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From the Desk of the Rabbi

WHAT IS HOPE?

We face unprecedented challenges to America, the State of Israel, to our own faith and sanity as individuals, as Americans, as Jews. Although we have seen a lot of positive changes in this country concerning our Government's attitude towards Israel, at the same time, we have seen a massive rise of anti-Semitism, some even from our own elected officials as well as domestic terrorism.

Our personal concerns, and our concerns as Jews and Americans, still trouble and challenge us. This leads me to think of "hope".

What is hope? Hope is being grateful for the promise of blessings not yet experienced. It is gratitude for the chance to solve our problems, to meet our obligations and to reach our goals. And it is a pledge to keep trying, even while we are waiting, and to wait patiently while we are trying.

Hope is pushing on, in order for something good to happen and holding on until it does. Hope is not allowing ourselves to be cheated of the good that the world holds for each of us no matter what unfairness or trials life holds. Hope is being ready for something good to happen even after every grief and misfortune has clouded our expectations. Hope is an affirmation there is Divine Goodness, that life has blessings in store for us, despite disappointments, evil, folly, comedies of errors and tragedies of lost opportunities. Hope is holding out for even one blessing or opportunity gained, making our struggle and anguish worthwhile, or at least bearable.

I grew up in Congregations with members who rebuilt their lives after the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust. During my childhood and pre-teens, these survivors showed such fortitude, and, along with my parents, were inspiring role models. I wonder, if alive today, how they would cope with the anti-Semitic rhetoric coming out of some of our freshman congresswomen. Would they be eyeing those "to go bags" at the front doors of their homes; wondering if they are going to have to need them as they did decades ago? They survived the horrors of the Shoah, but they found the hope to hold on. Or, at least, they found that holding on was their hope.

The Jewish people truly have the words of the Prophet Jeremiah in their hearts, both as a people and as individuals: "There is hope for thy future." Jeremiah tells us that hope is Hashem's Promise that there will be blessing in holding on, even if the blessing is just holding on, and therefore having a future after all, before we even know it.

As a People, as individuals, we Jews know we can rebuild our personal worlds because they can be built and rebuilt through the Mitzvot of Hashem. We have done this throughout history, time and time again. We are the Eternal People. We have known that, as our Sages tell us, the world is built on three things; Al HaTorah, V'al Ha'ah'vo'dah, V'al Gemilut Cha'sa'deem: Torah, Worship and Deeds of Loving-Kindness. We also know that the world is built on truth, justice and peace. And what is hope, but rebuilding our lives in painful grief, or in difficulties in business or career, and yes, even after a Shoah.

We have a responsibility more than anyone else in this world to define the meaning of the word "hope". Let us show this concept by joining with our non-Jewish neighbors on Sunday, May 5, at 2:30 PM, as we observe our annual Yom HaShoah Memorial Service. Our theme this year is "Holocaust; Past, Present, and Future?" In addition to memorializing those who perished in the Shoah, which is our main purpose in gathering for this event, we "hope" to offer greater insights into the reasons why we are gathering.

I hope to see all of you there.

With Torah Blessings, Rabbi

Co-President's Message

As we wind up a whole lifestyle focus of Pesach with the retelling of slavery and freedom of the Exodus and prepare to observe Yom HaShoah in May, our minds are full of the struggles of the past for our Jewish people. We still have in our recent memory the tragic shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. and now at Congregation Chabad in Poway, CA.

Here at Congregation Ahavath Achim, we have several individuals who have pulled together over the last several months to develop and carry out safety plans, along with the Board of Trustees' support. These are people who give up time with family to meet together with outside specialists. These are people who come in during the week to meet with technicians who are upgrading our safety features. These are people who spend their worship time on their feet as they observe people and conditions around the shul. These are people who have such a love and respect for Hashem and His people that they come early and stay late for services and special activities. These are people who are constantly desiring to serve their community.

These are the people to whom we should listen and whose direction we should follow if there is any type of emergency. Please make sure to thank the members of our team for their dedication and their efforts on our behalf.

You may wonder, "How could I help with the success of keeping our synagogue a safe place for us to worship?" Well, in addition to letting someone on the safety team know if you see something that doesn't seem right, there is a wonderful way for you to assist. A Safety Fund has been set up with a generous contribution, but with compensating our off-duty Police Officers and the safety upgrades around our building, that fund is getting a little slim. If you wish to donate toward the safety fund, just make that designation on your check or let Leanne know.

As we continue, our prayer will be "May we never have to experience the full effect of the Safety Team's leadership."

Shalom, Ruth

Many thanks to Rabbi Learner, Wally Newsom, Bob Yates and Matthew Learner for their hard work in preparing brunch in honor of the Sisterhood! They baked challah, roasted brisket and vegetables, and baked pies all day on Friday, then were joined by Seth Clark on Saturday as they prepared the salad and fruit, setting a lovely table. We'll be checking the calendar for the next Shabbat Rosh Chodesh!!!

May Bimah Schedule

3 Ruth Elmakiss	4 Dr. Stan Weiner
10 Samantha Clark	11 Dale Latner
17 Ruth Elmakiss	18 Dr. Stan Weiner
24 Samantha Clark	25 Tim Birmingham
31 Ruth Elmakiss	1 Steve Roosth

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

MAY 18
for **JUNE-JULY**
Bulletin

Submit articles to:
[caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)
Thank you !

MAY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, MAY 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

**If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Ruth Elmakiss or Christie Osburn**

shabbat shalom



MAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Friday	May	3	Evening Service	Birchat HaChodesh	6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	4	Morning Service	AHAREI MOT	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 16:1 - 16:34	
			Haftarah	I Samuel 20:18 - 42	
Sunday	May	5	Yom HaShoah Memorial Service		2:30 P.M.
Friday	May	10	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	11	Morning Service	KEDOSHIM	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 19:15 - 20:27	
			Haftarah	Amos 9:7 - 15	
Friday	May	17	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	18	Morning Service	EMOR	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 23:23 - 24:23	
			Haftarah	Ezekiel 44:15 - 31	
Sunday	May	19	Morning Service	Tephillin Minyan	8:30 A.M.
Friday	May	26	Evening Service		6:00 P.M.
Saturday	May	27	Morning Service	BEHAR	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 25:1 - 28	
			Haftarah	Jeremiah 32:6 - 27	



As the number of young people in our synagogue grows, we note the opportunity for a Junior Congregation. The vision for Junior Congregation is to augment the children's Hebrew education, to help develop their skills in participating in the services, and to allow them to become more comfortable in front of the congregation. We envision the Junior Congregation running during the main service for about an hour, between Kaddish Shalem at the close of the Shacharit service and Kaddish Shalem, toward the end of the end of Musaf service, with the goal that the young people would share their expertise with those who have not had as much experience with Hebrew or with Shabbat services. We would plan for those children who attend Junior Congregation to join the end of the service for Ein Keloheinu and Adon Olam on the Bimah steps. More information to come as we start this new adventure! Plan on the First and Third Saturdays of the month!

MAY



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 26 Nisan/11 L'Omer	2 \$8:50PM Yom Hashoah Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	3 \$7:48PM Service: 6:00 pm Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss	4 \$8:52PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: AHAREI MOT Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner Brunch: TBA Junior Congregation
5 Rosh Hodesh I Book Club 10:30 a.m. Yom Hashoah Memorial Service 2:30 p.m.	6 Rosh Hodesh II	7 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	8 \$8:55PM Yom Hazkaron	9 \$8:55PM Yom HaAtzmaut Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	10 \$7:53PM Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Samantha Clark	11 \$8:57PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: KEDOSHIM Bimah: Dale Latner Brunch: in Honor of the Chevra Kadisha
12 Safety Meeting 8:30 a.m. CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting 10:30 a.m.	13	14 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	15 3 Yahr/18 L'Omer	16 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	17 \$7:58PM Service: 6:00 pm Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss	18 \$9:02PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: EMOR Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner Brunch: The Learner Family Junior Congregation
19 Pesach Sheini Tephillin Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.	20	21 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	22 10 Yahr/25 L'Omer	23 Lag B'Omer Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	24 \$8:03PM Service: 6:00 p.m. Bimah: Samantha Clark	25 \$9:06PM Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: BEHAR Bimah: Tim Birmingham Brunch: The Escanilla- Perez Family
26 14 Yahr/29 L'Omer	27 15 Yahr/30 L'Omer	28 Conversion Class 5:30 p.m.	29 17 Yahr/32 L'Omer	30 Adult Hebrew Continuing Education 6:30 p.m.	31 \$8:07PM Service: 6:00 pm Bimah: Ruth Elmakiss	20 Yahr/35 L'Omer
21 Yahr/36 L'Omer	22 Yahr/37 L'Omer	23 Yahr/38 L'Omer	24 Yahr/39 L'Omer	25 Yahr/40 L'Omer	26 Yahr/41 L'Omer	

**TORAH STUDY
AFTER BRUNCH
EXCEPT AS
NOTED**



TODAH RABAH



Last month's brunches were generously sponsored by:

- May 6 CAA Brotherhood
- May 13 Don & Linda Thomas in Celebration of Their Anniversary

Brunches are generously sponsored by:

- May 4 TBA
- May 11 in Honor of the Chevra Kadisha
- May 18 Rabbi Learner & Family in Memory of David Learner
- May 25 The Escamilla-Perez Family in Honor of Gamaliel's 16th Birthday

SAFETY FUND

Chuck & Dee Wapner in Memory of Hannah Florence (Flo) Berkman

GENERAL FUND

- Margo Adams in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth
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- Sandra Dula in Memory of Anne & William Beleck
- Rachel & Jonathan Green in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth
- Alan Greenspan & family in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth
- Beck Roosth in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth
- Regina, Isaac & Rachel Roosth in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth
- Larry Schoenbrun & family in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth

MELLINGER MAINTENANCE FUND

Sam Roosth, Isaac & Rachel Roosth in Memory of Dr. Wiley Roosth

May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Robert T. Yates
- 5 Adira Clark
Caryn Jill Green
Fred Schumer
- 10 Eliana Liat Rey
Elinore Roosth
Hanna Diane Roosth
Dr. Joe Roosth
- 11 Lev Steingart
- 14 Toni Ellen Roosth
- 15 Sara Tobes
Sam Learner
- 17 Adrienne Taxon Indianer
- 19 Ellen Learner
Gabriel Moyal
- 22 Rita Roosth
- 23 Mona Green Karten
- 27 Gamaliel Escamilla-Perez
- 30 Sam Roosth

Anniversaries

- 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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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
- Trust 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**

CAA SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

S **S** We met early in the month of April to allow preparation time for Pesach.
U **C** Our students decorated their own afikomen bags which turned out beautifully.
N **H** Many thanks to LeeAnn Yates for her direction with the crafts. The younger
D **O** students worked on the Mah Nishtanah and were introduced to the idea of
A **O** Pesach. The elementary students responded to a survey of current slavery
Y **L** issues, then learned that the prevalence of slavery was even greater than they
had thought. They also completed a mad-lib based on the Passover story, which
provided a few laughs during the meal portion of our mock seder. This smart
group of students also ordered names and events in a sequential order to retell
the story of Moses and the Exodus. Rabbi Learner led a mock seder to give
insight into the upcoming holiday. Thanks to Matt Learner for the wonderful
Matzah ball soup!

In May, we will have our final session of Sunday School with a focus on Israel and on preparation for the upcoming holiday of Shavuot. We hope to see you all there!

Last Meeting Date for the school year: Sunday, May 19

Welcome
Spring

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood will be meeting on May 12th at 10:30 a.m. This will be an important meeting as we prepare for the upcoming year. Rebeca Escamilla is coordinating the Yom HaShoah reception on May 5th.

The Sisterhood members wish to thank the Brotherhood for their delicious brunch on Rosh Chodesh in April!

The men did an excellent job!

Ruth Elmakiss

BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club is growing!! The Book Club will meet May 5, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the social hall. We will be discussing the book "The Beast that Crouches at the Door". Please join us for a opportunity for fun, fellowship and discussion.

In honor of Shavuot, we will be discussing the book of Ruth in June. The date and time for the June meeting to be announced.

Thank you to all for participating and continuing the love of reading and learning.

Respectfully

Christie Osburn



Yahrzeits

MAY 1 - MAY 2

- 1 Ruth Waghalter
Judge Earnest Stevens
2 Maurice Block

MAY 3 - MAY 9

- 3 Isabell Davis
4 Anna Eisen
5 Morris Rudman
8 Hyman Smith
Mary Mirsky
9 Raye Bromberg
Ruth Gross
Selma Greenberg
Pauline Heffler Roosth
Jerome Wolf

MAY 10 - MAY 16

- 10 Mary Hendleman
Betty Beck
Boris Tobes
11 David Learner
12 Otto Heffler
Eva Offricht
16 Max Chodrow
Sarah Golenternek

MAY 17 - MAY 23

- 17 Celia Roosth
Joe Roth
Rose Terlitsky Chorna
18 Fannie Heffler
19 Charles Greenwald
20 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth
21 Irving M. Goodman
Abraham Offricht
22 William Kelfer
Rebecca Tuck
23 Simcha Bigus
Leibel Bigus
Moshe Bigus
Chanah Bigus
Malkah Bigus

MAY 17 - MAY 23

- Aaron Bigus
Avram Bigus
Ester Bigus
David Bigus
Frayde Bigus
Pinchas Bigus
Yaakov Mordechai Bigus
Rae Forman
Ruth Mastbaum
Haim Mastbaum
Nathan Mastbaum
Aaron Mastbaum
Hilary Mastbaum
Jacob Mastbaum

MAY 24 - MAY 30

- 30 Michael Schumer

MAY 31 - JUNE 6

- 31 Rosa Krumholtz
1 Paul Forchheimer
Louis Glasser
3 Jacob Fridkin
Mollie Sherman
Bessie Spero
4 David Gross
5 Thelma Sobel
6 Sam Gross

JUNE 7 - JUNE 13

- 7 Sadie (Babe) Weintraub
Tanchum Meir Roosth
Myer Kline
9 Florence Strum
10 Isadore Mellinger
12 Henry Berry
Doris Ginsberg Diamond

JUNE 14 - JUNE 20

- 14 Sadie Wapner
15 George Vainer
Isaac Benedict Heffler
16 Feiga Ginsberg
Israel Sutton
19 Louis Sherman
20 James Harold Hill

JUNE 21- JUNE 27

- 21 Harry P. Goldberg
24 Rose Rudman
25 Dorothy Cohen Smith
27 Etta Golenternek Gross
Thomas Werbner

JUNE 28 - JULY 4

- 28 Robert Muntz
Sam Sable
Bill Werbner
29 Sol Ginsberg
30 Eugenia Levite

JULY 5 - JULY 11

- 5 Frances Fridkin
6 Fannie Mosier
7 Nora Modisett

JULY 12 - JULY 18

- 12 Arnette Sutton
13 Bella Rosenberg
Berma Dean Levine
14 Ida Kessler
15 Harold Samuel Sulsky
16 Harry Goldberg
Rabbi Kalmon B. Taxon
Sylvia Wolf
18 Nathan Harold Roosth

JULY 19 - JULY 25

- 19 Bernard Krasner
22 Rachel Krasner
23 Tillie Falk
Sandra Greenberg Sharpe
25 Abe Laves
26 Rena Tobes

JULY 26 - JULY 31

- 26 David Edward Berlin
Rose Kapner
Bessie Luskey Krasner
27 Morry W. Jacobs
30 Rose Greenwald
Ester Levine
Rhonda Jackson
31 David Abramsky
Marvin Miller
Isadore Roosth



May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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FOR RABBI LEARNER
TUESDAY- THURSDAY
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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 Rita Roosth and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you,
 Rita