

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Parshat Devarim

July 31 – August 7, 2015 / 15-22 Av 5775

## Shabbat Nachamu

Schedule of Services:			
<b>Friday, July 31, 2015 Tu B'Av</b>			
Shacharit	6:45 AM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	<b>7:00 PM</b>		
Candle Lighting	7:55 PM		
<b>Shabbat, August 1, 2015 Nachamu</b>			
Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM		
Latest Shema Time	9:24 AM		
Rabbi's Class	<b>Cancelled</b>		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:50 PM		
Shabbat Ends	8:52 PM		
<b>Sun-Thur, August 2-6, 2015</b>			
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Mincha Ma'ariv</b>	<b>L O C</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	7:50 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	7:50 PM	<b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	7:50 PM	<b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:50 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:50 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 7, 2015</b>			
Shacharit	6:45 AM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM		
Candle Lighting	7:44 PM		
<b>Page Numbers:</b>			
<b>Torah Reading</b>	Pages:		
Devarim 3:23-7:11	958-979		
<b>Haftorah</b>			
Isaiah 40:1-26	1196-1197		

**Nachamu, Nachamu:** This week is the first of seven Haftorahs of Consolation that precede Rosh Hashana. As we prepare for the New Year, this is an opportune time to prepare our souls by attending Minyan on a regular basis. Commit to at least one minyan a week, and show up on time. This will **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

**Shabbat Pre-Mincha Shiur:** Rabbi Meth will not be in Fairfield this Shabbat. The pre-Mincha shiur is canceled for this Shabbat, but we are glad to advise you that Dr. David Jutkowitz will present a D'var Torah at Seudah Sheleesheet.

**Good News:** The air conditioning in the shul has been repaired and we can all look forward to davening in comfort in the main sanctuary on Shabbat.

**Excerpt from a Summary of the Haftorah: Parshat Vaetchanan/Shabbat Nachamu by Rabbi A. Tandler:** This week's Haftorah begins the seven Haftorah of Consolation selected from the Navi Yishayah. In the aftermath of Tisha B'Av and the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash, Hashem embraces his children enveloping them in hope and love. It captures the imagery and emotion of a loving parent who after punishing a wayward child picks up the child and, with tears and hugs, kisses away the pain of distance and separation. Yishayah paints a picture of the Creator's majesty in nature and history. Prophesying 190 years before the Churban, he described the triumphant resurrection of Tzion and Yerushalayim. The exiled will have returned and the very hills of Jerusalem will testify to the eternity of Hashem and his chosen people. Our ultimate redemption will be far more than a return to Land and nationalism. It will herald the dawning of our greatest accomplishment as we ascend to our rightful place among the nations.

**Excerpt from Why do we Celebrate the 15th of Av? by Rabbi Y. Tauber:** The Talmud lists several joyous events that are believed to have occurred on Tu B'Av. We are pleased to include three of the listed events which we hope are of interest to you.

**1. The dying of the generation of the Exodus ceased:** Several months after the people of Israel were freed from Egyptian slavery, the incident of the spies demonstrated their unpreparedness for the task of conquering the land of Canaan and developing it as the Holy Land. G-d decreed that that entire generation would die out in the desert, and that their children would enter the land in their stead (as recounted in Numbers 13 and 14). After 40 years of wandering through the

wilderness, the dying finally ended, and a new generation of Jews stood ready to enter the Holy Land. It was the 15th of Av of the year 2487 from creation (1274 BCE).

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As long as members of this doomed generation were still alive, G-d didn't communicate with Moses. As soon as the last of these men died, once again G-d lovingly communicated with Moses.

2. **The tribes of Israel were permitted to intermarry:** In order to ensure the orderly division of the Holy Land between the twelve tribes of Israel, restrictions had been placed on marriages between members of two different tribes. A woman who had inherited tribal lands from her father was forbidden to marry out of her tribe, lest her children—members of their father's tribe—cause the transfer of land from one tribe to another by

inheriting her estate (as recounted in Numbers 36). This ordinance was binding on the generation that conquered and settled the Holy Land; when the restriction was lifted, on the 15th of Av, the event was considered a cause for celebration and festivity.

3. **Hoshea ben Elah opened the roads to Jerusalem:** Upon the division of the Holy Land into two kingdoms following the death of King Solomon in the year 2964 from creation (797 BCE), Jeroboam ben Nebat, ruler of the breakaway northern kingdom of Israel, set up roadblocks to prevent his citizens from making the thrice-yearly pilgrimage to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, capital of the southern kingdom of Judah. These were finally removed more than 200 years later by Hoshea ben Elah, the last king of the northern kingdom, on Av 15, 3187 (574 BCE).

**Let's Decorate Zimmer for the Journal Luncheon:** Remember how lovely Zimmer Hall looked last year for our Journal honorees? Let's get together to clean and beautify it again. Please call Barbara Tuckel or the office and volunteer a few nights for a couple of hours each night to accomplish this.

**JOURNAL UPDATE:** Can we count on you? Have you sent in your ad? Your participation ensures the future of Congregation Ahavath Achim. We are half-way to reaching our goal of \$35,000. with just a few weeks left for this all important fund-raising campaign. Now we need YOU to send in your ad and bring your friends, family and business ads as well. With everyone's participation we can ensure the success of this year's Journal campaign and continue planning for a new future for our shul. Remember it is for all of us who wish to maintain Congregation Ahavath Achim as the representative of Modern Orthodox Judaism in the Greater Fairfield-Bridgeport area.

**Increase Journal Ad Income with Business Ads:** Remember to get your business card ads for just \$36. If every member brings in just one \$36. business card ad it will add another \$1800. to the Journal's success. And don't forget your own business card too!

**Tag Sale News, Sunday, August 30:** The next Tag Sale will be held on Sunday, August 30, from 9 am to 3 pm. Renee advises that new merchandise would be very appreciated. Please bring your no-longer used household items, clothing and furniture. With your donations we are able to raise considerable income from the outside community. We are especially successful in selling good condition furniture and costume jewelry. We've also had many requests for old record players and vinyl records of any size, 78s, 33s or 45s. Please call either Renee directly or the shul office to make sure someone is here to collect your donation and give you a tax receipt.

**Kollel Konnections:** Basketball & Learning: Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 85 Arlington Street, Bridgeport. Sponsored by The Kollel. Contact: Yitzchak Elchonen or Shlomo Pepper. 248-259-6399 or 845-200-6179. Join in the fun and learning. Refreshments, Prizes, Raffles.

**Refuah Shelemah to:** *Lee Dickens, Lionel Eliovson, Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Yitzy Hain, Herman Kraut, Deborah Lozanov, Tzivia Meth, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seedman, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy recovery.

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**Yahrtzeits for the week:** 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. Yahrzeits begin at Ma'ariv the evening before.

Tuesday, August 4 – **David Jutkowitz** (Father)

Wednesday, August 5 – **Joe Macy** (Grandfather)

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