

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



June 17-24, 2016 / 11-18 Sivan 5776

Parsha Naso

Schedule of Services:

Friday, June 17 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	8:10 PM

Shabbat, June 18, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:06 AM
Rabbi's Class	7:20 PM
Mincha	8:05 PM
Shabbat Ends	9:11 PM

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Shacharit	8:30 AM
Mincha	8:10 PM
Shacharit	6:30 AM
Mincha	8:10 PM

Mon -Thur, June 21-23, 2016

	Shacharit	Mincha & Ma'ariv
Mon.	6:30 AM	8:10 PM K
Tue	6:45 AM	8:10 PM K
Wed	6:45 AM	8:10 PM B
Thurs.	6:30 AM	8:10 PM A

A - Ahavath Achim

B - Bikur Cholim on

Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt

K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt

Friday, June 24, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM

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Torah Reading

Naso	4:21-7:89	748-773
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Haftarah

Judges	13:2-25	1181-1182
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YOU'RE STILL NEEDED

As the memory of rejoicing in receiving the Torah is still fresh in our thoughts, we now settle into a normal schedule for the next few weeks. Your presence at all the minyanim is especially needed, as this is Summer Vacation time, and minyan regulars come and go. So don't wait for a personalized invitation. Step up and join the minyan. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

SHABBAT SHIUR & MINCHA

We invite you to join us for the Rabbi's Shabbat shiur at 7:20 pm, followed by Mincha services at approximately 8:05pm (see the sidebar for times). The topic for this week's pre-Mincha class is "The Kashrut of wine handled by a non-Jew." Come early and join in the interesting discussion.

TORAH MESSAGE FOR PARSHA NASSO

One who makes a Nazirite vow must abstain from wine, cutting his hair, and from coming in contact with a corpse for the duration of his vow. He is to hold himself at a higher level of holiness and purity than the common folk. The commentaries ask why he must separate from wine. What's wrong with wine? We drink wine at Kiddush on Shabbat, we drink wine on Yom Tov, we drink wine on Purim, and we drink wine at every Bris and wedding! Wine is associated with so many important Mitzvot. Why should a Nazir abstain? The commentaries explain that a Nazirite vow is not appropriate for every individual. Rather, it is designed for one who is too heavily involved in the physical world and wine. In order to wean himself off alcohol He needs to go cold turkey for a period of time in order to return to normalcy. Even though alcohol has many positive aspects to it, an Alcoholics Anonymous member is encouraged to go cold turkey for at least some period of time until he is able to return to alcohol in moderation. Judaism promotes moderation with all physical pleasures including alcohol, but when one has lost control of himself there is often a need to take an extreme stance in order to return to that moderate attitude. This is why a Nazir can't drink wine.

BARUCH DAYAN EMET

We are deeply sorry to inform you of the passing of Cantor David Schwartzmer z'l, father of Cantor Avi Schwartzmer. The funeral took place in Brooklyn on Wednesday.

Shiva is taking place on Wednesday and Thursday in Brooklyn at 1215 Avenue

l. Mincha/Ma'ariv on Wednesday at 8:15 PM; on Thursday at 6:40 PM.

Shiva is continuing in Fairfield on Sunday and Monday at 53 New Street. On Sunday, from 10 AM-7 PM; on Monday, from 3 PM-7 PM.

Davening will be with the regular community minyan.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

MESUZAH CHECKING- Mezuzot need to be checked every few years due to damage from water, heat, and ink fading or cracking over time. Rabbi Moldovan is a trained Sofer and will be available to check Mezuzot on Sunday June 26. Mezuzas can be dropped off

to be checked at the Annual Meeting and can be picked up later in the day. This is a great opportunity to ensure that your Mezuzot are kosher. Price is \$10/Mezuzah.

MAZEL TOV

In honor of the Aufruf of his son, Evan, on June 18, Parsha Naso, Bernard Goldberg invites everyone to join in the Luncheon Kiddush he is sponsoring. Rabbi Moldovan and the Congregation thank Bernard and extend very best and happy wishes to the Goldberg and Gurevich families on this happy occasion.

MESSAGE FROM RABBI MOLDOVAN

I will be participating in Evan Goldberg's wedding and visiting Israel from Monday June 27th until Monday July 11th. I have invited Rabbi Ephraim Meth and Rabbi Yonasan Gorin to lead services on Shabbos (July 3 and July 10) in my absence and they have graciously accepted.

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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SUNDAY BREAKFAST 'n LEARN

Please join us this Father's day for our inaugural Sunday morning Breakfast 'n learn program. A light breakfast will be served and the Rabbi will lead a lively discussion about the Father's Day inspired topic, "Should a father hit his kids? The Torah's outlook,"

JEWISH HOME UPDATE

As mentioned a few weeks ago, the new Jewish Senior Services campus (formerly known as the Jewish Home) is to open in late June. It will be a predominantly non-Kosher campus with limited capacity for Kosher food production. A facility preparing non-Kosher food in close proximity to Kosher food requires an increased level of supervision. A world renowned expert in the field of Kashrut (Rabbi Zushe Blech) was brought to the campus to provide guidelines to legitimize the standards of Kashrut. The guidelines of his report have not been implemented as of yet by the management of the

Home. We are still hopeful that these guidelines will be implemented, but until they are accepted and clearly implemented I cannot re

commend any part of this facility. I will keep the congregation posted with any new developments.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Congregation Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday morning, June 26, 9:30 AM in Zimmer Hall. Please remember that all Congregation members are urged to attend and participate in the shul's annual meeting and members in good standing are entitled to vote on proposals before the membership. The agenda includes the annual financial report, update on the property sale, and various committee reports.

ANNUAL JOURNAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

The Journal Committee is happy to announce the date of September 11 for the Annual Journal and Luncheon Event, honoring Andrew and Sara Klein. The committee has also announced that the luncheon will be fully catered with a varied pareve and dairy buffet. Arnell, our office manager, is preparing ad packets and luncheon reservation material. This will be sent to you shortly via email or regular USPS mail. As a great start, we have already received our first ad honoring Andrew and Sara Klein. We ask you to follow this wonderful example by responding quickly and generously so that this event can be both beautiful and successful.

PROGRESS WITH BUILDING CONTENTS

This committee needs more help from our shul members to clear away articles left in the Hillel Annex that need to be disposed of without it costing a lot of money. Please call the chairperson, Sara Klein, to offer your help in this important effort to clear our building of unusable stuff. A few hours of your time will go a long way to helping conserve our money and our building. Sara can be reached either by calling her directly (203-374-9365) or the shul office (203-372-6529). Please volunteer your help now, while you are reading this request. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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

Yahrteits for the week

Saturday, June 18 – **Bella Cohen** (Mother to Arnold Cohen)
 Saturday, June 18- **Philip Serkin** (Grandfather to Stu Serkin)
 Monday, June 20 – **David Konvensky** (Father to Leah Guttman)
 Monday, June 20 – **Cecile Levine** (Mother to Linda Eliovson)
 Tuesday, June 21- **Marcus Breiner** (Grandfather to Mark Breiner)

Tuesday, June 21- **Gittel Macy** (Mother to Joe Macy)
 Tuesday, June 21 – **Jutka Varga** (Sister to Molly Serkin)
 Wednesday, June 22- **Irene Serkin** (Grandmother to Stu Serkin)
 Friday, June 24 – **Rose Fink** (Mother to Dr. Miriam Parker)
 Friday, June 24 – **Rabbi Moshe Shoshan** (Father to Sam Shoshan)

Yahrzteits 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 Yahrzeit, 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.

