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From The Desk of The Rabbi Chodesh Tevet-A Solemn Month of Reflection

As we finish celebrating the holiday of Chanukah, we conclude with the month of Kislev and enter into the tenth month of the Hebrew calendar, the Jewish month of Tevet. There is not a month in the Jewish calendar year that does not have in it a significant event defining the history of the Jewish people. Tevet has two major events in Jewish history. On the tenth of Tevet, King Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem which would culminate in the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C.E., and the translation of the Torah to Greek during the 3rd Century B.C.E. These events would serve as major pivotal points in Jewish history.

Everything in life is cause and effect. Judaism is not exempt from this either. In fact, the Tenth of Tevet brings this point home very clearly with these two events. It is on this very day in Jewish history that some say was both miraculous and tragic at the same time. Let us explore these two events further.

The destruction of the 1st Temple:

As the Jewish people were exiled and absorbed into the Babylonian Diaspora, this would prove to have a profound effect on Jewish thought and eventually lead the way to what we now call Rabbinic Judaism. With the destruction of the 1st Holy Temple, ritual animal sacrifice ceased and our traditional method of worship was no longer an option. Prayer would replace our sacrificial system and the structure of the prayer book would eventually become the new reality although not right away.

Even the reading of the Torah publicly would go from once every seven years during the holiday of Sukkot to a minimum of four times during a normal weekly period during Ezra's time some 70+ years after the destruction of the Temple. Many consider Ezra the Scribe to be the father of Rabbinic Judaism. He established the Great Assembly, later to be known as the Sanhedrin which would rule on all matters of Jewish Law. He also is credited with composing the Amidah or Standing Prayer along with the public reading of the Torah twice a week and on Shabbat and all other holidays. It is said that had Hashem not given the Torah to Moses, the Torah would have been given to Ezra to be given to the Children of Israel. Ezra is credited with the writing of the books of Chronicles as well as possibly being credited as the author of the Tanach in its entirety. As a scribe, he is also credited with producing the first Torah as we know it today consisting of all five books. He instituted a national literacy campaign due to the poor state of literacy that existed with the exiles who returned to rebuild the 2nd Temple. He reestablished the Priesthood and is rumored to have been the Kohen Gadol as well.

The Translation of the Torah to Greek:

Just as the destruction of the 1st Temple was a tragic event in Jewish history, but eventually led to the rebuilding of the 2nd Temple and the establishment of Rabbinic Judaism by Ezra, the Sages during the time of Ptolemy the 2nd in our history consider the translation of the Torah to Greek both miraculous and tragic at the same time. Let us first discuss the miracle that occurred during this period of our history otherwise known as the *Septuagint* or *Sequestering of the 70*. First, a little background explaining Ptolemy's action:

Ptolemy made the argument through observation that there were so many different understandings of the proper performance of the Mitzvot that it had to be because each Rabbi interpreted the observance of the

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have continued to hold services on Shabbos although it takes a while for us to have a minyan. Our YouTube participation has been good. We are trying to increase the number of participants for the Tallis and Tephillin services on the Sundays that we do. At the same time, we on the CAA board are looking at issues to maintain the health of our synagogue building and grounds. We want to remind you that we are restarting the Torah study after services and brunch beginning December 4th. Our doors are open. We invite all of you to participate and be more active.

Michael Tobes



DECEMBER Bimah Schedule

- 4 Kesleigh Terry
- 11 Dr. Michael Tobes
- 18 Linda Thomas
- 25 Wally Newsom

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Dec. 18
for the

January 2022 Bulletin

Submit articles to:
caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com

Thank you !

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, December 12, 2021
If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail

Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark

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of the Torah Laws differently and since Judaism was having so much influence into Greek culture which was nothing but paganism, his intention was to debunk the Torah, thereby debunking Hashem. If the 72 Rabbis of the Great Assembly would come out with multiple translations from Hebrew to Greek, he could posit the argument that Judaism was not a valid religion and his belief in the pagan Greek deities of the time was the true faith.

According to Tractate Megillah, Ptolemy commanded each one separately to: "Write for me the Torah of Moses, your teacher, into Greek". Each Rabbi had no prior knowledge of Ptolemy's request as they were sequestered into 72 separate rooms without knowledge of what their task was until Ptolemy personally asked them to translate the Torah to Greek. So, what was the great miracle?

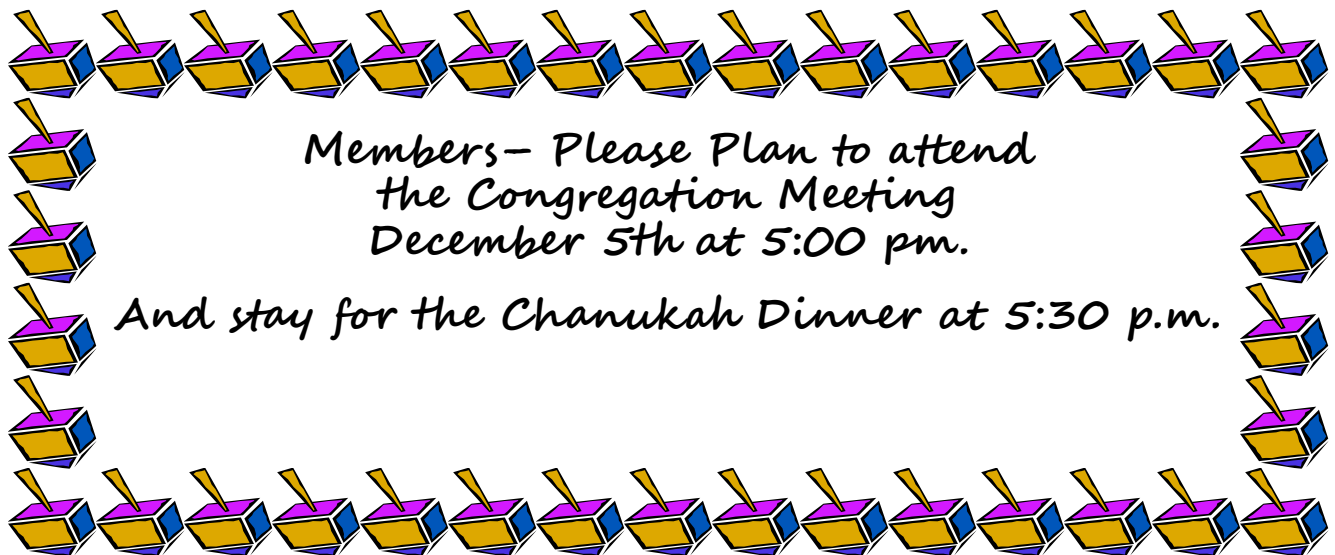
The Talmud states: "Hashem put it in the heart of each one to translate identically as all the others did". This translation would come to be known as the Septuagint. Jewish tradition from one perspective teaches that this was a true miracle. Each Rabbi translated word for word the Torah to Greek (higher Greek). Even the words in Hebrew that had no direct translation to Greek were all translated the same by all the Rabbis. What a miracle! However, there was a down side to this miracle.

In this single act, the Torah became a text that would be translated from Greek to other languages. Once something is translated to another language from another language, the full meaning of the original text becomes diluted, mistranslated, and taken out of context. Later on the remainder of the Hebrew Scriptures or the Tanach would be translated by non-Jewish Scholars. It is this event alone which occurred on the tenth of Tevet, that paved the way for the future inaccurate translations of our Scriptures to other languages.

It has also been stated that the translation of our Torah to Greek was not a miracle, but a tragedy just as great as the destruction of the 1st Temple itself. Tradition teaches that the Torah is considered essentially untranslatable. This is proven in the fact that there are many layers of meaning that can only be understood and recognized through the understanding of the original Hebrew text. One prime example is the numeric value of the Hebrew letters in each word which numerous Midrashim are written. If you have been in my office lately, you will notice a substantial addition of books to my library. One of my favorite avenues of Torah study is all the commentary that is available. It is my hope as we navigate back to normal, our Saturday Torah study can resume where we can explore all these various commentaries as well as translations.

As we enter into the month of Tevet; A month of solemn reflection, let us all dedicate more of our time in a greater understanding of our Scriptures. Let us as congregants dedicate ourselves to greater Hebrew literacy. See you in Shul. See you in class.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi



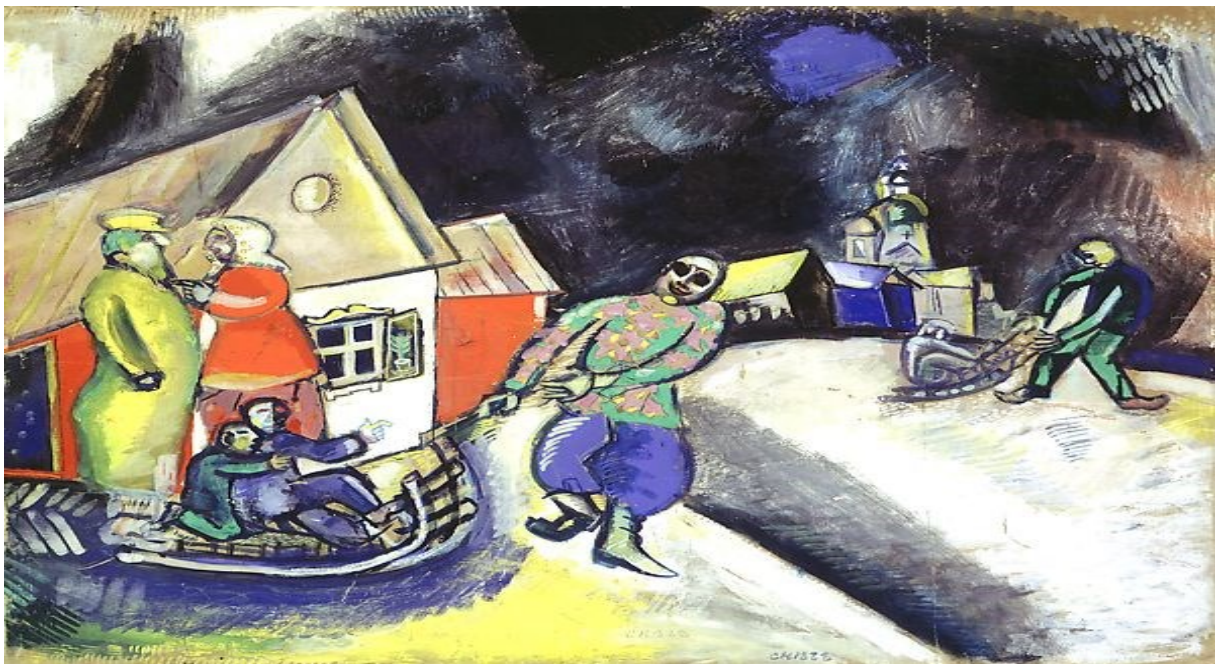


shabbat shalom



DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	December	4	Morning Service	Rosh Chodesh MIKETZ	9:00 A.M.
			1st Torah Reading	Genesis 43:16 - 44:17	
			2nd Torah Reading	Numbers 28:9 - 15	
			Maftir	Numbers 7:42 - 47	
			Haftorah	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7	
Sunday	December	5	Tephillin Service	7th Day Chanukah	8:00 A.M.
			1st Torah Reading	Numbers 28:1 - 15	
			2nd Torah Reading	Numbers 7:48 - 53	
Saturday	December	11	Morning Service	VAYLGASH	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 46:28 - 47:27	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 37:15 - 28	
Saturday	December	18	Morning Service	VAYECHI	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 49:27 - 50:26	
			Haftorah	I Kings 2:1 - 12	
Saturday	December	25	Morning Service	SHEMOT	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 4:18 - 6:1	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 23	





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1	\$7:03PM HANUKKAH III כז כסליו	2	\$7:03PM HANUKKAH IV כח כסליו	3	\$7:03PM/i:16:00PM HANUKKAH V כט כסליו	4	\$7:03PM ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VI Service: 9:00 am Parsha: MIKETS Bimah: Kesleigh Terry ל' כסליו						
5	\$7:03PM ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VII 8:00 am Tephilin Service 10:00 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Congregation Meeting 5:30 pm Chanukah Dinner	6	\$7:03PM HANUKKAH VIII ב טבת	7	\$7:03PM ג טבת	8	8 ד טבת	9	9 ה טבת	10	10 ו טבת	11	\$7:04PM Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYLGASH Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes ז טבת
12	CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 am	13	13 ח טבת	14	\$7:04PM FAST OF TEVET 10 ט טבת	15	15 י טבת	16	16 יא טבת	17	17 יב טבת	18	\$7:06PM Service: 9:00 am Parsha: VAYECHI Bimah: Linda Thomas יג טבת
19	19 טו טבת	20	20 טז טבת	21	21 יז טבת	22	22 יח טבת	23	23 יט טבת	24	24 כ טבת	25	\$7:09PM Service: 9:00 am Parsha: SHEMOT Bimah: Wally Newsom כא טבת
26	26 כב טבת	27	27 כג טבת	28	28 כד טבת	29	29 כה טבת	30	30 כו טבת	31	31 כז טבת		

TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES/
BRUNCH
BEGINNING
DEC. 4TH

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will meet Sunday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. for a Hanukkah party. Games and crafts and storytelling and Hanukkah treats will round out the session.

We will also be decorating for the Hanukkah dinner that is scheduled for that same evening.

Kimberly



December Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Sean Hammel
- Noah Birmingham
- 6 Gabriel Rosenfield
- 9 Emma Caroline Rubinsky
- 10 Joanne Frank
- 12 Galileo "Ki-Ki" Escamilla-Perez
- 15 Steve Roosth
- 16 Julie Diane Roosth
- 21 Gary W. Beck
- 22 Richard Melamed
- 24 Keren Feld
- Loren Seth Goodman
- 27 Kimberly J. Walls
- 30 Asher Gavriel Walls

Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood's next meeting will be at the Synagogue on Sunday February 6th, 2022 at 9:00 a. m.

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

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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
- 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

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 2

- 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

JANUARY 21 - JANUARY 27 cont..

- 25 Fannie Abramsky
Millie Heffler
Mike Levine
26 Morris Engle
27 Sarah Leah Lulky
Minnie Nathan

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3

- 28 Israel Katz
Laura W. Muntz
29 Harry Freedman
Sam Vogel
1 Mayer Lulky
3 Leo Frank
Sara Krumholtz

FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 10

- 4 Ernestine Berlin
6 Melvin Rubin
Frances Vogel
7 Hattie Freeman
Dr. Harold Roosth
9 Rabbi Morris Nathan Taxon
10 Mary Cohen Golenternek

FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 17

- 11 Jake Roosth
14 Abraham Eisen
Isadore Golenternek
16 Ruby Hayman Kahn
Helen Levy
17 Marcus Leon Strum

FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 24

- 19 Dr. Wiley Roosth
Mynette Rochelle Goldberg
Sol Smith
20 Jean Katz
23 Annie Rabinowitz Edelman
Hannah Ruth Frank
24 Fred Davidoff
Jake Luskey

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3

- 25 Edna Greenberg
26 Hannah Jarett
Nelson Kendall Jeffers
Hortense Cohn Israel
Anna Leaman
Charles Rosenthal
27 Hannah Florence (Flo) Berkman
Phillip Feld
29 Isadore Sulsky



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FOR RABBI LEARNER
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4:15 -7:15 P.M.
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- 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
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- 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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Date of Death _____

Hebrew Date of Death _____

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Contact Charlene Goodman 903-894-7488

After you order, send your check, made out to:
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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 Leanne the secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne