



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

March 2018 Newsletter

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Torah Reading	Shemos	30:11-34:35	Shemos	35:1-40:38	Vayikra	1:1-5:26	Vayikra	6:1-8:36		
	Pages	484-515	Pages	516-541	Pages	544-567	Pages	568-587		
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NOTE: Times for Services can be found in the March calendar and the Ahavath Achim web site, www.ahavathachim.org

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha shiur immediately following Kiddush and Mincha will follow the rabbi's class. Please remember to return for Ma'ariv 15 minutes after Shabbat ends to ensure that there is a minyan.

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

One of the most enjoyable moments of the Pesach Seder is when we all raise our goblets of wine and joyfully sing the tune beginning with "v'hi sheomdo". It is one of the many moments of the Seder where we all feel a level of participation and belonging to the Seder. It is one of those parts of the Seder that evoke warm and fuzzy memories throughout our lives. But have we ever investigated the lyrics that we are joyfully singing? We sing that in every generation there are adversaries who try to wipe us out and that Hashem protects us. Granted that we are happy with the salvation that Hashem provides us, but is this really something to sing about? With all the positive intervention of Hashem, there are still multitudes of our brethren that have ultimately succumbed to the hands of this endless stream of adversaries. Why are we singing? The explanation is that as much as we decry the barbarism, inequality, violence, and oppression of anti-semitism, at the same time we can appreciate that this irrational ideology ingrains our Jewish identity on our minds and hearts. Sometimes we may forget we are Jews, either intentionally to have a good time, or under a certain level of duress to maintain our social or financial position. Living in a non-Jewish society it is infinitely simpler to assimilate and be like everyone around us. When this occurs, we don't have to wait long till we are reminded that we are Jewish. We don't wish for anti-semitism, but at the same time we appreciate what it has done and will do for the continuity of the Jewish identity. This is worthy of a song.

Scholar in Residence this Shabbat, March 3

This Shabbat, Rabbi Dovid Samson will be visiting Congregation Ahavath Achim. Rabbi Samson is a close student of Rabbi Tzvi Yehudah Kook. Rabbi Samson lives in Jerusalem where he is currently the principle of YTA, a school for Americans who make Aliyah and their children don't fit into regular Israeli schools. He has also built many schools for children at risk. Rabbi Samson will be accompanied by his son who is an active member of the Israeli Defense Forces. You will not want to miss this special Shabbat and have the opportunity to meet, hear and speak with Rabbi Samson.

Class on Preparing for Pesach

Rabbi Moldovan will give a class this Motzei Shabbos at 8:30 pm at the home of Steve and Debra Lozanov, 3404 Park Avenue, Bridgeport. The topic is "Preparing for Pesach Cleaning." If you have any questions, this will be a good opportunity to learn and ask questions of the rabbi. It would be very helpful if you would either call or email Rabbi Moldovan and let him know you are planning to attend.

Book Talks sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County Wednesday,

March 21st at 10:30 AM at the Stamford JCC. ***Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Supreme Court Justice*** by Cathleen Small. Presented by Dr. Judith Katz. Learn about Ginsburg's historic rulings on the Supreme Court.

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.

Community Events

The Maccabeats Return on Sunday, April 8th

at the United Jewish Center in Danbury at 3pm, celebrating the 70th Birthday of the State of Israel. The Maccabeats are an "a capella" group from Yeshiva University singing Hebrew, Yiddish, and International music. For more information you can contact Barry Abrams at the Center: (mobile/text) 203-722-1745/email at abramsb@hotmail.com or www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3330624.

Daylight Savings Time returns March 11th

Note that the Shabbat schedule changes on March 17th, due to the return to Daylight Savings Time. Mincha returns to the late afternoon followed by the Rabbi's class and Seudah Shelishit with Mincha and Havdalah following.

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Recent Goldenbook Contributions

<p>In Honor of Elaine and Martin Schiller's 60th Wedding Anniversary Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p> <p>In Honor of the Engagement of Hedy and Terry Augenbraun's Granddaughter, Carmi Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p> <p>In Honor of the Bat Mizvah of Debbie and Joel Allen's Granddaughter Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p> <p>In Honor of the Engagement of Betty Anfllick's Granddaughter Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky</p>	<p>In Memory of Margaret Eckmann Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Betty and Andrew Deutsch & Family Anonymous Sara and Andrew Klein Elaine and Martin Schiller Cathy Velenchik/Chaim Joy Pamela Zimmer</p> <p>In Honor of Jay Dimand, Ahavath Achim's Mitzvah Hero Anonymous</p> <p>In Memory of David Speicher Elaine and Martin Schiller</p>
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Refuah Shelema to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Andrew Klein, Fred Schwartz, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Yahrtzeits for March 2018:

Saturday, March 3 – Bella Loeser (Mother to Doron Loeser)	Tuesday, March 20 – Clara Augenbraun (Grandmother to Terry Augenbraun)
Saturday, March 3 – Lester Spitzer (Father to Alison London)	Friday, March 23 – Martha Gordon (Mother to Diana Rich Schwartz)
Monday, March 5 – Jacob Dimand (Grandfather to Jay Dimand)	Saturday, March 24 – Nathan Lozanov (Father to Steven Lozanov)
Wednesday, March 7 – Sally Goldberg (Father to Bernard Goldberg)	Wednesday, March 28 – Ida Rollin (Mother to Hedy Augenbraun)
Thursday, March 15 – Paul Rollin (Father to Hedy Augenbraun)	
Sunday, March 18 – Ruth Wolper (Mother to William Wolper)	

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Passover 2018 Schedule



<p>Thur, March 29</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm Search for Chametz After 7:56 pm</p>	<p>Sun, April 1 - Passover Day 2 - Omer 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yom Tov</p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:57 pm Yom Tov Ends 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Thur, April 5 - Passover Day 6 - Omer 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chol HaMoed Passover</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Candle Lighting 7:04 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:04 pm</p>
<p>Fri, March 30 - Fast of the First Born</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Si'um Following Shacharit Last time to eat Chametz by 10:51 am Burn Chametz by 11:54 am Candle Lighting 6:57 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:57 pm First Seder 7:57 pm</p>	<p>Mon, April 2 - Passover Day 3 - Omer 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chol HaMoed Passover</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm</p>	<p>Fri, April 6 - Passover Day 7 - Omer 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yom Tov</p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Shir HaShirim Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm Candle Lighting before 7:05 pm</p>
<p>Sat, March 31 - Passover Day 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yom Tov</p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am - Prayer for Dew Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45 pm Candle Lighting not before 7:59 pm Second Seder not before 7:59 pm</p>	<p>Tue, April 3 - Passover Day 4 - Omer 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chol HaMoed Passover</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm</p>	<p>Sat, April 7 - Passover Day 8 - Omer 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yom Tov</p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Yizkor Approximately 10:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm Yom Tov Ends 8:07 pm Use of Chametz 10:00 pm</p>
	<p>Wed, April 4 - Passover Day 5 - Omer 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chol HaMoed Passover</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha 7:05 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">See April 2018 Calendar For Minyan Times after Passover</p>

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