

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Parshat Vayishlach

November 27 – December 4, 2015 / 15-22 Kislev 5776

Schedule of Services:		
<b>Friday, November 27, 2015</b>		
Shacharit	6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 PM	
Candle Lighting	4:08 PM	
<b>Shabbat, November 28, 2015</b>		
Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time	9:18 AM	
Rabbi's Class	11:50 AM	
Mincha	12:11 PM	
Shabbat Ends	5:08 PM	
Ma'ariv	5:30 PM	
<b>Sun-Thur, Nov 29-Dec 3, 2015</b>		
	<b>+ Ma'ariv</b>	<b>L</b>
	<b>* Mincha</b>	<b>O</b>
	<b>&amp; Ma'ariv</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Shacharit</b>		
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM + <b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM + <b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	7:40 PM + <b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:40 PM + <b>B</b>
Thur	6:45 AM	7:40 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>2:40 PM Mincha at Kollel</b>		
<b>Friday, December 4, 2015</b>		
Shacharit	6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 PM	
Candle Lighting	4:06 PM	
<b>Page Numbers:</b>		
<b>Torah Reading</b>		
Bereshit	Pages:	
32:4-36:43	170-197	
<b>Haftarah</b>		
Obadiah	Pages:	
1:1-21	1141-1142	

**Minyan Time:** Too often, the total number of people who attend a minyan, are not there at the same time. It's great that you come, but PLEASE be there on time, and stay until the end. **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

**Early Shabbat Mincha:** Rabbi Meth will give a short Shiur after Kiddush Mincha will follow the Rabbi Shiur (at 12:11pm). Please return about 20 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:08pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:30pm). Please remember to recite "Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh I'chol" in order to end Shabbat before driving or doing other work that is prohibited on Shabbat.

### Torah Message from Rabbi Ephraim Meth

Yaakov had been away from his father for 22 years. He had also been away from Eisav for 22 years. He was not sure whether Eisav had renounced his hatred, or not. So he formulated a hybrid plan, relating to him partly as brother and partly as enemy. He split his followers into diplomatic-brotherhood corps and military corps. He sent a message: "I lived with Lavan, and I've delayed until now." The Ohr haChaim is troubled by the seeming redundancy of Yaakov's statement; great men, even nowadays, measure their words with care and utter no idle syllable. What was Yaakov trying to accomplish by relating his whereabouts? The Ohr haChaim answers that people who care about one another – parents, children, siblings, spouses, etc. – desire to know the events, however trivial, of one another's lives. Although Yaakov was unable to stay in touch with Eisav while working for Lavan, now, as part of his brotherhood approach, he sought to catch Eisav up on his life's events. He did this not just to inspire Eisav to care for him, but because (to the extent it was safe to do so) he would not relinquish the presumption that Eisav cared for him.

If distance do us separate, we're bound by bonds of caring. Please, let's stay in touch!

**Shabbat Kiddush** is being sponsored this week by Max Barnum for the yahrtzeit of his mother, Esther Bat Rav Eliezer Ha-Kohen Kohen.

**Mazel Tov to the Mullers** We are delighted to announce that Shari Muller just became engaged to Yitzzy Graff of St. Louis. Mazel Tov to Larry and Chaya Muller and both families on this wonderful occasion.

**Winter Has Suddenly Arrived:** Cold weather arrived this week, chasing away the beautiful warm November that we have enjoyed and I will soon be leaving for Florida for the winter season. I have heard from one person to help prepare the Shabbat Kiddush while I am away, and he (yes, I said he) will definitely need two or three others to step up and volunteer. Please call me (203-372-2237) and volunteer to one Shabbat a month (that's only 4 times) for your fellow CAA members. It's a wonderful time for everyone to come together before the rabbi's shiur and mincha. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Father & Son Learning Program** continues at Congregation Bikur Cholim on Motzai Shabbat, November 28 at 6:30pm

**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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**SEAT and PACK & PLAY NEEDED For Rabbi Moldovan:** Do you have an extra car seat and/or a Pack and Play you can donate for our new Rabbi's family? They are arriving from Israel on Sunday and it would be great if we could have everything set and ready for them. Please call the office or Barbara if you can help with either of these items.

**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 Efron, 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](mailto: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 more information contact Stacy Kamisar ([skamisar@jewishphilanthropyct.org](mailto:skamisar@jewishphilanthropyct.org)) - (203) 226-8197.

**Community Event at Fairfield Univ:** Tuesday, December 1, at 7:30pm. Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture in Judaic Studies. *The Resistance Movements of Nazi Germany.* Free admission. Reservations 203-254-4000 ext 2066.

**Community Event in NYC:** Ambassador Dennis Ross To Speak on U.S.-Israel Relations on Tuesday, Dec.15, 7:00 p.m. 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](mailto: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, and Arnell Wilson.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery. Lerner

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

Tuesday, December 1 – **Peggy Sue Schwarzmer** (Grandmother)    Friday, December 4 – **Seth Lewis** (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.

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