

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Pesach Sheni

Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

May 5-12, 2017 / 2-9 Iyar 5777

Schedule of Services:

Friday, May 5, 2017

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	7:36 PM

Shabbat, May 6, 2017

Shabbat Shacharit	9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:17 AM
Rabbi's Class	6:40 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:25 PM
Shabbat Ends	8:38 PM

Sun-Thur, May 7-11, 2017

	Shacharit	Mincha / Ma'ariv	
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:40 PM	K
Pesach Sheni			
Wed	6:45 AM	7:40 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	A

A - Ahavath Achim
B - Bikur Cholim on
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt

Friday, May 12, 2017

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	7:43 PM

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Torah Reading

Vayikra	16:1-20:27	636-671
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Haftorah

Amos	9:7-15	1173-1174
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And the Count Goes On: As we continue counting the Omer, we are at the half-way point on our count up to Shavuot. This week we observe Peasch Sheni – the 2nd Passover – observed on the 14th of Iyar – for those who were ritually unable to bring a Pesach sacrifice on the 14th of Nissan. So let's keep counting up! Get in the Count! Join us for Minyan morning and/or night. So - Show up. Sign up (there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board). Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur at 6:40 pm. Topic for this week's class is: "Why is an electric shaver permitted if a razor is not?" Everyone is invited to join in the discussion. Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow at 7:25 pm

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

Hillel the great scholar was asked to repeat the entire Torah on one foot. His famous reply (while standing on one foot) was "Vahavta lrecha comocha - love your fellow as yourself. That is the essence of the Torah. The rest is commentary." This central idea has been repeated by parents, educators, and religious leaders over and over again in order to entrench this important principal in the hearts and minds of the Jewish people. But have you ever stopped to ask what it actually means? Love your fellow as yourself? So, if we are both going for the same job, I should defer to him to take the job? Or if I am busy taking care of my personal needs and am asked to do a favour for my "fellow" that I should drop everything and help him out? Surely this is not the case. We do as much as we can to help another Jew but the Talmudic dictum sets up a system of priorities with the statement of "Chayecha kodmin - your life comes first." If so, how are we to understand the commandment to love our fellow "as ourselves?" The Baal Shem Tov explains that the Torah is coming to teach us that just as we love ourselves in spite of our shortcomings, so too we should love another person in spite of their shortcomings. The message is to view another person favorably, the same way we view ourselves favorably. If we do this we will acquire a central precept of the Torah and go from strength to strength in our service of Hashem.

Special Shabbat Kiddush

Please join with us this coming Shabbat, May 6th, Parshah Acharei Mot-Kedoshim, for a special Kiddush in honor of *Stu Serkin* to say Thank you and Good Luck. Stu and Molly will soon be moving to Monsey and we want to thank Stu and show our appreciation for all the work he has does and continues to do for our congregation. Stu works quietly and tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain the minyan. He prepares the draft of the weekly newsletter and the monthly calendar, and helps Arnell in the shul office in many different ways, too varied to enumerate here. Everyone is invited to join in our Thank You Kiddush.

To All Board Members

There will be a regular board meeting on Thursday, May 4th, in the library at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office or Barbara to let us know if you plan to attend.

Yom Yerushalayim Event

Coming to Ahavath Achim soon. Special program celebrating 50 years of united Jerusalem. Details to follow shortly. Watch the newsletter and the shul web site for specifics.

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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Shavuot Celebration

Ahavath Achim will be hosting a dairy Yom Tov dinner on the first night of Shavuot, Tuesday, May 30th. You are invited to join with us to begin celebrating the Yom Tov together. Rabbi Moldovan is also preparing an interesting and exciting evening of learning to follow the Seudah. More details will be posted shortly. Please RSVP to Arnell (203-372-6529) as soon as possible, that you will be with us for the Seudah. The cost will be \$20 per person with a \$40 family maximum.

Seudah Shelishit Thank You

Warmest thank you to Joel and Debra Allen for your thoughtful contribution to Seudah Shelishit dessert last week. It was a special treat to enjoy the *rogalach*.

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.

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Tuesday, May 9 – **Reni Lynn Zabol** (Sister to Peggy Schwarzmer)

Wednesday, May 10 – **Rachel Applebaum** (Joyce Goldberg a'h Grandmother)

Wednesday, May 10 – **Sidney Serkin** (Uncle to Stu Serkin)

Wednesday, May 10 – **Norma A Zimmer** (Mother to Pam Zimmer)

Thursday, May 11 – **Sarah Breiner** (Sister to Ernest Breiner)

Friday, May 12 - **Moses Tobias Elovson** (Father to Lionel Elovson)

Friday, May 12, - **David Mizrahi** (Father to Shalom Mizrahi)

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.

GOLDEN BOOK DONATIONS

In Honor of the Engagement of Betty Anflück's Granddaughter
Willig Family

In Loving Memory of Joyce Willig
Willig Family

In Honor of Sara and Andrew Klein
Willig Family

Happy Purim to David Basch, Jay Dimand, and Sara and Andrew Klein
Pamela Zimmer

Birthday Wishes to Sara and Andrew Klein
Arlene and Marvin Dentz

In Memory of Rafi (Randi) Novick
Hedy and Terry Augenbraun
Elaine and Martin Schiller