

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Shavuot

Memorial Day Weekend

Parsha Bamidbar

May 26 – June 2, 2017 / 1-8 Sivan 5777

Schedule of Services:		
<b>Friday, May 26, 2017</b>		
<b>Rosh Chodesh Sivan</b>		
Shacharit		6:30 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		7:56 PM
<b>Shabbat, May 27, 2017</b>		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:08 AM
Rabbi's Class		7:00 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:45 PM
Shabbat Ends		8:58 PM
<b>Sun-Mon, May 28-29, 2017</b>		
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Mincha / Ma'ariv</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	8:00 PM <b>A</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>		
Mon	<b>8:30 AM</b>	8:00 PM <b>K</b>
<b>A - Ahavath Achim</b>		
<b>B - Bikur Cholim on</b>		
<b>Park &amp; Capitol Ave., Bpt</b>		
<b>K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt</b>		
<b>Tue, May 30 – Thur, June 1</b>		
<b>See Shavuot Schedule</b>		
<b>Friday, June 2, 2017</b>		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		8:02 PM
<b>Page Numbers:</b>		
<b>Torah Reading - Chazak</b>		
Vayikra	25:1-27:34	696-723
<b>Haftorah</b>		
Jeremiah	16:19-17:14	1179



## Shavuot

It's Here! It's Here! For the past 7 weeks we've been counting up to this momentous occasion – the receiving of the Torah at Har Sinai. Staring Tuesday night, we celebrate the hearing of the Ten Commandments and receiving of the Torah. Be a part of the celebraton. Join us for services throughout the Holiday, and make this a special Chag Sameach. Join us for Minyan morning and/or night. So - Show up. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

## Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

The formation of the Jewish camp as they traveled through the desert is painstakingly detailed. Which tribe stands on the Eastern edge of the camp, which tribe stands to the North, and which tribes neighbor each other. The commentaries ask why the Torah needs to give such a specific order. Just let the people travel in whatever order they wish! The commentaries explain that when one is around royalty, order is requisite to be shown. Chaos and disarray are not fitting in esteemed company. The first way to show respect for a dignitary is by treating them in an orderly fashion. The Jewish people traveled in the desert with Hashem among them. The Aron Hakodesh was the place from which Hashem communicated with Moshe, and the Clouds of Glory were representative of Hashem's care for the Jewish people. Order is prescribed in the company of such nobility and the Torah prescribes that order to us.

## Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the discussion. Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow at 7:45 pm

## Shavuos Night Learning Program and Yom Tov meal

BREAKING NEWS!! Ahavath Achim will be joined by the Bridgeport Kollel members for learning on the night of Shavuos. Rabbis Benji Berman, Yoel Kaplan, and Moshe Sholom Feibush will give classes and learn individually with community members throughout the night. We will also be joined by two Hisoriri students who will be enhancing the study of Torah with community members. This is a great opportunity to prepare ourselves as a community to receive the Torah.

## Schedule for Shavuos Night Learning

*Yom Tov meal will follow services. Learning will begin upon completion of the meal. Classes will be as follows.*

Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan – “Pulling the plug - Brain-death in Halacha”

Vivi Kelman - topic TBA

Rabbi Benji Berman - topic TBA

Chaya Spero - topic TBA

Rabbi Yoel Kaplan - topic TBA

Individual and group learning will continue throughout the night. Delicious refreshments will be served.

**Congregation Ahavath Achim on Social Media:** Don't forget to check the Ahavath Achim website for current updates. You can also read and post to the shul's Facebook page or Twitter

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### Shavuot Schedule:

#### **Tuesday, May 30**

Shacharit – 6:45 am  
Mincha/Ma'ariv – 8:00 pm  
Candle Lighting – 8:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, May 31 – Shavout I**

Shacharit – 9:15 am  
Mincha/Ma'ariv – 8:00 pm  
Candle Lighting – not before 9:01 pm

#### **Thursday, June 1 – Shavout II**

Shacharit – 9:15 am  
Yizkor – Approximately 10:30 am  
Mincha/Ma'ariv – 8:00 pm  
Yom Tov Ends – 9:02 pm

### Community Events

#### Federation for Jewish Philanthropy

Presents the inaugural Southern Connecticut Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, June 11, 11 AM – 4 PM at Temple Israel, 14 Coleytown Road, Westport. Cooking demos; workshops for adults and kids; Teva Topsy Turvy Bus mobile environmental lab; food trucks; cookbook fair. Info & tickets: <https://jewishphilanthropyct.org/food-festival-2017>

#### Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County” Book talks”

**Norma & Milton Mann Lecture:** “Nuremberg Lessons: What Happened Then and Why It Matters Now.” Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Speaker: John Q. Barrett, Professor of Law at St. John’s University, NYC. Free and Open to the Community. Temple Beth El, 150 Roxbury Rd., Stamford

**Refuah Shelema to:** *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Yitzy Hain, Fred Schwartz, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

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### Yahrtzeits for the week:

Saturday, May 27 – **Meir Dimand** (Uncle to Jay Dimand)  
Saturday, May 27- **Sarah Dimand** (Aunt to Jay Dimand)  
Saturday, May 27 – **Lester Goldman** (Uncle to Bill Wolper)  
Sunday, May 28 – **Harry Simon** (Father Marshall Simon)  
Thursday, June 1 – **Lea Guttman** (Father to Lea Guttman)

Thursday, June 1 – **Guttman Ked shim** ( Zolton Guttman Kedoshim)  
Thursday, June 1 – **David Schwarzmer** (Father to Avi Schwarzmer)  
Friday, June 2 – **Samuel Fishman** (Father to Mark Fishman)

Yahrtzeits begin at Ma'ariv the evening before. Please make an extra effort to ensure a minyan for those saying Kaddish. **Be there for others, and they'll be there for you.**

If you would like an Aliyah on the Shabbat before the Yahrtzeit, please make sure you are in Shul before Torah Reading. If you arrive late, we cannot guarantee you an honor.

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