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### *From The Desk of The Rabbi Who is Haman, the Aggagite?*

The holiday of Purim is upon us. As you receive this bulletin, we will be approaching the second of four special Shabbats that we observe before the holiday of Pesach. This second one is known as *Shabbat Zachor*, the Sabbath of Remembrance. This special Shabbat always falls before the holiday of Purim and the Haftorah is always from the book of Samuel concerning Hashem's commandment via Samuel to King Saul to utterly destroy **everything** of the Amalekites.

If you notice, the title above says: *Who is Haman, the Aggagite?* You may be wondering why I did not state: *Who was Haman, the Aggagite?* Haman, (and I hope that you are pounding on something as you read this name) is more than just a bad character in the Purim story. It is a name associated with all the evil individuals who have come before and after who represent the ultimate example of anti-Semitism, and its roots unfortunately are Semitic.

It seems the wild evil nature of Esau transferred itself to his grandson who was named Amalek, hence the birth of the Amalekite nation. Many of us know the very nature that Esau was and the apple did not fall far from the tree when it came to his grandson Amalek. Imagine growing up in that culture, a culture where hate is taught to every generation as a way of life where that is all there is to live for; to hate.

The hatred would extend to the generation that came out of Egypt, to the time of Samuel and Saul, and to the time of Esther and Mordechai. We also see that this hatred has never died well into modern times with continuing rhetoric from the White Supremacy groups as well as the radical Islamic world. Just recently we were warned of a "National Day of Hate" organized by these groups on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. Imagine living in these times, in this country, where some misguided Americans are more focused on hate? How can you hope to mend or heal a fractured society where racial tensions are already stressed to their highest levels?

We are taught to remember what Amalek did to us when we went out of Egypt. How that nation attacked from the rear. How that nation attacked the weak, the feeble, the stragglers. Amalek was embolden to attack Israel because they sensed doubt in our people. Eventually we had to turn and fight this adversary. There was no negotiating with hate. There was no compromise for coexistence. When we as the young Jewish nation came to this realization, we acted.

When we looked up to Hashem for salvation, we triumphed. Perhaps had Saul followed Hashem's commandment properly, the very story of Purim might have never needed to happen. It is interesting to note that by not proscribing everything of the Amalekites, Saul allowed King Agag's wife to be able to escape thereby setting the stage for what would be the story of Purim since Haman was a direct descendant of King Agag. When I say who "is" Haman the Aggagite, I refer to all those who would choose hate as a way of life by declaring that not just the Jewish people, but any group of people or nation does not have the right to exist. We continue to see that hate not just being directed at Israel by Iran and other Arab nations, but also at us here in the United States.

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On March 6 to March 7, 2023, we will be celebrating the holiday of Purim. We will read the book of Esther celebrating the survival of our people and overturning the decree by Haman that all Jews living in Persia should be slaughtered.

Haman was the chief minister of King Ahasuerus. The question is who really was Haman. On a simple level, Haman was a descendant of Agag, the king of the Amalekites. The Amalekites have been a long-time enemy of our people. The Amalek was the first enemy that Israel encountered after the crossing of the Sea of Reeds. Joshua defeated Amalek in battle.

Haman represents the continued threat to our existence as a people. We have continued to battle Amalek throughout the generations of our people. We celebrate Purim and our survival of our people at that time. We understand that there have been other people throughout history that have the spirit of Amalek such as Haman and again threaten our existence as a people.

It is through the belief in Hashem and the strength of our family and community that we have been able to survive. Recently, there was the threat of National Hate Day and soon we will commemorate Yom HaShoah. These are reminders that the spirit of Amalek and Haman continue to challenge us as a people. We must never forget what the Amalekites did and what Haman tried to do. By the celebration of Purim, we are also reminding the rest of the world that we stand united in our belief in Hashem.

*Michael Tobes, President*

A festive banner for Purim Megillah Readings. It features a blue background with confetti, streamers, and several Hamantaschen (triangular pastries) on a yellow paper cone. A white star is also visible.

*Join us for the Purim*  
**MEGILLAH  
READINGS**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 6 6:30 P.M.**

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

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As precarious as our current times may be, we must not lose hope that Hashem has a plan in all this. The miracle of Purim serves as an inspiration to all of us that Hashem is with us always, even when we see in the Purim story, Hashem is "hidden". May we never lose sight of this very important lesson that Shabbat Zachor teaches as Hashem commands us to "remember". May this be so for not just the Jewish people, but for all humanity as well. With Torah Blessings, Rabbi



We now have an AED (automated external defibrillator). It is located down the main hallway towards the social hall and kitchen. It is in a cabinet attached to the wall. It is a device used to save lives if a person is going into cardiac arrest. If you open the cabinet, an alarm will go off for all to hear. The cabinet should only be opened for supervised practice purposes or if we are intending to use it to save a life. Please contact me or a member of the board if you would like to learn when and how to use it. Michael Tobes MD.

A red rectangular graphic with a white border. On the left is an illustration of an AED device with two electrodes. To the right of the illustration is the text 'AN AED CAN SAVE LIVES' in white.

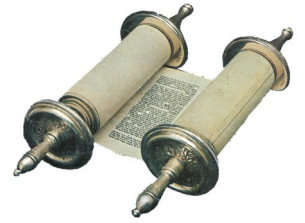
**AN AED CAN  
SAVE LIVES**

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

**MARCH BOARD MEETING**  
**Sunday, MARCH 12, 2023**  
**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	4	Morning Service	<b>Shabbat Zachor</b> <b>TETZAVEH</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 27:20 - 28:30	
			Maftir	Deuteronomy 25:17 - 19	
			Haftorah	I Samuel 15:2 - 34	
Sunday	March	5	Morning Service	<b>TEPHILLIN</b>	8:00 A.M.
Monday	March	6	Evening Service	<b>PURIM</b>	6:30 P.M.
Saturday	March	11	Morning Service	<b>Shabbat Parah</b> <b>KI TISA</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 30:11 - 31:17	
			Maftir	Numbers 19:1 - 22	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 36:16 - 38	
Saturday	March	18	Morning Service	<b>Shabbat Hachodesh</b> <b>Birchat Hachodesh</b> <b>VAYAKHEL &amp; PEKUDEY</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Exodus 35:1 - 37:6	
			Maftir	Exodus 12:1 - 20	
			Haftorah	Ezekiel 45:16 - 46:18	
Saturday	March	25	Morning Service	<b>VAYIKRA</b>	9:30 A.M.
			Torah Reading	Leviticus 1:1 - 2:16	
			Haftorah	Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23	



## MAZEL TOV

to the Clark Family  
Seth & Samantha  
on the Birth of  
Ehmet Liam Clark  
February 26th



March 2023

1	2	3	4
	Adult Bnei Mitzvot Class: 7:00 p.m.		Service: 9:30 a.m. Parsha: TETZAVEH
ת"ת ה'	ת"ת ו'	ת"ת ז'	ת"ת ח'
5	6	7	8
Tephillin Service: 8:00 am CAA Sisterhood: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	FAST OF ESTHER Service: PURIM 6:30 p.m. Oneg to follow services	PURIM Beginning Hebrew Class: 7:00 p.m.	SHUSHAN PURIM Adult Bnei Mitzvot Class: 7:00 p.m.
ת"ת ט'	ת"ת י'	ת"ת י"א	ת"ת י"ב
12	13	14	15
CAA Board of Trustees Meeting: 9:00 a.m.		Beginning Hebrew Class: 7:00 p.m.	
ת"ת י"ג	ת"ת י"ד	ת"ת ט"ו	ת"ת ט"ז
19	20	21	22
		Beginning Hebrew Class: 7:00 p.m.	
ת"ת ט"ח	ת"ת ט"ט	ת"ת כ'	ת"ת כ"א
26	27	28	29
		Beginning Hebrew Class: 7:00 p.m.	
ת"ת כ"ג	ת"ת כ"ד	ת"ת כ"ה	ת"ת כ"ז
			30
			Adult Bnei Mitzvot Class: 7:00 p.m.
			ת"ת כ"ח
			31
			Service: 9:30 a.m. Parsha: VAYIKRA
			ת"ת כ"ט
			ת"ת ל'



## March Celebrations Birthdays

- 2 Charlene D. Goodman  
10 Andrea Roosth  
14 Jon M. Jacobs  
15 Kelli Beth Roosth  
16 Rachel Renae Roosth  
22 Deborah Markowitz  
23 Jennifer Lee Roosth  
25 Karin P. Latner  
28 Amy Sylvia Markowitz  
30 Hannah Avigayl Walls

## Anniversaries

- 15 Don & Linda Thomas  
23 Juan & Karlee Munoz  
25 Wally & Shannon Newsom  
31 Dr.'s Ron Hekier & Rachel Keilin

**The CAA Sisterhood  
is meeting Sunday,  
March 5th at 9:00 a.m.  
to begin baking  
Hamentaschen with the  
Sunday School kids**



**Sunday School  
Will meet Sunday,  
March 5 at 10 a.m.**



### **GENERAL FUND**

Javis Diane Howeth

### **SYLVAN MELLINGER MAINTENANCE FUND**

Chuck & Dee Wapner in Honor of Barbara & John Zimmerman wishing them a full and speedy recovery

Chuck & Dee Wapner in Honor of Jan and Larry Rosenfield wishing them a full and speedy recovery

Chuck & Dee Wapner in Honor of Marleen Swerdlow's birthday

Chuck & Dee Wapner in Memory of Maurice Berkman

Chuck & Dee Wapner in honor of the wedding anniversary of Jerome and Sharon Smith

### **Brunch Sponsors for February**

The Learner Family

The Latner Family

Barry & Joel Jacobs

Loretta Lawson

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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

## MARCH 1 - MARCH 2

1 Alexander Golenternek  
Miriam Seiderman

## MARCH 3 - MARCH 9

3 Jake Roosth  
4 Morris Jarett  
5 Ida Goldberg  
6 Abraham Eisen  
Isadore Golenternek  
8 Ruby Hayman Kahn  
Helen Levy  
9 Marcus Leon Strum  
Helen Nathan Caro

## MARCH 10 - MARCH 16

11 Dr. Wiley Roosth  
Mynette Rochelle Goldberg  
Sol Smith  
Nate Ginsberg  
Bert Jacobs  
12 Grace Luskey Laves  
13 Jean Katz  
15 Annie Rabinowitz Edelman  
Hannah Ruth Frank  
16 Fred Davidoff  
Jake Luskey

## MARCH 17 - MARCH 23

17 Edna Greenberg  
Jack Berry  
18 Hannah Jarett  
Nelson Kendall Jeffers  
Hortense Cohn Israel  
Anna Leaman  
Charles Rosenthal  
19 Hannah Florence (Flo) Berkman  
Phillip Feld  
Annie Levine  
21 Isadore Sulsky  
20 Sylvia Gaylin

## MARCH 24 - MARCH 30

26 Rosa Lee Roosth Mellinger  
Eva Zuckerman  
Maurine Muntz  
27 Sidney Kahn  
Mike Cohen  
28 Thomas Dula  
Louis Schafts  
29 Ida Hannah Lazarus  
Jacob Meyer  
30 Beatrice Goldfeder  
Bennie Roosth  
Bob Benjomin Taylor

## MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

1 Jerry Lee Jeffers  
2 Manuel Zimmerman  
Sarah Zuckerman  
3 Frances Davidoff Bromberg  
Pearl Krumholtz

## APRIL 7 - APRIL 13

8 Sam Levine  
9 Clara Levine  
12 Abraham Flicker

## APRIL 14 - APRIL 20

14 William D. Roosth  
16 Ralph Davis  
17 Judge Earnest Stevens  
Ruth Waghalter  
18 Maurice Block  
19 Isabell Davis  
20 Anna Eisen

## APRIL 21 - APRIL 27

21 Morris Rudman  
23 Hyman Smith  
24 Arthur Frank  
Mary Mirsky  
25 Raye Bromberg  
Ruth Gross  
Selma Greenberg  
Pauline Heffler Roosth  
Jerome Wolf  
26 Mary Hendleman  
Betty Beck  
Boris Tobes  
27 David Learner

## APRIL 28 - MAY 4

28 Otto Heffler  
Eva Offricht  
2 Max Chodorow  
Sarah Golenternek  
3 Celia Roosth  
Joe Roth  
Rose Terlitsky Chrona  
4 Fannie Heffler

## MAY 5 - MAY 11

5 Charles Greenwald  
6 Dr. Hyman P. Roosth  
7 Irving M. Goodman  
Abraham Offricht  
8 William Kelfer  
Rebecca Tuck  
9 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  
Hillary Mastbaum  
Jacob Mastbaum

## MAY 12 - MAY 18

17 Rosa Krumholtz  
18 Paul Forchheimer  
Louis Glasser

## MAY 19 - MAY 25

20 Jacob Fridkin  
Mollie Sherman  
Bessie Spero  
21 David Gross  
22 Thelma Sobel  
23 Sam Gross  
24 Sadie (Babe) Lulky Weintraub  
Tanchum Meir Roosth  
Myer Kline

## MAY 26 - JUNE 1

26 Florence Strum  
27 Isadore Mellinger  
29 Henry Berry  
Doris Diamond  
31 Sadie Wapner  
1 George Vainer  
Isaac Benedict Heffler



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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