



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

## July 2018 Newsletter

### 18 Tammuz – 19 Av 5778



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers					
<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>July 7 Pinchas</b>	<b>July 14 Matos-Masei</b>	<b>July 21 Devarim</b>	<b>July 28 Vaeschanan</b>	
	Bamidbar 25:10-30:1 Pages 876-899	Bamidbar 30:2-36:13 Pages 900-935	Devarim 1:1-3:22 Pages 938-957	Devarim 3:23-7:11 Pages 958-979	
<b>Special Maftir</b>					
<b>Haftorah</b>	Jeremiah 1:1-2:3 Pages 1192-1193	Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4, 4:1-2 Pages 1193-1194	Isaiah 1:1-27 Pages 1195-1196	Isaiah 40:1-26 Pages 1196-1197	

**NOTE:** Times for Services can be found in the July calendar and the Ahavath Achim web site, [www.ahavathachim.org](http://www.ahavathachim.org)

#### **Rabbi Moldovan's Shabbat Shiur follows Mincha**

Every Shabbat this month Rabbi Moldovan will give the Shabbat Shiur following Mincha. Please return for Mincha on time so that there is a minyan for Mincha and davening can proceed in a timely manner. Please remember to have Seudah Shelishit at home before returning for Mincha.

#### **Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan**

The period of the three weeks begins with the a fast and ends with a fast. During that time, we are restricted in cutting our hair, listening to music, buying clothing, eating meat, and drinking wine. Bathing is restricted in the heat of summer and we can't go swimming for a whole week of peak swimming season! The three weeks is really uncomfortable. Why do we do this? To remember the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. I have a better idea. Why don't we just learn about the destruction to have a greater understanding and appreciation of it. We can study about the grandeur of the Temple and the land of Israel. We can recount the history of the Temple and its destruction. We will surely remember the destruction of the Temple this way, and we won't have to be uncomfortable for weeks. Why do we have to be uncomfortable? The explanation is that as tragic our national situation is after the exile from the land of Israel and the destruction of our Temple, we have gotten used to it. We can all call ourselves Zionists and profess that Israel is the correct place for all Jews to be, but when push comes to shove we won't leave our comfortable existence for the frontier of Israel. We are just too comfortable to mourn for what used to be. We don't really care about the Temple – we just want to be comfortable. Being forced to experience personal discomfort is a means to wake us up to the discomfort that we should feel. This will spur us to be able to mourn for the Temple. There is no better training ground for this than the three weeks.

#### **Note Important July Dates & Locations**

There are two minyanim; Bikur Cholim and Agudath Achim at Jewish Senior Services (Park Avenue). All services will be at both locations, except for Saturday night, July 21, Tisha B'Av, which will also be at the Risch home on Sky Top Drive. Note the time schedule below. Also see the shul calendar for minyan times. See the Bikur Cholim calendar for their film schedule on Tisha B'Av.

<p><b><u>Shivah Asar B'Tammuz</u></b> (Sunday, July 1)</p> <p>Fast begins: 4:12 am</p> <p>Fast ends: 9:21 pm</p> <p>Shacharit: 8:00 am</p> <p>Mincha/Ma'ariv 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Tisha B'Av</u></b> (Sat. night-Sunday, July 21-22)</p> <p>Fast begins: 8:14 pm Sat. night</p> <p>Fast ends: 9:09 pm Sun. night</p> <p>Mincha/Ma'ariv/Eicha: 7:55/8:14 pm Saturday</p> <p>Shacharit: 8:00 am Sunday</p> <p>Mincha/Ma'ariv: 7:30/8:20 pm Sunday</p>
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**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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### Notice of Board and Congregational Meetings

There will be a Board meeting on Tuesday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at 84 Senior Place. We ask all Board members to make every effort to attend. Future congregational plans will be addressed including planning for the High Holidays. Please call or email the office ASAP to let us know if you will attend the meeting. There will also be a Congregational meeting to report on the past year's activities and plans for the coming year.

### Challenge Grant for Nadvirna Cemetery

Leslie Nolan of Southport is a Peace Corps volunteer in Nadvirna, Ukraine, whose Jewish population was all but decimated during World War II. Leslie, who is not Jewish, is racing the clock to raise funds to clean up and preserve the local Jewish cemetery, a one-acre property containing some 5,000 graves. Leslie has secured a €15,000 matching grant. She has already obtained €5,000 in donations. She must raise an additional €10,000 by August 1 in order to secure the ESJF matching grant and complete the project to restore and

preserve the cemetery. The Federation for Jewish Philanthropy sent out the original information on this project, which you may have already read about in your email from them.

I did some additional research on the project and learned this is a meritorious project which deserves consideration by anyone interested in helping to preserve Europe's decimated Jewish cemeteries. If you would like to contribute towards this project, please send your check to Congregation Ahavath Achim, 92 Montauk Street, Fairfield, CT 06825. Make your check payable to Congregation Ahavath Achim and be sure to note *Nadvima Cemetery Project* in the memo on your check. Congregation Ahavath Achim will match all donations up to a total of \$1,500. All money will be held until they have reached their goal. Any checks not needed will be returned.

Please call Elaine Schiller if you have any questions \*203-218-3121.

**Refuah Sheleimah to:** *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Andrew Klein, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

### Yahrtzeits for July 2018:

Sunday, July 1- **Charles Basch** (Brother to David Basch)  
Monday, July 2- **Milton Gottesman** (Husband to Erna Gottesman)  
Friday, July 6 - **Rudolph Goldberg** (Grandfather to Bernard Goldberg)  
Saturday, July 7 - **Gina Gelb** (Wife to Dr. Larry Gelb)  
Sunday, July 8 - **Dora Kosowsky** (Aunt to Seymour Kosowsky)  
Tuesday, July 10 - **Carrie Dickens** (Granddaughter to Bernard and Lenore Dickens)  
Tuesday, July 10 - **Louis Kosowsky** (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)  
Tuesday, July 10 - **Sofie Taub** (Mother to Amalia Epstein)

Wednesday, July 11- **Samuel Gordon** (Grandfather to David Gordon)  
Thursday, July 12- **Benedict Zwecker** (Father to Charles Zwecker)  
Saturday, July 14 - **Molly Fischer** (Mother-in-Law to Julia Fischer)  
Saturday, July 14 - **Alex Klein** (Husband to Sheila Klein, Uncle to Myra Gondos and Uncle to Howard Klein)  
Sunday, July 15 - **Solomon Karelitz** (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)  
Tuesday, July 17- **Mary Kohn** (Great Grandmother to Monroe Kohn)  
Friday, July 20- **Sidney Z. Englander** (Brother to Olga August)  
Tuesday, July 24 - **Robert Gomberg** (Brother to William Gomberg)  
Tuesday, July 31- **Menachem Jutkowitz** (Father to Dr. David Jutkowitz)



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