

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**Rosh Chodesh Tevet**

**Chanukah**

**Parshat Miketz**

**December 30, 2016 – January 6, 2017 / 18 Tevet 5777**

<b>Schedule of Services:</b>		
<b>Friday, December 30, 2016</b>		
<b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b>		
<b>Chanukah – Day 6</b>		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:10 PM
Candle Lighting		4:15 PM
<b>Shabbat, December 31, 2016</b>		
<b>Chanukah – Day 7</b>		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:37 AM
Mincha		12:25 PM
Shabbat Ends		5:16 PM
Ma'ariv		5:31 PM
<b>Sun-Thur, January 1-7, 2016</b>		
<b>Chanukah – Day 8</b>		
<b>New Year's Day</b>		
<b>Mincha 2:10pm at Kollel</b>		
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Ma'ariv</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM <b>A</b>
Mon	8:30 AM	7:40 PM <b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	7:40 PM <b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:40 PM <b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM <b>A</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>Friday, January 6, 2017</b>		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:20 PM
Candle Lighting		4:21 PM
<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>Pages</b>	
Bereishit 41:1-44:17	222-249	
<b>Maftir Chanukah – Day 7</b>		
Bamidbar 7:48- 53	Page 770-771	
<b>Haftarah</b>		
Zechariah 2:14-4:7	1210-1211	

**Winter Travelers:** Following the holidays, a number of our regular Minyanaires will be traveling. We need your help to ensure a minyan every day. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

**Early Shabbat Mincha:** Immediately after Kiddush, we will have a short Rabbi's Class (at approximately 11:45 am), followed by Mincha (at 12:25 pm). We will return about 15 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:16 pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:31 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.

**Lighting Chanukah Candles Erev Shabbat**

Lighting Chanukah candles for Shabbat presents unique issues. We can't light at the ideal time of twilight or when it is dark since we have already ushered in Shabbat. Following are some basic guidelines:

- 1) Chanukah candles are lit before Shabbos candles. Candle lighting is at 4:15 pm.
- 2) The menorah should burn until 30 minutes after nightfall. This is particularly challenging on Erev Shabbos, since the lights must burn until 5:46 pm, approximately 1.5 hours.

Regular Chanukah candles will not burn that long. You should find a candle that will burn this long for Erev Shabbos. I have been told that tea-lights burn this long. At least one candle should burn until 5:46 pm.



Please call Rabbi Moldovan with any questions.

**Shabbat Morning Davening on Time**

In order to help those of us who are a bit sleepy-headed on the weekends, our Shabbat morning minyan was moved a few weeks ago, as much as possible at this time of the year, to 9:15 am. Yet, for some inexplicable reason, there is no minyan until 9:45 am or even later, on Shabbat morning. How can this be? Is everyone's clock running slow on Shabbat morning?

If you care about your friends and family who are waiting to daven with a minyan, you need to be on time for 9:15 am on Shabbat mornings. Remember that you want the minyan full and on time when you need it, and others rely on you in the same way. This is more than a friendly gesture, this is a true mitzvah - to be on time for the minyan, to be sure davening begins in a timely manner every Shabbat morning.

**Chanukah Melavah Malka this Motzai Shabbat**

Let's celebrate Chanukah with all our friends and family here at Ahavath Achim. The shul will be hosting a Melava Malka this Motzai Shabbat (December 31st) at 7:45pm in Zimmer Hall. Come join us for a scrumptious meal topped off with latkes and doughnuts Please let Rabbi Moldovan know you are planning to attend. We ask for your donation of \$5. All the proceeds will be sent to Israel to support victims of the recent devastating fires.



**Rosh Chodesh Tevet Meeting of The Gina Gelb Tehillim Group**

Will meet on Thursday, December 29, at 8:45 pm at The Park Royal, 2600 Park Avenue, in the Recreation Room behind the lobby. All women are invited to join in reciting tehillim which are said in both Hebrew and English. Thanks to Ricka Breiner for organizing. Please let Rena Gelb know if you will attend at [renagelb@gmail.com](mailto:renagelb@gmail.com).

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**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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### A Minyan Quiz!

- What is a minyan?
- Why do you need a minyan every day?
- Why is "on time" every day important?
- When is an Orthodox shul not a shul?

Think long and hard and you will realize that you already know the answers to each and every question in this quiz.

Maybe you haven't thought about it carefully enough until now. Maybe you didn't know that there have been many days in a row that kaddish could not be said by your friends, neighbors, family members because there was no minyan at Ahavath Achim. Maybe you didn't know how truly important you are and what a special place you occupy in the life of

our shul.

*Now you do know!* Even when it is cold, dreary and dark, snowing or pouring rain, or warm and comfortable at home in bed, *rise to the obligation* of making your minyan and making it *on time*. If you need a ride or even just want a ride, let the Rabbi or one of the Gabbaim know and they will be glad to help provide a ride for you. You will benefit much more than you can imagine with the mitzvah of davening with our minyan regularly. You will be uplifted and inspired for the day ahead. Tomorrow's minyan looks for you

### URGENT TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED

A member of our local community is in urgent need for transportation to a New York City hospital for medical testing and doctor's office for consultation. All expenses will be reimbursed plus a fee to cover travel time. If you are available to help this worthy person, please call Rabbi Moldovan. Such help will be a true mitzvah.

### Ahavath Achim Winter Lecture Series Rescheduled

The Ahavath Achim Winter Lecture Series has been rescheduled for Saturday night, January 7th at 7 pm. Thank you to Steve and Debbie Lozanov for again offering to host this event at their home at the corner of Thorne Street and Park Ave. The topic of discussion will be "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?" everyone is invited. Please let Debbie and Steve know you are planning to attend.

### Building Clean-up Campaign

As the time for our move to a new location draws nearer, we face the very daunting task of clearing the building of items that are either no longer in use or obsolete and unusable. Unless we do it ourselves, it will cost us big dollars \$\$\$\$\$\$ to hire a trash company. We ask everyone to chip in and do a little by volunteering a couple of hours each week to come and help with bagging and disposing of obsolete, unusable items. Call or email Sara Klein or Barbara Tuckel to let them know when you can help, starting now. We also are planning "Sunday Trash Days," where we will provide music to work by and refreshments. Specifics to follow shortly. Let's save money and have fun while doing it.

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

### Yahrtzeits

Saturday, December 31 – **Helen Katz** (Aunt to Terry Augenbraun)  
 Sunday, January 1, **Rev. Abraham Frankel** (Father to Rose Moidel)  
 Sunday, January 1 – **Julia Macy** (Wife to Joe Macy z'l)  
 Sunday, January 1 – **Terez Weintrub** (Grandmother to Cathy Velenchik)  
 Monday, January 2- **Morton Lax** (Father to Erica Cohen)

Tuesday, January 3 – **Bertha Goldman** (Grandmother to Billy Wolper)  
 Wednesday, January 4 – **Nettie Rothwax** (Mother to Joel Rothwax))  
 Thursday, January 5 – **Rebecca Zabol** (Grandmother to Peggy Schwarzmer)  
 Friday, January 6 – **Matilda Baena** (Grandmother to Ellen Rothwax)

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.**