

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM NEWSLETTER



Happy Chanukah!!!

Parshah Vayeshev

December 4-11, 2015 / 22-29 Kislev 5776

Schedule of Services:

Friday, December 4, 2015

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| Shacharit | 6:45 AM |
| Mincha/Ma'ariv | 4:05 PM |
| Candle Lighting | 4:06 PM |

Shabbat, December 5, 2015

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| Shabbat Shacharit | 9:00 AM |
| Latest Shema Time | 9:23 AM |
| Rabbi's Class | 11:50 AM |
| Mincha | 12:14 PM |
| Shabbat Ends | 5:06 PM |
| Ma'ariv | 5:25 PM |

Sun-Thur, Dec 6-10, 2015

| | Shacharit | + Ma'ariv * Mincha & Ma'ariv | L O C |
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| 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, December 11, 2015

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Haftorah

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| Amos | 2:6-3:8 | 1142-1143 |
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Sync Up with the Minyans: You have meeting on your calendar. Do you show up late, just in time, or get there early? You have a flight to catch. Late or early? Getting an award. Late or early? How do you answer this question when making a minyan. Late or early? Come early and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha After kiddush, we will gather in the main sanctuary for early mincha (approximately 12:14 pm). Rabbi Moldovan will speak briefly before mincha. Shabbat ends at 5:06 pm. Please return approximately 20 minutes later for ma'ariv at 5:25 pm. 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.

Thank You to Our Congregational Family

I want to personally thank the many congregants who have volunteered to help Rabbi Moldovan and his family get settled after a long plane ride from Israel. There was (and still is) so much to do to create a working household for them and to finish all the paperwork that has to be filed, etc. While we are small, the volunteerism on the part of our congregants shows our dedication working together to make the Moldovans feel warmly welcome. Special thanks to: Amalia Epstein, Roz Fishman, Arlene Jutkowitz, Elaine Schiller, Bernard Goldberg, Shalom Mizrahi, Terry Augenbraun, Joel Rothwax, Peter Tuckel, Jay Dimand, Rebecca and Amiel Goldberg, Sara Klein for their generous donations of household items, preparing meals, refreshing the apartment, and much more behind the scenes. I also want to extend a very warm thank you to Ben Kanter and his family, who donated many household necessities for the Moldovans as soon as he heard about what was needed. Ben joins us for services when his family is in Fairfield during the summer and for school vacations.
 Barbara Tuckel

Community Welcome Event, Sunday, Dec. 20, 10 am

We need a committee to prepare the publicity and invitations to area rabbis and leaders for the community welcome planned for the Moldovans for Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10 am in Zimmer Hall. Having a team to work on this event is very important to ensure its success and keep us involved and strong. Please contact Barbara Tuckel at bktuckel1836@gmail to volunteer for this important event.



Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony: Please join with us for Sunday evening ma'ariv services on December 6, the first night of Chanukah. After ma'ariv we will gather on the front lawn for lighting the shul outdoor menorah, followed by refreshments and dreidel games in Zimmer Hall. Thank you to Bernard Goldberg

for erecting the shul's outdoor menorah on the front lawn for us every year.

Mazel Tov to Great-Grandparents Andrew and Sara Klein: The entire congregation extends a warm Mazel Tov to Andrew and Sara Klein on the birth of great-granddaughter, Vivian Audrey, to parents Greta and Ben Rosenblum and grandparents Gwen and Bruce Kirshner. May the family have much joy and *nachas* from their newest addition.

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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Father & Son Learning Program: continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Vayeshev, December 5, at 6:30pm.

Tehillim Group - Monday, Dec. 14 The regular monthly meeting of the Gina Gelb Tehillim Group will be on Monday night, December 14 at 8:00 pm at the home of Miriam and Charles Parker, 134 WynnWood Rd., Fairfield. Please call or email Miriam to let her know you will be attending.

Book Presentation Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm: Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel. Award-winning journalist Dan Ephron, former Jerusalem bureau chief for Newsweek/The Daily Beast, will provide an inside look at how the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by Jewish extremist Yigal Amir changed the course of Israel and, consequently, the state of world politics. Register: rshankman@jewishphilanthropyct.org. Community partners: Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County & The Westport Library - Open to the public, free of charge at Temple Israel, 14 Coleytown Road, Westport. For information contact Stacy Kamisar (skamisar@jewishphilanthropyct.org) - (203) 226-8197.

Community Event in NYC, Tuesday, Dec 15, 7:00pm: Ambassador Dennis Ross will speak on U.S.-Israel Relations. Join Senior Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch and the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue Israel Committee for an evening with Ambassador Dennis Ross, who will discuss his latest book, Doomed to Succeed: The U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama. The talk will feature a Q&A and book signing. Registration is required. To RSVP and ticket information: <http://swfs.ticketleap.com/ambassador-dennis-ross-speaks-at-swfs/> or Response@swfs.org, or call (212) 877-4050 x 280.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Saturday, December 5 – **Louis Berkowitz** (Father)
Sunday, December 6 – **Mark Fishman** (Aunt)

Monday, December 7 – **Terry Augenbraun** (Grandfather)
Tuesday, December 8 – **Sara Klein** (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.
