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From the Desk of the Rabbi

Tevet-The Month of Tov V'ra

Most of our months in our Hebrew Calendar generally deal with major or minor holidays or festivals that brings joy to our Jewish way of life. We usually spend time in the Synagogue or in our homes with these various celebrations of our life cycle holidays whether Biblical or Rabbinical. We have developed many Minhagim over the centuries based on our Ashkenazi or Sephardic cultural observances.

The Shoresh or root of the Hebrew month of Tevet is Tov or “good”. The most meaningful connection to this term is of course Chanukah! Chanukah may start on the 25th of Kislev but its eight day observance takes us right into the beginning of the month of Tevet. Rosh Chodesh Tevet always falls during Chanukah and often falls on Shabbat as well making for a much expanded Torah reading with three Torahs to read from.

However, the month of Tevet is also known for its connection to “Ra” or “bad”. This is marked by the 10th of Tevet which has ramifications of being a tragic day for our people throughout Jewish history. So tragic, it is one of the four minor fast days and so important compared to the remaining three. It is even observed on the day preceding the Shabbat where the other minor fast days are never observed before Shabbat. The structure of the Hebrew calendar prevents that from occurring.

Growing up in a traditional Synagogue, a young person becomes uniquely aware of this day and its observance. It originally became a fast day which commemorated the remembrance of the siege of Jerusalem in 588 BCE by Nebuchadnezzar and his forces eventually leading up to the destruction of the 1st Holy Temple on the 9th of Av. However, the 10th of Tevet has become a day of mourning for many other tragedies in Jewish history occurring on or right before this day of the Hebrew calendar. These other tragedies or events connected to this day are:

The translation of the Torah into Greek forced by Ptolemy the II on the 8th of Tevet known as the Septuagint or the sequestering of the 70. The Talmud records this event as when “darkness descended upon the world”. This action only served to advance the Hellenistic minded Jews to embrace further assimilation into the Greek pagan culture. Although there are no definite reasons for this day being tragic, it marks the remembrance of the death of Ezra the Scribe on the 9th of Tevet. Ezra was the father of what would become “Rabbinic Judaism”. He was considered the “Moses” of his time to the Jewish people who had become so illiterate and ignorant of Torah law upon returning from the Babylonian/Persian exile. Many see Ezra as the Mashiach of his time whereby Judaism was saved from oblivion. The Jewish communities of Worms, Speyers, & Mainz were destroyed during the months leading up to Tisha B’Av in 1096. To prevent the Jewish people from excessive mourning throughout the Jewish calendar year, the observance of these tragedies were added to the 10th of Tevet.

Many traditional Jews who do not observe mourning during the month of Nissan where Yom HaShoah nationally is observe. They mourn the 6 million Jewish souls who perished in the Holocaust on the 10th of Tevet. Mainly, for many of the surviving relatives their actual Yahrzeit dates are unknown.

It is very easy in our busy lives today as we navigate through our secular calendar to lose track of these special days of remembrance. As you are aware, all of our holidays and fast days never coincide consistently with the secular calendar days allowing us to remember them in an easy fashion. We have to make the extra effort to stay updated and in sync with our Hebrew calendar.

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Co-President's Message

Hanukkah Sameach! As I write this message, we are at the beginning of Hanukkah with candles starting to twinkle in the Hanukkiah! Latkes frying in their oil!

Then we begin a new secular year within a few days with thousand more lights celebrating the New Year with fireworks.

Lights! Camera! Action! We have the lights, most of us take photographs of our Hanukkahs full of light, – so now is the time for action! What actions will you take in 2020? Will you take that next step to change jobs? Will you decide to add to your family with another child? Will you retire after a lifetime of working for a living? Will you decide to take a new step forward in your life as a Jew? Will you determine that this is the year to increase your giving of your time, your finances, and your heart to others through your synagogue? Will you determine that this is the year that you learn a certain prayer in the service that you can lead in Hebrew?

There is so much that can happen – if only we set our sights to take that first step, to take action, to move forward.

Hoping for a fruitful, fulfilling New Year for each of you!

Ruth Elmakiss, Co-President CAA

The Board of Trustees of Congregation Ahavath Achim
wish to extend their deepest condolences
to
Ann Melamed, Stuart Roosth & Dr. Joseph Roosth
and the entire Roosth family
for the loss of Rita Mayerson Roosth
May her memory be forever a blessing!

RABBI'S MESSAGE

We are an eternal people because we continue to remember those that came before us. We teach about our history whether it be Tov (good) or Ra (bad). Let 2020 of the secular calendar make us more aware of 5780 of our calendar. Let us not forget the 10th of Tevet or for that matter any day of the Jewish calendar.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi

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 for the loss of Herta Heath
 May her memory be forever a blessing!



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 wish to extend their deepest condolences to
 Christie & Paul Osburn
 for the loss of Barbara Martin
 May her memory be forever a blessing!



The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Mrs. Dee Wapner for her many years of service as a Trustee on the Board. After 18+ years of service, Dee has decided to step down from the Board. She will continue to serve as the Chairperson on the Ritual Committee and in other facets of synagogue life.

Thank You Dee!

JANUARY Bimah Schedule

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 3 Co-President | 4 Steve Roosth |
| 10 Co-President | 11 Dee Wapner |
| 17 Co-President | 18 Sean Hammel |
| 24 Co-President | 25 Christie Osburn |
| 31 Co-President | |

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

JANUARY 18
for FEBRUARY

Bulletin

Submit articles to:
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Thank you !

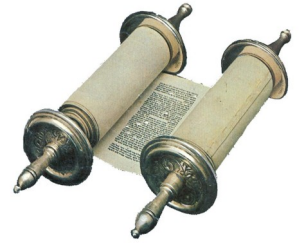
JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, JANUARY 19, 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

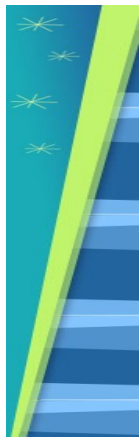


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JANUARY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	January	3	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	January	4	Morning Service	VAYIGASH	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 44:18 - 45:27	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 37:15 - 28	
Friday	January	10	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	January	11	Morning Service	VAYECHI	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 47:28 - 48:22	
			Haftorah	I Kings 2:1 - 12	
Sunday	January	12	Tephillin Service		8:30 A.M.
Friday	January	17	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	January	18	Morning Service	SHEMOT	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 1:1 - 2:25	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22-23	
Friday	January	24	Evening Service	Birchat HaChodesh	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	January	25	Morning Service	VA-ERA	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 6:2 - 7:7	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21	
Sunday	January	26	Tephillin Service		8:30 A.M.
Friday	January	31	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	February	1	Morning Service	BO	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 10:1 - 11:3	
			Haftorah	Jeremiah 46:13 - 28	



***Please join us in welcoming
our new member,***

Susan Cason-Parks



JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	1	2	3	4
8 Tevet	9 Tevet	10 Tevet	4 Tevet	5 Tevet	6 Tevet	7 Tevet
12	13	14	8	9	10	11
Tephillin Class: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.		Conversion Class: 5:30 p.m.	Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-President	Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-President	Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Co-President	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYECHI Bimah: Dee Wapner Brunch: Rabbi Learner & family
15 Tevet	16 Tevet	17 Tevet	15	16	17	18
		Conversion Class: 5:30 p.m.	11 Tevet	12 Tevet	13 Tevet	14 Tevet
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 a.m.		Conversion Class: 5:30 p.m.	18 Tevet	19 Tevet	20 Tevet	21 Tevet
22 Tevet	23 Tevet	24 Tevet	25 Tevet	26 Tevet	27 Tevet	28 Tevet
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Tephillin Class: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	Rosh Hodesh	Conversion Class: 5:30 p.m.	3 Shevat	4 Shevat	5 Shevat	
29 Tevet	1 Shevat	2 Shevat	3 Shevat	4 Shevat	5 Shevat	

TORAH STUDY
AFTER BRUNCH

Sunday School

The Sunday School committee has been very busy providing a well-rounded program for our children. During this past session, LeeAnn Yates led the children with making latkes, clay dreidels and hanukkiaks, and decorations for the Hanukkah party, with the assistance of Daron Walls, Seth Clark, Crystal Law and other parents.

The Sunday School students have spent the month learning about and preparing for Hanukkah. They did several crafts and even made decorations for the party this year. Our congregation's Sunday School consistently has 15-20 children attending, including several babies and toddlers. The kids are busy building friendships and a foundational knowledge of Judaism as we facilitate their development through the Jewish life cycle.

Sunday school will meet Sunday, January 12th & 26th at 10:00 a.m.

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CAA SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood continues to provide wonderful delicious brunches each Shabbat. A fantastic group of women met on December 15th to fry latkes for our Hannukah dinner. Karin Latner has chaired this committee for many years. She and her crew prepared dozens upon dozens of potato latkes, sweet potato latkes, and cheese latkes. Many thanks go out to Karin, Fran Birmingham and her granddaughter Karlee, LeeAnn Yates, with Barbara Zimmerman and Ruth Elmakiss as clean-up crew.

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BOOK CLUB

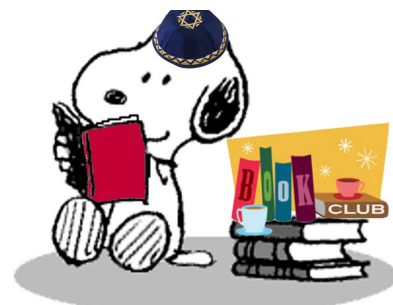
The book club will meet Sunday January 26, 2020 at 10:00 am
the book selection is:

The Memoirs of Gluckel of Hamelin Translated by Marvin Lowenthal

Come join us in exploring the memoirs of a Jewish mother and wife in 1600 Europe.

It seems there is nothing new under the sun.

Thank you, Christie Osburn



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

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Congregation Ahavath Achim 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, TX 75701

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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
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- Hebrew School Fund
- Adult Education Fund
- Safety 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



TODAH RABAH



Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

- December 7 *The Weiner Family*
- December 14 *CAA*
- December 21 *CAA*
- December 28 *The Birmingham Family in Honor of Jim & Madeline Riching and Roosevelt Bill Birmingham*

January Brunches are generously sponsored by:

- January 4 *Jerome & Sharon Smith in Memory of Dr. Wiley & Rita Roosth*
- January 11 *Rabbi Learner & family in Memory of Bert Jacob Learner*
- January 18 *Jerome & Sharon Smith in Honor of Dee Wapner and her long service on the Board of Trustees of CAA*
- January 25 *Kesleigh Terry*

BOOK FUND

Employees of Roosth Production in Honor of the Roosth Family
 Employees of Roosth Production in Honor of Steve Roosth

BREAKFAST FUND

Tim & Fran Birmingham
 Ruth Elmakiss

Debbie & Dr. Jon Markowitz in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth

GENERAL FUND

Employees of Roosth Production in Honor of Steve Roosth
 Susan Roosth in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth

MELLINGER MAINTENANCE FUND

Margo Adams in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
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 Arlene & Richard Bergner in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
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 Rabbi Arthur & Linda Flicker in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Joanne & Dr. Arthur Frank in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Jonathan & Rachel Green and Family in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Susanne Jalnos in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Debbie & Dr. Jon Markowitz in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
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 Larry & Celia Schoenbrun in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Sharon & Jerome Smith in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Patricia & Geoffrey Willbanks in Memory of Rita Mayerson Roosth
 Chuck & Dee Wapner in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth & Rita Mayerson Roosth

January Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 *Nathaniel Tov Walls*
- 4 *Hannah Morgan Schumer*
- 11 *Elsie M. Beaver*
Faith Elizabeth Melamed
Michelle Sobel
- 13 *Christie Osburn*
- 23 *Victoria Hammel*
- 25 *Gary P. Beck*
- 27 *Ann Roosth Melamed*
- 30 *Marleen Roosth Melamed*
- 31 *John Zimmerman*
Shannon Hammel

Anniversaries

- 4 *Fran & Tim Birmingham*
- 12 *LeeAnn & Robert Yates*
- 21 *Dr. Larry & Jan Rosenfield*
- 27 *Samantha & Seth Clark*



Yahrzeits

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 2

- 1 Fanny Fleischman
2 Freda Levy
Sallie Mellinger

JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 9

- 4 Claire Ann Gaylin
5 Madeleine Lugassy Richings
6 Annie Rosenthal
7 Hyman Golenternek
Ida Green
Bertram Jacob Learner
8 Herman David
9 Philip Golenternek

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 16

- 10 Freda Genecov
11 Louis Miller
12 Edward Chalmers
Isaac Goldberg
13 Phillip Mosier
14 David Mayerson
15 Sherry Roosth
Charlie Cohen
16 Carl Green

JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 23

- 17 Celia Levine
Oscar Mastbaum
18 Rose Frankel
Joe Golenternek
19 Mindel Katz
Mickey Mermelstein
Max Rubin
20 Max Antonoff
Mildred Sable
21 William Beleck
Rose Carst Mirsky
Sam Roosth
22 Max Mellinger
23 Monroe Mirsky
Elizabeth Levy Sherman
Eugene (Sandy) Sandford Katz

JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 30

- 24 Murray Kravitz
25 Rose Carter
Sarah Hertzfeld
Morris Leaman
Joe Levy
Jesseo Tubat
Louis Sobel
27 Mollie Acenberg
29 Winifred Heringhi
Milton Joel Kapner
30 Dr. Dan Golenternek
Aaron Joseph Levy
Harris Zuckerman

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6

- 31 Frayde Mastbaum
Minnie Waghalter
3 Robert Beaver
Ellinore S. Learner
4 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs
5 Morris Sherman
6 Samuel Genecov

FEBRUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 13

- 7 Joseph Aranow
Marlene Mandell
Rebecca Miller
8 Jennie Haltzman
9 Mollie Mirsky
Ike Rudman
Sidney C. Kahn
Minnie Kahn
Selma Kahn
10 Frances Soltis Sobel
11 Rose Beaver
13 Isaac Block
Raymond Kahn
Jane Pearl Suarez
Sidney M. Wolf

FEBRUARY 14 - FEBRUARY 20

- 14 Ida Kurtz
15 Barnett Wolf
16 Eva Levy
Sam Krasner
Sarah Kline
Sol Katz
Jeanette Levy Lemson
18 Fannie Abramsky
Millie Heffler
Mike Levine
19 Morris Engle
20 Sarah Leah Lulky
Minnie Nathan

FEBRUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 27

- 21 Israel Katz
Laura W. Muntz
22 Harry Freedman
Sam Vogel
25 Mayer Lulky
27 Leo Frank
Sara Krumholtz

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 6

- 28 Ernestine Brelin
29 Boris Shteinshleifer
1 Melvin Rubin
Frances Vogel
Mary R. Golenternek
Richard Jeffers
Freida Serkes
2 Hattie Freedman
Celia Goldstucker
3 Harry Mermelstein
4 Dr. Harold Roosth
Rabbi Morris Nathan Taxon
Alexander Golenternek
Miriam Seiderman
5 Mary Cohen Golenternek



May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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FOR RABBI LEARNER
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- Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass
- by license holder with an openly car-
- ried handgun), a person licensed un-
- der Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Gov-
- ernment Code (handgun licensing
- law), may not enter the property
- with a handgun that is carried
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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