



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

## November 2018 Newsletter

### 23 Cheshvan – 22 Kislev 5779



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers					
Torah Reading	November 3 Chaye Sarah	November 10 Toldot	November 17 Vayetze	November 24 Vayishlach	
	Genesis 23:1 – 25:18  Pages 106-123	Genesis 25:19 - 28:9  Pages 124- 143	Genesis 28:10 – 32:3  Pages 144-169	Genesis 32:4 - 36:43  Pages 170-197	
Haftorah Pages	Kings I 1:1-31  1136 – 1137	Malachi 1:1-2:7  1137 – 1138	Isaiah 1:1-2:7  1139- 1141	Hosea 11:7-12:2  1141 – 1142	Thanks to Jay Dimand for helping to prepare this information.

Minyan Times are in the monthly calendar and on the Ahavath Achim web site, [www.ahavathachim.org](http://www.ahavathachim.org)

#### **Welcome Rabbi Peretz Robinson.**

We are glad to announce that Rabbi Peretz Robinson has accepted the position of part-time rabbi with Ahavath Achim, beginning immediately. Rabbi Robinson is getting settled with his family at 84 Senior Place and will be available to confer with anyone who wishes to speak with him very shortly.

If you have any halachic questions or some other topic you would like to discuss, Rabbi Robinson can be reached by calling his cell phone, 203-583-9142. Please leave your name and phone number and he will return your call as soon as possible. You can also reach Rabbi Robinson by sending an email message to the shul office ([office@ahavathachim.org](mailto:office@ahavathachim.org)) and put "RABBI PERETZ ROBINSON – CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line. Your email will immediately be forwarded to Rabbi Robinson. Should it be an emergency that needs the rabbi's immediate attention, be sure to clearly indicate that in your message.

#### **Torah Message – see Rabbi Robinson's letter attached.**

#### **Mazel Tov To ...**

-Diana and Joe Schwartz on the marriage of Diana's son, Nechemia, to Lauren Katz, Saturday night, October 13<sup>th</sup> in New York. Nechemia grew up here at Ahavath Achim and we fondly remember his youthful days as he traversed the halls of Ahavath Achim with his brother and sister, Ezra and Chana. Mazel Tov to all the Rich, Schwartz and Katz families.

-Martin Rothwax (Mordecai ben Yosef ha-Levi) Joel Rothwax' father, who recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, together with family and friends. May he enjoy many more years in good health and strength together with all the family.

Dr. David Jutkowitz has been chosen as the 2018 Ahavath Achim Mitzvah Hero and it is a title richly deserved. The community Mitzvah Hero event will be celebrated as part of the special "TzedakahFest" on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this special opportunity to honor our own David Jutkowitz as Ahavath Achim Mitzvah Hero.

#### **Tell Your community story on the [Common Threads](#) blog...**

Won't you share your unique family story of the immigrant families who founded a small shul in Bridgeport that grew to become the modern Orthodox shul of Ahavath Achim. [Common Threads](#), the Federation's yearlong exploration of our diverse Jewish ancestry and heritage has created a blog where these special stories are shared with the wider Fairfield Jewish community. Tell your family story and share the heritage of Ahavath Achim. To submit to the [Common Threads](#) blog, email your story and at least one photo to [commonthreads@jewishphilanthropyct.org](mailto:commonthreads@jewishphilanthropyct.org).

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### **Community Events**

**Friday, November 2 at 10:00 am** at the JCC in Stamford. A "Bissel Yiddish" is held on the first Friday of each month. Judith Altman will present and discuss a classic section of The Forward advice column, *Bintel Brief*. \$5 for the *pushke*. Questions: Call 321-1373, ext,150 and leave a message or email [info@jhsfc-ct.org](mailto:info@jhsfc-ct.org).

**Sunday, November 4 at 12:30 pm-4:30 pm.** Two films will be shown at the Israeli-themed Film Festival at the Danbury Palace Theater, 165 Main Street, Danbury. A family-friendly 90-minute documentary, "*Heading Home*," highlighting Team Israel in the 2017 World Baseball Classic tournament and "*Shelter*," an award-winning, Israeli spy thriller. Sponsored by the United Jewish Center through the Robert S. Young Fund. Doors open 12:30 pm. "Heading Home" 1:30 pm; "Shelter" 4:30 pm; For information: 203-788-7098. Tickets: Adults - \$18/movie, \$9/children.

**Wednesday, November 7 at 2 pm at Sacred Heart University.** Sacred Heart University will host the annual Kristallnacht Commemoration, featuring guest speaker Judith Altmann, who will present her talk, "*Zachor*," the story of her personal experience of survival and hope. The program is free and open to the public.

**Thursday, November 8 at 7:30 pm.** Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz will be the guest speaker at the annual Saul Cohen-Schoke JFS Lecture, "*Spiritual Transformation: Changing the World from the Inside Out*," at the Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza in Stamford. Rabbi Yanklowitz, an educator, social justice activist, and motivational speaker, is the president and dean of Valley Beit Midrash, founder and president of Uri L'Tzedek, founder and CEO of The Shamayim V'Aretz Institute, and founder and president of YATOM: The Jewish Foster & Adoption Network. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**Sunday, November 11 at 1:30 pm at State Cinema,** 990 Hope St., Stamford. The film "1945" will be shown, commemorating Kristallnacht. This program is in partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, AJC GOLBAL Jewish Advocacy and the Jewish Arts & Film Festival.

**Refuah Shelema 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 November 2018**

Friday, November 2- <b>Sidney Gordon</b> (Father to Diana Rich Schwartz)	Friday, November 16- <b>Barbara Seedman</b> (Mother to Tammy Loeser)
Friday, November 2 - <b>Rose Selinger</b> (Mother to Arlene Dentz)	Sunday, November 18- <b>Sallie Cziller</b> (Aunt to Julia Fischer)
Saturday, November 3 - <b>Louis Weiskopf</b> (Husband to Goldie Librach)	Sunday, November 18- <b>Ben Gordon</b> (Father to David Gordon)
Sunday, November 4- <b>Mae Shinbaum</b> (Mother to Sanford Shinbaum)	Monday, November 19- <b>Gussie Schwartz</b> (Relative to Sheila Rothman)
Monday, November 5 - <b>Herman Kraut</b> (Brother to Deborah Shear)	Tuesday, November 20- <b>Dr. Louis Scheinberg</b> (Father to Judy Lerner)
Wednesday, November 7- <b>Av'ner Gelb</b> (Father to Larry Gelb)	Friday, November 22- <b>John J. Kohn</b> (Grandfather to Monroe Kohn)
Saturday, November 10- <b>Beatrice Lozanov</b> (Mother to Steven Lozanov)	Saturday, November 24- <b>Benjamin Egri</b> (Father to Betty Deutsch)
Sunday, November 11- <b>Sarah Gordon</b> (Mother to David Gordon)	Monday, November 26- <b>Bertha Gross</b> (Aunt to David Gordon)
Sunday, November 11- <b>Harry Kaplan</b> (Father to Barbara Tuckel)	Monday, November 26- <b>Isadore Moidel</b> (Husband to Rose Moidel and Father to Arlene Moidel)
Monday, November 12- <b>Jacob Apfelbaum</b> (Father to Goldie Librach)	Tuesday, November 27- <b>Della Stein</b> (Grandmother to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)
Wednesday, November 14- <b>David Zimmer</b> (Father to Pamela Zimmer)	Wednesday, November 28- <b>Jonah Shapiro</b> (Father to Deborah Raskin)
Thursday, November 13- <b>Leonard Shinbaum</b> (Father to Sanford Shinbaum)	
Thursday, November 15- <b>Eva Tuckel</b> (Mother to Peter Tuckel)	

Remember to check the shul web site ([www.ahavathachim.org](http://www.ahavathachim.org)) regularly for news and updates on shul activities. Managed by our own Ellen Rothwax. Thank you, Ellen.

Golden Book Greeting cards are a great way to honor or remember someone. To personalize your message, call or email Sara Klein. She can include any personal greeting you would like to have included.

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October 29, 2018

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to reach out to you as members of the Ahavath Achim community. Some of you may know me already from my previous work in the community, and to those who have not yet gotten to know me, I look forward to getting to know you soon.

It is a great privilege to serve our distinguished and historic congregation. The level of dedication to Jewish values and halachic practice of this community has always served as a source of inspiration to me. As we continue along our lifelong quests of spiritual growth, here are three areas that we can work on together as a congregation:

## 1) Building a sense of community.

Jewish continuity is dependent on the existence of community. We are much stronger as the whole than we are as individual parts. Let's continue to think about our spiritual, emotional, and material obligations to one another as we focus on building a sense of unity in our wonderful community.

## 2) Creating a meaningful davening experience.

As a shul, there is probably no one act that defines us better than the act of prayer. Let's think about how we can continue to establish an environment of kavanna, free from cell phone disturbances and other distractions, as we commune with the Almighty on a daily basis.

## 3) Integrating Torah study into our lives

One of the things that really excites me about serving as the rabbi of Congregation Ahavath Achim is the opportunity to expand my Torah learning and teaching.

Our shul offers a variety of weekly Torah study classes. This past Shabbat, we inaugurated a weekly class in the writings of the Rambam. This class takes place between Mincha and Maariv on Shabbat afternoon. Please join us for Shabbat mincha, and stay for the stimulating conversation.

I look forward to working with all of you in these areas, and to serving this wonderful congregation going forward.

All the Best,

Rabbi Peretz Robinson