



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

January 2019 Newsletter

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Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers					
	January 5 Va'era	January 12 Bo	January 19 Beshalach	January 26 Vitre	
Torah Reading	Exodus 6:2 - 9:35	Exodus 10:1 - 13:16	Exodus 13:17 - 17:16	Exodus 18:1 - 20:23	
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	Ezekiel	Jeremiah	Judges	Isaiah	
Haftorah	28:25 - 29:31	46:13-28	4:4 - 5:31	6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6	
Pages	1149 - 1150	1151	1152 - 1154	1154 - 1156	

Minyan Times are in the monthly calendar and on the Ahavath Achim web site, www.ahavathachim.org

Rabbi Peretz Robinson Torah Message

While we are saddened by the recent passing of a number of our community members, thank God things continue to go well in the shul. Additionally, we are very pleased that with the recent repairs completed, our eruv is once again kosher and functional. Our eruv greatly enhances the feeling of community amongst our congregation, as well as facilitates a higher level of Shabbat observance for those who must carry outdoors on Shabbat for whatever reason. As you may be aware, our daily Shacharit minyan meets on the campus of Jewish Senior Services (JSS), 4200 Park Avenue in Bridgeport. We meet for minyan at 9:30 on Shabbat, 8 o'clock on Sundays, and 6:45 throughout the week. In addition to serving, as an ideal location for our congregation to gather for services, our meeting at JSS also provides an opportunity for us to get to know, interact with, and even assist the seniors in our community.

On an informal level, it can be something as simple as a light conversation struck up over kiddush with a JSS resident or helping to transport a wheelchair-bound resident through the hallways that can make such a tremendous difference in a senior citizen's life. On a more formal level, JSS offers various volunteer opportunities for us to take advantage of. It would be a tremendous mitzvah and kiddush Hashem for us to be involved in the lives of those who are elderly and in need of assistance in our community. I personally have benefited tremendously from helping out and getting to know some of the JSS residents, and in particular have always found the stories of our community's Holocaust survivors both heroic and compelling. Please feel free to be in touch with me if you are interested in volunteering at JSS.

All the Best, Rabbi Peretz Robinson

Mazel Tov to:

Sara Klein on the birth of a great granddaughter on Dec. 21, Drs. Emerald Lin and Jonathan Kirschner are the parents, Gwenn and Bruce Kirschner, the grandparents.

Lee & Bernard Dickens on the birth of twin great-grandsons. The double bris was on Thursday, December 20. Proud Parents are Jason and Amanda Aronow.

Baruch Dayan Emet

Congregation Ahavath Achim is deeply saddened by the recent loss, after a long illness, of Andrew M. Klein, z"l, one of our longest serving members, and a founding family member. He is survived by his wife, Sara Klein, children, Susan Klein, Gwenn Kirschner and Alan Klein, grandchildren, Michele, Robert, Jonathan, Greta, Eli, Kaye, and Laura and great-grandchildren Jack, Vivian, Callen, and Aiden "Andy" was a dedicated and active member of our shul, volunteering in many different capacities. He served on the synagogue Board member for many years with great distinction, as well as being President of the United Young Men's Hebrew Association. "Andy" will be sorely missed.

May the Family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Baruch Dayan Emet

With great sadness we advise you of the passing of Rabbi Moshe Epstein, z"l, former rabbi of Congregation Agudas Achim in Bridgeport, after a long, debilitating illness. Rabbi Epstein was a pillar of the local Jewish community, sharing his learning and guidance in all areas of Halacha and Yiddishkeit with deep concern for our community. Rabbi Epstein authored a well-regarded Tahara Manual that became an important practical guide for the Chevra Kadisha. He was the rabbinic guide for the Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield for many years, also over-seeing the Home's Kashruth. We send our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Roz Epstein, and to the all children and grandchildren and all the extended Epstein family. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Baruch Dayan Emet

With sadness we advise you of the recent death of Dr. Joel Allen's brother, Rabbi Daniel Allen, z"l, at age 69. Rabbi Allen was a noted pro-Israel activist and one of the leading experts on American Jewish philanthropy and its impact on Israeli society. Rabbi Allen had served as Executive Director of ARZA, the Reform movement's Zionist

association. He was the rabbi of the Emory University Hillel Rabbi Allen had also served as the CEO of the Greater Hartford Jewish federation for two years until 2003, and as CEO of American Friends of Magen David Adom for nearly six years until 2009. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou (Frishberg) Allen; his children Sarah, Rabbi Uri (Sari) and Noah (Rena); four grandchildren; and his mother Annie Allen of Jerusalem. He is also survived by his siblings Dr. Joel Allen (Debbie), Dr. Miriam Kluska (Avram) and Rabbi Morris Allen (Dr. Phyllis Gorin).

Community Events

Sunday, January 13

Beth El Norwalk is hosting Anti-Defamation League Directors Steve Ginsburg (CT) and Evan Bernstein (Metro NY) to discuss **Anti-Semitism & Bullying in 2019**. The program is free and open to the public. Beth El is located at 109 East Avenue, Norwalk.

Book Talks sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. Free and open to the public. Refreshments are served. Location: Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Avenue, Stamford.

Event #1. Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 am *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor* by Yossi Klein Halevi. Presenter: Rabbi Joshua Hammerman. The author explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes as he empathizes with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation.

Event #2. Sunday, January 27 at 2:30 pm *Lessons, Stories, and Songs from Elie Wiesel's Classroom*. Presenter: Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray. Refreshments will be served at 2:00 pm.

Refuah Shelemah to: Kenneth Epstein, David Gordon, and Diane Shinbaum. May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery

Yahrtzeits for January 2019

Wednesday, January 2-**Alexander Fried** (Son to Edward Fried)
 Wednesday, January 2-**Evelyn Greenwald** (Mother to Arlene Jutkowitz)
 Friday, January 4-**Markus Schiller** (Father to Martin Schiller)
 Thursday, January 10-**Arlene Freedman London** (Mother to Michael London)
 Thursday, January 10-**Julius Selinger** (Father to Arlene Dentz)
 Friday, January 11-**Miriam Goldberg** (Mother to Bernard Goldberg)
 Friday, January 11-**William Wolper** (Grandfather to William Wolper)
 Saturday, January 12-**Aaron Milrod** (Father to Debbie Allen)
 Sunday, January 13- **Naomi Krentzman** (Cousin to Myra Kosowsky)

Sunday, January 13- **Sonya Risch** (Mother to Harvey Risch)
 Tuesday, January 15-**Benjamin Joseph Frankel** (Relative to Rose & Arlene Moidel)
 Tuesday, January 15-**Leo Wolper** (Uncle to William Wolper)
 Friday, January 18-**Fanny Lax** (Mother to Erica Cohen)
 Tuesday, January 12-**Kenneth Sokolowski** (Brother-law to William Wolper)
 Friday, January 25-**Mordecai Wucher** (Uncle to Cathy Velenchik)
 Saturday, January 26-**Isidor Krentzman** (Father to Myra Kosowsky)
 Saturday, January 26-**Chaim Tzvi Taub** (Father to Amalia Epstein)
 Sunday, January 27-**Rose Kosowsky** (Mother to Seymour Kosowsky)
 Monday, January 28-**Eli Selinger** (Brother to Arlene Dentz)

Remember to check the shul web site (www.ahavathachim.org) regularly for news and updates on shul activities. Our web site is managed by Ellen Rothwax. Thank you, Ellen.

Golden Book Greeting cards are a great way to honor or remember someone. To personalize your message, call or email Sara Klein. She can include any personal greeting you would like to have included.