

Congregation Ahavath Achim

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From the Desk of the Rabbi

Forgiving Others

The Chazon Ish (Rabbi Avraham Yeshaya Karelitz 1878-1953) was once asked, "What is the highest level that a human being can strive to reach in this world?"

He answered: "to live a full life without hurting anyone else. That is the pinnacle of human achievement. A person can recite the entire Tehillim every morning and evening, he can pray every day with heartfelt feeling, observe Shabbas with every detail and stringency: these are all very worthy matters. But the highest level a person can strive for is to live his life without hurting another person in any way."

We live in very troubling times. Not only is it an election year in this country where politicians are slinging mud at each other in such unprecedented amounts, not only are we looking at a pandemic that clearly has changed our habits, routines, and way of life, we are seeing such anger and hatred in this country at a level that should be cause for concern.

Even when Twitter mistakenly locks out users displaying the Star of David when they confuse it with the yellow star worn by Jews during the Nazi era, it is a clear indication that someone is not thinking clearly. To confuse a religious symbol with a symbol of hate and not be able to know the difference between the two truly shows how much work there is before us to do. People are so locked on hate that it seems that all reasoning is going out the door and their words and actions are only perpetuating more of the same. Words and actions can heal, and they can destroy as we have recently seen.

Rav Shmuel HaNagid was a leader of Spanish Jewry during the 11th century. He was a close adviser to the King of Spain. One day the King and Rav Shmuel were walking when a person ran toward Rav Shmuel and began to insult him. Furious with this individual, the King commanded Rav Shmuel to punish this man by removing the man's tongue.

While Rav Shmuel with his authority given by the King could have easily done so, he reacted differently. In fact, he acted quite the opposite. He sent the man gifts and showed him graciousness and attention until the man began to admire Rav Shmuel and show him respect.

A time later, the King and Rav Shmuel were walking together and they came upon this same man. This time, the man bowed and called out praises to Rav Shmuel. The King was obviously furious and exclaimed; "Didn't I tell you to remove this man's tongue?"

Rav Shmuel replied: "I did as you commanded. I removed his evil tongue and replaced it with a good one." If only it were that simple to solve the issues that are polarizing our country today.

As you receive this month's bulletin, we are just coming out of Tisha' B'Av and heading towards the month of Elul. We are reminded in the observance of Tisha B'Av how both Temples were destroyed, especially the 2nd Temple. The Sages of the Talmud teach that Sinat Chinam or baseless hatred was the cause of the destruction of both Temples. Over the last few months, how much of this baseless hatred has spilled out into our streets in the form of violent and destructive protests?

Have there been events that have happened that are cause for anger? Yes, there is no denying that. The loss of life we have seen is very tragic. Judaism teaches that the loss of a single human life is the loss

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President's Message

Dear Congregants and Friends:

We are in the midst of the most significant Coronavirus-19 virus surge affecting East Texas to date. In view of this, our Board will continue to keep the synagogue closed to events and services for the short term. However, I am very happy to report that we are on the verge of selecting and implementing an Internet video streaming system that will allow us to broadcast Rabbi's discussions, Friday and Saturday services, class studies, and other video-based recordings produced in our synagogue. This new program will continue to bolster and expand our interaction with congregants and friends during the virus surge; will assure a future option to expand and grow our interaction with our remote members; and will enable us to attract new membership from among local and remote persons who are unable to attend services on a regular basis. It is important to note that the new system is not intended to replace our treasured face-to-face activities, but to expand our ability to interact as a congregation and community.

In short, while it is with heavy heart that I report our continuing (but temporary) closure, I am greatly encouraged and excited that the Board is diligently working to develop, purchase and implement a user-friendly system that will allow us to reach out.

We on the Board realize that we have a great responsibility to be here, working diligently to get us back together as soon as safely possible. Moreover, we realize that you, collectively and individually, are the synagogue that we serve, the reason we are here.

Please drop us an email, phone call, or regular mail with any questions, ideas and other input you may have.

May Hashem bless you, and be your strength and shield during these challenging times.

Tim Birmingham, CAA President 2020



MEMORIAL BOOK 2020

Each year, at this time, letters go out requesting your participation in our annual Memorial Book fundraising campaign. Our Memorial Book is a chance to help our synagogue with your donations, fulfilling our obligations to tzedakah. It is also a time to remember and reflect on our beloved family members and friends, who have passed away. Your donation provides you with a way to quickly and easily find the date of your loved one's Yahrzeit, for the coming year. This valuable reference book will be mailed to you, or will be available for pickup, prior to Rosh Hashanah. If you would like to participate in our Memorial Book and did not receive a letter, or have other questions, please contact me at caamaya2151@aol.com or 903-258-5698. Your participation is needed and much appreciated.

Barbara Forzano Zimmerman, Memorial Book Coordinator

Many thanks to all of our past participants of this very important fundraiser!

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING FORMS IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

RABBI'S MESSAGE

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of an entire universe. People have a right and just cause for insisting on change to bring about something better for our nation. But there is a peaceful and positive way to do this.

The Month of Elul leading up to the High Holidays offers up the chance for us to forgive others and to ask forgiveness from others we have hurt. Let us pray and do whatever we can as an individual, a people and a nation to work towards this goal. Let us do everything in our power to remove the evil tongues and replace them with good ones. Let us work hard to remind each other that we are all B'tzelem Ehokim. We are all created in the Image of Hashem. We are humanity, one race. We are all the family of mankind.

With Torah Blessings and a prayer to Hashem to heal our country and the world both physically and spiritually, speedily in our days.

Rabbi

All Congregants and Friends:

The synagogue Board is considering an Internet-based computer video setup that will allow live streaming of our synagogue's services and special events on home computer video. The goal is to enable participation by those congregants who must stay home because of personal risk considerations and those who choose to stay home as care-givers for fragile family members during periods of illness. As we all know by now, our Board is suspending our synagogue services and events temporarily because we are experiencing a surge in the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please note, this same video setup will enable us to share services and special events, such as Bat Mitzvahs, in the future beyond our Covid-19 response, to include our remotely located associate synagogue members and potential new members who are located remotely or who cannot attend due to circumstances beyond their control.

We would greatly appreciate your input to explore your willingness to use and support live streaming options. Please take a moment to take the following 5-question survey, which will influence the Board's ability to meet your needs and take into consideration your recommendations and questions. To take the survey, click on the link located following this paragraph. Otherwise, please let me know if you have problems by sending me an email at: tmrcontact@aol.com. If the following survey link does not work for you, please try copying and pasting the link into your Internet browser:

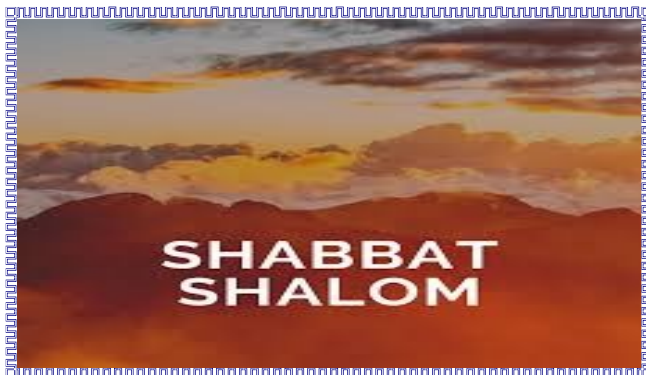
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As a final note, please share any other thoughts and comments that can help us bridge across this period when we cannot meet face-to-face and, also, relative to a future option to share our services and events with remote viewers who cannot be present in the synagogue.

PLEASE make every effort to complete the survey before this Sunday 8/2/2020 5:00 PM . . . We need to complete our deliberations very soon in order to know if we will be implementing a computer streaming system in time for High Holidays.

In advance, thank you, very much, for helping us as we decide how best to keep our synagogue strong and increase our strength as we move forward.

Tim Birmingham, CAA President 2020



**BULLETIN
DEADLINE:
AUGUST 18
for SEPTEMBER
Bulletin**

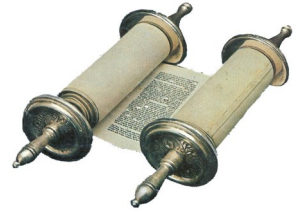
Submit articles to:
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suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)
Thank you !

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, AUGUST 9, 2020
9:00 a.m. at the Synagogue**

**If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Samantha Clark or
Tim Birmingham**

shabbat shalom



AUGUST SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	August	1	Morning Torah Reading Haftorah	Shabbat Nachamu VA'ET'HANAN Deuteronomy 3:23 - 5:18 Isaiah 40:1 - 26
Saturday	August	8	Morning Torah Reading Haftorah	EKEV Deuteronomy 7:12 - 9:3 Isaiah 49:14 - 51:3
Saturday	August	15	Morning Torah Reading Haftorah	REEH Deuteronomy 11:26 - 12:28 Isaiah 54:11 - 55:5
Saturday	August	22	Morning Torah Reading Haftorah	SHOFTIM Deuteronomy 16:18 - 18:5 Isaiah 51:12 - 52:12
Saturday	August	29	Morning Torah Reading Haftorah	KI TETSE Deuteronomy 21:10 - 23:7 Isaiah 54:1 - 54:10

High Holy Days 5781

Sep. 18, 2020 - Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sep. 19, 2020 - Rosh Hashanah Day1
Sep. 20, 2020 - Rosh Hashanah Day2
Sep. 27, 2020 - Kol Nidre
Sep. 28, 2020 - Yom Kippur
Oct. 2, 2020 - Erev Sukkot



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 12 AV	3 13 AV	4 14 AV	5 Tu B'Av 15 AV	6 16 AV	7 17 AV	1 11 AV \$9:07PM Parsha: VAETHANAN
9 Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m.	10 20 AV	11 21 AV	12 22 AV	13 23 AV	14 24 AV	8 18 AV \$9:01PM Parsha: EKEV
16 19 AV	17 27 AV	18 28 AV	19 29 AV	20 Rosh Hodesh I 30 AV	21 Rosh Hodesh II 1 Elul	15 25 AV \$8:54PM Parsha: REEH
23 26 AV	24 27 AV	25 28 AV	26 29 AV	27 30 AV	28 1 Elul	22 2 Elul \$8:46PM Parsha: SHOFTIM
30 3 Elul	31 4 Elul	5 Elul	6 Elul	7 Elul	8 Elul	29 9 Elul \$8:38PM Parsha: KI TETSE
10 Elul	11 Elul					



August Celebrations

Birthdays



- 4 Frederick Beaver
- 5 Mollie Elizabeth Rose
- Rebecca Ruth Frank
- Matthew Frank
- 9 Cynthia Marker
- 10 Melissa A. Linderman
- 11 Aaron Goldfarb
- Abraham Goldfarb
- 14 Dr. Steven Feld
- 15 Mira Shoshana Roosth
- 16 Galit Moyal
- 18 Seth Christopher Clark
- 23 Dee Wapner
- Delores Kathryn
- Escamilla- Perez
- 24 Gail Eisen



Anniversaries

- 7 Stuart & Andrea Roosth
- 8 Paul & Christie Osburn
- 21 Dr. Steven & Joanne Feld

SAFETY FUND

Jerome & Sharon Smith In Honor of Ruth Elmakiss' service to CAA as President

Dr. Michael & Becky Tobes

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lee & Vicki Robertson



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

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Thank you for printing!!!

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Send acknowledgment to:
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 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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 Name _____
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This donation is made by:
 Name _____
 Address _____

INDICATE THE FUND OF YOUR CHOICE BELOW AND IN THE MEMO AREA OF YOUR CHECK. MINIMUM DONATION \$5 PER REMEMBRANCE.

- Breakfast Fund
- Maintenance Fund
- 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**

Yahrzeits

AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 6

- 3 Herman Pines
Sol Roosth
4 Lonnie Goldfeder
5 Harry Kapner

AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 13

- 7 Pearl Levine
8 Yidus Rudman Scrinopskie
10 Ella Kelfer
Jake Davidoff
12 Albert Weintraub

AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 20

- 14 Jacob Meyer Edelman
16 Molly Luskey
Jeanne Glasser
17 Hannah Goldstein
18 Eve Abramsky Smith
19 Lester Waghalter
20 Rose Heffler

AUGUST 21 - AUGUST 27

- 22 Stella Jarrett
23 Max Edelman
Morris Forman
25 Abraham Davidoff
27 Mary Davidoff
Herta Levite

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

- 29 Israel Smith
30 Charles Simon Weintraub

SEPTEMBER 4 - SEPTEMBER 10

- 4 David Howard Smith
8 Frank Covnet
Kolman Marmar
Annie Waghalter
9 William Zuckerman

SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 17

- 11 Mollye Goldberg
12 Betty Smith
David L. Wapner
Hannah Solinger
13 Christopher Jeffers Forzano
Harry Krumholtz
15 Mose Heffler
Sydelle Israel
17 Isaac Levine
Anne Werbner

SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 24

- 18 Abraham Schumer
20 Sam Mayerson
21 Leah Cosel
Hilda Genecov
Dorothy Berlin Heffler
22 Earl Dan Israel
23 Jennie Roosth

SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

- 25 Isadore Greenberg
Anne Mayerson
26 Rosa Josephine Wolf
27 Zelick Greenberg
29 Solomon Golenternek
30 Anne Beleck
1 Hanna Kaplan

OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 8

- 2 Esther Roosth
3 Ethel Cohen
Pincus Kessler
Ethlyn Ticker
4 Sam A. Gaylin
7 Max Dworkin
Hyman Ginsberg
Samuel Goldstein

OCTOBER 9 - OCTOBER 16

- 11 Barbara Beth Dworkin
Tanya Dworkin
Sylvia Miller
13 Elissa Dworkin
Henry Heffler
David Lawrence
Warren Roosth
Bertha Taylor
Helen Bolnick
14 David Forchheimer
Coy Mayfield
15 David Davidoff
Dr. Robert Swerdlow
Adolph Topperman

OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 22

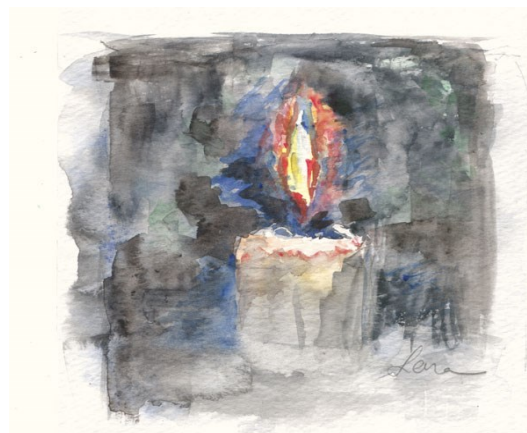
- 16 William Bromberg
Arnold Oblonsky
Lillie Katz
17 Dora Antonoff
Helen Cromer
18 Morris Lulky
19 Julius J. Genecov
Elizabeth S. Gugenheim
21 Evelyn Greenwald Lazarus
22 Joe Harr

OCTOBER 23 - OCTOBER 29

- 23 Beatrice Dworkin
25 Bernice Golden
Samuel Offricht
Gitel Sack
Jacob Sack
26 Fannie Z. Ginsberg
27 Mary Bromberg
28 Freda Lichtman

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 5

- 31 Pauline Edelman



May Their Memory Be For A Blessing

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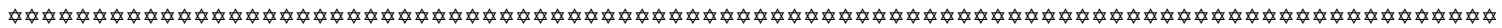
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FOR SECRETARY
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
FOR RABBI LEARNER
TUESDAY- THURSDAY
4:15 -7:15 P.M.
PLEASE CALL FIRST!

- **Congregation Ahavath Achim**
- will not permit the open carry of
- firearms on synagogue property.
- This includes the Synagogue
- building, grounds, and cemetery.
- Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal
- Code (trespass by license holder
- with an openly carried handgun),
- a person licensed under Sub-
- chapter H, Chapter 411, Govern-
- ment Code (handgun licensing
- law), may not enter the property
- with a handgun that is carried
- openly.



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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 Leanne the secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne