

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HaChodesh / Chazak

Rosh Chodesh Nisan

Vayakhel-Pekudei

March 24-31, 2017 / 26 Adar – 4 Nissan 5777

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, March 24, 2017		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:50 PM
Candle Lighting		6:51 PM
Shabbat, March 25, 2017		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:53 AM
Rabbi's Class		5:55 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:40 PM
Shabbat Ends		7:53 PM
Sun-Thur, March 26-30, 2017		
Mincha 2:10 pm at Kollel		
	Shacharit	Ma'ariv
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM K
Rosh Chodesh Nisan		
Tue	6:30 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		
Friday, March 31, 2017		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:55 PM
Candle Lighting		6:59 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Shemos	35:1-40:38	516-541
Parshat HaCodesh Maftir		
Shemos	12:1-20	838-843
Haftorah Parshat Parah		
Ezekiel	45:16-46:18	1218-1219

Start the New Year Right: Rosh Chodesh Nisan takes place Monday Night/Tuesday this week. Nisan is the start of the new year (Rosh Hashana takes place at the beginning of the 7th month of the year!) Let's start the new year off right, come to Minyan. Please make the effort to attend the Minyanim as often as you can. Show up. Sign up (there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board). Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will have a short Class (at approximately **5:55pm**), followed by Mincha (at **6:40 pm**). The topic for pre-Mincha shiur is "The Great Controversy - Machine Matzos."

Torah Message for Parshas Vayakhel/Pekudei

The Jewish people are commanded to build the Mishkan, a portable sanctuary for Hashem, as they traveled in the wilderness. Every painstaking detail of the architecture of the Mishkan is listed - exactly how long, wide, and tall every structure must be, how many planks the outer wall is to be made of, how many plies in each thread of the hanging curtain, and even the exact number of hooks that will be holding the curtains. Why so much detail? The commentaries explain that the Mishkan was to be built as an atonement for the sin of the golden calf. The Jewish people felt that they needed a tangible and physical item to serve as an intermediary to worship Hashem. Moshe Rabbeinu was that intermediary until his false demise. Now the Jewish people felt the golden calf would take the place of Moshe as that intermediary. Hashem countered that it is reasonable for us to need some help in our service of an invisible and intangible God. But, this help can only come in the form that Hashem ordains. This is why Hashem gives painstaking details regarding the construction of the Mishkan - to teach the Jewish people that this physical sanctuary that will be used as a means to come closer to Hashem is only effective if it is done according to all the fine details. Spirituality and a purported connection to God can be found in many incarnations in this day and age. We know that the way for a Jew to connect to Hashem is through the Torah and Mitzvos - just as Hashem has detailed to us.

Sale of Chametz before Pesach –

Rabbi Moldovan will be available for selling Chametz in the lead up to Peach. He will be available at the following times.

Sunday, March 26th @ 9:15-9:45am / Sunday, April 2nd @ 9:15-10am

Sunday, April 9th @ 9:15-10am / Thursday, April 6th @ 7:30-8:30pm

The Rabbi is also available by appointment. You can reach Rabbi Moldovan at 203-906-6296. All members of the community are encouraged and recommended to sell their chametz. The authorization letter is being sent in a separate email to everyone and there are copies available in the shul office, on the table in the front hall and in the Beit Midresh.



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Community Mincha Service Resumes on Sunday, April 2 at Ahavath Achim.

We also want to notify you that the Bridgeport Community Kollel will be on break during Nissan (from Tuesday, March 28 to Wednesday, April 26). During this time, services on Monday and Tuesday evenings will be at Bikur Cholim. Please note that on Thursday, Chol HaMoed Pesach (April 13) Mincha will also be at Bikur Cholim instead of at Ahavath Achim. ***Please see the April calendar for all the correct times as we resume the Community Mincha service.***

Memorial Evening in Israel - Sunday, March 26th – 18:40

In observance of the First Yahrtzeit of Rafi Randy Novick, z"l, at Beit Knesset Tifferet Avot, Dekel, Efrat

Community Events

"Blue Like Me: The Art of Siona Benjamin:"

Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Fairfield University, Dolan School of Business Dining Room, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield. Benjamin will discuss her work at the Samuel and Bettie Roberts Lecture in Jewish Art presented by the university's Judaic Studies Program and Bennett Center for Judaic Studies.

Book Discussion – Wednesday – March 22 – 10 am

Marjorie Morningstar will be presented by Dr. Judith Katz at the Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford. The novel by Herman Wouk takes you back to the 1950s. Free. Open to the public. Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County.

Klezmer Concert - Saturday, March 25, 2017- 8:00 PM

"Farewell to the Homeland: Poyln" Performed by Adrienne Greenbaum, renowned klezmer flutist and "FleytMuzik, leading musicians of traditional klezmer. The program will begin with a short documentary shown by videographer, Ed Alpern. Location: Cong. Beth El, Fairfield Woods Rd. For more information and to purchase tickets call Beth El office. Flyer posted in shul front hall.

Literature of the Holocaust Discussion – Sunday, March 26 – 1:30 pm

with Distinguished Educators Christine Bonarrigo and Emily Hernberg. Discover what Yehudah Amichai's "A Pity, We Were Such a Good Invention" and Carl Sandberg's "A Teamster's Farewell" have in common. Location: Temple Sinai, 458 Lakeside Dr., Stamford. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by JHSFC.

Tazhal Shalom – Monday, March 27 – 3:30 pm

Meet young men and women of the IDF at the Stamford JCC Harry Bennett Library. Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. Kids are invited. Lite Refreshments.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Sunday, March 26 – **Paul Rollin** (Father to Hedy Augenbraun)
Monday, March 27 – **Leah Heimann** (Mother to Molly Serkin)
Tuesday, March 28 – **Sara Karelitz** (Grandfather to Seymour Kosowsky)

Wednesday, March 29 – **Joseph Heimann** (Father to Molly Serkin)
Wednesday, March 29 – **Ruth Wolper** (Mother to Billy Wolper)
Friday, March 31 – **Clara Augenbraun** (Grandmother to Terry Augenbraun)
Friday, March 31 – **Ignatz Deutsch** (Father to Andrew Deutsch)

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.

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