



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
August 2017
9 Av – 9 Elul 5777



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers

Torah Reading	Va'eschanan	Eikev	R'ei	Shoftim	
	Devarim 3:23-7:11 Pages 958-979	Devarim 7:12-11:25 Pages 980-997	Devarim 11:26-16:17 Pages 998-1023	Devarim 16:18-21:9 Pages 1024-1045	
Haftorah	Isaiah 40:1-26 Pages 1196-1197	Isaiah 49:14-51:3 Pages 1197-1199	Isaiah 54:11-55:5 Pages 1199	Isaiah 51:12-52:12 Pages 1199-1200	

NOTE: Times for Services can be found in the August calendar and the Ahavath Achim web site, www.ahavathachim.org

Refuah Sheleimah 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.

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

The pre-Mincha shiur for this Shabbat will be at 6:50 pm. Times for the following weeks can be found in the August calendar and on the web site. Everyone is invited to join the exciting discussion. Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow at 7:35 pm this Shabbat.

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Dr. Joel and Debra Allen on the birth of a baby boy to Dvasha and Nachum Stollman, just before Shabbat. The Bris will take place on Friday morning, August 4th at The Lower Merion Synagogue in Bala Cynwood, PA. Mazel Tov to all the extended family.

Mazel Tov to Seymour & Myrna Kosowsky on the birth of their first great grandchild, a daughter born to grandson Eli & Blima Rozenberg. Eli is the son of Beth & Kenny Rozenberg.

Dvasha Allen Stollman and Beth Kosowsky Rozenberg grew up here at Ahavath Achim and we send our warmest wishes to their families on these wonderful events.

Journal Brunch this Sunday, August 6th

Warmest thanks to everyone who has participated in this year's ad Journal honoring Barbara and Peter Tuckel with the 2017 Bezalel Builders Award. This past week, we are pleased to have added Alan Gorenstein, Shai Harmelech and Toby Shaffer to our wonderful group of supporters. This year's Journal ad book has gone to the printer for publication. We thank Susan Klein for her wonderful preparation and editing to make this one of our nicest Journals. Now we excitedly look forward to the delicious catered brunch planned for Sunday morning. Our guest speaker will be Rebbetzyn Debra Kapnick, of Passaic, NJ, a former Ahavath Achim member and a dear friend of the Tuckels. We are glad to announce we are fully subscribed. No walk-ins please!

Pick up Your Requested Yahrtzeit Plaque(s)

To the people who requested their family plaque(s), they have been available for pickup for a few weeks. Please call Elaine Schiller at 203-218-3121 to make an appointment for any day this week to come and get your plaque(s). **We would appreciate your immediate attention. Any plaques not picked up this week will be considered abandoned.** We cannot just hold on to them as the building is being cleared of all possessions prior to the final closing. Thank You.

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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Building Cleanup & Disposal Campaign

Once again, a reminder that all your personal items need to be removed from the coat room or anywhere else in the building no later than August 15. We now have a professional cleanup crew working daily to haul away all the property no longer usable or needed. It's very costly and if you can help by taking boxes of books to the Pequot Library that would save the books and also save us money. There are approximately 10 boxes with books in good condition packed and waiting for transport to the library.

IMPORTANT: Please do not remove any items from anywhere in the synagogue without checking with Sara Klein or Elaine Schiller first. We are selling whatever items we do not need that are in good condition. The long white tables are available for \$10. The stackable and folding chairs are available free for a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. The pictures gracing the synagogue walls are available for purchase \$100 each. If there is anything else you may be interested in, please contact Sara Klein or the shul office. Everything is available for a donation to the Rabbi's

Discretionary Fund.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Joseph & Julia Macy Memorial Lecture- September 12th

Rabbi Saul J. Berman, a leading Orthodox teacher and thinker will be the featured speaker at a pre-Rosh Hashana lecture at Congregation Agudath Sholom in Stamford on September 12th at 7:30 PM. His topic, "Forgiveness for Failing Friendships," will focus on the obligation of forgiving individuals before the High Holidays. This lecture is dedicated to the memory of their parents, Joseph & Julia Macy, z"l, by their family, Toby Schaffer and Barbara Friedman. The lecture is free and open to the entire community. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

Volunteer Opportunity - Book Buddy

Adults are needed to read with elementary school students. The Blackham school in Bridgeport has only 12% of its students reading at grade level. For more information, please contact bookbuddies@jewishphilanthropyct.org or visit the website books2connect.org or phone: (203) 659-3602. See the poster in the shul front lobby.

Yahrtzeits for the period August 5- 31:

Friday, August 11 – **Menachem Jutkowitz** (Father to Dr. David Jutkowitz)

Friday, August 11 – **Eli Schiesinger** (Father to Susan Berkowitz)

Saturday, August 12 – **Yitzchak Isaac Kreisman** (Grandfather to Joseph Macy z"l)

Sunday, August 13 – **Rita Berkowitz** (Mother to David Berkowitz)

Sunday, August 13 – **David Frankel** (Cousin to Rose Moidel)

Wednesday, August 16 – **Dr. Frank Risch** (Father to Dr. Harvey Risch)

Tuesday, August 15 – **Lena Kaplan** (Grandmother to Myrna Kosowsky)

Friday, August 18 – **Rabbi Simon Konovitch** (Father to Sharon Risch)

Monday, August 21 – **Toby G. Schwarzmer** (Mother to Cantor Avi Schwarzmer)

Friday, August 25 – **Sam Wolper** (Uncle to Billy Wolper)

Saturday, August 26 – **Samuel Landy** (Husband to Lillian Landy)

Sunday, August 27 – **Edward Isidore Zabol** (Grandfather to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)

Wednesday, August 30 – **Samuel Fischer** (Father-in-Law to Julia Fischer)

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.**

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