



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

January 2020 Newsletter

4Tevet - 5 Shevat- 5780



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers				
	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Torah Reading	Vayigash	Vayechi	Shemot	Va'era
	Genesis 44:18-47:27	Genesis 47:28-50:26	Exodus 1:1-6:1	Exodus 6:2-9:35
Pages	169-177	180-191	206-224	232-244
Haftorah	Ezekiel 37:15-37:28	I Kings 2:1-2:12	Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-29:23	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
Pages	178-179	191-192	225-228	244-247

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

Rabbi Peretz Robinson's Torah Message

Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing on Friday, December 27th, the 13th Siyum HaShas is scheduled to take place on New Year's Day. This event will take place at MetLife Stadium, the home of the Giants and Jets football teams, and will be attended by tens of thousands of Jewish people from around the country and around the world.

What is the Siyum HaShas and what makes it so special?

The Siyum HaShas is a once in approximately seven years event, in which the completion of the study of the entire Babylonian Talmud according to the Daf Yomi (one page a day) study cycle is celebrated. The Daf Yomi program was initiated by Rabbi Meir Shapiro in Poland in 1923. Those individuals who choose to study Daf Yomi learn one page of Talmud a day. At this rate, the 2,711 pages of the Talmud, spread out over dozens of tractates, are studied in their entirety once in approximately seven and a half years.

There are several individuals in our community who study Daf Yomi and will be completing their study of the Talmud in its entirety the first week in January. On behalf of the congregation, I would like to congratulate those individuals on the completion of this monumental task.

The major innovation of the Daf Yomi program is that the participants in the program study the very same page of the Talmud on the same day, regardless of their locale. Thus, a businessman who lives in Brooklyn and attends a Daf Yomi class every day may attend a Daf Yomi class while on a business trip in Los Angeles without falling behind in the challenging page-a-day cycle.

Similarly, one of the beautiful aspects of our weekly Torah reading cycle is that, for the most part, all Jewish people worldwide are studying the same Parashat Hashevua each week. A person attends shul services in Connecticut and reads the same parasha that is being read in Jerusalem, Toronto or Johannesburg. Thus, this cycle of weekly Torah readings serves as an expression of Jewish unity, just as tens of thousands of Jewish people coming together to fill an NFL football stadium with words of Torah and prayer is a remarkable display of Jewish unity.

All the Best,

Rabbi Peretz Robinson

Mailing Address	92 Montauk St Fairfield, CT 06825
Phone	203-372-6529
Office:	office@ahavathachim.org
Website	www.ahavathachim.org
Personal Contact Info	
Rabbi Peretz Robinson	203-583-9142 peretzrobinson@gmail.com
Presidium	
Sara Klein 203-374-9365	Sakl31@aol.com
T. Augenbraun 917-847-1700	taugenbraun@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn	

Community

On Sunday morning, Dec. 15, at 11 o'clock on a cold, gray day, our Orthodox communities, members from Ahavath Achim, Agudath, Achim, Bikur Cholim and Chabad, got together to do a Chessed Shel Emes (True Good Deed) at the Bikur Cholim cemetery to send off Robert Breslove to his final destination.

The importance of providing him with a Jewish burial, even though none of the participants knew him, got all our community members together for a pure unselfish act. It is a true testimonial of our community as one unit to perform a huge Mitzvah and say Kaddish for the Niftar.

What was more amazing is that it turned out that his parent's graves are located about 100 yards from his grave.

May Hashem comfort the family; we should get together only on good occasions.

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.

Refuah Sheleimah to David Gordon, Arlene Moidel, and Diane Shinbaum. May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Golden Book Contributions

<p>In Memory of Harley Greenbaum Debra and Joel Allen Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Arlene Dentz Jay Dimand and Sons Roz and Mark Fishman Sara Klein Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy</p> <p>In Memory of Seth Lerner's Father Debra and Joel Allen</p> <p>In Memory of Myron Burstein Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy</p>	<p>In Memory of Lee Dickens Sara Klein Susan Klein and Family Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy Arnell Willson</p> <p>In Memory of Rabbi Jerome Wallin Sara and Susan Klein Arnell Wilson</p> <p>In Memory of Tamar Bat Shulamit, Mother of Shalom Mizrahi Linda and Lionel Elovson Arnell Wilson</p> <p>In Memory of Isabel Rae Goldberg, Daughter of Michele and Justin Goldberg and Granddaughter of Bernard Goldberg Debra and Howard Klein</p>
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Yahrtzeits for January 2020

Tuesday, December 31 - Rev. Abraham Frankel (Father to Rose Moidel & Grandfather to Arlene Moidel)	Monday, January 13- Ethyle Krentzman (Mother to Myrna Kosowsky)
Tuesday, December 31 - Terez Weintraub (Grandmother to Cathy Velenchik)	Friday, January 16- Martin Anfllick (Husband to Betty Anfllick)
Wednesday, January 1- Bertha Goldman (Grandmother to William Wolper.)	Friday, January 16- Martin Fischer (Husband to Julia Fischer, Father to Samuel and David Fischer)
Wednesday, January 1- Marton Lax (Father to Erica Cohen)	Saturday, January 17- Frieda Egri Salomon (Sister to Betty Deutsch)
Thursday, January 2- Nettie Rothwax (Mother to Joel Rothwax)	Saturday, January 18- Allan Handler (Father to Arnell Wilson)
Friday, January,3 - Rebecca Zabol (Grandmother to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)	Sunday, January 19- Max Arbitman (Grandfather to Joel Allen)
Saturday, January 4- Matilda Baena (Grandmother to Ellen Rothwax)	Sunday, January 19- William Samovitz (Uncle to Charles Zwecker)
Sunday, January 5- Mitchell Dimand (Father to Jay Dimand)	Tuesday, January 21- Alexander Fried (Son to Edward Fried)
Wednesday, January 8- Hyman Elstein (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)	Tuesday, January 21- Evelyn Greenwald (Mother to Arlene Jutkowitz)
Saturday, January 11- Miklos Hartstein (Husband to Clara Hartstein)	Saturday, January 26- Kenneth Epstein (Husband to Amalia Epstein)
Monday, January 13- Lorraine Kaufman (Mother to Debbie Lozanov)	Wednesday, January 29- Arlene Freedman London (Mother to Michael London)
	Wednesday, January 29- Julius Selinger (Father to Arlene Dentz)

