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From The Desk of The Rabbi

Normally, I would be writing an article for our bulletin in the month of February relating to Purim. This year being a leap year affords us an extra month of Adar which pushes Purim out into March when it will be observed during Adar II.

Almost every year around this time, I enjoy reading and discussing the section of the Midrash that explains how a certain descendent of King Agag (okay, go ahead and pound the table) cast lots in order to determine the "optimum" time to destroy the Jewish people living throughout the various provinces of the Persian Empire.

First, lots were cast for the various days of the week. Then the various months of the Persian/Babylonian calendar. Even down to the various signs of the Zodiac. The Midrash proceeds to relate that the various angels in Hashem's heavenly court advocated for the Jewish people for every day of the week, the various signs of the Zodiac, and virtually every month except Adar which on the surface, no Biblical reference could be found to merit the defense and salvation of the Jewish people.

Imagine the joy in our ancient enemy's mind when he fell under the allusion that Jewish people would have no protection from Heaven on the 14th of Adar and proceeded to manipulate the Persian government (mainly King Achashverosh) into issuing the edict throughout the entire kingdom of Persia to destroy the Jewish people. Little did this person know that while on the surface, the month of Adar seemed to not have an advocate angel in Hashem's court, and it represented also the death of Moses, he missed a very important fact.

He thought that Adar, as the 12th month, represented the end. But it's not. Though Adar is the "final month," it completes an annual cycle -- and leads us to a new beginning.

He also misinterpreted the death of Moses. In Parsha Mishpatim, Chapter 23, verse 26, Hashem tells Moses: *"I shall complete the number of your days."* One interpretation of this obscure verse of Torah is that Moses would die on his birthday, after completing 120 years. Our ancient enemy failed to take into account that the 7th of Adar -- besides being the date of Moses' death -- was also the date of his birth 120 years earlier. Another teaching is that Moses was born on the 7th of Adar I, and died on the 7th of Adar II. (This is the source for the blessing that "you should live to be 120 + 30.") When Moses died, his life didn't end -- rather, it was completed.

Our ancient enemy misread the omens of Adar through his superstitious methods of casting lots, and his plan was foiled. In essence, he misunderstood a basic feature of Jewish history. Throughout history, we see a repetitive pattern in the evolving history of the great civilizations of the past. Whether it's the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Romans, Napoleon, the Soviet Union -- or even Achashverosh's Persia which included all 127 countries of the civilized world; these "great empires" exist today only in the history books. Their collective histories all have the same pattern: Their nations rose, fell, and disappeared from the face of the earth.

The history of the Jewish people, however, is totally different. Sometimes times are good for us, and sometimes they are not. We go through these ups and downs. For example, we see it prominently in the Book of Judges and also in the Purim story where we the Jews go through the cycle and finish on an up-swing. This cycle is hinted to in the word "Megillah," the Scroll of Esther which we read on Purim. "Megillah" is related to the word *galgal*, which means "wheel." Purim reminds us about the eternal cycle of Jewish history.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Adon Olam is a prayer for all ages. This concluding prayer is one of the most familiar hymns that we all learn. It was probably one of the first prayers that I learned some 70 years ago.

When I participated in what was called Junior Congregation, we would have our own services first, and then go into the main sanctuary for the latter part of the services after the Torah service. We quickly learned all the latter prayers especially Adon Olam which in most prayer books has become the concluding prayer before going to sleep, the daily early morning prayers and at the close of Sabbath and festival morning services including the morning of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

The authorship and origins are credited to various poets, particularly to Solomon Ibn Gabriel and has been considered to be written sometime between 1000 CE to 1060 CE. It did not become part of the morning liturgy until the late 15th century. In Ashkenazic liturgy, it contains 5 stanzas in 10 lines. The concepts are simple but basic to our beliefs as Jews which to name a few are:

Hashem is eternal, He was, He is and He will be.
He is my G-d.

I trust Him with my spirit and body from the moment I am born and even when I die.

The powerful message is that Hashem is present in the day to day lives of every individual. Sometimes, we take this prayer for granted as a transition to leaving the synagogue. Many of the men are folding their Tallit while singing the prayer and we are all preparing for the Kiddush and Brunch to follow.

We do not always think about what we are saying and what it means. We should focus on this prayer like many others in our liturgy as another example of a declaration of faith. One of those declarations being: He is our savior and redeemer.

But enough of the heavy. Let's get to the fun part, the tune. There are a few traditional tunes that we all learn. The most common tune is attributed to the Russian cantor, Eliezar Mordecai Gerovitsch.

As I reflect back to my Jewish learning some 60 years ago while in both Junior Congregation and Hebrew camp, its meter is Iambic tetrameter and lends itself to many popular melodies that employ 4/4 time. One of my favorites is to sing Adon Olam to the tune of Scarborough Fair as sung by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkle. Its my generation and I suspect for some of you as well.

My Rabbis and teachers taught us that prayer can be fun even when the messages in the prayer are important. If singing this prayer to different melodies helps us to internalize the message its author intended to teach us, let us continue to have fun as we affirm our faith and belief in its beautiful poetry.

Michael Tobes

FEBRUARY Bimah Schedule

5 Wally Newsom
12 Kesleigh Terry
19 Dr. Stan Weiner
26 Christie Osburn

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

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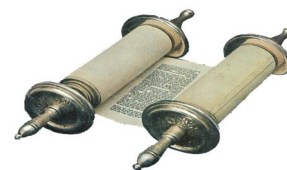
FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, February 13 2022
If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail

Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark

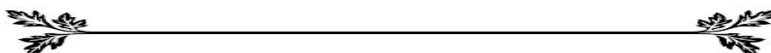


shabbat shalom



FEBRUARY SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	February	5	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	TERUMAH Exodus 26:31 - 27:19 I Kings 5:26 - 6:13	9:00 A.M.
Sunday	February	6	Tephillin Service		8:00 A.M.
Saturday	February	12	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	TETZAVEH Exodus 29:19 - 30:10 Ezekiel 43:10 - 27	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	February	19	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	KI TISSA Exodus 33:12 - 34:35 I Kings 18:1 - 39	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	February	26	Birchat HaChodesh Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir Haftorah	Shabbat Shekalim VAYAKHEL Exodus 36:20 - 38:20 Exodus 30:11 - 16 II Kings 12:1 - 17	9:00 A.M.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

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We continue to see a cycle in the world stage where anti-Semitism is on the rise. Our enemies continue to tout the old blood libel tropes. This was recently on display a few weeks ago when a terrorist, an anti-Semite took four individuals' hostage in Colleyville, Texas. While the hostages miraculously were not harmed including their Rabbi, this incident certainly reminds us all too well, that the spirit of Amalek is alive and well and continues to be at war with the Jewish people in every generation. A disturbing note however was that it was not declared anti-Semitism at the time of the attack. It was not immediately declared a hate crime. It took a while for various agencies to finally call it what it really was and only because of public pressure.

Let us notice though, the little things may be a little different in our current time which should give us some measure of hope. We have seen an unprecedented event in the UN where they passed a resolution condemning Holocaust denial and distortion on the 80th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference. Unilever has been hit hard financially with the boycott of their BDS position concerning Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Many of our states here in this country have shown their support for Israel by divesting themselves of Unilever. Christian evangelical support for the State of Israel has so far been a positive force against the anti-Semitism that threatens it on a daily basis. Many of our states are redefining anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism and taking strong positions condemning it.

Perhaps the lessons of the Holocaust are being learned and eternalized slowly but surely. This can only continue if we the Jewish people remain steadfast with our Jewish identities and show our support for the state of Israel. We must continue to show the world that we are prepared to be the Mordechai's and Esther's of our generation.

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi

February 2022

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		ROSH HODESH I		ROSH HODESH II						Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: TERUMAH Bimah: Wally Newsom	
		ל שבת		א אדר א'		ב אדר א'		ג אדר א'		ד אדר א'	
6	Tephillin Service: 8:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	7	8	9	10	11	12	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: TETZAVEH Bimah: Kesleigh Terry			
13	CAA Board of Trustees Meeting 9:00 a.m.	14	15	16	17	18	19	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: KI TISSA Bimah: Dr. Stan Weiner			
20		21	22	23	24	25	26	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYAKHEL Bimah: Christie Osburn			
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TORAH STUDY

**TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES/
BRUNCH**

Sisterhood News

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

Sunday School:

February 6, 2022 @10:00 am
Sunday School will be meeting to learn
all about Shabbat. What is Shabbat?
Why do we keep it? What do we do
and what do we not do?

Don't forget that Purim is coming
up soon. Wednesday night,
March 16 is the date.
Start planning your
Purim costumes now. :)

February Celebrations Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Zimmerman
- 3 Lysa Levy
- 4 Lawren (Lolly) Greenberg Gross
- 6 Liyah Rut Walls
- 11 Walter (Dale) Latner
- 14 Noah Mitchel Indianer
- 16 Daron E. Walls
- 24 Ezra Kol Rey

Anniversaries

- 10 Jerome & Sharon Smith

TODAH RABAH

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TODAH RABAH

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- ☐ Rabbinic Fund
- ☐ Book Fund

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- ☐ Sylvan Mellinger Maintenance Fund
- ☐ Rabbi Discretionary Fund
- ☐ Sisterhood Flower Fund - **CAA SISTERHOOD**
- ☐ Cemetery Fund - **CAA CEMETERY**

Yahrzeits

FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 3

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

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3 cont...

27 Hannah Florence (Flo) Berkman
Phillip Feld
29 Isadore Sulsky

MARCH 4 - MARCH 10

7 Boris Shteinsheleifer
8 Mary R. Golenternek
Richard Hale Jeffers
Freida Serkes
9 Celia Goldstucker
10 Harry Mermelstein

MARCH 11 - MARCH 17

11 Alexander Golenternek
Miriam Seiderman
14 Morris Jarett
15 Ida Goldberg

MARCH 18 - MARCH 24

19 Helen Nathan Caro
21 Nate Ginsberg
Bert Jacobs

MARCH 25 - MARCH 31

27 Jack Berry
29 Annie Levine
30 Sylvia Gaylin

APRIL 1 - APRIL 7

5 Rosa Lee Roosth Mellinger
Eva Zuckerman
Maurine Muntz
6 Sidney Manuel Kahn
Mike Cohen
7 Thomas Dula
Louis Shafts

APRIL 8 - APRIL 14

8 Ida Hannah Lazarus
Jacob Meyer
9 Betrice Goldfeder
Bennie Roosth
Bob Benjomin Taylor
11 Jerry Lee Jeffers
Manuel Zimmerman
12 Frances Bromberg
Pearl Krumholtz

APRIL 15 - APRIL 21

18 Sam Levine
19 Clara Levine

APRIL 22 - APRIL 28

22 Abraham Flicker
24 William D. Roosth
26 Ralph Davis
27 Judge Earnest Stevens
Ruth Waghalter
28 Maurice Block

APRIL 29 - MAY 5

29 Isabell Davis
30 Anna Eisen
1 Morris Rudman
3 Hyman Smith
4 Arthur Frank
Mary Mirsky
5 Raye Bromberg
Ruth Gross
Selma Greenberg
Pauline Heffler Roosth
Jerome Wolf



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- with an openly carried hand-
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- Subchapter H, Chapter 411,
- Government Code (handgun li-
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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!!

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