

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Parsha Korach

June 23-30, 2017 / 29 Sivan – 6 Tammuz 5777

Schedule of Services:

Friday, June 23, 2017

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	8:11 PM

Shabbat, June 24, 2017 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Shabbat Shacharit	9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:08 AM
Rabbi's Class	7:15 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	8:00 PM
Shabbat Ends	9:12 PM

Sun-Thus, June 25-29, 2017

Shacharit	Mincha / Ma'ariv
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Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

Sun	8:30 AM	8:10 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	8:10 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	8:10 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	8:10 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	8:10 PM	A

A - Ahavath Achim
B - Bikur Cholim on
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt

Friday, June 30, 2017

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	8:11 PM

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Torah Reading

Korach	16:1-18:32	820-837
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Rosh Chodesh Maftir

Pinchas	28:9-15	890-893
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Rosh Chodesh Haftorah

Isaiah	66:1-24	1208-1210
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Summer is Here - Are you Stepping Up? With the summer months come trips, vacations, travel, etc. That means that many minyan regulars will be out of town for some portion of the next couple of months. There is a place where you are wanted and needed - the Daily Minayn. Make the commitment to attend at least one Minyan a week. Please help out as often as you can to ensure a minyan - morning and night. So - show up, come early, come often, and **Help keep Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur at 7:15 pm. Please join in the discussion. Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow at 8:00 pm

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

Joining Korach in the rebellion against Moshe Rabbeinu were two hundred and fifty great men. Rashi, quoting the Midrash Tanchuma, questions the motivations of these men in undertaking the seemingly futile rebellion against Moshe Rabbeinu. He points out that they were not foolish people, and answers that they 'sinned with their souls.'

The commentaries point out that it very difficult to see how this answer the initial question of why they embarked on this rebellion. Indeed it is not clear at all what it means that 'they sinned with their souls.' The great leader of the Volozhin Yeshiva of pre-war Lithuania, the Netsiv, offers a fascinating explanation that answers these questions. He begins by pointing out that the two hundred and fifty men are always mentioned separately from Korach, Dasan and Aviram. Moreover, they were punished differently from those three evildoers. They were punished by being burnt by a fire from the Holy of Holies while Korach and his cohorts suffered the far greater punishment of being swallowed alive into the ground.

The Netsiv explains that the reason for these differences is because the intentions of the two hundred and fifty men were totally different from those of Korach, Dasan and Aviram. The latter were motivated by jealousy and desire for power while the two hundred and fifty men had essentially pure motives. They desired to attain greater closeness to Hashem by participating in the service of the Kohanim. They realized that they would die for doing this yet they were willing to give up their lives in order to attain this perceived greater 'closeness' to Hashem. Because their

intentions, though clearly misguided, were pure, they were killed in a more elevated fashion, by a holy fire. This explains why they embarked on this seemingly foolish endeavor and answers what Rashi means by the words, 'they sinned with their souls.' It means that they willingly went against Hashem's will to get closer to Him with the awareness that they would die as a result.

It is clear that despite their pure motives, the two hundred and fifty men made a terrible mistake in their desire for closeness to Hashem. Their error was that they failed to realize that the only way to truly cleave to Hashem is by doing His Will, not by performing actions that one thinks will bring him closer to Hashem if they contradict the Torah.

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Dear Congregants:

This is a reminder that the annual meeting is this Sunday, June 25th, at 9:30 A.M. in Zimmer Hall. The meeting will begin on time to avoid any conflict with the unveiling for Mr. Joseph Macy, z"l. We will start the meeting with voting on the new slate of officers and the recommendation by the Executive Committee and Board to renew the Rabbi's contract for a 2-year, part-time position, followed by committee reports.

Unveiling for Joseph Macy, z"l

The unveiling for Mr. Macy will take place on Sunday, June 25th, at 11:15 am at the Ahavath Achim cemetery. There will be no conflict with our annual meeting, which is scheduled to begin promptly at 9:30 A.M



RCA Convention

Rabbi Moldovan attended the recent RCA Convention in Stamford on behalf of Ahavath Achim. Former Rabbis, Rabbi Shalom Baum and Rabbi Tzvi Engel were also in attendance. Rabbi Baum was honored upon completion of his 4-year term as President of the RCA.

Mazel Tov

We are very happy to extend warmest wishes to Seymour & Myrna Kosowsky on the recent marriage of their granddaughter Shoshana (daughter of Beth & Kenny Rozenberg) to Ari Auman. Warmest wishes to the Kosowsky, Rozenberg and Auman families on this very happy occasion.

Mazel Tov

Warmest wishes also to Mitchell Lake and Leslie Mandelbaum on their recent marriage on June 11, and the Lake and Mandelbaum families.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Sunday, June 25 – **Rose Breiner** (Mother to Mark Breiner)

Monday, June 26 – **Max Goldman** (Grandfather to Bill Wolper)

Thursday, June 29 – **Paula Apfelbaum** (Mother to Goldie Librach)

Thursday, June 29 – **Mae Firsty** (Mother to Marshall Simon)

Friday, June 30 – **Alex Thau** (Father to Peter Thau)

Yahrtzeits begin at Ma'ariv the evening before. Please make an extra effort to ensure a minyan for those saying Kaddish. **Be there for others, and they'll be there for you.**

If you would like an Aliyah on the Shabbat before the Yahrtzeit, please make sure you are in Shul before Torah Reading. If you arrive late, we cannot guarantee you an honor.

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