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From The Desk of The Rabbi

Well, Pesach is over, and I believe that most of us have had our fill of Matzah and then some. The time period from the 2nd day of Pesach till Shavuot seems a little anti-climatic but there are still a few things happening in the month of May that are very important to recognize and observe. The first thing of course is that we continue to count the Omer up until Shavuot.

Why do we count the Omer? It seems this custom has lost some of its importance with modern day Judaism in America. It was originally introduced to establish a connection between Passover and Shavuot which are separated by a period of seven weeks. In ancient Israel, Pesach marked the beginning of the grain harvest. The first crop or barley was cut on Passover, and a small amount or an *Omer* was brought to the temple as a sacrifice on the second day of the holiday.

Each day after was marked or counted, a total of forty-nine days and this period later came to be called the *Sefira*. The Torah commands us in Leviticus 23: 15-16 as such: *“And from the day on which you bring the sheaf offering-the day after the Sabbath, you shall count off seven weeks until the day after the seventh week.”*

The fiftieth day was Shavuot, where the next crop or the wheat was harvested and brought to the Temple as a sacrifice. After the Temple was destroyed and the sacrificial system was no longer in place, our sages taught that continuing the practice of counting the Omer had to be maintained in order to fulfill the commandment as much as possible. Moses Maimonides or the Rambam offered even a greater meaning to the practice of this ancient ritual. He stated that: *“the importance of counting the days between the exodus from Egypt and the anniversary of the receiving of the Law at Mount Sinai is to indicate that release from bondage is not an end in itself, that liberty without law is a doubtful blessing (quoted from the Jewish book of Why).”* Just as our religion as a nation started with the Exodus from Egypt, so did our religion achieve national status when it was formalized at Sinai.

Another custom that has evolved is the prohibition of weddings and other joyous life cycle events during this time of counting the Omer. During the time of the Bar Kochba rebellion against Rome in 135 C.E., the students of Rabbi Akiba suffered the devastating effects of a plague which presumably lasted for a period of thirty-three days. On the thirty third day relief came.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Yom Hashoah is known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. We dedicate this day to remembrance of the millions of Jews who died during the anti-semitism of the 1940s. However, many other groups of people died during that time. Hitler's Germany was not only a war on Jews but on all of humanity. Elie Wiesel, the nobel prize peace winner in 1986 advocated the philosophy of "never again." No group should ever be singled out for eradication and that the atrocities witnessed during world war II should never be repeated. We can only wish that this has been true.

Hatred has continued from generation to generation. Anti-semitism has never been eradicated. In fact, it is on the rise. The infection of hate seems to involve all groups of peoples. As Elie Wiesel has been quoted, "No human race is superior, no religious faith is inferior." Remembrance embraces not just remembering all those who have died but an attempt to regain our humanity. We need to remember who we are and why we are on this rock that we call Earth.

Firstly, we need to understand that it did happen. Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dachau, and other concentration camps were real places where atrocities happened. It is amazing that there are even those out there who wish to believe that this never happened. It did and we all know that is truth. Many of the people who are responsible for these atrocities have tried to bury the truth. One only has to think of Putin and what he has said about the war in the Ukraine.

Secondly, we need to be aware that this has and will happen again. No one is safe from hatred and violence. This is more widespread than ever. We might have thought that such atrocities could never reoccur. We need only look to Russia's aggression towards the Ukraine. Within my lifetime, there have been atrocities committed in the Congo, Uganda, Darfur, China, Cambodia, and Myanmar (Burma). "Never again" is an aspiration and not a reality.

Atrocities are being reported that we cannot turn away from. This is not some minor act of aggression and hatred. This brings up the third part of remembrance, action. We need to speak out against such hatred and aggression where ever we see it. We must oppose it. We have to reach out to the people who have been hurt by the hatred and give them the support and love that they need. And we must also reach out to the aggressors to educate and sometimes to save them from doing things that they may be pressured to do. The sad part is this is a pain that extends to all the families and friends of the people who are on both sides of such a war.

If you think that there is a limited military action of one country over another or a military action within a country to control it, then you have missed the point. For example, the war in Ukraine is not likely to stop with the Ukraine. Just like with Hitler, the hatred and atrocities involved Jews and many other groups. We have an obligation of remembrance to never forget that it is real, it is happening again and will continue to happen unless we speak up and act out of conviction. We will otherwise lose our humanity and our reason for being.

Michael Tobes, President CAA

MAY Bimah Schedule

7 Wally Newsom
14 Steve Roosth
21 Kimberly Walls
28 Dr. Michael Tobes

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

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May 18
for the
JUNE-JULY 2022
Bulletin

Submit articles to:
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Thank you !

MAY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, May 8, 2022
If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail

Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark



shabbat shalom



MAY SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Sunday	May	1	Yom HaShoah Remembrance	2:30 P.M.
Saturday	May	7	Morning Service KEDOSHIM Torah Reading Leviticus 19:15 - 20:27 Haftorah Amos 9:7 - 15	9:00 A.M.
Sunday	May	8	Tephillin Service	8:00 A.M.
Saturday	May	14	Morning Service EMOR Torah Reading Leviticus 23:23 - 24:23 Haftorah Ezekiel 44:15 - 31	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	May	21	Morning Service BEHAR Torah Reading Leviticus 25:29 - 26:2 Haftorah Jeremiah 32:6 - 27	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	May	28	Morning Service BECHUKKOTAI Torah Reading Leviticus 27:1 - 27:34 Haftorah Jeremiah 16:16 - 17:14 Birchat HaChodesh	9:00 A.M.



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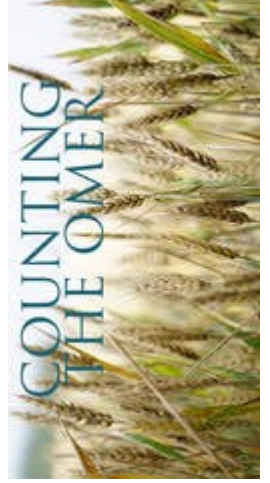
If you are an artist or even a little bit crafty, we want you to join the arts and crafts club. The intention is for this club to continue projects that create items to be distributed in hospitals to encourage patients. With Barry Jacobs' instruction, he will guide us to continue a volunteer mission, which has been going on for many years.

If you are interested in ART CLUB please call or text Kimberly Walls at: (903) 283-4438 or email at wallskj@gmail.com.



May 2022

1 ROSH HODESH I Yom HaShoah Commemoration: 2:30 p.m. ל'ניסן /15 L'Omer	2 ROSH HODESH II אייר /16 L'Omer	3 אייר /17 L'Omer	4 YOM HAZIKARON \$9:52PM אייר /18 L'Omer	5 YOM HAATZMAUT \$9:52PM אייר /19 L'Omer	6 י'8:50PM אייר /20 L'Omer	7 \$9:54PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: KEDOSHIM Bimah: Wally Newsom אייר /21 L'Omer
8 Tephillin Service: 8:00 a.m. CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 a.m. אייר /22 L'Omer	9 אייר /23 L'Omer	10 אייר /24 L'Omer	11 אייר /25 L'Omer	12 אייר /26 L'Omer	13 י'8:55PM אייר /27 L'Omer	14 \$9:59PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: EMOR Bimah: Steve Roosth אייר /28 L'Omer
15 \$10:00PM PESACH SHEINI אייר /29 L'Omer	16 אייר /30 L'Omer	17 אייר /31 L'Omer	18 אייר /32 L'Omer	19 \$10:02PM LAG BOMER אייר /33 L'Omer	20 י'9:00PM אייר /34 L'Omer	21 \$10:04PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: BEHAR Bimah: Kimberly Walls אייר /35 L'Omer
22 אייר /36 L'Omer	23 אייר /37 L'Omer	24 אייר /38 L'Omer	25 אייר /39 L'Omer	26 אייר /40 L'Omer	27 י'9:05PM אייר /41 L'Omer	28 \$10:08PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: BECHUKKOTAI Bimah: Dr. Michael Beals אייר /42 L'Omer
29 \$10:09PM YOM YERUSHALAYIM אייר /43 L'Omer	30 אייר /44 L'Omer	31 ROSH HODESH אייר /45 L'Omer				

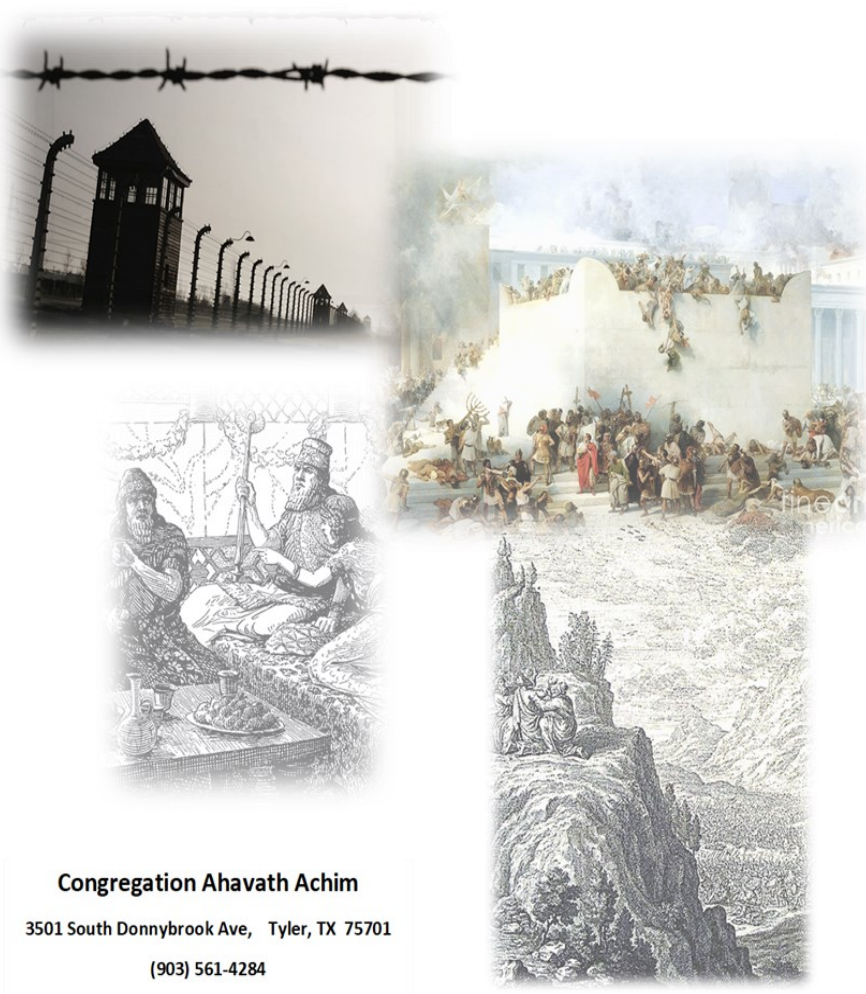


TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES/BRUNCH

Yom HaShoah: A Community Commemoration

“rather in every generation they try to destroy us”

Sunday, May 1, 2022 2:30PM



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May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 5 Caryn Green
- Adira Clark
- 10 Elaine Liat Rey
- Elinor Roosth
- Hannah Diane Roosth
- 11 Lev Steingart
- 14 Toni Ellen Roosth
- 15 Sara Tobes
- Sam Learner
- 17 Adriene Taxon Indianer
- 19 Ellen Learner
- 23 Mona Karten Green
- 27 Gamaliel Escamilla-Perez
- 30 Sam Roosth

Anniversaries

- 3 William & Kesleigh Terry
- 5 Steve & Debbie Roosth
- 16 Chuck & Dee Wapner
- 22 Dr. Jon & Debbie Markowitz
- 27 Dr. Steve & Mona Karten
- 30 Dr. Arthur & Joanne Frank

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RABBI'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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During this period of counting the omer, it is viewed as a mourning period for Jewish people and when in mourning, joyous life cycle events are not observed. Observant Jews do not cut their hair or trim their beards as a symbol of respect for this mourning period. There are some rabbinic authorities that even observe the entire period of counting the omer as a mourning period.

However, as a result of the plague being lifted on the thirty-third day, a tradition emerged that is still celebrated today. It is called Lag B'Omer which falls this year starting at sundown on May 18th and concluding at sundown on May 19th. The number 33 in Hebrew is the combination or acronym of two Hebrew letters, the Lamed and the Gimmel hence the word Lag. Since this day bears great significance to Rabbi Akiba and his students with the lifting of the plague, this minor rabbinic holiday has been called Scholar's Day.

Another tradition that the kabbalists hold to is that Lag B'Omer marks the day when Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai, the supposed author of the Zohar died. Both Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Simeon Bar Yochai lived during and under the oppressive rule of the Romans and continued to teach and ordain Rabbis in spite of the Roman decree. During this period of Sefiret Ha'Omer, it is important to reflect how privileged we are in this country to be able to study Torah without the fear of persecution. I encourage always after our brunches to stay and continue in the study of Torah. Anyone who wishes to prepare a D'var Torah on the weekly Parsha is also encouraged to do so. Happy counting.

With Torah Blessings, Rabbi

Library in Focus

Each month I would like to highlight one or two books from our CAA Library. CAA members do have access to our library and are welcome to check out books. There will be a check-out list in the office to let us know what books have been borrowed.

This month's highlighted books are *Long Journey Home: A Young Girl's Memoir of Surviving the Holocaust* by Lucy Lipiner and *American Shoes: A Refugee's Story* by Rosemarie Lengsfeld Turke and Garrett L. Turke.

Long Journey Home is the story of Lusia as her family first flees Poland in September 1939 as the German's invaded. They traveled east and were eventually sent, by the Russians, to Siberia. Their journey takes them eventually to Tajikistan by the time the war was over. Finally in August of 1949, Lusia and her family are able to travel from Bremerhaven, Germany to America.

American Shoes recounts the story of Rosemarie. Rosemarie's German parents had emigrated to New York where Rosemarie was born. After what has supposed to only be a short visit to Germany, Rosemarie and her parents were trapped in Germany when the war began and the borders were closed. It wasn't until July of 1946, at the age of 15, that Rosemarie was allowed to return to the United States – traveling out of Bremerhaven, Germany. She would have to make the voyage on her own because her parents and sister were not U.S. citizens, and they were not Jewish. If they had been Jewish they would have been allowed to make the journey together as a family.

Two girls whose childhoods were swallowed up by war. Both traveling similar roads. Both traveling to freedom on a ship leaving Bremerhaven, Germany. May we learn from the past, so that it might not happen again.

Humbly Submitted by Kimberly Walls

Yahrzeits

MAY 1 - MAY 5

1 Morris Rudman
3 Hyman Smith
4 Arthur Frank
Mary Mirsky
5 Raye Bromberg
Ruth Gross
Selma Greenberg
Pauline Heffler Roosth
Jerome Wolf

MAY 6 - MAY 12

6 Jerome Wolf
Mary Hendelman
Betty Beck
Boris Tobes
7 David Learner
8 Otto Heffler
Eva Offrict
12 Max Chodow
Sarah Golenternek

MAY 13 - MAY 19

13 Celia Roosth
Joe Roth
Rose Terlitsky Chorna
14 Fannie Heffler
15 Charles Greenwald
William Kelfer
Rebecca Tuck
16 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth
17 Irving M. Goodman
Abraham Offrict
18 William Kelfer
Rebecca Tuck
19 Simcha Bigus
Leibel Bigus
Moshe Bigus
Chanah Bigus
Malkah Bigus
Aaron Bigus
Avram Bigus
Ester Bigus
David Bigus
Frayde Bigus
Pinchas Bigus

MAY 13 - MAY 19 cont.

19 Yaakov Mordechai Bigus
Rae Forman
Ruth Mastbaum
Haim Mastbaum
Nathan Mastbaum
Aaron Mastbaum
Hilary Mastbaum
Jacob Mastbaum

MAY 20 - MAY 26

26 Michael Schumer

MAY 27 - JUNE 2

27 Rosa Krumholtz
28 Paul Forchheimer
Louis Glassser
30 Jacob Fridkin
Mollie Sherman
Bessie Spero
31 David Gross
2 Thelma Sobel
Sam Gross

JUNE 3 - JUNE 9

3 Sadie (Babe) Lulky Weintraub
Tanchum Meir Roosth
Myer Kline
5 Florence Strum
6 Isadore Mellinger
7 Freida Schumer
8 Henry Berry
Doris Ginsberg Diamond

JUNE 10 - JUNE 16

10 Sadie Wapner
11 George Vainer
Isaac Benedict Heffler
12 Feiga Ginsberg
Israel Sutton
15 Louis Sherman
16 James Harold Hill

JUNE 17 - JUNE 23

17 Harry P. Goldberg
18 Samuel Cohn
20 Rose Rudman
21 Dorothy Cohen Smith
23 Etta Golenternek Gross
Thomas Werbner

JUNE 24 - JUNE 30

24 Robert Muntz
Sam Sable
Bill Werbner
25 Sol Ginsberg
26 Eugenia Levite
29 Herman Shafts

JULY 1 - JULY 7

1 Frances Fridkin
2 Fannie Mosier
3 Nora Modisett

JULY 8 - JULY 14

8 Arnette Sutton
9 Bella Rosenberg
Berma Dean Levine
10 Ida Kessler
11 Harold Samuel Sulsky
12 Harry Goldenberg
Rabbi Kalman B. Taxon
Sylvia Wolf
14 Nathan Harold Roosth

JULY 15 - JULY 21

15 Bernard Krasner
18 Rachel Krasner
19 Tillie Falk
Sandra Greenberg Sharpe
21 Abe Laves
Rena Tobes

JULY 22 - JULY 28

22 David Edward Berlin
Rose Kapner
Bessie Luskey Krasner
26 Rose Greenwald
Ester Levine
Rhonda Jackson
27 David Abramsky
28 Marvin Miller
Isadore Roosth

JULY 29 - AUGUST 4

29 Harry Block
Lillian Roberts
31 Merrill Cason
1 Morris Rosenberg
Marlin Waghalter
3 Aleck Genecov



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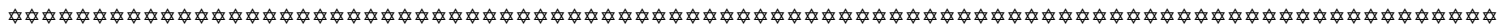
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