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From The Desk of The Rabbi

"LIVING IN TWO WORLDS"

Jews live according to the rhythm of two different calendars – the secular and the sacred. To a certain extent, living by both of them leads to a kind of schizophrenic experience. The night of December 31 is an exciting time in one secular tradition, but meaningless in the sacred. And at the same time, the first of Tishri takes on universal spiritual meaning for us Jews, but seems to have no meaning for the non-Jewish secular world. From a non-Jewish perspective, the Gregorian Calendar with its Common Era ideology wants us to believe it is the year 2023. But we as the Jewish people have never seen it from this perspective; and for good reason.

According to the Mishneh, and I have mentioned this before, there are four different new years: one for spring (Nisan), one for accounting or "taking stock of your life" (Elul), one for the birthday of the world and humanity (Tishri), and one for trees (Shevat). Due to the previous leap year, we will celebrate Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees next month. Currently we are in the month of Tevet and perhaps because of the various tragedies associated with the 10th of Tevet, we tend to see the counting of time differently.

I have always seen time as linear. After all, that's what they teach us in school. Time does not stop; it does not move backwards; it only moves forward. What had transpired previously is just simply the past. We can't slow it down or speed it up. The terms; Common Era and Before the Common Era which we use today are in my opinion terms used to try to separate time itself which I feel is impossible. For the Jewish people, it is 5783, not 2023. It is 2023 years after 3760. How can there be literally a cut off of time? The second 3759 ended, it continued as 3760. There was no reset. The universe did not end and start all over again.

We cannot proceed with the assimilated attitude that everything before the certain birth of an individual is before and not relevant. To do so would imply that nothing in the past matters and there is nothing to learn from it. This is revisionist history of which we the Jewish people cannot accept. The Jewish people have been the Aay'deem (witnesses) to the rise and fall of virtually every kingdom, civilization, and empire that has existed since the time of Abraham; which by the way was around the year 1950, 300 years after the great flood (give or take a few years or decades).

It is a difficult balance that we seek when in the fall, we celebrate the birth of the world and humanity, and begin another year. Yet, the non-Jewish world for the most part, believes and practices otherwise. All that seems to matter is the secular calendar and the various names of the months that are references to either pagan deities, or past Roman Emperors. We have become so assimilated to the Gregorian Calendar that we view it first as a means to schedule our appointments and regulate our secular life. How many of us have scheduled a doctor or medical appointment, only to find that it lands on a Jewish holiday and we have to call to reschedule?

I believe that it is our responsibility to express this concept of linear time whenever certain individuals, especially celebrities use their position, fame and fortunes to posit their anti-Semitic troupes thereby

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As the secular year draws to a close, my thoughts are drawn to all the events in this country and around the world. Of course, my thoughts have focused on our congregation and the health of the synagogue and directions of our synagogue. We have done much over this past year. Services have been held regularly but we sometimes have problems with a minyan. The education of our youth and of the adults is proceeding. The sisterhood and brotherhood are meeting and supporting our various events. We still have to worry about issues of safety and protection of our congregation from possible dangers. We must maintain a healthy concern about anti-semitism since it appears to be increasing in the world around us. We are working toward improving the dialogue within our community, both Jewish and secular. We have to maintain the physical building and property of our synagogue. We are also working on the communication within our own community using Zoom and updating a website for our synagogue. Our membership has grown slightly but it is obvious we need to grow our membership. Financial support of our congregation is important for the survival of our synagogue. Additionally, we need the participation of everyone to help to get things done and to maintain our vitality. For a small congregation, we have done a lot of good things and have achieved a closeness not found in many other houses of worship. We have been able to make Ahavath Achim a home for ourselves. I am hopeful we can maintain this spirit and have others want to come and participate with us.

Michael Tobes, President

RABBI'S MESSAGE

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imposing their "revisionist" perceptions of history on a mass audience. We need to remind individuals like Kanye West and Whoopie Goldberg that their revisionist ideas have no place in this world if we are to eliminate hatred, bias, and racial prejudice. Their recent statements do nothing but divide the human race and will never unite it.

It is obvious that they and others like them have never truly studied history. And if they did study some watered-down version of it that was revised in some text book, they have not learned correctly to not repeat the mistakes of the past. If January 1st is to be viewed by the non-Jewish world as a time of making New Year's resolutions, I can offer a few of my own besides joining a gym, or reading a self-help book. It all starts with accepting that the past exists and the lessons it is willing to teach. Only in doing so, can we as humanity resolve our current issues and forge on to a better future. May all humanity have a brighter 5783; now in progress.



**BULLETIN
DEADLINE:**
JANUARY 18 for the
FEBRUARY 2023
Bulletin
Submit articles to:
caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com
Thank you !

JANUARY BOARD MEETING
Sunday, JANUARY 8, 2023
If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Dr. Michael Tobes or
Samantha Clark



shabbat shalom

JANUARY SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings



Saturday	January	7	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAYECHI Genesis 47:28 - 48:22 I Kings 2:1 - 12	9:30 A.M.
Saturday	January	14	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	SHEMOT Exodus 1:1 - 2:25 Isaiah 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22 - 23	9:30 A.M.
Sunday	January	15	Morning Service	TEPHILLIN BIRCHAT HACHODESH	8:00 A.M.
Saturday	January	21	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAERA Exodus 6:2 - 7:7 Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21	9:30 A.M.
Saturday	January	28	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	BO Exodus 10:1 - 11:3 Jeremiah 46:13 - 28	9:30 A.M.



January 2023

1	2	3 \$7:16PM FAST OF TEVET 10	4	5 Adult B'nei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm In person & Online	6	7 \$7:19PM Service: 9:30 am Parsha: VAYECHI Brunch: Learner Family
8 CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting: 10:15 a.m.	9	10	11	12 Adult B'nei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm In person & Online	13	14 \$7:25PM Service: 9:30 am Parsha: SHEMOT Brunch: Walls Family
15 Tephillin Service: 8:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	16	17	18	19 Adult B'nei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm In person & Online	20	21 \$7:31PM Service: 9:30 am Parsha: VAERA
22	23 ROSH HODESH	24	25	26 Adult B'nei Mitzvot Classes: 7:00 pm In person & Online	27	28 \$7:38PM Service: 9:30 am Parsha: BO
29	30	31				



January Celebrations Birthdays

- 1 Nathaniel Tov Walls
4 Hannah Morgan Schumer
11 Elsie M. Beaver
Faith Elizabeth Melamed
17 Brent Mosley
23 Victoria Hammel
24 Susan Cason-Parks
26 Karlee Munoz
27 Ann Roosth Melamed
30 Marleen Swerdlow
31 Shannon Hammel
John Zimmerman

Anniversaries

- 4 Tim & Fran Birmingham
21 Dr. Larry & Jan Rosenfield
27 Seth & Samantha Clark



Sunday School
will meet Sunday,
January 15th at 10 a.m.



SISTERHOOD NEWS

We have streamlined our brunches to simple menu items so members are able to be in service., if anyone had any questions about sponsoring a brunch, please contact Kesleigh Terry.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Chanukah dinner. Thanks to all who made it all possible and helped cook.

The Sisterhood meeting will be held Sunday,
January 8th at 10:15 a.m.
following the board meeting.

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 _____
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This donation is made by:

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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

JANUARY - JANUARY 5

- 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
- 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

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FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 2

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



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Tyler, TX 75701

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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Honor your departed loved ones with a fitting remembrance.

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Hebrew Date of Death _____

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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