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JUNE—JULY 2021

From the Desk of the Rabbi

At this time of the year, we are either about to or have started into the reading of Sefer Bamidbar. Bamidbar offers at the beginning of the book a wondrous detailed accounting of the people (the males), specifically the numeric values concerning a census for the sole purpose of establishing the military force which will soon go into the land and conquer it.

Out of my daily dose of Torah series that dwells on Parsha Bamidbar, the Mussar thought for the day offers this teaching which comes from the *Shelah Hakadosh* (Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz) who wrote: "Every single member of the Jewish nation is a vital component of it, and each Jew is critical to the Jewish people as if everything revolved around them alone. We must believe this, and act accordingly.

As *Chazal* (our sages of blessed memory) have taught us, a person must look at the world as if it is half worthy and half unworthy. Thus, if he or she alone were to sin they would tip the scales toward the unworthy, and if he or she were to do just one mitzvah they would tip the scale toward holiness. One must look at themselves as if they had to power to change the world with their deeds, and thus bring favor to the Jewish people and light to the world, in the eyes of Hashem."

Not only did this concept apply to our lives in years past, but now more than ever does it apply to our time today. We see many situations in the world today where people are waiting for the other person to act when it comes down to promoting peace and harmony in the world. We can operate on the premise that as Jews, each of us receives special Divine providence from Hashem because we are Hashem's beloved people, but that does not give us the right of entitlement in believing that providence is owed to us.

In fact, we must reciprocate and use the unique stature we have been given for the purpose of being in service to Hashem and our fellow man. We must look at the perspective as if we ourselves were the only person in the world and our actions were the only ones capable of bringing pleasure to the Creator. We cannot wait or use the excuse: Leave it up to someone else to do. It is because of this unique stature we have been given that drives and motivates our people to be successful in most of all the endeavors that we pursue. It is the actions of one that bears great significance either positive or negative on the Jewish people and the world.

Recently we witnessed the passing of Bernie Madoff. Clearly this man was not the poster child for just a Jew, but how any human being should act in this world. We have all seen where this individual did not perform positive change in this world. Our unique stature and position with Hashem does not give us the right to act like the Bernie Madoff's of the world. In this case, the actions of just one individual have changed the world, have changed the lives of so many good people and have not in a positive way bring favor to the Jewish people in both Hashem's eyes and the eyes of the rest of humanity. How often are the Jewish people judged by the actions of just one? The book of Bamidbar is more than just an accounting numerically of a people; it is a book of how we as the Jewish people should be held accountable for our actions in the first place.

We again have seen another conflict between Israel and Hamas with lives lost on both sides of this current conflict. Always Israel is held accountable for the loss of life and is immediately perceived as the aggressor compared to Hamas who launched their missiles first against Israel. We continue to see the old familiar anti-Semitic tropes that keep playing over and over again with one big difference; members of our own government are spewing these same anti-Semitic tropes. Palestinians who have come to this country to live are attacking Jewish people on the street in retaliation of Israel's right to defend their own country due to the onslaught of Hamas rockets. Is anyone taking these people to task for their acts of verbal and physical anti-Semitism? Are they being held accountable?

Israel has again agreed to a ceasefire with Hamas. One cannot help but see this as one of the many examples of the definition of insanity; "Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." This ceasefire is not peace. It is not a permanent end to hostility. Hamas is claiming victory. Israel is claiming victory. Hamas still doesn't recognize Israel's right to exist and most likely never will. However, a certain politician claimed there would be no peace with the Arab world until there was peace between Israel and the Palestinians. And we all know that statement has been proven false due to the Abraham accords.

Even when Israel continually takes the "high" road in their approach to war, the outside world doesn't acknowledge it. No, we have people making statements the death toll on both sides of the conflict is not equal. We should stop selling arms to Israel so they cannot hurt Palestinians who voted into power a terrorist entity called Hamas to govern them. If Israel is going to be held accountable for defending itself against Hamas, then the Palestinians need to be held accountable as well. But will they? Will the other countries of this world make the Palestinian people accountable for their actions? So far, they haven't.

Many world leaders, politicians and even religious leaders are quick to set policy on how Israel should do this, and how Israel

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
THE CONGREGATION MEETING WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH AT 10:30 A.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED VIA ZOOM, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY— NO PROXY IS NEEDED—BUT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON, YOUR PROXY NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE BY 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY JUNE 11TH. EMAILED, FAXED OR HARD COPIES OF YOUR PROXY WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

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Congratulations to Gamaliel Escamilla-Perez
Upon his Graduation from Allen High School
Gama will be attending Collin College studying
Robotics Engineering
Gamaliel is the son of Jose & Rebeca
Escamilla-Perez

Congratulations To
Merrion Adelaide Emerson
upon her graduation from
Jacksonville High School class of 2021
Merrion is the Grand-daughter of
Tim & Fran Birmingham
Merrion will be studying Cosmetology

Presidents Message

Serving as CAA President for 2020 has been a great and treasured honor. It has been a tough year for the congregation given the Covid-19 issues, as well as the typical security concerns that Jewish establishments always face. Notwithstanding, CAA has made it through these issues and we are now moving toward a brighter future, returning to more familiar activities, while taking steps to improve our outreach program (livestreaming) and membership base.

The reins will pass on July 1, 2021, continuing a long and storied history for our wonderful synagogue. As I leave the post of President, I am excited by the many wonderful ideas proffered during this unusually challenging year:

Improvements to the library management system;

Continuing improvements to the livestreaming program, including new computer equipment and upgrades that will better facilitate on-line training for our young students and adult learners;

Policy and documentation system improvements; and

Book club program.

These are only some; there are many other things brewing or that will come along, and they are no less exciting from my perspective. Perhaps most important, these and yet to be determined projects and programs reflect the energy, strength, perseverance and proactive determination of our wonderful synagogue family.

As I leave this post, my most sincere and deepest hope is that you, our congregants and friends, will spend more time with us at the synagogue over this coming year, enjoying our Saturday services, holidays and life events – sharing the loving, faithful community so critical to preserving our Jewish history and assuring our Jewish future. As part of this, sharing the word with your Jewish friends and newly arriving Jewish families in our community can help us in so many ways: growing our service attendance; increasing our financial support for new and better in-house resources and activities; expanding our wonderful depth of shared experiences and knowledge – ours can be a very rich and rewarding future.

As the synagogue moves on into the future under new leadership for the coming year, I am very pleased and excited about the prospects. Now that we are navigating past the many challenges of 2020, I hope that you will each contribute your time and help us support the financial requirements and demands we face as we move into the future.

With all my heart and enduring love for our community, I thank you all for the support you have given me, when you could, and the support you will give the synagogue in the future, when you can. Your time and financial contributions will decide the future of our beloved synagogue.

Sincerely,
Tim Birmingham

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should do that in order for there to be peace but there is one thing These so called leaders either do not understand, or are unwilling to understand; "No one has the right to dictate policy to another sovereign nation on how they should live." No one has the right to tell Israel, a sovereign nation, how to live and defend itself against enemies who seek their utter destruction. Would we in this country allow anybody to tell us how to live or defend ourselves?

Israel is a modern day miracle. It exists not because the world leaders told the Jewish people they had to negotiate with the Arab nations for existence in 1948, but we the Jewish people became accountable for our destiny and demanded the right to survive! Sadly, that struggle still continues to this very day as we have all seen in the last few weeks.

History still continues to be made before our very eyes just as it has been made in our parent's time and the generations before them. How will history measure our accountability in the times ahead? We can only hope and pray Hashem will give us the means to perform Mitzvot that will reflect holiness and tip the scales where our positive deeds will bring blessing and favor to not just the Jewish people, but to the world as well. May Hashem continue to bless and protect Israel and her people from all harm. May Hashem soften the hearts of those have hate in their heart, speedily in our days.

With Torah Blessings, Rabbi



shabbat shalom



JUNE SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	June	5	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Birchat HaChosesh SH'LACH Numbers 14:8 - 15:7 Joshua 2:1 - 24	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	June	12	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	KORACH Numbers 16:20 - 17:24 I Samuel 11:14 - 12:22	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	June	19	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	CHUKAT Numbers 19:1 - 20:21 Judges 11:1 - 33	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	June	26	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	BALAK Numbers 22:2 - 22:38 Micah 5:6 - 6:8	9:00 A.M.



JUNE Bimah Schedule

- 1 Steve Roosth
- 8 Dr. Stan Weiner
- 15 Kimberly Walls
- 22 Ruth Elmakiss
- 29 Tim Birmingham

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

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Thank you !

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Sunday, JUNE 13, 2021
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



JULY SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	July	3	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Birchat HaChodesh PINCHAS Numbers 26:52 - 28:15 Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	July	10	Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir Haftorah	Rosh Chodesh MATOT-MASEI Numbers 32:1 - 33:49 Numbers 28:9 - 15 Jeremiah 2:4 - 28, 3:4	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	July	17	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Shabbat Chazon DEVARIM Deuteronomy 2:2 - 2:30 Isaiah 1:1 - 27	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	July	24	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	Shabbat Nachamu VAETCHANAN Deuteronomy 5:1 - 6:25 Isaiah 40:1 - 26	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	July	31	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	EKIEV Deuteronomy 9:4 - 10:11 Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3	9:00 A.M.



JULY Bimah Schedule

- 3 Samantha Clark
- 10 Dale Latner
- 17 Christie Osburn
- 24 Sean Hammel
- 31 Dr. Michael Tobes

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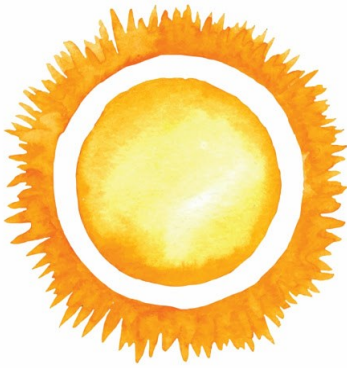
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Sunday, JULY 11, 2021

9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue

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June 2021



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						Service: 9:00 am Parsha: SH'LACH Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				ROSH HODESH I	ROSH HODESH II	9:16PM
						Service: 9:00 am Parsha: KORACH Bimah: Steve Roosth
כו סיון	כז סיון	כח סיון	כט סיון	ל סיון	א תמוז	ב תמוז
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 am					9:15PM	9:19PM
						Service: 9:00 am Parsha: CHUKAT Bimah: Samantha Clark
ג תמוז	ד תמוז	ה תמוז	ו תמוז	ז תמוז	ח תמוז	ט תמוז
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					9:17PM	10:20PM
						Service: 9:00 am Parsha: BALAK Bimah: Tim Birmingham
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27	28	29	30	<p>NO TORAH STUDY AFTER SERVICES</p>		
FAST OF TAMMUZ 17						
יז תמוז	יח תמוז	יט תמוז	כ תמוז			

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July 2021

NO TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES

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					ii9:16PM	§10:19PM ROSH HODESH Service: 9:00 am Parsha: MATOT- MASEI Bimah: Dale Latner
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 am					ii9:14PM	§10:16PM Service: 9:00 am Parsha: DEVARIM Bimah: Christie Osburn
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
ט אב	י אב	יא אב	יב אב	יג אב	יד אב	טו אב
§10:16PM FAST OF TISHA B'AV					ii9:10PM	§10:13PM TU B'AV Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAETCHANAN Bimah: Sean Hammel Hannah Walls Bat Mitzvah
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
טז אב	יז אב	יח אב	יט אב	כ אב	כא אב	כב אב
					ii9:06PM	§10:08PM Service: 9:00 am Parsha: EKIEV Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes

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June Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 *Ariel Tova Hekier*
Robi Jalnos
- 4 *Christopher Paul Osburn*
Matthew Learner
 8 *Chuck Wapner*
 9 *Arthur L. Frank*
 10 *Azariah Munoz*
 11 *Melissa (Mimi) Hall*
 12 *Rachel Tobes*
Jordan Rey
 14 *Dr. Ron Beals*
Fran Birmingham
Ron Moyal
Rabbi Alan Learner
 16 *Jon Markowitz*
 25 *Eva Goodman*
 26 *Elizabeth Randi Feldman*
 27 *Bob Roosth*

Anniversaries

- 11 *Sean & Shannon Hammel*
 15 *Jose & Rebeca Escamilla-Perez*
 18 *Robi & Eileen Jalnos*
 20 *Dr. Stan & Janice Weiner*
 28 *Jordan & Heather Rey*

Hello, Book Club Enthusiasts,

Who would have known when we began our book club, we would be faced with a global pandemic, lockdowns and remote virtual computer meetings.

While we have had to put our book club on hold for a while I am happy to be able to share some news.

Mercaz Reads Israel is a virtual book club in connection with Israel Forever (israelforever.org) and Mercaz USA (mercaz.org). This book club is online with a discussion on a selected book with people around the world. Please visit the listed website for more information.

The reading list with tentative dates for book club meetings for 2021 is as follows:

July 11 Mother of Kings by Rabbi Eliezer Ginsburg

It is my hope that we can meet in person, or if not, virtually through a computer format. Please contact me if you plan to attend the meetings, or if you need an invitation to a virtual meeting.

Christie Osburn



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July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 *Rebeca Escamilla-Perez*
6 *Felice Sobel Silverberg*
10 *Kai Hammel*
Olivia Hammel
Sarah Birmingham
14 *Daniel Feld*
15 *Sheryl Green*
26 *Jose Escamilla-Perez*
27 *Tyler Rubinsky*
28 *Stephen J. Karten*
29 *Michael Diamond*

Anniversaries

- 2 *Daron & Kimberly Walls*
10 *Rabbi Alan & Ellen Learner*



SAVE THE DATE
JULY 24TH
HANNAH WALLS' BAT MITZVAH



TODAH RABBAH GENERAL FUND

Dr. Ron Beals in Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Wiley Roosth
Dr. Ron Beals in Honor of Mrs. Sol (Beck) Roosth

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gail Goodman Eisen & Axel & Marshall Eisen in Memory of Irving Goodman

Yahrzeits

JUNE 1 - JUNE 3

- 1 Rose Rudman
- 2 Dorothy Cohen Smith

JUNE 4 - JUNE 10

- 4 Thomas Werbner
- 5 Robert Muntz
Sam Sable
Bill Werbner
- 6 Sol Ginsberg
- 7 Eugenia Levite
- 10 Herman Jay Shafts

JUNE 11 - JUNE 17

- 12 Francis Fridkin
- 13 Fannie Mosier
- 14 Nora Modisett

JUNE 18 - JUNE 24

- 19 Arnette Sutton
Berma Dean Levine
- 20 Bella Rosenberg
- 21 Ida Kessler
- 22 Harold Samuel Sulsky
- 23 Harry Goldberg
Rabbi Kalman B. Taxon
Sylvia Wolf

JUNE 25 - JULY 1

- 25 Nathan Harold Roosth
- 26 Bernard Krasner
- 29 Rachel Krasner
- 30 Tillie Falk
Sandra Greenberg Sharpe

JULY 2 - JULY 8

- 2 Abe Laves
Rena Tobes
- 3 David Edward Berlin
Rose Kapner
Bessie Luskey Krasner
- 7 Rose Greenwald
Ester Levine
Rhonda Jackson
- 8 David Abramsky

JULY 9 - JULY 15

- 9 Marvin Miller
Isadore Roosth
- 10 Harry Block
Lillian Roberts
- 12 Merrill Cason
- 13 Morris Rosenberg
Marlin Waghalter
- 14 Aleck S. Genecov

JULY 16 - JULY 22

- 18 David Levy
Sam Cohen
Rebecca Lulky
- 22 Herman Pines
Sol Roosth

JULY 23 - JULY 29

- 23 Lonnie Goldfeder
- 24 Harry Kapner
- 26 Pearl Levine
- 27 Yidus Rudman Scrinopskie
- 29 Ella Kelfer
Jake Davidoff

JULY 30 - AUGUST 5

- 31 Albert Weintraub
- 2 Jacob Meyer Edelman
- 4 Molly Luskey
Jeanne Glasser
- 5 Hannah Goldstein

AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 12

- 6 Eve Abramsky Smith
- 7 Lester Waghalter
- 8 Rose Heffler
- 10 Stella Jarett
- 11 Max Edelman
Morris Forman

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 19

- 13 Abraham Davidoff
- 15 Mary Davidoff
Herta Levite
- 17 Israel Smith
- 18 Charles Simon Weintraub

AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 26

- 23 David Howard Smith

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

- 27 Frank Covnet
Kolman Marmar
Annie Wagalter
- 28 William Zuckerberg
- 30 Mollye Goldberg
- 31 Betty Smith
David L. Wapner
Hannah Solinger
- 1 Christopher Jeffers Forzano
Harry Krumholtz



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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!!

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Thank you, Leanne