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From The Desk of The Rabbi ***Miracles; How Do They Happen?***

There are many trains of thought that run through my mind when the holiday of Chanukah arrives. Even though it is not a biblical holiday as commanded to perform in the Torah, it is a holiday of great spiritual significance when one understands what was nearly lost forever. When one studies the history of this holiday, it has all the makings of a holocaust for it's time and when we investigate into the stories of what the Syrian-Greek ruler Antiochus did to the Jewish people under his tyrannical rule, it is truly a miracle that Judaism survived the onslaught of that time.

Antiochus was not an Alexander. In fact, history teaches us that under Alexander's rule of our ancient land, Judaism thrived under his leadership. It was not uncommon for Jewish people to name their sons after this individual. The Hellenistic way of life had a great influence on our people of that time. So much so, the Torah was translated to Greek by the 70 Rabbis under the rule of Ptolemy II. While hailed as a great achievement (all 70 translations were exactly the same word for word), this influenced many not so positive results.

Many Jewish people started studying the Greek arts and sciences, they wore Greek clothing, and many assimilated into the Greek way of life known as Hellenism. However, for many of our people, we remained steadfast in our belief that Hashem was the only true G-D for our people and that the pagan Greek polytheistic religion was not to be embraced under any circumstances. Alexander's policy of conquering was to preserve the religions and cultures of the nations that he conquered thereby winning the hearts of the people that would be his subjects. Antiochus however, viewed any other religion and culture especially Judaism as a threat to his goal to make the known conquered world at that time Greek in all ways with no exceptions.

When Antiochus started his reign of terror against the Jewish people, he spared no expense as to the level of cruelty that could be afflicted against our people. There is the historical account of Hannah and her seven sons who would not submit to the decrees of this tyrant. She watched as each one of her sons was put to death before her very eyes because they would not abandon the Jewish faith. How many thousands of our people were killed in this manner?

Our religious rituals were banned by the decrees of this tyrant. The Torah was forbidden to be read publicly and studied. Circumcision was outlawed. Jewish women who would have their infant sons circumcised in defiance of Antiochus' decrees against any Jewish observance were murdered and their babies publicly hanged. Such was the onslaught of this unrelenting cruel tyrant who came very close to destroying the Jewish people forever. Resistance was slowly but surely becoming less and less against this new enemy of our people, and assimilation to the Greek Hellenistic way of life seemed inevitable.

Mattathias of Modin and his sons took charge and placed our people back on course. Mattathias' actions towards the Jew who was ready to publicly embrace all that was Greek rivaled what Pinchas did so many hundreds of years before. In a single zealous act, Mattathias brought the Jewish nation back into reality. Under the strong leadership of his son Judah Maccabee, the struggle for religious freedom and regaining

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are in the midst of Fall, 2021 and closing in on Winter, 2021. As seasons change, so must we adapt and change. Our attitudes toward the Pandemic have clearly changed. This year and the past year have challenged us in ways that we could not have imagined. And yet, we are trying to move to a more normalized way of Jewish living. The recent Bar Mitzvah of Levi Learner showed that we can return to prayer and resume the celebrations of Simchas. In the next few months, it is my hope to continue our efforts in doing this. We must continue to find ways to keep the warm and cohesive congregation that we are. I hope that many of you will continue your participation in our activities. I also hope that others will step up their involvement to continue our way of life. We are now into the New Jewish year. I wish all of you a healthy and happy year and a year of more involvement.

Sincerely,
Michael C. Tobes



NOVEMBER Bimah Schedule

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| 6 | Dr. Stan Weiner |
| 13 | Sean Hammel |
| 20 | Steve Roosth |
| 27 | Kimberly Walls |

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Nov. 18
for the
December Bulletin
Submit articles to:
[caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)
Thank you !

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, November 21, 2021
If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail

Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark

the Temple and Jerusalem was fought and won. This miracle along with the other miracles such as the oil lasting for eight days during the rededication of the Holy Temple in 165 BCE has been one of the most inspiring stories that we narrate to our children and ourselves every year since.

We see today in the modern state of Israel that our fellow Jewish brethren are continually threatened by Syria, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and especially Iran. Fatah is not innocent either. These countries and terrorist groups who are dedicated to the destruction of Israel are unlike the ancient Syrian-Greeks who just wanted to subjugate and assimilate the Jewish people. This generation of enemies that Israel faces today have no desire to coexist under any circumstances with the Jewish people.

On the flip side though, we unfortunately see a great divide between the secular and religious in not just Israel, but in our own country today. The BDS movement is not helping the cause against Israel's enemies who seek to destroy Israel. How anyone can look at Israel and compare it to the Apartheid of South Africa is beyond me. Let us not forget how life was under the Islamic rule of the Ottoman Empire. How our memories become so short in the course of two or more generations.

The Ultra-Orthodox Haredim who live in Israel and others like them refuse to support Israel's military and defend the country. The few that do are persecuted by their own movement. What has happened to our people? Between both extremes, there is too much politics, and not enough unity for the common good of the people. Is the Sinat Chinam; the baseless hatred of Jew against Jew to plague us over and over again?

The miracles of Chanukah that we commemorate by lighting the Chanukiah are powerful messages to our people for all generations past, present, and future. But these miracles happened because the Maccabees did everything in their power as physically possible together to warrant Hashem's presence to come back into the Temple; hence the miracle of the oil, and the defeat of the Syrian/Greek oppressors. With the existential threat of Iran's nuclear program, Syria's, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah's continuing terrorist attacks against the Jewish State, Israel and Diaspora Jewry must present a united front of support if we expect the modern-day miracle of the State of Israel to continue.

This year as we light our candles every night, we will say our usual blessings along with the traditional songs such as Maoz Tzur and Al Hanisim. This year as in previous years, I believe we should continue to recite an additional blessing before singing these songs and it should follow after the traditional blessings. The blessing is as follows: "*Baruch Atah Adoshem, Elokeinu Melech Ha-Olam, Ozer Yisrael Bi'G'Vurah*" We say this blessing in our morning prayers every morning and it translates in English as such: "*Blessed are you L-d our G-D, King of The Universe, who strengthens the people Israel with courage*".

I believe it will take courage like never before for our brothers and sisters in the land of Eretz Yisrael to endure what is to come in near future. It will take courage for many of the remaining Jewish people who live in the Diaspora of European countries who are still seeing the rise of anti-Semitism and suffer under the onslaught of attacks against their right to live and practice their faith. It will take courage for Israel itself to have leaders that will know their Tanach and their history as well as the lessons that come with that knowledge.

We must, as Jews who live in this country, continue in the best way possible to elect leaders who will continue to support Israel and we must pray for them to have strength to govern wisely so we and the next generation and all generations to follow will continue to say those beautiful words: "**Am Yisrael Chai**"!

With Torah blessings and wishing all a joyous Chanukah,
Rabbi



shabbat shalom



NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

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| Saturday | November | 6 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | TOLEDOT Genesis 27:28 - 28:9 Malachi 1:1 - 2:7 | 9:00 A.M. |
| Sunday | November | 7 | Tephillin Service | | 8:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | November | 13 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | VAYETZE Genesis 31:17 - 32:3 Hosea 12:13 - 14:10 | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | November | 20 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | VAYISHLACH Genesis 35:16 - 36:43 Obadiah 1:1 - 21 | 9:00 A.M. |
| Saturday | November | 27 | Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah | Birchat HaChodesh VAYESHEV Genesis 39:1 - 40:23 Amos 2:6 - 3:8 | 9:00 A.M. |

CAA MEMBER RECOGNITION

With grateful appreciation and in recognition of her many years of unconditional commitment and dedication, the Board of Trustees of Congregation Ahavath Achim hereby honors Barbara Zimmerman with a leaf on our Simcha Tree:

To Barbara Zimmerman

In appreciation for your years of dedicated service to Ahavath Achim.

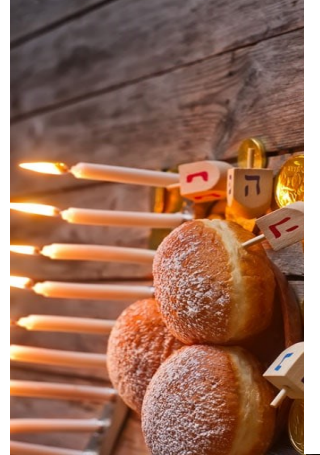
The Board of Trustees, October 2021

Barbara has served in many positions since joining Ahavath Achim in April 1998, including, but not limited to, lay leadership of Shabbat services in the interim between spiritual leaders of our Congregation; president of the Cemetery Corporation; president of the Synagogue; secretary of the Board of Trustees; secretary of our Congregation; president of the Sisterhood; editor of our monthly bulletin; coordinator of our annual Memorial Book; and editor, designer and coordinator of booklets for our B'nei Mitzvah students.

Thank you to Barbara. We appreciate her many efforts and celebrate her outstanding service.

November 2021

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| <p>7 Tephillin Service: 8:00 am Sisterhood Meeting: 9:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
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| <p>21 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 am</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28 EREV HANUKKAH</p> | <p>29 HANUKKAH I</p> | <p>30 HANUKKAH II</p> | | | | |
| <p>כו חשוון</p> | <p>כז חשוון</p> | <p>כח חשוון</p> | <p>כט חשוון</p> | <p>י חשוון</p> | <p>יא חשוון</p> | <p>יב חשוון</p> |
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| <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: TOLEDOT Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYETZE Bimah: Sean Hammel</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYISHLACH Bimah: Steve Roosth</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYESHEV Bimah: Kimberly Walls</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: TOLEDOT Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYISHLACH Bimah: Steve Roosth</p> | <p>Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYESHEV Bimah: Kimberly Walls</p> |
| <p>\$8:14PM</p> | <p>\$7:09PM</p> | <p>\$7:09PM</p> | <p>\$7:03PM</p> | <p>\$7:03PM</p> | <p>ii7:11PM</p> | <p>ii6:06PM</p> |
| <p>ROSH HODESH</p> | <p>טו כסליו</p> | <p>טז כסליו</p> | <p>יז כסליו</p> | <p>יח כסליו</p> | <p>כ כסליו</p> | <p>כא כסליו</p> |



NO TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEWS

Sunday School will meet Sunday, November 7th at 10am. We will be preparing for Hanukkah with crafts, songs, and Hanukkah snacks.

The kids want me to remind you to start your shopping now! LOL! Hanukkah is right after Thanksgiving this year beginning Sunday night November 28th.

Happy Challah-days everyone!



November Celebrations

Birthdays

- 9 Heather Rey
Dr. Larry Rosenfield
- 12 Hannah Yates
- 14 Taylor Goodman
- 15 Richard Beaver
- 18 Ruth Elmakiss
- 19 Chad Alexander Roosth
- 20 Samantha Clark
- 21 Ryan Green
- 23 Betzael Munoz
Jason Bromberg
- 24 Aaron Micah Green
- 28 Sophia Anna Learner

Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood will be meeting at the Synagogue on Sunday November 7th at 9:00 a. m.

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

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- 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

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 4

- 30 Alexander Mirsky
- 31 Hyman Falk
Goodman Lazarus
Sidney Waghalter
- 1 Sylvia G. "Teeby" Forchheimer
Yetta Engle
Burton Gaylin
- 3 Ely Taylor
- 4 Abraham Leon Luskey

NOVEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 11

- 7 Jacob Bromberg
- 8 Esther Mellinger
Ida Richman
Sol Edelman
- 10 Morris Fleishman
Samuel J. Waghalter

NOVEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 18

- 12 Musia Shteinshleifer
- 14 Rita Mayerson Roosth
Rebecca Edelman Davis
Doris Miller

NOVEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 25

- 20 Barney Cohen
Sylvan Mellinger
Jake Solinger
- 22 Bertha Bertheim
William Edelman
Morris Goldberg
Frank Levine
- 23 Frances Chalmers
Walter Lazarus
- 24 Hilda Roosth
- 25 Mayer Mellinger

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 2

- 30 Alex Golenternek
- 1 Abner Waghalter
Ben Edelman
- 2 Madeline Lieberman Wolf
Rebecca Heffler Berry

DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 9

- 4 Hershel Sobel
- 5 Sam Greenberg
- 8 Fanny Fleishman
Freda Levy
Sallie Mellinger

DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 16

- 11 Claire Ann Gaylin
- 12 Madeline Lugassy Richings
- 13 Annie Rosenthal
- 14 Hyman Golenternek
Ida Green
Bertram Jacob Learner
- 15 William Parks
- 16 Phillip Golenternek

DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

- 17 Freda Genecov
- 18 Louis Miller
- 19 Edward Chalmers
Isaac Goldberg
- 20 Phillip Mosier
- 21 David Mayerson
- 22 Sherry Roosth
Charlie Cohen
- 23 Carl Green

DECEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 30

- 24 Celia Levine
Oscar Mastbaum
- 25 Rose Frankel
Joe Golenternek
- 26 Mindel Katz
Mickey Mermelstein
Max Rubin
- 27 Max Antonoff
Mildred Sable
- 28 William Beleck
Rose Carst Mirsky
Sam Roosth
- 29 Max Mellinger
- 30 Monroe Mirsky
Elizabeth Levy Sherman
Eugene (Sandy) Sandford Katz

DECEMBER 31- JANUARY 6

- 31 Murray Kravitz
- 1 Rose Carter
Sarah Hertzfeld
Morris Leaman
Joe Levy
Jesseo Tubat
Louis Sobel
- 3 Mollie Acenberg
- 5 Winifred Heringhi
Milton Joel Kapner
- 6 Dr. Dan Golenternek
Aaron Joseph Levy
Harris Zuckerman

JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 13

- 7 Frayde Mastbaum
Minnie Beatrice Waghalter
- 10 Robert Beaver
Ellinore S. Learner
- 11 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs
- 12 Morris Sherman
- 13 Samuel Genecov

JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 20

- 14 Emmanuel (Manny) Smith
Joseph Aranow
Marleen Mandell
Rebecca Miller
- 15 Jennie Haltzman
- 16 Mollie Mirsky
Ike Rudman
Sidney C. Kahn
Minnie Kahn
Selma Kahn
- 17 Frances Soltes Sobel
- 18 Rose Beaver
- 20 Isaac Block
Raymond Kahn
Jane Pearl Suarez
Sidney M. Wolf

JANUARY 21 - JANUARY 27

- 21 Ida Kurtz
Barnett Wolf
- 23 Eva Levy
Sam Krasner
Sarah Kline
Sol Katz
Jeanette Levy Lemson
- 25 Fannie Abramsky
Millie Heffler
Mike Levine
- 26 Morris Engle
- 27 Sarah Leah Lulky
Minnie Nathan

JANUARY 28 - JANUARY 31

- 28 Israel Katz
Laura W. Muntz
- 29 Harry Freedman
Sam Vogel



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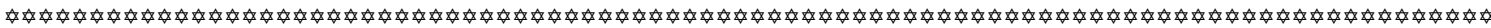
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Or write to: CAA 3501 S. Donnybrook Ave.

Tyler, TX 75701

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

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- will not permit the open carry of •
- firearms on synagogue property. •
- This includes the Synagogue •
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- 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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Congregation Ahavath Achim Sisterhood to
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 Leanne the secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne