

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Parshat Emor

May 8-15, 2015 / 19-26 Iyar 5775

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, May 8, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:41 PM	
Shabbat, May 9, 2015			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:18 AM	
Rabbi's Class		6:45 PM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:30 PM	
Shabbat Ends		8:43 PM	
Sun-Thur, May 10-14, 2015			
	Shacharit	Mincha Ma'ariv	L O C
Mother's Day			
Sun	8:30 AM	7:45 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:45 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:45 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:45 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:45 PM	A
<u>Mincha at Kollel at 3:30 PM</u>			
A - Ahavath Achim			
B - Bikur Cholim on			
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt			
K - Kollolel on Arlington St., Bpt			
Friday, May 15, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:48 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Vayikra		Pages:	
16:1-20:27		636-671	
Haftarah			
Amos		Pages:	
9:7-15		1173-1174	

Just One More: Many times we do not have a Minyan for the first Mourner's Kaddish of the day. Frequently we have 9 and we need JUST ONE MORE to make the Minyan. Be the One, come to Minyan, come on time, and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur: Please join us at 6:45pm for Rabbi Meth' shiur on "The Nexus of Mercy & Cruelty: Shilu'ach haKan". Come for the shiur and stay for Mincha, or come early for Mincha and join the shiur. Either way, everyone is welcome.

Teachings from Rabbi Meth: Top Ten Reasons to Study Torah #2: There are many reasons to act as Hashem wants us to act. Some do it to avoid punishment, others for reward, and (holier) others for love, gratitude, etc. We have to know how Hashem wants us to act before we can act as He wants us to act. For the scholar, or the reader of practical halakhah manuals, learning Torah helps us consciously know how Hashem wants us to act. For the layman who studies non-halakhic areas of Torah (Midrash, Mussar, Jewish Philosophy, etc.), Torah sharpens our intuition. Each piece of Torah we learn expands the pool of facts and methods that, by subconscious deduction and induction, inform our value compass and the practical decisions we base thereupon.

Mazel Tov: To the DeVos, Epstein, Salmon families and friends on the occasion of Aaron DeVos' Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, Parsha Emor, May 8th. May Aaron continue on the path of Torah and Yiddishkeit and as he assumes the mantle of adulthood.

Baruch Dayan Emet: Condolences to the Augenbraun Family. The Ahavath Achim congregational family sends condolences to Terry Augenbraun and family on the passing of his brother-in-law, Steve Edelman z"l, who passed away while the Augenbraun's were in Israel over Pesach. Steve was the husband of Terry's sister, Claudine Edelman.

Basketball & Learning: Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 85 Arlington Street, Bridgeport. Sponsored by The Kollolel. Contact: Yitzchak Elchonen or Shlomo Pepper. 248-259-6399 or 845-200-6179. Join in the fun and learning. Refreshments, Prizes, Raffles.

Let's All Meet and Greet Rabbi Yair and Rina Silverstein on June 5th and 6th: We are pleased to introduce Rabbi and Rina Silverstein from Chicago to our congregational family on Shabbat weekend, June 5 - 6. Rabbi Silverstein will lein and give a drasha on Shabbos. We will have additional opportunities to hear him speak at the Kiddush and Seudas Shlee'Sheet. There will also be an informal afternoon tea in the synagogue where we can meet Rabbi Silverstein and Rina more personally.

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Update from our Israeli partners on the ground in Nepal: Emek Medical Center of Afula, Israel, our longtime beneficiary, is on the forefront of Israel's medical team in Nepal. Through your donations, our Federation for Jewish Philanthropy has raised more than \$5,100 for rescue and recovery in the wake of the tragedy in Nepal. Your critical help is still needed and appreciated. See the FJP web site to make a donation. All donations go directly to the Nepal relief and rescue fund.

When thousands of unsuspecting lives were snuffed out by that gargantuan earthquake in Nepal, the world shuddered in horror. While many were shaking their heads, Israelis were packing their bags and heading out to set up an Israeli Army field hospital to do whatever they could to save precious lives.

Emek's Chief of Pediatric Surgery, Dr. Asher Pressman (left) together with senior surgeon, Dr. Yuri Berlin never thought twice about answering the call of humanity. Emek saluted and blessed them both as they joined the heroic 260-strong Israeli team that is still there now ... doing what Israel does best: sanctifying while celebrating life.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, May 13, 2015 @ 2:00 pm: Book Talk on The Sisters Weiss by Naomi Ragen, presented by Dr. Sondra Meltzer. Sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. The story of two ultra-orthodox sisters who make different life-style choices and ultimately face the consequences of their actions. Location: The Harry Bennett Branch of the Ferguson Library 115 Vine Rd., Stamford, CT and is free and open to the public.

Refuah Sheleimah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Yitzzy Hain, Herman Kraut, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seedman, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Monday, May 11 – **Bill Wolper** (Uncle)

Friday, May 15 – **Peggy Sue Schwarzmer** (Father)

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.

Recent Golden Book Contributions:

Wishing Happiness to Elaine and Martin Schiller in Their New Home

Arlene and Marvin Dentz

In Memory of Carrie Katz

Hedy and Terry Augenbraun
Sara and Andrew Klein
Goldie Librach
Elaine and Martin Schiller

In Gratitude to David Basch, Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Meth, Renee and Shalom Mizrahi, Elaine and Martin Schiller, Barbara and Peter Tuckel

Julia Fischer

Happy Passover to David Jutkowitz

Pamela Zimmer

In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson to Ellen and Joel Rothwax

Elaine and Martin Schiller

In Honor of Sara and Andrew Klein's 65th Wedding Anniversary

Pamela Zimmer

In Memory of Sarah Konovitch, Sharon Risch's Mother

Sara and Andrew Klein
Stacey and Abraham Mintz
Arnell Wilson

In Honor of Gregory Mintz's Graduation from Heschel High School

Stacey and Abraham Mintz

In Honor of Gregory Mintz's 18th Birthday

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In Memory of Sanford Green, Stacey Mintz's Father, and in Commemoration of his 16th Yahrzeit

Stacey and Abraham Mintz

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