



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

## June 2018 Newsletter

### 18 Sivan - 17 Tammuz 5778



#### Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers

Torah Reading	June 2 Beha'aloscha	June 9 Sh'lach	June 16 Korach	June 23 Chukas	June 30 Balak
	Bamidbar 8:1-12:16 Pages 774-797	Bamidbar 13:1-15:41 Pages 798-819	Bamidbar 16:1-18:32 Pages 820-837	Bamidbar 19:1-22:1 Pages 838-855	Bamidbar 22:2-25:9 Pages 856-875
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Haftorah	Zechariah 2:14-4:7 Pages 1182-1184	Joshua 2:1-24 Pages 1184-1185	I Samuel 11:14-12:22 Pages 1186-1187	Judges 11:1-33 Pages 1187-1189	Micah 5:6-6:8 Pages 1189-1190

NOTE: Times for Services can be found in the June 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.

#### Rabbi Moldovan's Torah Message

As the Jewish people travel in the desert wondering where their next meal will come from, Hashem provides them with miraculous food from heaven. "Man" as it was called, was a type of dew that was scattered through the camp every morning. The "man" was cooked and tasted like whatever the devourer had in mind. You wanted chicken, it was chicken. Cheese, it was cheese. Ice cream, it was ice cream. Whatever your heart desired. It was a great deal. The Jewish people received whatever food they wanted, for free, and every day. But their reaction is surprising. After being showered with goodness from Hashem, the Jewish people request to return to "the cucumbers and melons that they ate in Egypt". What nation in their right mind would forego "man" for garden vegetables! The commentaries explain that people have difficulty departing from their regular habits. Just like the billionaire can't bear eating the hard bread of a poor man, so too the poor man can't stomach the caviar that satisfies the richest. We all get used to our food, accommodation, climate, family, and social circle. They're hard to change. The Jewish people were so used to a life of slavery that they had a tough time adjusting to the riches. The "man" was actually a test from Hashem - a test to see if we were ready for change. A Jew has to constantly be ready to change. Many of us mistakenly take one of two extremes - either the Torah is rigid and not subject to change. Or the Torah adapts with the times and is open to whatever the current winds of change dictate. The truth is neither. The laws and the principles of the Torah are unchanging. But they have to be applied in different circumstances. We have to be open to the changing world around us to apply the Torah correctly. We would not have survived two thousand years of exile scattered throughout different cultures without this idea. Hashem wants to see that we are capable of change. Change is the catalyst for growth in the service of Hashem. And inertia is anathema. We should all learn from the test of the "man" and start our path of growth to serve Hashem with our full hearts.

**MAZEL TOV** Warmest wishes to Evan Risch on receiving his B.A. degree at his recent graduation from Yale University and to Eric Risch on his coming June 11<sup>th</sup> graduation from SAR High School. We wish Mazel Tov to their parents Harvey & Sharon on their achievements.

**Are You on Time?** Friday evening and Shabbat daytime davening times are set for the convenience of everyone in our community. Too often our services cannot begin on time because we lack a 10<sup>th</sup> man to complete our minyan. Your friends are in shul waiting to begin. Being on time Friday nights at 7 pm, Shabbat mornings at 9:15 am, and Shabbat afternoons shows you truly care. Your presence on time is valuable beyond measure. Please... commit yourself to keeping our Ahavath Achim minyan alive and well.

**Shabbat Mevorchim HaChodesh Tammuz - June 9<sup>th</sup>** The minyan will begin to meet for "Benching Rosh Chodesh" services at 84 Senior Place instead of at the Risch Home on Sky Top Terrace on Friday night and Shabbat, June 8-9. This will be a regular custom going forward for each monthly Shabbat of Mevorchim HaChodesh. A notice will be in the newsletter with an e-mail reminder monthly.

**Meat at Trader Joe's** - It has come to my attention that Trader Joe's on Black Rock Turnpike is selling meat with the "triangle K" hechsher. This meat is not recommended by reliable Kashrus organizations. As far as I am aware this is only relevant to the meat in the store. The chicken is recommended if it has an OU symbol on the packaging.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

##### **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - 8:30 pm**

Schoke Jewish Family Service, the Stamford JCC and AARP Connecticut are partnering to present a 90-minute program entitled, *Disrupt Aging in your Community*, designed to bridge the gap between generations. An interactive session focuses on aging from an intergenerational perspective, offering thought-provoking discussion and activities. To reserve a spot, please sign up at <https://aarp.cvent.com/d/ctqhbff/> or call 1-877-926-8300. If you have any questions about the program, contact Isrella Knopf, Director of Senior Services, at [isrellak@ctjfs.org](mailto:isrellak@ctjfs.org) or 203-921-4161.

**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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**A Taste of Israel – Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM to 6PM** Federation for Jewish Philanthropy of Upper Fairfield County presents a Jewish Food Festival at Temple Israel, Westport.

**Adult Education event rescheduled to Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM**

Andrew Porwancher, PhD, is a core faculty member of the Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage. He is on sabbatical as a Senior Research Fellow at Yeshiva University. Dr. Porwancher is currently at work on a book entitled, *The Jewish Founding Father: Alexander Hamilton's Hidden Life*. Free event. Light refreshments will be served. At Cong. Beth El, Fairfield Woods Rd.

**Dessert Reception to say Goodbye – Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

Todah Rabbah to our Federation Israeli Emissaries and to Honor Host Families at the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Campus, 4200 Park Ave. RSVP by June 4, [iblumenthal@jewishphilanthropyct.org](mailto:iblumenthal@jewishphilanthropyct.org)

**AIPAC Sponsored FREE Event - Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM**

Yossi Klein Halevi, renowned author and Senior Fellow at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, will speak at Temple Shalom, 300 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich. The event is FREE and open to the public. A dessert reception follows the discussion. Dietary laws observed. Registration Required:

**Recent Golden Book Contributions**

**In Memory of Fred Schwartz**

Hedy and Terry Augenbraun  
Erica and Arnold Cohen  
Jay Dimand  
Sara and Andrew Klein  
Elaine and Martin Schiller  
Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy  
Pamela Zimmer

**In Honor of the Birth of a Baby Boy to Rabbi and Mrs.**

**Perry Robinson**  
Pamela Zimmer

**In Memory of Lillian Liberman**

Sara and Andrew Klein  
Elaine and Martin Schiller

**In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson to Barbara and Peter Tuckel**

Hedy and Terry Augenbraun  
Goldie Librach

**In Honor of the Engagement of Yael Schiller, Granddaughter of Elaine and Martin Schiller**

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky  
Arnell Wilson

**In Honor of the Birth of Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky's First Great- Grandson**

Betty Anflück  
Hedy and Terry Augenbraun  
Linda and Lionel Eliovson  
Sara and Andrew Klein  
Goldie Librach  
Pamela Zimmer

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

**Yahrzeits for June 2018:**

Friday, June 1 – **Rabbi Moshe Shoshan** (Father to Sammy Shoshan)  
Friday, June 1 - **Max Tuckel** (Father to Peter Tuckel)  
Saturday, June 2 – **Bernard Berg** (Father to Ellen Tobias & Devorah Hager)  
Tuesday, June 5 - **Michael Levine** (Friend to Terry Augenbraun)  
Sunday, June 10 – **Rose Jutkowitz** (Mother to David Jutkowitz)  
Monday, June 11 – **Elaine Feit** (Sister to Linda Eliovson)  
Monday, June 11 – **Pearl Zweig** (Mother -Law to Larry Gelb)  
Tuesday, June 12 – **David Schwarzmer** (Father to Avi Schwarzmer)  
Thursday, June 14 – **Max Goldman** (Grandfather to William Wolper)  
Friday, June 15 – **Sol Rothman** (Husband to Sheila Rothman)  
Saturday, June 16 – **Anna Goldberg Singer** (Grandmother to Gina Gelb z'l)  
Saturday, June 16 – **Jacob Zimmer** (Uncle to Pamela Zimmer)  
Sunday, June 17 – **Paula Apfelbaum** (Mother to Goldie Librach)  
Sunday, June 17 – **Mae Firsty Simon** (Mother to Marshall Simon)  
Monday, June 18 – **Alex Thau** (Father to Peter Thau)  
Wednesday, June 19 – **Karen Dimand** (Wife to Jay Dimand & daughter to Bernard & Lee Dickens)  
Thursday, June 21 – **Albert Schwartz** (Father to Edith Goldberg)  
Friday, June 22 – **Abraham Barnum** (Father to Max Barnum)  
Monday, June 25 – **William Augenbraun** (Father to **Terry Augenbraun**)  
Tuesday, June 26 – **Fannie Frankel** (Mother to Rose Moidel)  
Tuesday, June 26 – **Rhonie Goldberg** (Grandmother to Bernard Goldberg)  
Thursday, June 28 – **Philip Gershowitz** (Grandfather to Roberta Greenbaum)  
Friday, June 29 – **Yisroel Smith** (Family to Alex Mantel)

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