

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



May 27 - June 3, 2016 / 19-26 Iyar – 5776

Parsha Behar

<b>Schedule of Services:</b>		
<b>Friday, May 27, 2016</b>		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		7:57 PM
<b>Shabbat, May 28, 2016</b>		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:08 AM
Rabbi's Class		7:00 PM
Mincha		7:45 PM
Shabbat Ends		8:59 PM
<b>Sun-Thur, May 29- June 2, 2016</b>		
<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>*Mincha</b>	<b>Ma'ariv</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	7:55 PM * <b>A</b>
Mon	8:30 AM	7:55 PM * <b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	7:55 PM * <b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	7:55 PM * <b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:55 PM * <b>A</b>
<b>A - Ahavath Achim</b>		
<b>B - Bikur Cholim on</b>		
<b>Park &amp; Capitol Ave., Bpt</b>		
<b>K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt</b>		
<b>Friday, June 3, 2016</b>		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		8:03 PM
<b>Torah Reading</b>		
Vayikra	25:1-26:2	676-707
<b>Haftorah</b>		
Ezekiel	44:15-31	1176-1177

**We are looking for a few new men:** We are always in need of a few extra men to join our Minyan. With summer fast approaching, many of the regulars will be taking vacations. Please help insure we have a Minyan every day. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

**Shabbat Shiur & Mincha:** We invite you to join us for the Rabbi's Shabbat shiur in the late afternoon, followed by Mincha services at approximately 7:00 pm. (see the sidebar for times). The topic will be "What's the problem with buying Dorot brand carrots from Price-Rite??" Come early and join in the interesting discussion.

**Shacharit on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31** Please note that on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, Shacharit davening will be at **8:30 am** instead of the usual time.

### **Torah Message for Parshas Behar from Rabbi Moldovan**

Shmittah is the Mitzvah to refrain from working one's field every 7th year. Following seven (7) Shmittah cycles, the 50th year is known as the Yovel, or Jubilee Year. In the Yovel year all slaves are freed as the verse (25:10) states "proclaim freedom throughout the land" with the proviso that "each man shall return to his family." Our progressive, Western society has adopted the idea of freedom as "do your own thing" as its catch-word. Authority of parents and elders is disregarded, convention is rejected, and social norms are constantly cast aside. Freedom means "I have a right to do what I want." The Torah's idea of freedom differs from that of the society we live in. When freedom is proclaimed, every man returns to his family in order to encourage spouses, parents, and children to grow together physically and emotionally as a unit, to continue passing the thousands year old tradition to the next generations. The Torah states that the Ten Commandments were engraved on two stone tablets. The Talmud notes that the Hebrew word for "engraved" ("chorut") can also be read as the Hebrew word for "freedom" ("cherut"). A child's perception of freedom is doing whatever one wants, but true freedom depends upon living according to the Ten Commandments and accepting the authority of Hashem over our lives to create a happy, stable, and and viable society.

**Shavuot Night Learning Program** Shavuot begins on Motzei Shabbat of Saturday the 11th of June. The Rabbi would like to organize a learning program for the night of Shavuot but is aware that the current Shavuot begins significantly later than most years. Please let the Rabbi know if you are interested in such a program, it will only go ahead if there are 10 interested people who are committed to coming. The proposed program will take place from 11:30pm to 12:45am.

**MAZEL TOV** to the Lerner family on the recent graduation of Benjamin Lerner, youngest son of Judy and Seth Lerner, from Yale University Medical School. We wish Benny much good luck in his future Medical career.

**Board Meeting** There will be a regular board meeting on Thursday evening, June 2 in the library at 6:50 PM. Board members should please make every effort to attend. You may email the office or Barbara to let us know your plans. Thank you very much. Barbara Tuckel

**Notice of Congregational Annual Meeting** This notice is to announce that the annual Congregation Ahavath Achim meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday morning, June 26 at 9:30 a.m in Zimmer Hall. The agenda will include the annual financial report, an update on the projected building sale and various committee reports. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Members in good standing are entitled to vote on proposals before the meeting.

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**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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**ANNUAL JOURNAL LUNCHEON EVENT** We are delighted to announce that this year's Journal honorees will be Andrew and Sara Klein. We cannot think of a more deserving couple to honor. Just several weeks ago we congratulated them on celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary, and during these years they have devoted themselves tirelessly to working for the well-being of Congregation Ahavath Achim. We congratulate them on accepting an honor that is just a small way of thanking them, and recognizing the countless responsibilities they have accepted to keep our synagogue growing and functioning. A meeting for the Journal Committee will be scheduled shortly.

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

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**Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Monday, May 30 – **Jack Goldman** (Uncle to Bill Wolper)                      Tuesday, May 31- **Adolph Kohn** (Grandfather to M. Kohn)  
Monday, May 30 – **Theodore Deutsch** (Brother to A. Deutsch)              Friday, June 3 – **Paul Zabol** (Father to Peggy Schwarzmer)

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.

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