 Heshvan Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: TOLDOT Bimah: Dale Latner |
| 15 21 Heshvan | 16 22 Heshvan | 17 23 Heshvan Rosh Hodesh | 18 24 Heshvan | 19 25 Heshvan | 20 26 Heshvan | 21 27 Heshvan Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYETZIE Bimah: Kimberly Walls |
| 22 28 Heshvan | 23 29 Heshvan | 24 1 Kisleiv | 25 2 Kisleiv | 26 3 Kisleiv | 27 4 Kisleiv | 28 5 Kisleiv Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYETZIE Bimah: Kimberly Walls |
| 29 6 Kisleiv | 30 7 Kisleiv | 8 Kisleiv | 9 Kisleiv | 10 Kisleiv | 11 Kisleiv | 12 Kisleiv |
| 13 Kisleiv | 14 Kisleiv | | | | | |



NO TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES

November Celebrations

Birthdays

- 9 Heather Rey
Larry Rosenfeld
- 12 Hannah Yates
- 14 Taylor Goodman
- 15 Richard Beaver
- 18 Ruth Elmakiss
- 19 Chad Alexander Roosth
- 20 Samantha Clark
- 21 Ryan David Green
- 23 Jason Bromberg
Betzael Munoz
- 24 Aaron Micah Green
- 27 Galit Moyal
- 28 Sophia Anna Learner
- 30 Ezra Meir Walls



TODAH RABAH

Mellinger Maintenance Fund
Dale & Karin Latner

GENERAL FUND
Paul Johndrow



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- Maintenance Fund
- Hebrew School Fund
- Adult Education Fund
- Safety Fund
- General Fund
- Rabbinic Fund
- Book Fund

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

Yahrzeits

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5

31 Pauline Edelman
 2 Boyce Genecov
 4 Edward Hertzfeld
 Leo Golenternek
 5 Meyer Mayerson

NOVEMBER 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

NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 19

13 Sylvia "Teeby" Forchheimer
 Yetta Engle
 Burton Gaylin
 15 Ely Taylor
 16 Abraham Luskey
 19 Jacob Bromberg

NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26

20 Esther Mellinger
 Ida Richman
 Sol Edelman
 22 Morris Fleishman
 Samuel Waghalter
 24 Musia Shteinsheleifer

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

28 Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Rebecca Edelman Davis
 Doris Miller

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

4 Bertha Bertheim
 William Edelman
 Morris Golldberg
 Frank Levine
 5 Frances Chalmers
 Walter H. Lazarus
 6 Hilda G. Roosth
 7 Mayer Mellinger

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

12 Alex Golenternek
 13 Abner Waghalter
 Ben Edleman
 14 Madeline Lieberman Wolf
 Rebecca Heffler Berry
 16 Hershel Sobel
 Sam Greenberg

DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 24

19 Fanny Fleishman
 20 Freda Levy
 Sallie Mellinger
 22 Claire Ann Gaylin
 23 Madeline Lugassy Richings
 24 Annie Rosenthal

DECEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 31

25 Hyman Golenternek
 Ida Green
 Bertram Jacob Learner
 26 William Parks
 27 Phillip Golenternek
 28 Freda Genecov
 29 Louis Miller
 30 Edward Chalmers
 Isaac Goldberg
 31 Phillip Mosier

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 7

1 David Mayerson
 2 Sherry Lynn Roosth
 Charlie Cohen
 3 Carl Green
 4 Celia Levine
 Oscar Mastbaum
 5 Rose Frankel
 Joe Golenternek
 6 Mindel Katz
 Mickey Memelstein
 Max Rubin
 7 Max Antonoff
 Mildred Sable

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 14

8 William Beleck
 Rose Carst Mirsky
 Sam Roosth
 9 Max Mellinger
 10 Monroe Mirsky
 Elizabeth Levy Sherman
 Eugene (Sandy) Katz
 11 Murray Kravitz
 12 Rose Carter
 Sarah Hertzfeld
 Morris Leaman
 Joe Levy
 Jesseo Tubat
 Louis Sobel
 14 Mollie Acenberg

JANUARY 15 - JANUARY 21

16 Winifred Heringhi
 Milton Joel Kapner
 17 Dr. Dan Golenternek
 Aaron Joseph Levy
 Harris Zuckerman
 18 Frayde Mastbaum
 Minnie Beatrice Waghalter
 21 Robert Beaver
 Ellinore S. Learner

JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 28

22 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs
 23 Morris Sherman
 24 Emmanuel (Manny) Smith
 Samuel Genecov
 25 Joseph Aranow
 Marlene Mandell
 Rebecca Miller
 26 Jennie Haltzman
 27 Mollie Mirsky
 Ike Rudman
 Sidney C. Kahn
 Minnie Kahn
 Selma Kahn

JANUARY 29 - JANUARY 31

28 Frances Soltes Sobel
 29 Rose Beaver
 31 Isaac Block
 Raymond Kahn
 Jane Pearl Suarez
 Sidney M. Wolf



May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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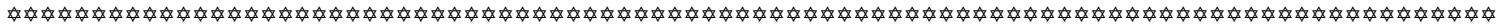
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- tery. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Pe-
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To help you with your wording, please look at the leaves currently on the tree. You will notice that the fewer words, the better, as the letters are larger 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 secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne