

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parshat Yisro

January 29 February 5, 2016 / 19 - 26 Shevat - 5776

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, January 29, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:45 PM
Candle Lighting		4:47 PM
Shabbat, January 30, 2016		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:36 AM
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM
Mincha		12:35 PM
Shabbat Ends		5:49 PM
Ma'ariv		6:10 PM
Sun-Thur, Jan 31-Feb. 4, 2016		
		+ Ma'ariv
		* Mincha
		& Ma'ariv
	Shacharit	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM + A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM + K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:40 PM + K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:40 PM + B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM + A
A - Ahavath Achim		
B - Bikur Cholim on		
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt		
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt		
2:40 PM Mincha at Kollel		
Friday, February 5, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:55 PM
Candle Lighting		4:56 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Shemot	Pages:	
18:1-20:23		394-415
Haftorah		
Isaiah	Pages:	
6:1-7:6,9:5-6		1152-1154

It's Winter: With the coming of winter, many of our regulars leave for warmer climates. That can leave the minyan short. Please commit to a day or two a week. Come and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: Immediately after Kiddush, Rabbi Moldovan will have a pre mincha Shiur at **11:50am**, followed by Mincha services at **12:35 pm**. Topic for the Rabbi's Shiur "The Nine Commandments' Forgotten Brother - Do not covet" Please remember to return after Shabbat ends at **5:49 pm** for Ma'ariv services at **6:10 pm**. Please remember to recite "**Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol**" in order to end Shabbat before driving or doing other work that is prohibited on Shabbat.

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

Yisro appears on the scene with the Jewish people and immediately criticizes his son-in-law Moshe's leadership of the Jewish people. "It is not good what you are doing" says Yisro bluntly. He advises Moshe to delegate his responsibilities to capable judges who can refer the difficult cases on to Moshe in order to maximize the usage of his time. Hashem agrees with the recommendations of Yisro and commands Moshe to set up a judicial system for the Jewish people. The greatness of Yisro came from his critical eye. As a newcomer to Judaism he had the ability to assess the leadership of the Jewish people and point out faults that needed corrective action. This same trait is what led Yisro to Judaism - as an idolatrous priest he rejected every religion in the world until he came to Judaism (Rashi 18:11). Criticalness is a lofty attribute that enables one to arrive at the truth, but before we go about criticizing others we must first criticize and examine our own actions. Yisro was well versed in scrutinizing his way of life and rejecting the falsehood therein, so his criticism of his son-in-law was not viewed as a slight of honor but rather as honest advice

February 7 & 14; Two Part Series on Relationships by Rabbi Moldovan:

The first part of the series which is titled "**Pre-nups - Appropriate for a Jewish Marriage?**" will be on Sunday evening, February 7 at 8 pm. The second part, entitled, "**Love or Lust- The Jewish Concept of Marriage**", will be on Sunday evening, February 14, also at 8:00 pm. See the attached flyers. The series is open to the public and admission is free. Invite all your

friends and family for this important, exciting and timely discussion

Baruch Dayan Emet Kenneth Sokolowski, brother of George Sokolowski, and brother-in-law to Billy Wolper, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday. The funeral is at Green's Funeral Home today, Thursday, Jan. 28 at 11 am. George & Sharon Sokolowski were members of Ahavath Achim. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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GOLDEN BOOK NOTICE While Sara and Andy are away on vacation, until February 19, please call Susan Klein at [203-301-0693](tel:203-301-0693) for all your Golden Book requests

Community Events

Father & Son learning Continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Yitro, January 30, at 6:30pm.

NCSY EXTREME SHABBAT MAKEOVER Coming soon in mid-February. Fairfield NCSY being re-vitalized. Call Rabbi Moldovan to

offer your help and support for this exciting event for our community teenagers. Can you help house and host leaders/chaperons/ teens. Watch your email for full details.

JCC Maccabi ArtsFest Master Classes & Audition Workshop, Sunday, Jan. 31, 6-8 pm. at the Stamford JCC, Newfield Avenue, Stamford.. To reserve a spot, contact Aliza Roth, Coordinator, at 203-487-0997 or aroth@stamfordjcc.org.

Fairfield University Jewish Studies Dept. will be hosting Dr. Glenn Dynner. Professor of Jewish Studies, at Sarah Lawrence College. Topic will be *Yankel's Tavern and Men of Silk: The Hasidic Conquest of Polish Jewish Society*. **Date:** Thursday at February 4th, at 7:30pm. Complimentary admission. Reservations requested. Call 203-254-4000, ext 2066 or email [Bennett center @ Fairfield.edu](mailto:Bennett_center@Fairfield.edu)

President's Weekend Conference; Feb. 12-14, at The Heritage Hotel in Southbury, CT, sponsored by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists. For a list of presenters and complete information see the flyer in the front hall glass wall case; call 718-969-3669 or email cwajngurt@gmail.com

Note from Rena Gelb re: Mishnayos learning in memory of Gina Gelb

"As we are half way toward the first yartzeit of my mother, Frimit Malka Tova Gittel bas Yitzchak Tzvi, Gina Gelb, Aleha haShalom, I want to follow up on the progress of our collective mishnayos learning in my mother's memory. If you have completed the section of mishnayos for which you signed up, please remember to indicate this with a "yes" in the "completed (Y)" column on the mishnayos tracking spreadsheet, at the following link.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1u_IoRZi8yaRVfzCCeTOF6Bu6J0qgRjEt8IECEEczZRI/edit#gid=0

If you have not yet signed up, please note that there are still significant portions of Moed, Kodshim and Tohoros open. Thank you everyone for your combined efforts. Best wishes, Rena "

Refuah Shelemah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Zoltan Guttman, Yitzy Hain, Deborah Lozanov, Joe Macy, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seedman, and Diane Shinbaum. & Peter Thau* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Saturday, January 30 – **Myrna Kosowsky** (Father)

Saturday, January 30 – **Amalia Epstein** (Father)

Sunday, January 31 – **Max Barnum** (Cousin)

Sunday, January 31 – **Seymour Kosowsky** (Mother)

Monday, February 1 – **Bernard Goldberg** (Grandmother)

Monday, February 1 – **Arlene Dentz** (Brother)

Tuesday, February 2 – **Max Barnum** (Aunt)

Wednesday, February 3 – **Ruth Berkowitz** (Husband)

Thursday, February 4 – **Judy Lerner** (Aunt)

Thursday, February 4 – **Charlie Parker** (Mother)

Friday, February 5 – **David Basch** (Father)

Friday, February 5 – **David Basch** (Brother)

Friday, February 5 – **William Wolper** (Aunt)

Friday, February 5 – **Terry Augenbraun** (Aunt)

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.

Please remember that Golden Book greeting cards are a great way to honor someone or remember a loved one.

