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## *From The Desk of The Rabbi*

All of our holidays have different themes. They are designed to remind us of the covenant consisting of Hashem, the Torah and the Jewish people. Each holiday has a specific purpose if not a history as well. The Talmud categorizes our holidays as biblical or Talmudic, Sabbatical or non Sabbatical, full or half (Chol Hamoed), festival or fast. If you really think about it, just as the Rabbi in the movie Fiddler on The Roof said; "There is a blessing for everything", we as Jewish people seem to have a holiday for everything. We have a holiday every week to rest. We have a holiday to celebrate the creation of the world. We have a holiday to atone for our iniquities. We have a holiday to celebrate the harvest (also to camp out). We have a holiday to celebrate freedom. We have a holiday to celebrate the receiving of the commandments. The list goes on and on. It seems that the Rabbis like most of us really enjoyed any reason to celebrate. A common tradition is that if something significant happened in our past, this gave our sages an excuse to create a holiday whereby we would learn our history by celebrating it. This could not be truer than the holiday of Purim.

What do we call Purim? Is the story of Purim about a beautiful Jewish woman (Esther) who risks her life for her people to save them from destruction? Is it about a Jewish man (Mordechai) who knows how to be in the right place at the right time to put all the political pieces in place so he can out maneuver the villain of the story? Is it the story of how the hatred of one individual (Haman) can spark and incite others to that same kind of hatred to the point of committing genocide? Is it the story of how a ruler (King Achashverosh) can become so out of touch with his country and people that through drunken debauchery he can remove his spouse (Queen Vashti) and sign edicts to destroy people without questioning the ethical and moral reasoning for his action? Is it a story of how a subjugated people were given the right to bear arms, defend themselves and destroy the very people who plotted to destroy them? What is the appropriate title that we should give to this holiday?

No matter where you are at in history, the time preceding it shapes it. The Shabbat preceding Purim is called Shabbat Zachor or the Shabbat of Remembrance. What significance does this special Shabbat (one of four) before Pesach have to do with Purim? How does this special Shabbat shape the holiday of Purim? What does it mean "Shabbat of Remembrance"? The answer of course can be found in the Torah.

One of the Mitzvot we are commanded by Hashem to do is to *"Remember what Amalek did to you, on the way when you were leaving Egypt, that he happened upon you on the way, and he struck those of you who were hindmost, all the weaklings at your rear, when you were faint and exhausted, and he did not fear Hashem. It shall be that when Hashem, your G-D, gives you rest from all your enemies all around, in the land that Hashem your G-D, gives you as an inheritance to possess it, you shall wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heaven-You Shall Not Forget!"*(Devarim Ch. 25, vs. 17-19).

Amalek was the prototypical anti-Semite. Although there were previous people in our history that attempted to destroy the Jewish people prior to Amalek, none had previously done so out of cowardly hatred. Laban had attempted to destroy Jacob out of pride and jealousy. Pharaoh had tried to assimilate the Hebrew nation into Egyptian society by killing the male children but had no desire to destroy the entire nation whereby he would have lost a considerable slave labor force. Amalek allowed hate to drive him to do terrible things to people who were unable to defend themselves.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Let us call this a health awareness discussion and what to do when emergencies should arise. Over the past weekend, we had the unfortunate incident of the Rabbi falling ill. He is better now and this is no longer an issue. However, it raises the issue of our preparedness for individuals having health problems that require emergency response and care. It is not only the older members of the congregation but things can happen to any of us at any age. As a result, we are going to try to arrange for a Basic Life Support class so that everyone knows what to do. We will make known the details of date and time, etc. We are also preparing an Emergency Kit for such situations.

I would like everyone to know where it is and what is the makeup of this kit. There will be simple things that will allow us to gain insight into an individuals condition such as a digital BP/HR device. Along this line of thinking, I encourage everyone to carry a sheet or 3x5 cards with the list of their medications, allergies and doctors. This will also help convey information quickly to EMS when they arrive. This list or cards should be in your purse or wallet and easily accessible. If you have suggestions about this, please contact me or other members of the board.

Thank you.

Michael Tobes

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We see this parallel with Haman the Agagite who was a descendant of Amalek. Just like Amalek, Haman deviously attacks the Jewish people by cowardly means and sets the stage for our people's destruction all because of hate. Such is the nature of individuals who do not fear Hashem. They represent the ultimate manifestation of evil. They stop at nothing to achieve their evil designs against humanity even at the risk of their own destruction and the destruction of others who rally to their cause.

Although there are many themes that Purim represents, the main theme is that Anti-Semitism never seems to die. It rises, it flourishes, it takes the world to the brink of destruction and eventually is subdued by righteous people who finally band together to defeat it. However, many times this does not happen until non-Jewish people are caught and swept up in that same hatred. Anti-Semitism seems to be only the beginning of that hatred. Eventually evil becomes less discriminatory and extends this hate and turns it on everybody who does not wish to conform to it. We see this happening not only in Iran today, but in the European countries as well as in the United States. Even Russia in the beginning stages of the invasion of Ukraine takes the position that the Golan Heights is Syrian Territory and not Israeli Territory. Is Russia along with Iran and Syria the new "Haman" of our generation?

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#### MARCH Bimah Schedule

- 5 Sean Hammel
- 12 Wally Newsom
- 19 Christie Osburn
- 26 Dr. Michael Tobes

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

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

March 18  
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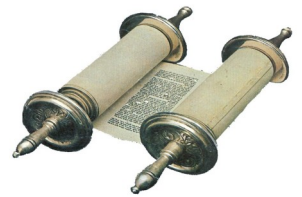
#### MARCH BOARD MEETING

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

Dr. Michael Tobes or  
Samantha Clark



# shabbat shalom



## MARCH SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	March	5	Morning Service	<b>PEKUDEI</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 39:22 - 40:38	
			Haftorah	I Kings 7:51 - 8:21	
Sunday	March	6	Tephillin Service		8:00 A.M.
Saturday	March	12	Morning Service	<b>VAYIKRA</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 4:27 - 5:26	
			Maftir	Deuteronomy 25:27 - 19	
			Haftorah	I Samuel 15:2 - 24	
Wednesday	March	16	<b>PURIM Service</b>		6:30 P.M.
Saturday	March	19	Morning Service	<b>TZAV</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 8:1 - 8:36	
			Haftorah	Jeremiah 7:21 - 8:3, 9:22 - 23	
			Birchat HaChodesh	Shabbat Parah	
Saturday	March	26	Morning Service	<b>SHEMINI</b>	9:00 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 11:1 - 11:47	
			Maftir	Numbers 19:1 - 22	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 36:16 - 38	

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Today we see the posturing of these new Hamans who are abusing their power to threaten not only Israel and the Jewish people, but to any individual or country who will not embrace their concept of what reality they want the world to be. When Iran denies the Shoah of WWII, they bring dishonor to all people both Jew and Gentile who suffered at the hands of the Hamans of that generation.

The spirit of Amalek is alive and well. As we celebrate Purim this year in our costumes and festive atmosphere, may we remember as we grind our greggers blotting out the name of Haman during the reading of the Megillah, all those from this and other countries that are making a stand against this hate, this evil that threatens us again like it has so many times before.

Let us offer up our personal meditations along with the Al-Hanisim not just on Purim but everyday that our soldiers are in harms way along with those of other countries. Let us pray for Israel and the IDF so we can continue in the next generation to say **"Am Yisroel Chai"**.

With Torah blessings and A Hag Purim,  
Rabbi

## JOIN US FOR

**PURIM SERVICE Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m.**





## March 2022

	1	2	3	4	5
			ROSH HODESH I	ROSH HODESH II	Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: PEKUDEI Bimah: Sean Hammel
6 Tephillin Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	7	8	9	10	11
					12 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYIKARA Bimah: Wally Newsom
13 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 a.m. Hamantachen Dough preparation: 11:00 a.m.	14 Hamantachen Baking: 10:00 a.m.	15	16 FAST OF ESTHER PURIM SERVICE: 6:30 P.M. Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes	17 PURIM \$8:17PM	18 SHUSHAN PURIM \$8:18PM/17:15PM
20	21	22	23	24	25
27 Sisterhood Meeting: 9:00 a.m.	28	29	30	31	26 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: SHEMINI Bimah: Dr. Michael Tobes

TORAH STUDY  
AFTER SERVICES/  
BRUNCH

# Sisterhood News

The Sisterhood's next meeting will be at the Synagogue on Sunday March 27th, 2022 at 9:00 a. m.

TODAH RABAH

FEBRUARY BRUNCH SPONSORS

Kesleigh Terry  
Linda Thomas



## March Celebrations Birthdays

- 2 Charlene D. Goodman
- 6 Rabbi Arthur Flicker
- 8 Aaron Daniel Frank
- 10 Andrea Roosth
- 11 LeeAnn Yates
- 14 Jon M. Jacobs
- Tanya Grace Melamed
- Tina Cecile Melamed
- 15 Kelli Beth Roosth
- 16 Rachel Renae Roosth
- 19 Stewart Roosth
- 22 Deborah Markowitz
- 23 Jennifer Lee Roosth
- 24 Rebecca (Beck) Roosth
- Zachary Rosenfield
- 28 Amy Sylvia Markowitz
- 30 Hannah Avigayl Walls

## Anniversaries

- 15 Don & Linda Thomas
- 25 Wally & Shannon Newsom
- 31 Dr. Ron Hekier & Dr. Rachel Keilin

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



## Library In Focus: Who Is Tevye the Dairy Man?



You might remember Tevye from the Broadway musical entitled “Fiddler on the Roof.” The character of Tevye the Dairy Man actually originates from a number of stories written by Jewish author Sholem Aleichem. Many of his stories are “satirical account[s] of local politics” in 1880s Ukraine. While Sholem Aleichem is really just his nom de plume, find out more about Tevye and Sholem Aleichem when you read Tevye the Dairyman and Railroad Stories which can be found in the adult fiction section of our library here at Ahavath Achim.

## Sunday School Happenings

Our Sunday School gang had a blast learning about the mitzvah of Bal Tashchit, Havdallah, and baking tiny challah. This was so fun and easy that we wanted to share the recipe. Using frozen dough means you are always ready to bake challah for Shabbat or Yom Tov.

Next Sunday School class meets March 6, 2022. 10 am  
We will be getting ready for Purim.

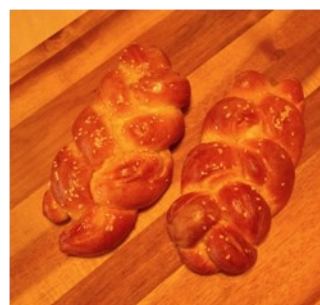
### Quick and Easy Mini Challah

Ingredients:

Rhodes brand frozen Yeast Dinner Rolls (kosher Parve)

1 whole egg

a little bit of time and patience :)



Directions:

1. The night before you want to bake your challah, place your dinner rolls on a plate to thaw in the refrigerator. In the morning the dough will be ready to shape.
2. For one mini challah you will need three pieces of dough, i.e. three dinner rolls. Shape each piece of dough into a long snake.
3. Once you have three “snakes” of dough you are ready to braid your loaf.
4. Place your braided loaf onto a prepared baking sheet. Cover loaf with a towel and wait for the dough to rise. It should take 1 to 2 hours, but this will vary based on the temperature of your room.
5. Once your dough has risen you can beat one egg and brush the egg onto the top of your loaf. You can also add poppy seeds or sesame seeds on top.
6. Bake in a 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes. Your loaf should be golden brown on top. Enjoy!

Shabbat Shalom! Kimberly Walls



Come help make  
Hamantaschen for Purim on Sunday,  
March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. and Monday  
March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.  
Need more information?  
Please contact Linda Thomas.

## Yahrzeits

### MARCH 1 - MARCH 3

### 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 Benjamin 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

### MAY 6 - MAY 12

6 Jerome Wolf  
Mary Hendelman  
Betty Beck  
Boris Tobes  
7 David Learner  
8 Otto Heffler  
Eva Offrict  
12 Max Chodow  
Sarah Golenternek

### MAY 13 - MAY 19

13 Celia Roosth  
Joe Roth  
Rose Terlitsky Chrona  
14 Fannie Heffler  
15 Charles Greenwald  
William Kelfer  
Rebecca Tuck

### MAY 13 - MAY 19 cont...

16 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth  
17 Irving M. Goodman  
Abraham Offrict  
18 William Kelfer  
Rebecca Tuck  
19 Simcha Bigus  
Leibel Bigus  
Moshe Bigus  
Chanah Bigus  
Malkah Bigus  
Aaron Bigus  
Avram Bigus  
Ester Bigus  
David Bigus  
Frayde Bigus  
Pinchas Bigus  
Yaakov Mordechai Bigus  
Rae Forman  
Ruth Mastbaum  
Haim Mastbaum  
Nathan Mastbaum  
Aaron Mastbaum  
Hilary Mastbaum  
Jacob Mastbaum

### MAY 20 - MAY 26

26 Michael Schumer

### MAY 27 - JUNE 2

27 Rosa Krumholtz  
28 Paul Forchheimer  
Louis Glassser  
30 Jacob Fridkin  
Mollie Sherman  
Bessie Spero  
31 David Gross  
2 Thelma Sobel



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**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
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