

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Parshat Sh'lach

June 12-19, 2015 / 25 Sivan – 2 Tammuz 5775

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, June 12, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		8:10 PM	
Shabbat, June 13, 2015			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:08 AM	
Rabbi's Class		7:20 PM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		8:05 PM	
Shabbat Ends		9:11 PM	
Sun-Thur, June 14–18, 2015			
	Shacharit	Mincha Ma'ariv	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	8:10 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	8:10 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	8:10 PM	K
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - I			
Wed	6:30 AM	8:10 PM	B
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz - II			
Thur	6:30 AM	8:10 PM	A
<i>Mincha at Kollel at 3:40 PM</i>			
A - Ahavath Achim			
B - Bikur Cholim on			
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt			
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt			
Friday, June 19, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		8:13 PM	
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Torah Reading			
Bamidbar		Pages:	
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Haftorah			
Joshua		Pages:	

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Is there a Minyan on your Calendar? We plan our days,

schedule our appointments, prepare for coming events. But, do we include attending a Minyan or two in those plans? There is a core group that attends at least one Minyan a week, but we need more. Join the group, attend a Minyan and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur: Please join us at 7:20pm for a pre-Mincha shiur titled "*Is it a Mitzvah to Marry a Gorgeous Girl?*" Learn a little, pray a little, and eat a little at Seudat Shelishit. It doesn't get much better than this!

Torah Thoughts from Rabbi Meth: The Talmud writes that Hashem will refund us for all our Shabbat expenses. Does this mean that we should spend inordinately on Shabbat food, such as by ordering the fanciest catered meals? I think the answer is: certainly not, or, at least, not always. A "Shabbat expense" means an expense that enhances our Shabbat, one that brings our Shabbat closer to what it ought to be. Ramban writes that there is a mitzvah to remember Shabbat during the week, so if the expense helps us forget Shabbat until the last minute, it does not count as a Shabbat expense. Still, most people nowadays have so many responsibilities that they lack the luxury to obsess about Shabbat all week long. An accountant in tax season, for instance, might legitimately have no time to prepare for Shabbat, and for her, a fancy catered meal counts as a Shabbat expense just as much as a simple take-out meal. Or, for instance, it would be a Shabbat expense to participate in a community meal that is only possible catered. Most of us strike a delicate balance between earning a livelihood and preparing for Shabbat. May Hashem help us seek the optimum balance with sincerity and vitality, and may He bless all our efforts with abundant success.

Annual Congregation Meeting: The Congregation Annual Meeting was held this past Sunday, June 7th. Co-president Barbara Tuckel presiding. A moment of silence was observed for the members who passed away during the past year. Annual reports were presented by committee chairpersons. Co-president Tuckel reported that finances have been kept to expectations, with expenses being reduced substantially and membership stabilizing. We do request that any member that is not currently up to date in their dues please contact Arnell in the office or one of the co-presidents. If you want a Modern Orthodox synagogue to exist in Fairfield, you need to support it financially. No synagogue can exist without the timely financial support of all its members. Reports were given on the purchase of the property next door to the synagogue and on the sale of the synagogue property, which is proceeding according to schedule. Nominations for the 2015-2017 term of office, including the slate of officers, Board members, and Gabbaim was presented by Terry Augenbraun. The entire slate was accepted and voted in by the Congregation members. Minutes of the

meeting are available in the synagogue office.

Learning Opportunity: Experienced Gemara Teacher Available for Men (Ages 16+): Sessions can be in person, over the

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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Tag Sale Date Change: Sorry, but the next Tag Sale has been rescheduled Sunday, July 12. The good news is that it gives everyone more time to bring in new merchandise. Call Renee or the shul office to make sure someone is here to accept your merchandise. Costume jewelry of all kinds is a popular selling item. Household goods and furniture must be in clean, good, usable condition. Children's furniture, toys and games are also popular, but need to be complete and clean. Goods that are not in good condition do not sell and cost us money to dispose of. **DO NOT BRING OLD AND OUT-DATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, BOOKS OR CDS. THESE ITEMS DO NOT SELL.**

Community Bus Trip to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, Sun day July 12:

Reservations must be made by June 15th. RSVP to Susan Freed at 203-374-5544. Cost is \$45 per person, including the Touro Synagogue tour. Departure will be from Cong. Beth El at 8:00 am. Return to Fairfield at 4:30pm. See poster in glass case for additional information.

Kollel Konnections:

- **THIS SUNDAY, June 14, 4:30 pm** – *An Evening of Fine Wine and Art with Yitzchok Mouly*, World Renowned Contemporary Jewish Artist. More info available. RSVP at BridgeportKollel.com. \$10 before June 5, \$15 at the door.
- **Basketball & Learning:** Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 85 Arlington Street, Bridgeport. Sponsored by The Kollel. Contact: Yitzchak Elchonen or Shlomo Pepper. 248-259-6399 or 845-200-6179. Join in the fun and learning. Refreshments, Prizes, Raffles.

Refuah Shelemah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Yitzy Hain, Herman Kraut, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seodman, and Diane Shibaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Monday, June 15 – **David Jutkowitz** (Mother)
 Tuesday, June 16 – **Linda Eliovson** (Sister)
 Tuesday, June 16 – **Gina Gelb** (Father)

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 Thursday, June 18 – **Mark Breiner** (Grandmother)
 Friday, June 19 – **Bill Wolper** (Grandfather)

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.