

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Parsha Vayikra

March 31 – April 7, 2017 / 4-11 Nissan 5777

Schedule of Services:			
<b>Friday, March 31, 2017</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:55 PM	
Candle Lighting		6:59 PM	
<b>Shabbat, April 1, 2017</b>			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:15 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:46 AM	
Rabbi's Class		6:00 PM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:45 PM	
Shabbat Ends		8:00 PM	
<b>Sun-Thur, April 2-6, 2017</b>			
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Mincha / Ma'ariv</b>	<b>L O C</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	7:00 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	7:00 PM	<b>B</b>
Tue	6:30 AM	7:00 PM	<b>B</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:00 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:00 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, April 7, 2017</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:05 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:06 PM	
<b>Page Numbers:</b>			
<b>Torah Reading</b>			
Vayikra	1:1- 5:26	544-567	
<b>Haftorah</b>			

### Countdown to Pesach – Morning Minyan

Just a few days to Pesach. There are a lot of things to do to get ready. Make one of those things attending the minyan as often as you can. We count on you daily to show up on time. Do you need a reminder call? Do you need transportation? Let the Rabbi know. Let one of the Gabbaim know. We will gladly help. Show up! Sign up! (there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.) Come early! Come often! Keep our Minyan strong!

### Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur at 6:00 pm. This Shabbat the class topic will be "Can You Kasher an Oven for Pesach?" Everyone is invited to join in the class discussion. The topic is especially important as we prepare for the coming Pesach Yom Tov. Mincha will follow at 6:45 pm.

### Shabbat Kiddush

Please note there will not be a Kiddush in shul this Shabbat, April 1. The kitchens are being cleaned and prepared for Pesach.

### Torah Message for Parshas Vayikra

As we begin the book of Vayikra, we find a peculiar word. The last letter of the word "Vayikra" ("Hashem called") is smaller than a regular letter. The commentaries attempt to assign a reason to this anomaly of the Torah. Some commentaries explain the hint that Hashem is not only to be found in the big things - Hashem is visible and apparent in the small aspects of our life. As Hashem told the prophet Eliyahu that he is not to be found in the earthquake, or the thunder, or in the howling wind, but rather Hashem is found in the soft whisper. Some people wait to see Hashem in the great events of the world. Wars, diplomacy, natural disasters, and natural wonders of the world are places where they feel Hashem is to be found. Hashem is certainly to be found in these places! But he is also constantly found with every small step that we take in our lives from beginning to end. If we attune ourselves to that small sound we will surely be able to recognize the constant, guiding hand of Hashem in our lives. This is the message of the small aleph.

### Maos Chittin

As everyone knows, Pesach needs can be financially draining. It is customary to donate money to help others in the community. This age-old custom is known as Maos Chittin - "money for wheat." The money is used for Pesach supplies. Rabbi Moldovan is collecting money to distribute to families within the community for Pesach needs. Donations can be given directly to the Rabbi or to Arnell in the office.

### Sale of Chametz before Pesach

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

Sunday, April 2 @ 9:15-10am

Thursday, April 6 @ 7:30-8:30pm

Sunday, April 9 @ 9:15-10am

The Rabbi is also available by appointment. You can reach him at 203-906-6296. All members of the community are encouraged and recommended to sell their chametz. The authorization letter has been sent in a separate email to everyone. Additional copies are available in the shul office. Please speak to the Rabbi or Arnell if you need the Chametz Sale form.

**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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### **Pesach Message from Israel Bonds Rabbinic Council**

Say *L'shana habah B'Yerushalayim* with an Israel Bond – Redeem the afikomin with eMitzvah Bonds or Mazel Tov Bonds. Available in different denominations \$36-\$2500. Contact [investments@israelbonds.com](mailto:investments@israelbonds.com) or 888.764.2631.

### **Cleaning and Preparing the Shul for Passover**

The janitor will begin cleaning the shul in preparation for Passover on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please be sure to remove ALL personal belongings, including but not limited to the coat room, library, Zimmer Hall, the Beit Midrash, the playroom or any other location not listed herein. Please note that anything left lying around by April 7 will be assumed to be abandoned and will be removed. No exceptions. We appreciate your cooperation.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Date Change - Tzahal Sholam-Thursday, March 30**

There is a date change from Tue., March 28 to Thur, March 30, 3:30-4:30 pm. Tzahal Shalom is organized by the Stamford JCC, in cooperation with the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. The program brings seven active-duty Israeli officers to the Stamford community for a cross-cultural encounter in a variety of settings. The primary goal of the program is to strengthen the unity of the Jewish people, facilitate community-wide Israel education, and foster a deeper understanding of and connection to Israel. This year a meet and greet has been arranged for the Bridgeport/Fairfield community at the Jewish Senior Services, Weinberg Campus, Bennett Hall, 4200 Park Ave. Bridgeport. For information or to register, [contact Stacy Kamisar at skamisar@jewishphilanthropyct.org](mailto:skamisar@jewishphilanthropyct.org) or (203) 659-3602

### **Film & Talkback: "Crossing the Line" -March 29 - Wednesday, 7:00 pm**

Reveals the rise of anti-Israel activity and anti-Semitic rhetoric on campus, and demonstrates when reasonable criticism of Israel crosses the line into anti-Semitism. Co-sponsored by Merkaz Community High School and FJP. Screening & Talkback at 7:00 pm. Facilitated by Steve Ginsberg, Director, ADL Connecticut Regional Office. **See the flyer posted in the shul front hall for additional information.**

**Refuah Shelema** 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.

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### **Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Saturday, April 1 – **Morris Brown** (Father to Myra Gondos)

Tuesday, April 4 – **Nathan Lozanov** (Father to Steven Lozanov)

Monday, April 3 – **Martha Gordon** (Mother to Diana Rich-Schwartz)

Friday, April 7 – **Rose Sheldon** (Mother to David Sheldon)

Monday, April 3- **Norman August** (Husband to Olga August)

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.

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### **Recent Golden Book Contributions**

<p><b>Speedy Recovery to Andrew Deutsch</b> Arlene and Marvin Dentz</p> <p><b>Wishing Good Health to Daniel Mizrahi</b> Pamela Zimmer</p> <p><b>In Memory of George Zeitlin</b> Arlene and Marvin Dentz</p> <p><b>In Memory of Marvin Busker</b> Sara and Andrew Klein</p> <p><b>In Memory of Mrs. Illy Klein</b> Elaine and Martin Schiller</p> <p><b>In Memory of Edna Fink</b> Willig Family</p>	<p><b>In Honor of Yaffa Dimenstein's Bat Mitzvah</b> Willig Family</p> <p><b>In Memory of Joyce Willig</b> Alan Willig</p> <p><b>In Honor of the Engagement of Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky's granddaughter Shoshana Rozenberg</b> Betty Anlick Debra and Joel Allen Arlene and Marvin Dentz Elaine and Martin Schiller</p>
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**Please remember that Golden Book greeting cards are a great way to honor someone or remember a loved one.**