



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM
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Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers

	January 6 Shenous	January 13 Vaera	January 20 Bo	January 27 Beshalach Shabbat Shirah
Torah Reading	Shenous 1—61 Pages 292-317	Shemos 6:2-9-35 Pages 318-33	Shemos 10:1-13:16 Pages 340-365	Shemos 13:17-17:16 Pages 1152-1154
Maftir				
Haftorah	Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23 Pages 1146-1148	Ezekiel 28:25-29:21 Pages 1149-1150	Jeremiah 46:13-28 Pages 1151	Judges 4:4-5:31 Pages 1152-1154

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

Rabbi Moldovan's Shabbat Message

As Yaaakov Avinu is ready to pass on to the next world, he bestows blessings on all of his children. His two grandsons, Ephraim and Menashe, are elevated to the status of Shevatim (tribes) in the process. During this process he bestowed a blessing that has become the standard blessing by which we bless our sons to this very day - "So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you shall Israel bless, saying: May G-d make you like Ephraim and like Menashe". All future generations of Jewish boys are blessed to be like Ephraim and Menashe. The commentaries ask why Yaakov instructed the Jewish people to bless our sons to be like Ephraim and Menashe more than anyone else. Yaakov had twelve superb children of his own who are surely worthy role models to live up to. The commentaries explain that Ephraim and Menashe did not just live up to their potential but surpassed their potential. Up to this point, only the sons of Yaakov merited to be considered among the 12 tribes. Ephraim and Menashe were not sons of Yaakov and were not destined to be tribes. However, due to their greatness, Yaakov elevated them to the status of Shevatim, a level that was beyond their potential. Accordingly, we bless our children to emulate Ephraim and Menashe and reach beyond their potential. This idea also educates a parent as to his aspirations for his own children. We should not suffice with bringing up our children to be "ordinary" Jews. Rather we should aim to facilitate that our children become "great." It is not enough that we merely "want" that our children become great but rather we should try to actively facilitate our children's path to greatness in how we raise them, by providing positive means for them to grow and being extremely careful to keep negative influences that can hinder our children from reaching their potential away from them. May we all merit to surpass our own potential and bring up children to exceed all our expectations.

January Shabbat Davening Location

Friday night and Shabbat services will take place, for the month of January, at the home of Harvey & Sharon Risch, 255 Sky Top Terrace. Fairfield **Not at the American Legion Hall**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha shiur immediately following Kiddush and Mincha will follow the rabbi's class.

Chanukah Melaveh Malka Thank You to:

Andrew & Sara Klein for sponsoring the Melaveh Malka in memory of their mothers, Malvin Klein and Audrey Lowen Klein, whose yahrtzeits are on the 1st and 2nd days of Chanukah.

And to volunteers, Goldie Librach, Terry Augenbraun and Jay Dimand, who helped the rabbi to set up for the Melaveh Malka.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mitzvah Heroes Day – Sunday, January 28th at 5:00 pm

Ahavath Achim will be participating in the first ever Mitzvah Heroes Day, sponsored by the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy, where our own Jay Dimand will be honored as a Mitzvah Hero. The event will be at the Weinberg Senior Services Campus at 4200 Park Ave., Bridgeport. Sign up to attend this new, signature event in the community. Don't Delay – **Register Today to support Jay and Ahavath Achim! \$18 per person-RSVP at shalomct.org/mitzvah. Don't Delay**

Meet Geza Rohrig, the Son of Saul actor. Child Holocaust Survivors of CT, the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County & Temple Israel invite everyone to a free program on Sunday, January 14 at 1 PM at 14 Coleytown Rd., Westport. Free but registration is required. Call 203-323-1798 or email: amvertes@gmail.com

Lunch & Learn Series: Stories of Jewish Resistance. Fairfield University Fridays, 8 sessions: Feb. 9-April 20, 2018. 12:30-1:45pm. Fee: \$150 (includes sourcebook of class readings). Co-sponsored by the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy and Fairfield University Bennet Center of Jewish Studies. Taught by Ellen M. Umansky, PhD.

Recent Goldenbook Contributions:	
<p>In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson to Lisa and Jonathan Klein Elaine and Martin Schiller Pamela Zimmer</p> <p>In Memory of Shirley Zwecker The Dentz Family Cathy Velenchik / Chaim Joy</p> <p>Happy Birthday Wishes to Helene Green Pamela Zimmer</p> <p>Condolences to Mark Fishman on the Death of a Family member Pamela Zimmer</p>	<p>Speedy Recovery to Bernard Goldberg Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Arlene and Marvin Dentz</p> <p>In Honor of Elaine and Martin Schiller's 60th Wedding Anniversary Sara and Andrew Klein</p> <p>In Honor of the engagement of Carmi, Granddaughter of Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Sara and Andrew Klein Elaine and Martin Schiller Pamela Zimmer</p> <p>In Memory of Benjamin Kovensky Sara and Andrew Klein</p>

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.

Yahrtzeits for January 2018:

Tuesday, January 2 - Charlotte Einczig (Mother to Linda Einczig)	Sunday, January 14 - Markus Schiller (Father to Martin Schiller)
Wednesday, January 4 - Ethyle Krentzman (Mother to Myrna Kowowsky)	Saturday, January 20 - Arlene Freedman London (Mother to Michael London)
Thursday, January 4 - Miklos Hartstein (Husband to Clara Hartstein)	Sunday, January 21 - Miriam Goldberg (Mother to Bernard Goldberg)
Thursday, January 4 - Lorraine Kaufman (Mother to Debra Lozanov)	Sunday, January 21 - William Wolper (Grandfather to William Wolper)
Sunday, January 7 - Martin Fischer (Husband to Julia Fischer and Father to Sam & David Fischer)	Monday, January 22 - Aaron Milrod (Father to Debbie Allen)
Sunday, January 7 - Frieda Egri Salomon (Sister to Betty Deutsch)	Tuesday, January 23 - Sonya Risch (Mother to Harvey Risch)
Sunday, January 7 - Martin Anflick (Husband to Betty Anflick)	Tuesday, January 23 - Naomi Krentzman (Cousin to Myrna Kosowsky)
Tuesday, January 9 - Allen Handler (Father to Arnell Wilson)	Tuesday, January 23 - Julius Selinger (Father to Arlene Dentz)
Wednesday, January 10 - Max Arbitman (Grandfather to Joel Allen)	Wednesday, January 24 - Jusman Goldberg (Grandfather to Bernard Goldberg)
January 12 - Alexander Fried (Son to Edward Fried)	Thursday, January 25 - Leo Wolper (Uncle to William Wolper)
Friday, January 12 - Evelyn Greenwald (Mother to Arlene Jutkowitz)	Sunday, January 27 - Fanni Lax (Mother to Erica Cohen)

