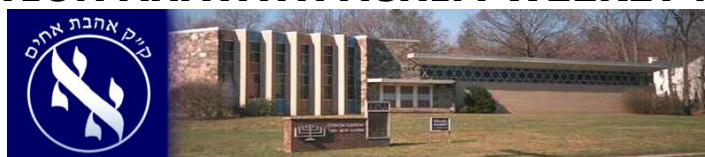


CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



November 11-18, 2016

10-17 Cheshvan 5777

Parshat Lech-Lecha

Schedule of Services:

Friday, November 11, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 PM
Candle Lighting	4:19 PM

Shabbat, November 12, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:07 AM
Mincha	12:10 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:18 PM
Ma'ariv	5:40 PM

Sun-Thur, November 13-17, 2016 Mincha 2:10pm at Kollel

	Shacharit	Ma'ariv	
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:40 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:40 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	A

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

Friday, November 18, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:10 PM
Candle Lighting	4:13 PM

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We Can't Do It Without You – It takes everyone who can make a Minyan. We can't depend on every regular Minyan Maker to come every day. Meetings, business trips, vacations, etc., can take a regular away. Your attendance is critical to ensuring we have a Minyan every day. So, come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

Return to Early Mincha

Please join us for Rabbi Moldovan's Shabbat shiur, immediately following Kiddush. Mincha will follow the Rabbi Shiur. The topic of this week's pre-mincha class will be "Civil disobedience - Do we have to abide by US law?" Join in this timely discussion. Week day Mincha is at 2:10 pm at the Kollel.

Torah message from Rabbi Moldovan

Our forefather Avraham was brought up among idol worshipers. Later in life he discovered that there must be one God who created and sustains the world. The Rambam, based on a Medrash, says that Avraham recognized Hashem at the age of 40. The Raavad argues on the Rambam and says, based on a separate Medrash, that he was 3 years old when he recognized Hashem. The commentaries ask how could Avraham have the intellectual capacity at 3 years of age to see a God in the world?

The commentaries explain that, of course, it is impossible that Avraham started on his journey at the age of 3. He must have found Hashem at the age of 40 as per the opinion of the Rambam. But he used all his life experience of growing up in a house of idolatry to serve Hashem and bring people closer to Hashem. Therefore, it is considered as if he started serving Hashem from his youth at the age of 3.

People are born into different situations in life - some are born into wealth and others into poverty. Some are born into a functional home and others are born into a dysfunctional home. Some are born into a Torah observant home and others are born into a home lacking Torah observance. These situations are beyond our control and are not possible for us to counteract

in our early youth. But when we come of age and have the mental capacity to analyze our path through life and choose our course for the future, we will find that we have developed many positive character traits and gained life experience in the environment in which we found ourselves. Our mission is to utilize these unique abilities in our service of Hashem. This is the lesson of Avraham.

Mazel Tov to the Lerner Family

On Wednesday Nov. 2, Michael and Sigal Lerner and family celebrated the Brit Milah of the newest little Lerner boy, Leo Isaac אריה לייב יצחק, Grandson of Judy and Seth Lerner.

Shabbat Kiddush - November 19, Parsha Vayera

William Wolper is sponsoring Kiddush in celebration of his new great- grand - nephew Lou Cohen, and his great- grand-niece Gigi Kanzer.

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Veteran's Day-November 11

On November 11th we will be observing Veteran's Day. We will be honoring the dedicated men and women who have sworn to protect and defend our great country. While they come from different parts of the United States, their commitment is to a common goal; to protect our freedoms and rights as a strong democracy dedicated to the principles inscribed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. We honor the members of our Armed Forces who have given up the safety and pleasures of home, family and friends. Their dedication and selflessness is something that every American should be proud of and we must acknowledge and applaud their strength and commitment to the safety and freedom of each citizen and of this great country. On Veterans Day, May the Almighty grant all America, and to our men and

women who serve in our military, pride in their purpose, strength in their resilience and safety to return home with health and happiness.

Community Events

Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 AM -Annual Rabbi Alexander Schindler Lecture

“Moving Congregations from Volunteerism to Advocacy” at Temple Israel, 14 Coleytown Road, Westport Free & open to the community

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 PM - "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Islam But Never Asked" at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, Park Ave., Fairfield. Free & open to the community. Info at (203) 334-0159

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 8 PM - 19th Annual Jacoby Lunin Humanitarian Lecture: “Overcoming the Fear of Difference” at Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts-Fairfield Univ. 200 Barlow Road, Fairfield. In affiliation with the Carl & Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies. Tickets (203) 254-4010. Info at Rachel Lyke, (203) 254-4000, ext. 2066 or bennettcenter@fairfield.edu

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 AM Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County Book Talk

50 Jewish Artists You Should Know by Edward van Voolen presented by Elissa Kaplan, EdD at Stamford JCC, 1035 Newfield Ave, Stamford. Free & open to the community.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Tuesday, November 15 – **Mark Breiner** (Father of Mark Breiner)

Friday, November 11 – **Sarah Millstein** (Grandmother to Ellen Rothwax)

Thursday, November 17 – **Magda Morsel** (Sister to Zoltan Guttman)

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.

Thank you for your Golden Book Contributions

In Honor of the Engagement of Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky' s Grandson,Eli Rozenberg

Goldie Librach

In Honor of the Hausman Family Wedding

Pamela Zimmer

In Honor of Marlene and Marvin Dentz's New Home

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

In Honor of Elaine and Martin Schiller's New Home

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

In Honor of Sara and Andrew Klein's Many Simchas

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

In Memory of Joe Macy

Arlene and Marvin Dentz

Myra and Gordon Gondos

Lyn Gordon

Sara and Andrew Klein

Susan Klein

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

Stacey and Abraham Mintz

Cathy Velenchik and Chaim Joy

Willig Family

Pamela Zimmer

In Memory of Sylvia Nemeth

Elaine and Martin Schiller

Pamela Zimmer

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

