



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

March 2020 Newsletter

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Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers				
	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
<b>Torah Reading</b>	<b>Tetzaveh (Zachor)</b> Exodus 27:20-30:10, Deuteronomy 25:17-25:19	<b>Ki Tisa (Parah)</b> Exodus 30:11-34:35, Numbers 19:1-19:22	<b>Vayakhel-Pekudei (Hachodesh)</b> Exodus 35:1-40:38, Exodus 12:1-12:20	<b>Vayikra</b> Leviticus 1:1-5:26
<b>Pages</b>	339-349, 856-857	352-368, 652-655	373-391, 253-257	410-423
<b>Haftorah</b>	I Samuel 15:2-15:34	Ezekiel 36:16-36:38	Ezekiel 45:16-46:18	Isaiah 43:21-44:23
<b>Pages</b>	995-998	999-1001	1001-1004	424-428

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## **Rabbi Peretz Robinson's Torah Message**

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you and yours in good health.

As we begin the month of March, I just wanted to take a minute to reach out to you as we preview together the four Parashiyot that we will be reading in shul as we complete the book of Shemot and begin the book of Vayikra:

### PARASHAT TETZAVEH

This parasha focuses on the commandments concerning the making of the special vestments that the Kohanim wore at the time of the performance of the Divine service. An ordinary Kohen wore four special vestments, while the Kohen Gadol would wear eight. Parashat Tetzaveh also tells of the inauguration ceremony that was performed on the Kohanim, as well as the construction of the golden altar designated for the daily offering of the incense upon it.

### PARASHAT KI TISA

This parasha begins with the commandment incumbent upon the Israelites to donate a half shekel coin. This coin was used as a means of taking a census of the Jewish people. In turn, the coins were used to fund the sacrifices in the Mishkan. Parashat Ki Tisa proceeds to tell of the sin of the golden calf, Moshe's breaking the tablets, and the fashioning of the second pair of tablets.

### PARASHAT VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

This double parasha, which concludes the book of Exodus, tells of the construction of the Mishkan and the making of the priestly garments, and concludes with the Tabernacle being set up and the Almighty's glory filling the Mishkan.

### PARASHAT VAYIKRA

This parasha, which begins the middle book of the Torah, the book of Leviticus, tells of the laws of all the different sacrifices. Indeed, the subject of the korbanot plays a central role throughout the entirety of Sefer Vayikra.

I look forward to seeing you as you join us for Shabbat services, and we read these Torah portions together. Shabbat morning services are held at Jewish Senior Services, 4200 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, in the conference room on the first floor. We begin services at 9:30.

Wishing you a wonderful March, Rabbi Peretz Robinson

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## Community News

Nathan Englander delivers the Diane Feigenson Lecture in Jewish Literature "[Guilt, Memory, and the Beta-God: Nathan Englander on kaddish.com](http://kaddish.com)" Thursday, Mar. 5, 7:30 PM, at Fairfield University, Barone Campus Center, 1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield  
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The celebrated Pulitzer finalist and prize-winning author of *Dinner at the Center of the Earth* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank* delivers his best work yet, a streamlined comic masterpiece about a son's failure to say *Kaddish* for his father. Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Brooklyn Jews. When his father dies, it's his responsibility to recite the *Kaddish*, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for 11 months. To the horror and dismay of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hatches an ingenious if cynical plan, hiring a stranger through a website called [kaddish.com](http://kaddish.com) to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul safely to rest. Sharp, irreverent, hilarious, and wholly irresistible, Englander's tale of a son who makes a

diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity—a book to be devoured in a single sitting whose pleasures and provocations will be savored long after.

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

## Yahrtzeits for March 2020

Monday, March 2 - <b>Barbara Berg</b> (Mother to Ellen Tobias and to Devorah Hager, Monday, March 2- <b>Gimpel Kornhauser</b> ( Father to Clara Hartstein) <b>Tuesday</b> , March 3- <b>Mayer Egri</b> ( Brother to Betty Deutsch) Tuesday, March 3- <b>Bryan Seedman</b> , (Brother to Tammy Loeser) Wednesday, March 4- <b>Herman Wolper</b> (Father to William Wolper ) Thursday, March 5- <b>Regina Dickens</b> (Mother to Bernard Dickens) Tuesday, March 10- <b>Isser Kosowsky</b> (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky) Tuesday, March 10- <b>Charles Willig</b> (Grandfather to Allen Willig) Wednesday, March 11- <b>Bella Loeser</b> ( Mother to Doron Loeser)--- Friday, March 13- <b>Jacob Dimand</b> (Grandfather to Jay Dimand)	Friday, March 13- <b>Bessie Elstein</b> (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky) Sunday, March 15- <b>Max Velenchik</b> ( Father to Cathy Velenchik) Tuesday, March 17- <b>Dorothy Berkowitz</b> ( Mother to Helene Green) Wednesday, March 18- <b>Irene Weiss</b> ( Mother to Hedy Bauman) Thursday, March 19- <b>Bela Weintraub</b> ( Grandfather to Cathy Velenchik) Monday, March 23- <b>John Englander</b> (Father to Olga August ) Monday, March 23- <b>Paul Rollin</b> ( Father to Hedy Augenbraun) Wednesday, March 25- <b>Sara Karelitz</b> ( Grandmother to Seymour Kosowsky ) Thursday, March 26- <b>Ruth Wolper</b> ( Mother to William Wolper) Saturday, March 28- <b>Clara Augenbraun</b> ( Grandmother to Terry Augenbraun ) Saturday, March 28- <b>Ignatz Deutsch</b> ( Father to Andrew Deutsch ) Sunday, March 29- <b>Morris Brown</b> ( Father to Myra Gondos)
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