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From The Desk of The Rabbi

Every now and then, we approach the month of October where all of our holidays in the seventh month of our Hebrew calendar or Tishrei are over and we enter into the month of Marcheshvan. Virtually every month of the Hebrew calendar has at least one holiday or significant observance in it but not Marcheshvan. To be honest, after the solemnities of the High Holidays, and the festive atmosphere of Sukkot thru Simchat Torah, Marcheshvan seems on the surface to be a bit anticlimactic.

When we consider this seemingly “unimportant” month of our Hebrew calendar, nothing could be further from the real importance that Marcheshvan symbolizes. Marcheshvan is commonly referred to as the “bitter month” because of its lack of what we would define as “Mazel”. Even the month of Av, when we mourn the destruction of both Temples and all the other various calamities the Jewish people have historically endured, is not considered bitter.

Naturally, like all the other Hebrew months, the original name of this month was not Marcheshvan. In fact, its original name was “Bul” and refers to the idea of “drying up”. For us in the Northern Hemisphere, drying up can be associated with fall. However, in Israel it can allude to something else.

In Israel, this month marks the beginning of the rainy season and leads up to winter. It is from this time up to Pesach that Israel relies on the rains to fall. That is why we recite the verse in the Amidah of “Ma’sheev Ha’ruach U’mo’reed Ha’Geshem”. “You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.” Rain plays a very important connection to the month of Cheshvan.

Historically, there are major events which occurred in the month of Cheshvan. First was the flood during the time of Noah which began on the 17th of Cheshvan. The following year on the 27th of Cheshvan, the waters receded allowing Noah, his family and all the life that had been saved exit the ark on dry land. The Hebrew word for flood is “Mabul”. Hence the connection to the original name of the month.

According to our Sages, the flood was supposed to begin on the 11th of Cheshvan. The reason for its delay was due to the death of the oldest human being who ever lived; Methuselah. Tradition states the flood was delayed so Noah could observe the seven days of mourning following Methuselah’s passing.

Second, the 11th of Cheshvan marks the passing of Rachel, Jacob’s wife who died giving birth to Benjamin. Both the passing of Methuselah and Rachel were on the same day of the month. Since there are no coincidences in the Torah, what is the connection between these two events and how does this relate to the basis of the month of Cheshvan?

Rachel represents the Jewish nation in exile. Benjamin represents the completed state of the Jewish people living in the Land of Israel. Rachel, who was born and lived her life completely outside of the Land of Israel passed away just as Jacob and the rest of the family were entering into the Land of Israel. The Sages teach Rachel’s spirit accompanied the Jewish people as they were exiled to Babylonia and she still weeps for her children until the final redemption.

Benjamin however is the last son of Jacob. He is the twelfth of the tribes and his birth represents the completion of the people of Israel. He also happens to be the only son of Jacob who was literally born in the land of Israel; not outside of it. Later on, in the Tanach, in the book of Samuel, we see King Saul was descended from Benjamin and Mordechai and Esther were descendants of Saul.

Seeing this from the perspective of redemption, the descendants of Benjamin continued to be the Mashich’s of their time. It is tragic that the birth of Benjamin resulted in the very death of Rachel. But we can posit the idea that the exile itself is that which births the redemption. The descent into darkness creates

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A SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

In recognition and appreciation for their dedication, commitment, and service over the High Holidays, the Ritual Committee would like to recognize and extend our deepest thanks to the following Ahavath Achim members:

- ✦ Rabbi Alan Learner for his leadership and dedication, heartfelt services and sermons, excellent shofar blowing, and keeping us all on track with his Order of Service booklets.
- ✦ Kai Hammel for leading Torah services during the High Holidays and for your exceptional Haftorah on first day Rosh Hashanah.
- ✦ Adrienne Taxon Indianer for your beautiful Haftorah on second day Rosh Hashanah. We thank you and your family for making the trip to Tyler again this year and being part of our Rosh Hashanah services.
- ✦ Seth Clark, thank you for your Shacharit English reading, and for your excellent reading of the Haftorah of Jonah during Mincha service on Yom Kippur.
- ✦ Christie Osburn, Samantha Clark, Karin Latner, and Daron Walls, thank you for your gabbai services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- ✦ Stan Weiner, thank you for calling out the shofar notes on day 1 Rosh Hashanah and for reading the memorial names during Yizkor services on Yom Kippur.
- ✦ Sam Learner, thank you for calling out the shofar notes on day 2 Rosh Hashanah.
- ✦ Linda Thomas, our English reader for 2nd night Rosh Hashanah, thank you.
- ✦ Wally Newsom, our English reader for Erev Rosh Hashanah, thank you.
- ✦ To Christie Osburn, thank you for your beautiful Haftorah on Yom Kippur and for your English readings on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- ✦ Karin Latner, our English reader for Mincha service on Yom Kippur, thank you.
- ✦ To Sean Hammel, thank you for your excellent English reading on first day Rosh Hashanah and for stepping in for the extra reading on second day Rosh Hashanah.
- ✦ To our president, Michael Tobes, for managing the petichah Ark openings throughout services, and for your English readings for Kol Nidre and for the Neilah service on Yom Kippur, we thank you.

Finally, to all the behind-the-scenes unspoken heroes like Barbara Zimmerman, who spends countless hours preparing our beautiful Memorial Book each year, and Dale Latner who tirelessly maintains our beautiful landscaping, and to the other people whose volunteer efforts often go unnoticed, and especially to you, our members for your continued support and commitment, we thank you.

THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER Bimah Schedule

2	Tim Birmingham
9	Dr. Michael Tobes
16	Wally Newsom
23	Linda Thomas
30	Christie Osburn

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Oct 18
for the
November Bulletin

Submit articles to:
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Thank you !

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, October 17, 2021
**If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail**

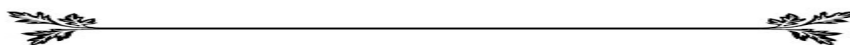
**Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I want to thank all of you for participating in the High Holiday services. It was good to see many of you participate on the Bimah with the various honors that were given. The Rabbi led us in prayer and somehow his voice held and was strong throughout the holidays and particularly during Yom Kippur. I also want to thank Dee Wapner for organizing all the honors and working with the Rabbi to keep everything going.

Our prayers go out to all the members of the congregation who are ill at this time. As we move forward into this new year, I hope that everyone will stay healthy and continue to participate at the level noticed over the High Holidays. We have a lot of goals that we wish to attain to keep our synagogue a strong center of Jewish life.

Sincerely,
Michael C. Tobes



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the potential for the future light.

We can see this same relationship in the story of the flood (Ha'Mabul). While the world in its previous state had descended into darkness and came to an end, there was a new beginning which was being sown in the person of Noah representing the future light for humanity. The very passing of Methuselah paved the way for Noah to assume leadership of the next generation. The death of the previous generation gave rise to a new potential for growth.

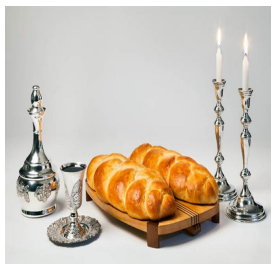
Now we can explain the message and meaning of the month of Cheshvan, as it is brought to light by the events that historically occurred in this month. Cheshvan is a month given the title of "bitter," for there does not seem on the surface seem to be any opportunities for growth and spiritual connection. It is a time of drying up or apparent death, as the leaves wither and the world enters a state of deep hibernation.

Yet, it is also a time when the rains begin, when the potential for future growth is being planted. It is a time when spiritual darkness reigns, but also when spiritual growth begins deep beneath the surface. It is the moment when Rachel passes on, when all seems bleak, when the darkness of exile closes in. It's also the moment of the birth of Benjamin, the seed of the Jewish people's perfected state, which is planted in that very darkness.

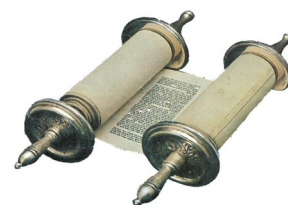
Cheshvan begins the extended time span between the last festival, Sukkot, and the next, Passover. In the meantime, the spiritual seeds planted during the Jewish month of Tishrei begin to take root – to be watered and to grow, finally appearing and bearing fruit in Nissan of next year. Perhaps this is why we go no longer than six months between Sukkot and Pesach.

The message of Cheshvan is that despite the darkness, and even because of the darkness, there is future growth awaiting us. We have the opportunity to nurture that right at this moment. It is now that we gather the seeds from the holidays of the month of Tishrei, plant them, and carefully water them through the winter months. With Hashem's help, we will soon marvel at the beautiful spring bounty that we merit to cultivate.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi



shabbat shalom



OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	October	2	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Birchat HaChodesh BERESHIT Genesis 5:1 - 6:8 Isaiah 42:5 - 43:10	9:00 A.M.
Sunday	October	19	Tephillin Service		8:00 A.M.
Saturday	October	9	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	NOACH Genesis 11:1 - 11:32 Isaiah 54:1 - 55:5	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	October	16	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	LECH LECHA Genesis 16:1 - 17:27 Isaiah 40:27 - 41:16	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	October	23	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAYERA Genesis 21:1 - 22:24 II Kings 4:1 - 37	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	October	30	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Birchat HaChodesh CHAYE SARAH Genesis 24:53 - 25:18 I Kings 1:1 - 31	9:00 A.M.

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Sukkot Flowers In loving memory of our dear parents Dr. Harold Roosth, RosaLee Roosth Mellinger, and Meyer Mellinger by Priscilla and Tommy Roosth, Cynthia and Michael Wolf, Marleen Roosth Swerdlow and our families.

Simchat Torah flowers by Robert & LeeAnn Yates

Congregation Ahavath Achim: Statements on the Coronavirus Pandemic

We are now in the midst of the second wave of this pandemic now with the delta variant. The hospitals and various ERs are overrun with patients. The CAA board met on August 8, 2021 and decided the following positions at this time.

1. We want to keep the doors open to CAA and to continue with full services and activities. We want to maintain the health and safety of all our members.
2. We believe that it is the responsibility of each member to be mindful and respectful of other members' health and safety.
3. If you are sick or even with coughing and sneezing which may be allergies, please stay home and attend services via our video streaming.
4. We strongly encourage immunization but do not mandate it.
5. We encourage masks but do not mandate it.
6. We encourage social distancing but do not mandate it. To this end, we have roped off every other row of seats. When greeting others, please be respectful of everyone's personal space / "bubble". Some members may only be comfortable with a handshake or bumping of elbows.
7. We are going to conduct traditional services. However, if you prefer to do your Aliyah standing at your seat, please do so. Please be respectful of wanting to "kiss" the Torah. You can touch the Torah with your tallit or book and then bring the tallit or book to your lips or near them.
8. We will continue to serve food after the services. The Sisterhood has done an excellent job to provide a safe environment for us to be able to enjoy socializing with one another. Please be especially mindful during these events / activities.

None of us know how this wave of the pandemic will evolve. We will obviously monitor the situation and share our thoughts with the general congregation.

Sincerely, Michael C. Tobes

President, Congregation Ahavath Achim



TODAH RABBAH

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October 2021

1	ii7:51PM	2	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: BERESHT Bimah: Tim Birmingham	כז תשרי	8:53PM
8	ii7:41PM	9	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: NOACH Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes	ב חשוון	8:43PM
15	ii7:32PM	16	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: LECH LECHA Bimah: Wally Newsom	ג חשוון	8:34PM
22	ii7:24PM	23	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYERA Bimah: Linda Thomas Levi Learner- Bar Mitzvah	ד חשוון	8:26PM
29	ii7:17PM	30	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: CHAYE SARAH Bimah: Christie Osburn	ה חשוון	8:19PM
7	ROSH HODESH II	7		א חשוון	
6	ROSH HODESH I	6		ל תשרי	
14		14		ז חשוון	
21		21		ח חשוון	
28		28		ט חשוון	
13		13		ו חשוון	
20		20		ז חשוון	
27		27		ד חשוון	
5		5		כז תשרי	
12		12		ג חשוון	
19		19		יג חשוון	
26		26		כג חשוון	
4		4		כז תשרי	
11		11		ה חשוון	
18		18		יב חשוון	
25		25		יט חשוון	
3	Tephillin Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m Unveiling- M. Sobel 11:00 a.m.	3		ד חשוון	
10		10		יא חשוון	
17	CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m.	17		יח חשוון	
24		24		טו חשוון	
31		31		כב חשוון	

NO TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School students met on September 19th and had a great time decorating the Sukkah here at Ahavath Achim. Our kids learned that having a sukkah is like the Israelites lived when they were wandering in the wilderness. They relied on Hashem for shelter, food and protection.

Sunday School activities are open to children of all ages. We currently have pre-school students up to 9th grade. Our next Sunday School activity will be on October 3rd. Please register with Kimberly Walls or Samantha Clark to find out where we will be meeting for a fun field trip.

What? Sunday School
 When? October 3, 2021
 Where? Register to find out. :)

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 5 Juan Munoz
- 6 Tim R. Birmingham
- 7 Dr. Michael Tobes
Isaac Burns Roosth
- 8 Regina Roosth
- 14 Eileen Roosth Jalnos
- 17 Levi Learner
- 19 Becky Tobes
- 23 Joshua Haim Weiner
Robert H. Jacobs
- 30 Susan Elaine Roosth
Wally Newsom

Anniversaries

- 31 John & Barbara Zimmerman



Special Thanks to:
 Dr. Michael &
 Becky Tobes
 for the Sunday School
 Kids T-shirts!

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

Yahrzeits

OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 7

- 1 Elissa Dworkin
Henry Heffler
David Lawrence
Warren Roosth
Bertha Taylor
Helen Bolnick
- 2 David Forchheimer
David Davidoff
- 3 Dr. Robert Swerdlow
Adolph Topperman
- 4 William Bromberg
Arnold Oblonsky
Lillie Katz
- 5 Dora Antonoff
Helen Cromer
- 6 Morris Lulky
- 7 Julius Genecov
Elizabeth S. Gugenheim

OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 14

- 9 Evelyn Greenwald Lazarus
- 10 Joe Harr
- 11 Beatrice Dworkin
- 13 Bernice Golden
Samuel Offricht
Gitel Sack
Jacob Sack
- 14 Fannie Ginsberg

OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 21

- 15 Mary Bromberg
- 16 Freda Lichtman
- 19 Pauline Edelman
- 21 Boyce Genecov

OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 28

- 23 Edward Hertzfeld
Leo Golenternek
- 24 Mayer Mayerson
- 26 Ester Katz
Max Katz
Sam Krumholtz
- 27 Julia Weintraub
- 28 Helen Heffler Silverman
Isadore Mayerson

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 4

- 30 Alexander Mirsky
- 31 Hyman Falk
Goodman Lazarus
Sidney Waghalter
- 1 Sylvia G. "Teeby" Forchheimer
Yetta Engle
Burton Gaylin
- 3 Ely Taylor
- 4 Abraham Leon Luskey

NOVEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 11

- 7 Jacob Bromberg
- 8 Esther Mellinger
Ida Richman
Sol Edelman
- 10 Morris Fleishman
Samuel J. Waghalter

NOVEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 18

- 12 Musia Shteinshleifer
- 14 Rita Mayerson Roosth
Rebecca Edelman Davis
Doris Miller

NOVEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 25

- 20 Barney Cohen
Sylvan Mellinger
Jake Solinger
- 22 Bertha Bertheim
William Edelman
Morris Goldberg

- 23 Frances Chalmers
Walter Lazarus

- 24 Hilda Roosth
- 25 Mayer Mellinger

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2

- 30 Alex Golenternek
- 1 Abner Waghalter
Ben Edelman
- 2 Madeline Lieberman Wolf
Rebecca Heffler Berry

DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 9

- 4 Hershel Sobel
- 5 Sam Greenberg
- 8 Fanny Fleishman
Freda Levy
Sallie Mellinger

DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 16

- 11 Claire Ann Gaylin
- 12 Madeline Lugassy Richings
- 13 Annie Rosenthal
- 14 Hyman Golenternek
Ida Green
Bertram Jacob Learner
- 15 William Parks
- 16 Phillip Golenternek

DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

- 17 Freda Genecov
- 18 Louis Miller
- 19 Edward Chalmers
Isaac Goldberg
- 20 Phillip Mosier
- 21 David Mayerson
- 22 Sherry Roosth
Charlie Cohen
- 23 Carl Green

DECEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 30

- 24 Celia Levine
Oscar Mastbaum
- 25 Rose Frankel
Joe Golenternek
- 26 Mindel Katz
Mickey Mermelstein
Max Rubin
- 27 Max Antonoff
Mildred Sable
- 28 William Beleck
Rose Carst Mirsky
Sam Roosth
- 29 Max Mellinger
- 30 Monroe Mirsky
Elizabeth Levy Sherman
Eugene (Sandy) Sandford Katz

DECEMBER 31

- 31 Murray Kravitz



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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