

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parshat Shemot

January 1-8, 2016 / 20-27 Tevet - 5776

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, January 1, 2016			
Shacharit, New Year's		8:30 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:15 PM	
Candle Lighting		4:16 PM	
Shabbat, January 2, 2016			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:38 AM	
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM	
Mincha		12:25 PM	
Shabbat Ends		5:18 PM	
Ma'ariv		5:40 PM	
Sun-Thur, Jan 3-7, 2016			
	Shacharit	+ Ma'ariv * Mincha & Ma'ariv	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, January 8, 2016			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:15 PM	
Candle Lighting		4:16 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Shemot	Pages:		
1:1-6:1		292-317	
Haftorah			
Isaiah	Pages:		
27:6-28:13, 29:22-23		1146-1148	

Minyan Times: Each week we publish the times of minyan (in the table on the left). Just a reminder – these times are not suggestions, but they are the times we need to start minyan. Please come to the minyan. Please come on time. Come and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: Immediately after Kiddush, we will have a short Rabbi's Class (11:50am), followed by Mincha (at 12:25pm). We will return about 20 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:18pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:40pm). 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:

The Jewish midwives were commanded by Pharaoh to abort all Jewish children as they came into the world. Courageously, they refused this direct command and resisted the decree of the leader of Egypt. In reward for their efforts the verse states "Hashem was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied and became strong". Rabbi Moshe Feinstein asks what is the connection between the growth of the Jewish people and the "good" that Hashem bestowed on the midwives. He explains that the greatest reward that these righteous midwives could receive was not their personal achievements but rather the success of the Jewish people. In a time of great distress for the Jewish people, the central factor on the mind of the midwives was only the propagation of the Jewish people. We are all busy people with a lot on our minds but we should merit to have the success of the Jewish people as our preeminent goal and our life's work.

General Board Meeting Next Tuesday Jan. 5 at 6:30 PM

There will be a general Board meeting at 6:30 PM this coming Tuesday in the library. Board members should make every effort to attend. Please call the office or email Barbara Tuckel to let us know whether you can attend.

Security Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10

Lieutenant James Perez of the Fairfield Police will provide information about security in the synagogue and answer questions from 9:45-10:45 AM in Zimmer Hall.

Mezuzah checking - Rabbi Moldovan is now available to check Mezuzos

in the community. Ink is known to fade and crack over time, with additional risk of water damage for Mezuzos that are outdoors. Please contact the Rabbi directly to make arrangements.

Babysitting Available Our own Michelle Loeser has some availability to babysit. Please call Michelle Loeser at 373-9581 for more information.

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Shabbat Kiddush Do you enjoy our regular Shabbat kiddush every week? Sponsors are needed to support the weekly kiddush. We ask every member to contribute \$50. to sponsor one week of regular Shabbat kiddush. Please call the office or Barbara (see sidebar for phone numbers) to be a weekly kiddush sponsor.

Mega Challah Bake: Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 7:00 PM at Beth Israel of Westport/Norwalk, 40 King Street, Norwalk. The Mega Challah Bake will be led by world renowned Chef Sara Briman, winner of the Five Star Diamond Award for the best Challah by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. Fees: \$18pp - \$180 Individual Sponsor- \$15 YJP, Students & Girls. Participants will make their own loaves of Challah and learn the art and secrets of baking delicious Challah.

Father & Son learning

Continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Shemot, January 3, at 6:30pm.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Sunday, January 3 – **Allan Handler** (Father)
Monday, January 4 – **Mona Breiner** (Mother)
Monday, January 4 – **Myron Goldstein** (Father)

Wednesday, January 6 – **Ed Fried** (Son)
Wednesday, January 6 – **Arlene Jutkowitz** (Mother)
Friday, January 8 – **Martin Schiller** (Father)

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.

Recent Golden Book Contributions

In Honor of the Birth of a Grandchild to Roslyn and Mark Fishman
Barbara and Peter Tuckel
Pamela Zimmer

In Honor of the Birth of a Granddaughter to Diana Rich
Barbara and Peter Tuckel

Speedy Recovery to Arnell Wilson
Helene and Ralph Green

Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to Roz Fishman
Barbara and Peter Tuckel

In Honor of Randy Dimand's Bar Mitzvah
Pamela Zimmer
Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

In Honor of the Birth of a great granddaughter to Sara and Andrew Klein
Tzvia and Rabbi Ephraim Meth
Barbara and Peter Tuckel
Pamela Zimmer

In Honor of the Birth of a Granddaughter to Bernard Goldberg
Barbara and Peter Tuckel

Happy & Healthy 2016 to everyone

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