



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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## CAS Daffodil Project Garden



The **Learning and Engagement Center** Students and Teachers renovate the garden by the CAS Entrance. **Rabbi Bloom** plants daffodil bulbs in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust.



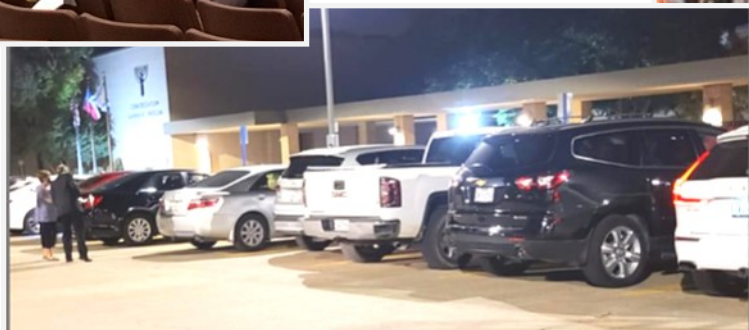
## CAS Services: In-Person, Drive In, or Online

**Congregants** attend In-Person Weekday Morning & Evening Minyan. (Schedule on page 7)



**Hazzan Weber and the Neshama Band** warm up for the first Rockin' Ruach Drive In Service.

**December 11th**—CAS' 2nd Rockin' Ruach Drive In Service



## Bringing God and the Community Closer Together

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# FROM OUR RABBI



Change!

I am often asked, "How can we change the world?" If I knew the answer to this, I would also know the winning numbers of the lottery. Even

though I do not have a one size fits all answer, I do know that only we can "be the change that you wish to see in the world" (Mahatma Gandhi). In other words, we can't change the world until we define what we are looking for and then first transform ourselves into that definition. Unfortunately, instead of changing, we often allow others to change who we are and what we believe. No! Think about how different the world would be if some of our great historical thinkers such as George Washington, Theodore Herzl, Nelson Mandela, and Galileo, to name a few, allowed others to define their ideas and outlooks.

It is often scary defining our outlooks towards life, but I liken this to riding a bike. As Albert Einstein said, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." The keyword here is "riding." Most of us, early in our lives, learn how to ride a bicycle. Even though we fall off in the beginning, we eventually master the skill, thereby keeping our balance. Biblically speaking, Joseph also fell off his bicycle when he was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery by his brothers. However, he never jumped off his "bicycle" of belief in God; and he ended up saving Egypt and the surrounding countries during the seven years of famine by planning during the seven years of plenty.

In the end, we must define for ourselves the change we want and then decide if we are going to stand up like Joseph or run away like Jonah. One saved the world and the other who was swallowed up by a whale: Which will we be? The first step in deciding this occurs when we stop asking others how we can change the world and start doing it ourselves.

However, alongside this, we must not try defining ourselves by forcing others to change. The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once said, "It is not our task to conquer or convert the world or enforce uniformity or belief. It is our task to be a blessing to the world." One of the ways that we can go about being a blessing is ensuring every person, including ourselves, has the freedom of speech and opinions.

Unfortunately, the reality of trying to define ourselves while canceling out others is all too real. It often causes the polarization of former friends, family members, and communities. When I think about this in a theological manner, I remember the words of the Prophet Micah; through his teachings, our world views and pluralistic acceptance can widen, for he said, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Now I can't define unilaterally the theological definitions of the terms above; however, I can say that justice is that which blindly reaches all, including "the stranger, widow, and the orphan among us." Maybe, one of the ways we can all change for the better is to remember that it is not one vs. the other; we are all "strangers" who must come together in the light of God.

As we go through the days, weeks, and months ahead, let us not silence but support. Let us discuss and not dictate. The way we act towards each other not only determines our own lives but future generations as well. In the end, we must not self-silence or let others do the same. Let us dialogue freely. Without this freedom, we will never be free as individuals or as a community. The change begins within, thereby let us change to become our "best selves" and our "best communities" through accepting each other at the same time.

B'Shalom and Friendship,  
Rabbi Andrew Bloom

## Bracha (blessing): Protect Life

Baruch ata, Adonai Eloheinu, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
Melech ha-olam, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
v'tzivanu al shmirat hanefesh וְצִוָּנוּ עַל שְׁמִירַת הַנֶּפֶשׁ

Blessed are You, Eternal our God,  
Sovereign of the world,  
who has sanctified us with commandments,  
and commanded us to protect life.

## FROM OUR HAZZAN



Oh! Calcutta???

While looking through some of my books, I came across one that I purchased years ago and never really got to read. No, this isn't anything to do with the avant-garde theatrical revue that made its debut off-Broadway in 1969; it is about the Jews of Calcutta.

While the current Jewish community of Calcutta probably only numbers around 50 or so today, it was once a booming community. Yes, I am speaking of the land of the Taj Mahal and the Himalayan Mountains. Did you know that India was once home to some 30,000 Jews who settled in communities from Calcutta and Bombay to Cochín, New Dehli, and Poona?

The first Jew to arrive in Calcutta was a Syrian businessman from Aleppo. In 1798, he settled in Calcutta and placed it on the map of the Jewish Diaspora. He became so successful that he ultimately became the court jeweler to the Nobleman of Lucknow. News spread of his fortune to Aleppo and other Jewish communities in Iraq, Persia, Egypt, and Yemen.

Though the roots of the community are Syrian, the Baghdadi Jews who came in the 1800s soon changed the makeup of the population. Iraqi ancestors, who live there today, have been able to trace their heritage to the Jews who were exiled after the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. While many came for business pursuits, many also came to flee persecution. Many were able to help build a booming export business in commodities. While at that time, Calcutta was almost a haven for Jews. The acceptance of Jews can be traced back as far as the sixteenth century when they fled the Portuguese Inquisition. India's B'nei Yisrael community claims its origin dates to the Greek persecution, which led to the Maccabean revolt. I knew I could get a connection to Chanukah in here.

At its peak, in the 1940s, Calcutta was the home of 5,000 Jews who worshiped in three synagogues and established two Jewish schools.

With India's independence from Britain in 1947 and the creation of the State of Israel just a year later, many of the Jews in India left for other parts of the world.

I look forward to spending some time studying some of this music which we are generally not used to hearing, from this vastly different culture from most of our own, and can't wait to share it with you.

Hazzan Jeffrey Weber

### *Feed Your Spirit and Body*

Rich and Maria are back in the kitchen!

**Mushroom Barley Soup and Latkes.**  
Please place your order by Tuesday, December 8th by phone (817-731-4721) or use the link in the weekly email. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday, December 11th.



## FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

It's over 70 degrees outside, but Happy Chanukah! I feel silly sending that out to you when I'm sitting in the air-conditioned office in short sleeves, but I don't control the weather. Jim Stanton, Louise Vermillion, and Rabbi Bloom are currently working on a Zoom Chanukah program scheduled for Saturday, December 12th.



With CAS still only partially open due to COVID-19, I have a few building updates for you:

- The HVAC unit in the Barnett Sanctuary that is "limping" (as reported in November's bulletin) is the one unit in the room that has the Heat component. Our Monday morning minyan attendees were brave to remain in the sanctuary those cold November mornings. I have turned the unit on the west side of the Zale and in the North entrance to a higher temperature to compensate for the under-performing Barnett unit. CAS in-person services will be climate comfortable, I hope.
- The Sukkah Food Drive provided over 40 pounds of food to feed those in need in Tarrant County.
- The November 6th Drive-in Shabbat service was a great success with approximately 50 cars in attendance and 90 quarts of pumpkin soup distributed.
- We had tons of fun singing along and guessing songs in "WHAT Was I Singing?" our November 18th program on Zoom.
- The Family Shabbat on Zoom (November 13th) led by Morah Becky, Hazzan Weber, and our kids was a fantastic expression of who we are.
- The children planted daffodil bulbs for the Daffodil Project (November 15th) with zoom-in students receiving care packages that enabled them to participate at home.
- We are converting our internet to high-speed fiber lines. Our old routers are unable to keep pace with the speed. We have a bid of \$1,050 for equipment & installation that can. (Think fire hose level water directed through a garden hose - you won't get the same amount of water.)

We still have several needs that are not a high priority, but we will need to address to best maintain our existing facility. These include restoring the electricity to the shed, installing a portable A/C in the server room, and collecting bids on converting our incandescent lights in the north entrance to LED lights and replacing the carpet in the north entrance & main hallway.

I appreciate the opportunity to be with you on this journey as we wade through the pandemic together. Let's remember that we are a family – with all the difficulties and joys that are a part of being a family.

Pattie Wood, CAS Administrator

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this after our first drive-in service on November 6th. This was an exceptionally good event for our Shul. With more than 40 cars and nearly 100 people in attendance, we had great success. Once again, we have learned that our congregation loves to come to their Shul. What a terrific job our Cantor and Rabbi did bringing ruach to those in attendance. There was dancing by both adults and children. And there was singing by all. Look for plans to do this again in early December. We hope you will all be there.

Chanukah is soon upon us. It is a holiday where we celebrate those who fought for our religious freedom. Freedoms that we can never take for granted. In my opinion, that is one of the core reasons to support our Shul. In times of increasing anti-Semitism, we must stand up and be proud of our Jewish heritage, faith, and history. We are working and preparing for when the pandemic has been reigned in. But, in the meantime, there are opportunities to attend services. We have minyan every morning Monday through Friday and every evening Monday through Thursday. Zoom services are available every day except for Sunday. On Friday night and Saturday morning, we have normal Zoom services. Please join us. While attending services virtually is not as good as attending in person, it is good for your soul.

One last thing I would like to write about for a moment. Get involved. We need people who would like to be on the membership committee, on the personnel committee, on the nominating committee, and the fundraising (Development) committee. Get involved as I did 25 years ago. You can make a difference in our community. We get to choose growth or stagnation. I choose GROWTH.

Rich Hollander  
President, Congregation Ahavath Sholom  
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## LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT CENTER



(from the [www.daffodilproject.net](http://www.daffodilproject.net))

### OUR MISSION

The Daffodil Project aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.

### WHO WE ARE

Daffodil Project is an initiative of Am Yisrael Chai, a non-profit Holocaust Education and Genocide Awareness Organization. Am Yisrael Chai has developed The Daffodil Project, a worldwide project empowering Holocaust Education. Each year we host a community event in Atlanta, Georgia to commemorate the Holocaust and to celebrate survival and success.

### HISTORY

During the Holocaust, one and a half million children were senselessly murdered in Nazi-occupied Europe. No-one knows what kind of lives these children would have gone on to lead. Their potential for growth and fulfillment was cut short. We aspire to build a Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million daffodils around the world in memory of the children and in support of children who continue to suffer in the face of genocide and humanitarian crises in the world today.

### WHY DAFFODILS?

The shape and color of the daffodils represent the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is the color of remembrance. Daffodils represent our poignant hope for the future. They are resilient and return with a burst of color each spring, signifying hope, renewal, and beauty. The daffodils also honor those who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives after this dark and difficult period.

**CAS Board of Directors meetings are open to all congregants.** Meeting dates are listed in the monthly calendar in each Bulletin and are typically held in the synagogue building. Meetings are currently convened remotely (e.g., using Zoom during the COVID-19 epidemic). Please notify the CAS office if you need electronic access information.

## LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT CENTER



On Sunday, November 15th, we planted daffodils at the synagogue entrance for the third year in a row. This is a bittersweet occasion. The daffodils are part of a national project to memorialize the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. In the past two years, the school has already planted 500 daffodils, and we are going to plant another 250. We will be able to

appreciate their yellow-star shaped beauty in the spring, as the flowers bloom. Although we will remember a horrific event in history, it will be a sweet month of learning and engagement at the school.

Wishing you all a "Shanah Tovah u'Metukah"! Beh'shalom!

Morah Becky  
Becky Bar-Lev Henning

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM

## Chanukah Chai-Lites

6 PM

Saturday,

December 12th



Who doesn't love Chanukah? It's the festival with something for everyone. Chanukiyot, latkes, dreidels, candles, oil, presents, gelt, and a story worthy of a Hollywood blockbuster!

On Saturday, December 12, at 6 pm, join your CAS family via Zoom for a celebration on the third night of Chanukah.

Following a short Havdalah, Rabbi Bloom presents Chanukah Chai-Lites. Then Little Maccabees (and big ones, too) will be thrilled to see all of us light our Chanukiyot together, recite the blessings, marvel at the miracle and share Chanukah memories.

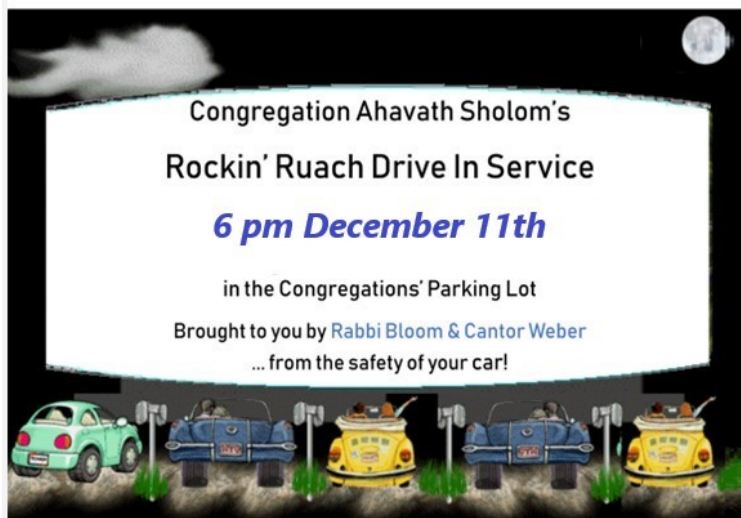
Hazzan Jeffrey Weber and LEC students, led by Becky Bar-Lev Henning, will entertain us with familiar Chanukah songs.

This promises to be an evening we won't soon forget! To join in the fun, watch your email for the Zoom link.

## The Drive In is Open!

### Invite your friends

(No need to climb in the trunk...this is FREE)



Congregation Ahavath Sholom's  
Rockin' Ruach Drive In Service

**6 pm December 11th**

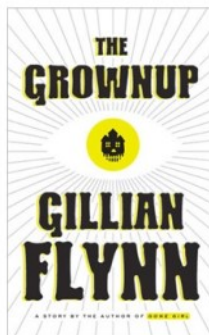
in the Congregations' Parking Lot

Brought to you by Rabbi Bloom & Cantor Weber  
... from the safety of your car!

## LADIES' AUXILIARY BOOK CLUB EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

The Grownup by Gillian Flynn



Gillian Flynn's newest release, The Grownup, is an Edgar Award-winning short story and an homage to the classic ghost story.

### Synopsis:

A canny young woman is struggling to survive by perpetrating various levels of mostly harmless fraud. On a rainy April morning, she is reading auras at Spiritual Palms when Susan Burke walks in. A keen observer of human behavior, our unnamed narrator immediately diagnoses beautiful, rich Susan as an unhappy woman eager to give her lovely life a drama injection. However, when the "psychic" visits the eerie Victorian home that has been the source of Susan's terror and grief, she realizes she may not have to pretend to believe in ghosts anymore. Miles, Susan's teenage stepson, doesn't help matters with his disturbing manner and grisly imagination. The three are soon locked in a chilling battle to discover where the evil truly lurks and what, if anything, can be done to escape it.

Mark the date on your calendar: Join the discussion on  
**Sunday, December 6th.**

Zoom information will be available at a later date.



## CAS LADIES' AUXILIARY

Let's play bingo!

Join us for friends, fun and prizes!

**Sunday, December 13th**

Register by Tuesday, December 8th to receive your cards and Zoom Information.

Register by

Phone: 817-731-4721

Email: [info@ahavathsholom.org](mailto:info@ahavathsholom.org)

A registration link is also available through the weekly CAS email.

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
Tue. Dec. 1	6:30 pm	Rabbi Bloom's Adult Education Series
Sun. Dec. 6	9:00 am	LEC In-Person
	10:00 am	Ladies' Auxiliary Book Club
Mon. Dec. 7	6:30 am	Executive Committee Meeting
Tue. Dec. 8	6:30 pm	Rabbi Bloom's Adult Education Series
Thu. Dec. 10		Erev Chanukah
Fri. Dec. 11		Chanukah
	6:00 pm	Drive In Service
Sat. Dec. 12	6:00 pm	Virtual Chanukah Service
Sun. Dec. 13	9:00 am	LEC In-Person
		Ladies' Auxiliary Virtual Bingo
Mon. Dec. 14	6:30 pm	CAS Board of Directors Meeting
Sun. Dec. 20		LEC Winter Break
Tue. Dec. 22	6:30 pm	Rabbi Bloom Adult Education Series
Thu. Dec. 24		Christmas Eve
Fri. Dec. 25		Christmas Day—CAS Office is Closed
Sun. Dec. 27		LEC Winter Break
Tue. Dec. 29	6:30 pm	Rabbi Bloom's Adult Education Series
Thu. Dec. 31		New Year's Eve

## B'NAI B'RITH CHRISTMAS TRADITION 2020

For over 35 years, B'nai B'rith and Jewish volunteers have served meals and provided gifts for the homeless on Christmas in Fort Worth. **Beautiful Feet** is a Christian mission that serves the poor and the needy. Every year 50 - 70 volunteers from CAS, Beth-El, and Beth Israel, along with members of the Christian community, work together to help the homeless.

On Christmas Day, volunteers take over to cook and serve a hot breakfast, a hot lunch and distribute toys, clothing, and toiletries collected throughout the year. This project allows the mission staff to spend Christmas at home with their families.

This year is a bit different. Due to the pandemic, B'nai B'rith has voted that they will pay for and donate food that will be served for breakfast and lunch to Beautiful Feet rather than be there with the volunteers. The food will be ordered from Ben E. Keith and delivered a few days before Christmas.

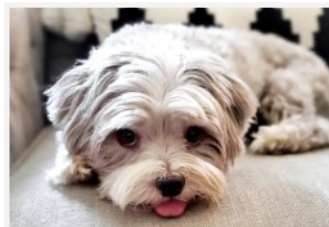
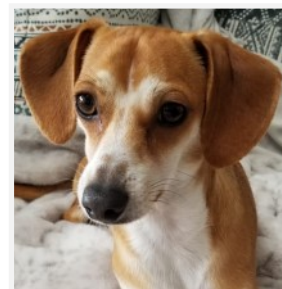
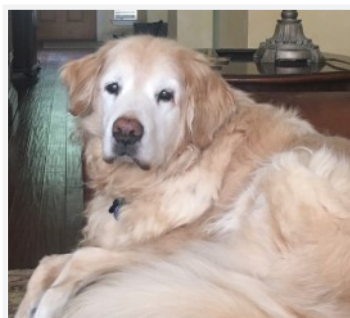
Because of this project, 125 - 150 homeless clients have their day brightened when the Tarrant County Jewish community works side-by-side to help those in need.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

### Bark and Bless

Rabbi Bloom performed the blessing of the animals over Zoom.

Here are pictures of some of the participants:



## THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

In the midst of our rightful concern about the novel coronavirus, we must remember our health can be affected by more than just COVID-19. Dr. Murray Cohen provided us with wonderful facts to keep in mind as we sift through the information presented through media sources. We must be aware that long-established and known viruses and diseases can still attack our bodies. That said, please remember to consider the lives around you.

Our congregation has a large number of members over the age of 60. Most likely, you were vaccinated as a child (think measles, mumps, rubella or diphtheria, pertussis & tetanus). Our immunities from these vaccines diminish with time, which means you will want to talk with your doctors about whether you have active immunities. A blood test can be ordered by your physician to make that determination.

Additionally, please consider getting your flu shot or any other recommended preventative. If you need a vaccine, please do not wait. You do not want to compound one health concern with the potential of another. Stay safe; stay healthy.

## PLEASE REMEMBER...

**Please remain home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Please use your best judgment in following the guidelines from the CDC. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all.**

## ON SITE SERVICES INFORMATION

We're looking forward to seeing everyone as we phase into in-person meetings at CAS. At the same time, we want to ensure that we do this as safely and cautiously as is needed to protect human life by not spreading COVID-19.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

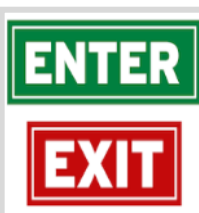


**CLEANING:** Cleaning and sanitizing will occur prior to and following Minyan and Shabbat services in the Barnett Sanctuary. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily with additional surface cleaning during Shabbat services.

**FACE MASKS:** You will be required to wear facial covering (covers both nose and mouth) unless medical necessity dictates or you are under 2 years old.



**PEWS:** Every third row is open. Please sit only as a household family unit with three seats between you and the next family unit.



**ARRIVAL:** When you arrive, please enter through the north doors. You will be provided a mask to wear if you do not have personal facial covering. You are asked to use hand sanitizer at the door. Ushers will assist with seating for Shabbat services.

You will register your attendance (in case a COVID-19 case arises). **EXITING:** Visiting with your friends and family is encouraged **OUTSIDE** the building. Ushers will dismiss by row beginning with the rear and moving forward.

List of Services (these are open to change based upon medical developments):

### Schedule of Our Services

In-Person Services	Time	Online Services (Zoom, Facebook and CAS Website)	Time
Monday—Friday Morning Minyan	6:55 am	Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:00 pm
Monday—Thursday Evening Minyan	6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 am
		Sunday Morning	9:00 am
Special Event Schedule			
Rosh Chodesh (New Month)	6:45 am	National Holidays	9:00 am

# YAHREZITS - MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER

<p><b>Tue., Dec. 1</b> <b>15 Kislev</b> Jerry Ashkinos Betty Ruth Carlson Morris Freidlin Ida Garsek Jack Isgur Aaron Kanoff Francine A. Raileanu Melvin Rosen Regina Skibell Selma Solomon Charles Weinman Libby Zale</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 2</b> <b>16 Kislev</b> Sol Blum Bertha Green Annie Sturman Minnie Julius Yonach Ann Rose Zodin</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 3</b> <b>17 Kislev</b> Abe Applebaum Louis B. Bernstein Harry Fendler Jake Furman Pearl Hayman Elaine Klein Morris Rosenberg Bernard Bubba Rubin Martin Spiegel</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 4</b> <b>18 Kislev</b> Nathan Berman Rose Davis David Eisenman Joseph Garsek Frieda Herzfeld Linda Karpman Brian Eliot Kimmell David Laves Louise Zaimont Menscher</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 5</b> <b>19 Kislev</b> Annette Brown David M. Cohen Boris Goldfarb Millie Lobel Dr. Ted Myers Doug Queen Sam Richard Selma Schneider Gute Rachel Shanblum Gussie Weinberg Louis Weinstein</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 6</b> <b>20 Kislev</b> Al Bailin Margaret Cavany</p>	<p><b>Sun., Dec. 6 (cnt.)</b> <b>20 Kislev</b> J.B. Colton Don Friedman David Leva Ethel Meltzer Edward Weinstein</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 7</b> <b>21 Kislev</b> Isaac Berg Audrey Faden Dora Levenson Morris Padow Celia Horn Sankary Morris Steckler</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 8</b> <b>22 Kislev</b> Sonia Chelminsky Thelma Frankrich Aron Goldenberg Alexander Gutman Gertrude Rosenthal Kantrovich David W. King, Jr. Augusta Lusher Nyman Shanblum</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 9</b> <b>23 Kislev</b> Mitchell Curtis Harry Hendelman Martin Hochster Louis Klimist Sarah Kriesberg Harry Satt John Yancy Najatollah Zahirpour Al Zodin</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 10</b> <b>24 Kislev</b> Rose Abovitz Paulyne Berlin Dora Bronstein Ida Cohen Bernard Doyschen Rachel Rivkah Mehl Chaya Pomeranz Howard Rog Jack Schussler Benjamin Ullian</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 11</b> <b>25 Kislev</b> Samuel Bernstein Ella Carshon Paula Gluck Leonard Goldblatt Sadie Dworkin Woods Heath Fannie Kradelman Meyer B. Resnick Irene Sorkin Chayim Stettner</p>	<p><b>Sat., Dec. 12</b> <b>26 Kislev</b> Herbert Berkowitz Rebecca Anton Carter Sadye Maye Garsek Elizabeth Gilbert Minette Tobolowsky Herman Max Klein Ida Reznikoff Harry Robin Morris Schwartz</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 13</b> <b>27 Kislev</b> Faye Schiff Berkowitz Jennie Bronstein Norris Cole Ovsey Geller Jerry Leff Abraham Meinstein Isadore Schiff Motti Sirpad</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 14</b> <b>28 Kislev</b> Esther Herzfeld Harold Martin Hollander Larry Kornbleet Loretta Sandler</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 15</b> <b>29 Kislev</b> Lillian Anton Shirley Berman Frank Greenbaum Leona Hoffman Mamie Gilbert Lichter Sarah Schuster</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 16</b> <b>1 Tevet</b> Max Barnett Kelman Belenkaya David Canter Ben Gilbert Earl Givant Sylvia Goldberg Peter Isaacs Doris Kahn Sharon Klemow Aimee Herzberg Kriger Annie Selikoff Laves Irving I. Lerner Sylvia Ross Hulda Salsberg Morris Silansky</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 17</b> <b>2 Tevet</b> Stuart Charles Bailin Sam Blinderman Bess Graubart Ernest Joseph Hochster Martin J. Lieberman Harold Miller</p>	<p><b>Thu., Dec. 17 (cnt.)</b> <b>2 Tevet</b> Muriel Persky Janet Tannenbaum William M. Weisman</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 18</b> <b>3 Tevet</b> Bernard Morris Berliner Hattie Lila Caldwell Barbara Goldstein Joe Weisman Hirsch Harry Schechtman Joseph Silverman</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 19</b> <b>4 Tevet</b> Aaron Bloch Doroth Moses Cohen Abraham Jacob Cooles Fanny Fleischmann Goldie Greenbaum Edward Luskey Abe Meer Berniece Beanie Weil</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 20</b> <b>5 Tevet</b> Dr. William Bearman Nettie Blum Berliner Max Fischbein Anna Hirshowitz Al Kragen Harry Levine Ida Lipshitz Lenore Brod Morgan Irwin Raff Murray Rohman Sam Shosid William Snofsky Chayim Weingarten</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 21</b> <b>6 Tevet</b> Charles Cohen Abraham Daiches Eliezer Friedman Malvin Klein Goldin Hyman Karasic Philip Klemow Doris Mermelstein Rose Silverberg Oscar J. 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# YAHREZITS - MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER

# CELEBRATIONS

MAZAL TOV! - מזל טוב

## Birthdays

### December 1

Miriam Kaikov  
Marc Neerman

### December 2

Michael Mendelson  
LaJean Sturman

### December 5

David Karsner

### December 6

Dr. Murray Cohen

### December 7

Tucker Dubinsky  
Barbara Weinberg

### December 8

Fani Kiselstein  
Sarah Sinofsky

### December 11

Edward Balmuth  
Shoshana Thoma-Isgur

### December 12

Dr. Joseph Berman  
Howard Bernstein  
Michal Bloom  
Linda Lavi  
Dr. Bruce Miller

### December 13

Josephine Bassist  
Dr. Gavin Fine

### December 14

Hollace Weiner

### December 16

Mary Frances Antweil  
Rhoda Bernstein

### December 18

Jay Sinofsky

### December 19

Inessa Kisin

### December 20

Mark Abramowitz

### December 21

Sydney Ratner

### December 22

Alexander Nason  
Nancy Sheinberg

### December 23

Ethan Bailey  
Bessie Bodzy

### December 24

Michael Blanc  
Robert Goldberg

### December 25

Doris Smith

### December 27

Patricia Garsek

## Anniversaries

### December 10

Sigi and Lauren Rodriguez 15 Years

### December 13

Stuart and Rebecca Isgur 51 Years

### December 15

Red and Julie Goldstein 13 Years

### December 18

Paul and Pamela Kessler 44 Years

### December 28

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### December 29

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### December 30

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13 Tevet

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Ben Laves  
Leo Lipshitz  
Barbara Ray Goodstein Rubin

### Tue., Dec. 29

14 Tevet

Susan Breacher  
Ida Givant  
Mendell Givant  
Alex Hesselson  
Don Howard  
George Levy  
Helen Liebling  
David L. Ortenberg  
Morris Schreiber  
Hyman Schuster

### Wed., Dec. 30

15 Tevet

Dr. Sidney Cohen  
Aberaham Goldman  
William W. Goldstein  
Hyman Kornbleet  
Hannah Sandler  
Sol Suskin

### Thu., Dec. 31

16 Tevet

David Horn  
Helen Isgur  
Alvin (Al) Kaplan  
Louis Katz  
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# Texas is home to 2 World War I honor rolls. Fort Worth's honors Jewish soldiers.

Article by Hollace Ava Weiner

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The First World War, touted as The War to End All Wars, had such massive casualties from lethal gas and aerial bombings that thousands who perished remain unidentified and unknown. After the armistice, a trend emerged to inscribe soldiers' names on permanent rolls of honor made of stone and brass, lest they be forgotten.

Across the United States, civic, religious and alumni groups erected 99 doughboy honor rolls. Two are in Texas, according to the World War I Memorial Inventory Project. One honor roll is in Houston. The other is here in Fort Worth.

The Tarrant County honor roll, unveiled Nov. 11, 1920, is a 10-foot-tall marble montage etched with the names of OUR BOYS — 81 local Jewish men who served in uniform. Topped with chiseled images of American flags and Stars of David, the monument expresses the ethnic pride and patriotism of the city's small Jewish community, then numbering 2,250.

An enduring sentinel in stone, the honor roll serves as a solemn rebuke to the antisemitism and Ku Klux Klan rhetoric that surfaced after the war. Among the 81 veterans listed on the wall, 22 were immigrants. The rest were first-generation and second-generation Americans.

The honor roll project was spearheaded by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Hebrew Institute, a building next door to Congregation Ahavath Sholom in the 800 block of Taylor Street. The Institute, with its gym, banquet hall, stage, and Talmud Torah school, was the hub of the Jewish community.

For 30 years, the impressive marble roster was embedded on a wall in the Hebrew Institute's lobby. Many a youngster sat on the marble bench in front of the honor roll reflecting on the soldiers' familiar names.

Army Pvt. Sam Blumenthal, for example, was the son of Ahavath Sholom's longtime rabbi Charles Blumenthal. Pvt. Gus Landman managed a lighting store that carried trendy art deco fixtures. Pvt. Tony Bergman was a cobbler who put new heels and soles on cowboy boots. Sgt. Ben Rosenthal operated the Rosenthal Kosher Sausage Co.

Pvt. Ben Adelberg, a mechanic, had a talented son who went to Hollywood, shortened his name to Norm Alden, and became a character actor. Well known locally was Cpl. Sam Sheinberg — whose last name is misspelled as Shoinberg on the honor roll. His western wear store outfitted popular bandleader Paul Whiteman. Two of the Greines brothers are on the honor roll: Lt. David and Sgt. Sol, both former North Side High School football stars.

Also listed is Pvt. Leo Potishman, son of a poor livery man. He became a grain broker and left his wealth to a foundation that supports the performing arts. His brother-in-law, Cpl. Harry B. Friedman, a building contractor, had a son, Bayard, who became mayor of Fort Worth.

Another familiar name is Sgt. Ephriam Rosen, namesake of an avenue on the North Side. His father, Sam Rosen, a Russian immigrant, was a real estate developer. The soldier's mother, Betty Gordon Rosen, was founding president of the Ladies Auxiliary and the force behind creating the honor roll.

Betty Rosen and her board of directors initially gathered soldiers' names through word of mouth. They publicized plans for the honor roll in the Nov. 21, 1919, issue of the weekly Jewish Monitor. Their article listed 68 local veterans and gave readers a four-day deadline to submit additional names.

The auxiliary missed several soldiers — among them 2nd Lt. David Carb, who enlisted in 1915, two years before the U.S. entered the war. Carb fought with the French Foreign Legion and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. Also absent from the stone tableau is Capt. David Goldberg, a Russian refugee who went to rabbinic school in America and became the Navy's first Jewish chaplain. Despite these omissions, the marble honor roll demonstrates the optimism and energy of a grassroots group celebrating America's cultural pluralism.

The OUR BOYS monument stood until 1951 when Ahavath Sholom moved its campus from Taylor Street to Eighth and Myrtle. The honor roll was disassembled into four tablets, placed in storage, and forgotten. In 1980, when the synagogue relocated to 4050 S. Hulen St., the WWI memorial was rediscovered. Building chairman Al Sankary, whose father's name is on the honor roll, arranged to frame and hang the tablets in a landscaped courtyard at the synagogue's entrance.

With exposure to sun and rain, however, the dark ink highlighting each veteran's name faded. After a decade outdoors, the marble monument was white-on-white, illegible to passersby. In 2017, as the centennial of America's entry into The Great War approached, the synagogue's landscaper, Robert Sumien, a military veteran of the Catholic faith, volunteered to restore the tablets and highlight, once again, the memory of those who served.

## WISH LIST

We are grateful to everyone who has donated their resources to various CAS projects. We have been busy getting ready to re-open the synagogue and have found a few more items that need attention.

Monetary donations to our “Wish List” will help provide:

- **Dishwasher** for the Brachman Parlor kitchen
- **Ice Machine** in kitchen.
- **Fig Tree**
- **Touchless Thermometer**

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