

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Tzom Tammuz

## Parsha Balak

July 22-29, 2016 / 16-23 Tammuz 5776

### Schedule of Services:

#### Friday, July 22, 2016

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

#### Shabbat, July 23, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:20 AM
Rabbi's Class	7:05 PM
Mincha	7:50 PM
Shabbat Ends	9:00 PM

#### Sun-Thur, July 24-28, 2016

	Shacharit	Mincha & Ma'ariv	L O C
<b>Tzom Tammuz</b> See Schedule on Right			
Sun	8:30 AM	7:45 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	8:00 PM	<b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	8:00 PM	<b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	8:00 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	8:00 PM	<b>A</b>

**A - Ahavath Achim**

**B - Bikur Cholim on**

**Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt**

**K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt**

#### Friday, July 29, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	7:54 PM

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#### Torah Reading

Bamidbar	Pages:
22:2-25:9	856-875

#### Haftarah

Micah	Pages:
5:6-6:8	1189-1190

**People Come and People go – But The Minyan Continues:** Every week one or more of the Minyan regulars leaves on vacation. We need YOU to step up to ensure WE have a daily Minyan. **You** make the difference. 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 at 7:05 pm, The topic will be "Hebrew Pronunciation - Why don't we all pronounce beautiful Hebrew like Shalom Mizrahi?" followed by Mincha services at approximately 7:50 pm. (see the sidebar for times). - Come early and join in the interesting discussion.

#### Sunday July 24-Tzom Tammuz – Fast of Tammuz – Schedule:

- Fast Begins (Alos HaShachar) – 4:00 AM
- Shacharit – 8:30 AM
- Midday (Chatzos) – 12:59 PM
- Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:45 PM
- Fast Ends – (42 Minutes after Sunset) – 8:59 PM

#### Rabbi Moldovan's Torah Message for Parshas Balak

Bilam was a non-Jewish prophet who was hired by the Midianite king, Balak, to curse the Jewish people. On his way to the Jewish camp, he is confronted by an angel with a drawn sword that blocks his path. Rashi explains that this was an angel of mercy attempting to stop Bilam from transgressing. An angel of mercy with a drawn sword is not my idea of mercy! How can Rashi refer to this Angel as one of mercy? The commentaries explain that sometimes the path of mercy is taking an aggressive position in order to protect someone from harming themselves and others. True compassion is based on seeing the entire picture and understanding the situation. A parent who allows their child to do whatever they want in order to prevent the child from crying in an attempt to be compassionate is misguided. A child needs to be guided in order to protect himself from making unwise decisions in the early stages of their life and be trained to deal with obstacles. The same is true of any friend or relative who is on the path of error - the way of mercy is to help them correct their direction and make the correct decisions. True mercy comes from looking out for what is best for others. This is the lesson of Bilam's Angel of mercy.

#### "The Three Weeks"

Beginning with the 17th of Tammuz this Sunday until the 9th of Av (Sunday August 14th) we engage in a period of communal mourning known as "The Three Weeks" during which we mourn over the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash, may it be rebuilt speedily in our day. Haircuts and shaving are not permitted during this period. Please remember to go to the barber before Shabbos. Listening to music is limited during this period. Please contact Rabbi Moldovan (203-906-6296) with any questions you may have on this subject.

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

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**Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Sunday, July 24 – **Charles Basch** (Brother to David Basch)  
Thursday, July 28 – **Frieda Schor** (Mother to Roslyn Fishman)

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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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