

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parshat Vayechi

December 25, 2015 – January 1, 2016 / 13-29 Tevet 5776

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, December 25, 2015			
Shacharit		8:30 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:10 PM	
Candle Lighting		4:11 PM	
Shabbat, December 26, 2015			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:35 AM	
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM	
Mincha		12:20 PM	
Shabbat Ends		5:12 PM	
Ma'ariv		5:35 PM	
Sun-Thur, Dec 27-31, 2015			
	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 1, 2016			
Shacharit		8:30 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:15 PM	
Candle Lighting		4:16 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Bereshis	Pages:		
47:28-50:26		268-289	
Haftorah			
I Kings	Pages:		
2:1-12		1145-1146	

Minyan Grade: As 2015 winds down, this is an opportunity to review our Minyan attendance over the last year. So, what is your Minyan Grade. Factors that contribute to your grade are 1) Frequency of Attendance; 2) Punctuality; and 3) Participation in the Services. Unlike grades in school, you can't flunk out and you won't be held back. But everyone can always improve. So work on your Minyan Grade 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 12:20pm). We will return about 20 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:12pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:35pm). 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.

Last Week's Community Welcome for Rabbi Moldovan

Our welcome event for Rabbi Moldovan was a great success. Special thanks to all those who helped out so much behind the scenes and at the event: Sara Klein, Elaine Schiller, Arlene Jutkowitz, David Jutkowitz, Debbie Lozanov, Joel Rothwax. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Schedule of New Shiurim Reminder that Rabbi Moldovan will be giving two new shiurim. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1) **Coffee and Learn**-Beginning Dec. 21, Monday-Thursday morning. There will be a 5-10 minute shiur, after Shacharis, starting with the Halachot of Tefillin.
- 2) **Gemarah Shiur** - Sunday nights, beginning Dec. 27, 7:00-7:40 pm, followed by Ma'ariv. We will be learning Masechta Megillah to prepare for Purim.

Contact Information for Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan The following information is provided for you should you wish to contact Rabbi Moldovan directly. Please note this information has also been added to the side bar of the shulweekly newsletter. Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan, Telephone (mobile) 203-906-6296; Email - rymoldovan@gmail.com

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.

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<i>Barbara Tuckel, PHD, Pres. 203-581-2405</i>	
<i>Find us on: Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn</i>	

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

Golden Book Cards Remember a special occasion? Offer sympathy or condolences? Remember friends and relatives? Golden Book cards are the perfect answer. Sara Klein will send your special message with a beautiful and thoughtful Golden Book card. Call Sara directly (203-374-9365) or use the Golden Book page on the shul web site. It's only \$6.00 a card and we take care of the postage and mailing. It's quick! It's easy! It's a Mitzvah to support Ahavath Achim!

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 Veyechi, December 26, 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. Peter Thau May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.*

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Tuesday, December 29 – **Debbie Lozanov** (Mother)

Friday, January 1 – **Julia Fischer** (Husband)

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.
