



# Congregation Ahavath Achim

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## *From The Desk of The Rabbi*

As I write this article for this month's bulletin, I realize that by the end of the month, we will be finishing up with the Hebrew month of Kislev and that Chanukah will be here before we know it. It doesn't seem that long ago we were celebrating the High Holidays and all the Chagim that follow it. When we look at each holiday, we are encouraged to examine the themes of each holiday. It is not just the celebration only that we are to focus on.

We are well into what is called the "Holiday Season" now and so much emphasis is placed on the act of gift giving. While for the Christian and secular world this may be the main focal point of the holiday season, it should not be the main focal point of Chanukah. Now I must confess, it was nice as a child to see some Chanukah gelt, or a wrapped present, but as I grew into adulthood, I learned and came to the realization that our theme of Chanukah during this holiday season was far from this level of cultural observance. It represents a message that needs to be vocalized and, not for just the Jewish People, but for the entire world. It is a message that the Founding Fathers of this country took very seriously; the right to religious freedom.

How often do we hear the words referring to Chanukah as "Jewish Christmas"? Anytime that someone refers to Chanukah in that way, I go out of my way to make sure that there is some dialogue and education that follows a statement like that. The struggle for religious freedom is something that didn't start with the Pilgrims, the Mayflower and Plymouth Rock. It started back in 167 BCE and still continues unto this day.

Although Judaism thrived at the time of Alexander the Great and had a great influence on Greek culture, monarchs changed over time and it was the Greek culture known as Hellenism that sought to eliminate Judaism. King Antiochus' goal to make the world Greek and full of paganism nearly succeeded had it not been for the courage of a few against the many. Had it succeeded in conquering Judaism and assimilating the Jewish people into the Greek culture, I dare say the world today would be a very different place.

This is the impact of Chanukah, of Judaism in the world then as well as today. Driving the Greeks out of Jerusalem and the land, rededicating the Beit HaMikdash, fighting victoriously for our religious freedom paved the way for what was to become a great focal point of human history. It is the first recorded fight and struggle in human history for the right to religious freedom that was fought and won. It established continuing proof to our people at that time that Hashem exists in this world and still gives us the strength to prevail against the

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

About one year ago, the trustees of the synagogue board decided that we will pursue the Sabbath Service project. We all enjoy our Sabbath services led by our Rabbi. Many of us wanted to learn more about the services, both in terms of how the service is organized and how to chant the various prayers. We are all at various levels of knowledge and experience. For some, this will mean increasing their ability to read Hebrew. With the Rabbi's guidance, we have completed printing up the order of a regular service. The Rabbi has now held two sessions of the Adult B'nai Mitzvot classes. The classes are being held on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. Classes are being streamed on Zoom for those of us not being able to attend in person. We are also working on being able to have these sessions / lessons placed on a hard drive. The goal is to have various members of the congregation to be able to run the service. The Rabbi has provided us with a wonderful opportunity to learn and understand what we are doing when we pray together. I encourage all of you to come and learn.

*Michael Tobes, President*

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

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threat of annihilation. Coupled with the miracle of the oil proving that Hashem's presence had returned to the Temple gave our people the hope they needed to eventually survive all future threats to come.

There are those today who still struggle for the hope of religious freedom, for the right to worship in peace and freedom. The Temple Mount still continues to be a point of political and religious struggle. The threats of violence against Jewish institutions recently demonstrates that even in this country, anti-Semitism threatens our religious freedom. When we as Jews are threatened, it never bodes well for the rest of humanity. History has certainly taught us that much if we choose to heed its teachings.

May the true message of Chanukah bring meaning to our time now for all those who today suffer from religious persecution. May the true message of Chanukah call to the righteous in this world today. May it not fade away in annals of history and be forgotten. It remains in our hands to do so. Spread the word.

With Torah Blessings,  
Rabbi



**BULLETIN  
DEADLINE:**  
**DECEMBER 18** for the  
**JANUARY 2023**  
**Bulletin**  
Submit articles to:  
[caasecretary@  
suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:caasecretary@suddenlinkmail.com)  
Thank you !

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**If you have an item for the agenda,**  
**please call or e-mail**

**Dr. Michael Tobes or**  
**Samantha Clark**



# shabbat shalom

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS

Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings



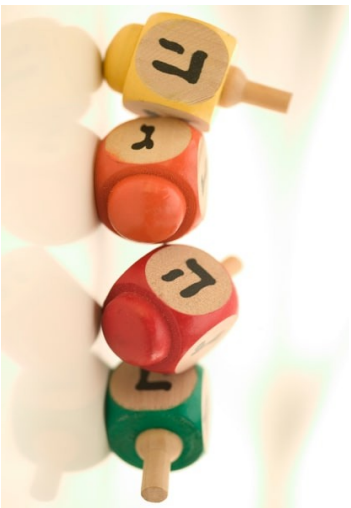
Saturday	December	3	Morning Service	<b>VAYESTEI</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 28:10 - 30:13	
			Haftorah	Hosea 12:13 - 14:10	
Sunday	December	4	Morning Service	<b>TEPHILLIN</b>	8:00 A.M.
Saturday	December	10	Morning Service	<b>VAYISHLAH</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 32:4 - 33:20	
			Haftorah	Obadiah 1:1 - 21	
				Birchat HaChodesh	
Saturday	December	17	Morning Service	<b>VAYESHEV</b>	9:30 A.M.
			1st Torah Reading	Genesis 37:1 - 37:36	
			Haftorah	Amos 2:6 - 3:8	
Saturday	December	24	Morning Service	<b>MIKKETS - Shabbas Chanukah</b>	9:30 A.M.
			1st Torah Reading	Genesis 41:1 - 41:52	
			2nd Torah Reading	Numbers 28:9 - 15	
			Maftir	Numbers 7:42 - 47	
			Haftorah	Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7	
Saturday	December	31	Morning Service	<b>VAYIGGASH</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Genesis 44:18 - 45:27	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 37:15 - 28	

**Members & Associate Members Please don't forget to plan to attend the Congregation Meeting Sunday, December 25th at 4:30 p.m.**

**If you are unable to attend, please return a proxy form! Forms have been emailed and you can return via email or regular mail or drop it off at the synagogue office before Friday December 23rd**

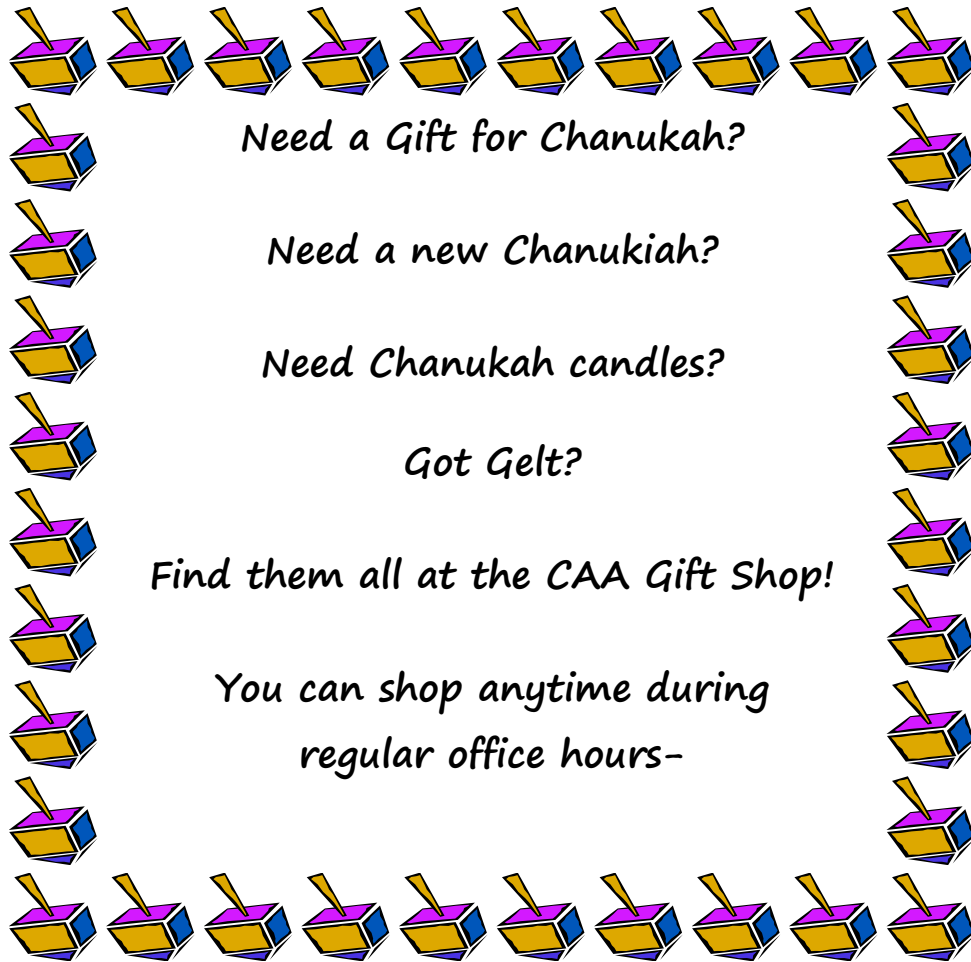
**The Annual Chanukah dinner will be held after the Congregation Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

**Please RSVP to Karin Latner, Kesleigh Terry or Leanne by Tuesday, December 20th so there will be plenty of homemade soup, latkes and soufganiyot to go around.**



## December 2022

4 Tephillin Service: 8:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am	5	6	7	1 Adult Bnei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm	2	3 Service: 9:30 am Parsha: VAYESTEI
י כסליו	יא כסליו	יב כסליו	יג כסליו	יד כסליו	טו כסליו	טז כסליו
11 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 am	12	13	14	15 Adult Bnei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm	16	17 Service: 9:30 am Parsha: VAYESHEV
יז כסליו	יח כסליו	יט כסליו	כ כסליו	כא כסליו	כב כסליו	כג כסליו
18 EREV HANUKKAH	19 HANUKKAH I	20 HANUKKAH II	21 HANUKKAH III	22 HANUKKAH IV Adult Bnei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm	23 HANUKKAH V	24 ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VI Service: 9:30 am Parsha: MIKETS
כד כסליו	כה כסליו	כו כסליו	כז כסליו	כח כסליו	כט כסליו	ל כסליו
25 ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VII Congregation Meeting: 4:30 pm Chunukah Dinner: 5:30 pm	26 HANUKKAH VIII	27	28	29 Adult Bnei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm	30	31 Service: 9:30 am Parsha: VAYIGCASH
א טבת	ב טבת	ג טבת	ד טבת	ה טבת	ו טבת	ז טבת



*Need a Gift for Chanukah?*

*Need a new Chanukiah?*

*Need Chanukah candles?*

*Got Gelt?*

*Find them all at the CAA Gift Shop!*

*You can shop anytime during  
regular office hours-*





## December Celebrations

### Birthdays

1 Sean Hammel

Noah Birmingham

6 Gabriel Rosenfield

9 David Lawrence Roosth

Emma Caroline Rubinsky

12 Galileo "Ki-Ki" Escamilla-Perez

14 Brian Harrison Roosth

15 Steven C. Roosth

16 Julie Diane Roosth

20 Daniel Munoz

21 Gary W. Beck

22 Richard Melamed

24 Loren Seth Goodman

Keren Feld

27 Kimberly J. Walls

30 Asher Gavriel Walls

### Anniversaries

None



## TODAH RABBAH SAFETY FUND

Dr. & Mrs. Michael Tobes have donated the new fire extinguisher for the Shul kitchen.

Thank you so much for this needed equipment and may we never need to use it!

MEMBERS MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND  
THE CONGREGATION MEETING  
TO BE HELD in DECEMBER ALONG WITH THE  
ANNUAL CHANUKAH DINNER  
PREPARED BY THE CAA SISTERHOOD.

Dinner - Sunday, December 25th at 5:30 p.m.  
IF YOU WISH TO ORDER ADDITIONAL LATKES-  
PLEASE CONTACT KARIN LATNER TO PLACE  
YOUR ORDER.

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

Please use this form to make your donations and send to:  
Congregation Ahavath Achim 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, TX 75701

Thank you for printing!!!

Attached is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is being made:  
IN HONOR / MEMORY / OTHER OF:

Send acknowledgment to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR / MEMORY / OTHER OF:

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This donation is made by:

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City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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 2 - DECEMBER 8

2 Musia Shteinsheleifer  
6 Rita Mayerson Roosth  
Rebecca Davis Edelman  
Doris Miller

### DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 15

10 Barney Cohen  
Sylvan Mellinger  
Jake Solinger  
12 Bertha Bertheim  
William Edelman  
Morris Goldberg  
Frank Levine  
13 Frances Chalmers  
Walter Lazarus  
14 Hilda Roosth  
15 Meyer Mellinger

### DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

20 Alex Golenternek  
21 Abner Waghalter  
Ben Edelman  
22 Madeline Lieberman Wolf  
Rebecca Heffler Berry

### DECEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 29

24 Hershel Sobel  
25 Sam Greenberg  
28 Fanny Fleischman  
29 Freda Levy  
Sallie Mellinger

### DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5

31 Claire Ann Gaylin  
1 Adeline Lugassy Richings  
2 Annie Rosenthal  
3 Hyman Golenternek  
Ida Green  
Bertram Jacob Learner  
4 William Parks  
5 Phillip Golenternek

### JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12

6 Freda Genecov  
7 Louis Miller  
8 Edward Chalmers  
Isaac Goldberg  
9 Phillip Mosier

### JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 12 cont.

10 David Mayerson  
11 Sherry Roosth  
Charlie Cohen  
12 Carl Green

### JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 19

13 Celia Levine  
Oscar Mastbaum  
14 Rose Frankel  
Joe Golenternek  
15 Mindel Katz  
Mickey Mermelstein  
Max Rubin  
16 Max Antonoff  
Mildred Sable  
17 William Beleck  
Rose Carst Mirsky  
Sam Roosth  
18 Max Mellinger  
19 Monroe Mirsky  
Elizabeth Levy Sherman  
Eugene (Sandy) Sanford Katz

### JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 26

20 Murray Kravitz  
21 Rose Carter  
Sarah Hertzfeld  
Morris Leaman  
Joe Levy  
Jeseo Tubat  
Louis Sobel  
23 Mollie Acenberg  
25 Winifred Heringhi  
Milton Joel Kapner  
26 Dr. Dan Golenternek  
Aaron Joseph Levy  
Harris Zuckerburg

### JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2

27 Frayde Mastbaum  
Minnie Beatrice Waghalter  
30 Robert Beaver  
Ellinore S. Learner  
31 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs  
1 Morris Sherman  
2 Samuel Genecov

### FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 9

3 Joseoh Arnow  
Marlene Mandell  
Rebecca Miller  
Emanuel (Manny ) Smith  
4 Jennie Haltzman  
5 Mollie Mirsky  
Ike Rudman  
Sidney C. Kahn  
Minnie Kahn  
Selma Kahn  
6 Frances Soltes Sobel  
7 Rose Beaver  
9 Isaac Block  
Raymond Kahn  
Jane Pearl Suarez  
Sidney M. Wolf

### FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 16

10 Ida Kurtz  
11 Barnett Wolf  
12 Eva Levy  
Sam Krasner  
Sarah Kline  
Sol Katz  
Jeanette Levy Lemson  
14 Fannie Abramsky  
Millie Heffler  
Mike Levine  
15 Morris Engle  
16 Sarah Leah Lulky  
Minnie Nathan

### FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 23

17 Israel Katz  
Laura W. Muntz  
18 Harry Freedman  
Sam Vogel  
21 Mayer Lulky  
23 Leo Frank  
Sara Krumholtz

### FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28

24 Ernestine Berlin  
25 Boris Shteinsheleifer  
26 Melvin Rubin  
Frances Vogel  
Mary Golenternek  
Richard Hale Jeffers



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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
- 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 Subchapter H,
- Chapter 411, Government Code
- (handgun licensing law), may not
- enter the property with a handgun that
- is carried openly.

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### Remember A Loved One

Memorial Plaque Order Form

Honor your departed loved ones with a fitting remembrance.

**ORDERED BY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR:**

English Name of Loved One \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Plaques - \$250 each

Make checks payable to Congregation Ahavath Achim and send to 3501 South Donnybrook, Tyler, Texas 75701. If you need help with any part of this order form, contact the synagogue

### SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

Interested in ordering flowers for the Bimah?

Contact Charlene Goodman 903-894-7488

After you order, send your check, made out to:  
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 Kimberly Walls and she will be more than happy to help you!

Kimberly Walls (903) 283-4438 or wallskj@gmail.com