

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parshat Terumah

February 12 – 19, 2016 / 3 – 10 Adar I – 5776

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, February 12, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		5:00 PM
Candle Lighting		5:04 PM
Shabbat, February 13, 2016		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:29 AM
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM
Mincha		12:35 PM
Shabbat Ends		6:06 PM
Ma'ariv		6:25 PM
Sun-Thur, Feb 14-18, 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		
Sun-Thur 2:40 PM Mincha at Kollel		
NCSY Extreme Shabbat Makeover		
Friday, February 19, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		5:10 PM
Candle Lighting		5:13 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Shemot	Pages:	
25:1-27:19		444-463
Haftorah		
I Kings	Pages:	
5:26-6:13		1157-1158

Start Your Day Right: How do you start your day? A cup of coffee? We have that. Current politics? We have that too. A chance to make a difference? We certainly have that. Make a difference, get your latest political updates with commentary, top it off with a cup of fresh brewed coffee. Come and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: Immediately after Kiddush, we will have the Rabbi's Class (11:50am), The topic is "The great egg controversy - Can a non-Jew cook your eggs" followed by Mincha (at 12:35pm). Please return after Shabbat ends (at 6:06pm) for Ma'ariv (at 6:25pm). 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

Preceding the instruction to build each utensil of the Mishkan is a command stated in the singular form directed to Moshe: "And you shall make a show-bread Altar". "And you shall make a Menorah". "And you shall make an Altar". The command to build the Aron Hakodesh is stated in the plural - "And they shall make a Holy Ark". The commentaries ask why the directive for the Aron Hakodesh was not also given to Moshe exclusively? An explanation is that the Shulchan, Menorah, and Altar can all be constructed by an individual but the Ark that holds the Torah is different. It can't be made by one man but must be a communal effort. Just as the Torah can't be learned by one man alone, so too its Ark can't be built by one individual.

Relationships Series Continues Sunday, Feb. 14, 8 pm: Rabbi Moldovan began his new two-part series with a fascinating history of how pre-nuptial agreements have evolved to where they are today in Jewish marriages. The series continues on Sunday, February 14th, with a talk is entitled "Love or Lust--The Jewish Conception of Marriage." Everyone is invited to join us at 8 PM in the library for this intriguing topic.

Eruv News: Rabbi Moldovan has been working with Rabbis Elchonen and Pepper on checking the Eruv. He will soon assume full responsibility for this important task.

GOLDEN BOOK NOTICE While Sara and Andy are away on vacation, until February 19, please call Susan Klein at 203-301-0693 for all your golden book request.

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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NCSY EXTREME SHABBAT MAKEOVER is coming to Fairfield on Feb 19-20. Ten teens and 4 advisers will arrive from Boston and New York to run lively Shabbat services and meals for the community. On Friday night Feb 19, Ahavath Achim will be hosting an NCSY dinner for teenagers of the Fairfield community in Zimmer Hall followed by an Oneg Shabbat. It is free and open to all Fairfield teenagers. On Saturday Feb 20 we will hold a Shabbat seudah for congregants of Ahavath Achim following Shacharit. We are asking for a \$10 donation per adult (children free), family maximum is \$ 20. RSVP and payment with the office is required by Tuesday Feb 16.

Tehillim Meeting Date Change: Because of the weather report regarding upcoming snowstorms, Dr. Miriam Parker will be staying in Hartford until Thursday, February 11. Therefore, THE GINA GELB TEHILLIM GROUP will meet at her home, 134 Wynn Wood Dr., Fairfield, on Thursday, February 11 at 8 P.M., instead of the previously scheduled Tuesday Feb. 9. All women are invited to participate. The Tehillim are said in both Hebrew and English. Please let Dr. Parker know if you will attend - the front door will be open.

Community Event

Father & Son learning Continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Terumah, February 13, at 6:30pm

Refuah Shelemah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Roberta Greenbaum, Zoltan Guttman, Yitzzy 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, February 14 – **Deborah Shear** (Mother)
Tuesday, February 16 – **Devorah Hager** (Mother)

Friday, February 19– **Bernie Dickens** (Mother)

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.
