

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**Shabbat Nachamu**

**Parsha Va'eschanan**

**August 19-26, 2016 / 15-22 AV 5776**

<b>Schedule of Services:</b>			
<b>Friday, August 19, 2016</b>			
<b>Tu B'Av</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:27 PM	
<b>Shabbat, August 20, 2016</b>			
<b>Shabbat Nachamu</b>			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:32 AM	
Rabbi's Class		6:30 PM	
Mincha		7:15 PM	
Shabbat Ends		8:26 PM	
<b>Sun-Thur, August 21-25, 2016</b>			
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Mincha &amp; Ma'ariv</b>	<b>L O C</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	7:25 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	7:25 PM	<b>B</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	7:25 PM	<b>B</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:25 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:25 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, August 26, 2016</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:16 PM	
<b>Page Numbers:</b>			
<b>Torah Reading</b>			
Devarim	Pages:		
3:23-7:11	958-979		
<b>Haftarah</b>			
Isaiah	Pages:		
40:1-26	1196-1197		

**How's Your Math?** Can you count to 10? Even better, can you be counted in the 10? While only 10 men are needed to make a minyan, it takes everyone to do their part. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

**Pre Mincha Shiur** - We invite you to join us for the Rabbi's Shabbat shiur at 6:30 pm, The topic for the Rabbi's Shiur is "Wristwatches, Hats, and Reflector Sashes - What can we wear when there is no Eruv?" followed by Mincha services at approximately 7:15 pm. (see the sidebar for times). - Come early and join in the interesting discussion.

**Special Kiddush** - Everyone is invited to join us this Shabbat for a special sponsored Kiddush.

**Journal Campaign Update** - As of August 17th we've reached \$25,000 in Journal contributions, which brings us closer to our goal of \$30,000. Thank you for all the wonderful support for this event, and special thanks to the many members who donated more than last year to help us reach our stated goal. You've shown your support for our community and gratitude to our honorees, Andrew and Sara Klein. If you are one of the few who have not yet sent your ad into the office, or reserved your place at our luncheon, please do so ASAP - like NOW! With everyone participating we can not only reach our goal, but go over the top to help put our shul into a secure financial position for the coming year. *Any ads received after the deadline of August 21 will go into a later addendum.* So please get your ad in now. You don't want to be left out of this year's Journal. We will be honored again this year with attendance at the Luncheon by Fairfield's First Selectman, Michael Tetreau, to present the Town's proclamation to our honorees. We look forward to all our members joining in this annual event and making it the biggest and best as the last one we are celebrating in this building.

**New Women's Rosh Chodesh Program** - Congregation Ahavath Achim is proud to announce the initiation of a woman's Rosh Chodesh program. The inaugural event will be hosted by Sharon Risch at 255 Sky Top on Sunday August 28th at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served and the Rabbi will lead a discussion on the Tefillot of Rosh Hashonah in order to prepare ourselves for a more meaningful Tefillah experience during the high holidays.

**Sunday Morning Men's Breakfast 'n Learn following 8:30 am Shacharis** - Book the date of Sunday, August 28th for the continuation of our Breakfast 'n Learning Series. Our last meeting was very well attended and all enjoyed the breakfast as well as the lively discussion.

**Eruv Is Down** - The Eruv is currently not functional due to renovations at Sacred Heart College on Park Ave. A fence on the corner of Park and Jefferson that was part of the Eruv has been removed. We are working with the Rav Hamachshir of the Eruv, Rabbi Howard Jachter of Teaneck, and the members of the Bridgeport Kollel (who were checking the Eruv until the Rabbi took over) to resolve the problem. The community will be kept up to date regarding the status of the Eruv.

**Eruv Training** - We are looking for volunteers to check the Eruv. Training in the Halachic and practical aspects of the Eruv will be provided. Please call Rabbi Moldovan on 203-906-6296 to express interest.

**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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**Journal Committee Meeting** - The Journal Committee will meet in the library on Sunday morning, August 21, at 10 AM. If you are serving on this committee and have not yet called the office, please let Barbara know about your plans.

**August Board Meeting** - There will be a regular board meeting on Thursday, August 25, at 6:30 PM in the library. Please call the office or email Barbara about attending. Your input as board members is very valuable so please make every effort to attend.

**Weekday Mincha/Ma'ariv Note:** While the Kollel is on break, we will be davening Mincha/Ma'ariv on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at Bikur Cholim.

### Community Events.

#### **Welcome New FJP Executive Director**

The Board of Directors of the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County has announced that David Weisberg has been appointed as the new FJP Executive Director. He officially joined FJP on August '10<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to join in welcoming David Weisberg to our community and look forward to meeting and getting to know him and him to know Congregation Ahavath Achim.

#### **Shakespeare Festival Theater in Stratford**

Jewish Family Service invites all seniors to join "Seniors Together" for a performance of Connecticut Free Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" on Sunday 8/21 at 8 P.M, on the grounds of the American Shakespeare Festival Theater, 1850 Elm Street, Stratford. Bring your own picnic dinner and chairs. Dessert provided. RSVP to JFS at 203 366-5438 or [info@jfsct.org](mailto:info@jfsct.org). Rides available upon request. Further information at [www.jfsct.org](http://www.jfsct.org).

#### **Craft & BBQ Family Festival at Cong. Beth El**

Sunday, August 28, 11 am – 5 pm. Free admission with donation of 2 food items for Operation Hope, at Cong. Beth El on Fairfield Woods Rd. Crafting, live music, kid's activities and gigantic BBQ.

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

#### **Yahrtzeits for the Week:**

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.

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.**

Tuesday, August 23 – **Menachem Jutkowitz** (David Jutkowitz's Father)

Wednesday, August 24 - **Yitzhak Isaac Kreisman** (Joe Macy's Grandfather)

Thursday, August 25 – **Rita Berkowitz** (Louis and David Berkowitz's Mother)