

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Parshat Ki Teitze

August 28 – September 4, 2015 / 13-20 Elul 5775

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, August 28, 2015			
Shacharit	6:45 AM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM		
Candle Lighting	7:14 PM		
Shabbat, August 29, 2015			
Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM		
Latest Shema Time	9:35 AM		
Rabbi's Class	6:25 PM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:10 PM		
Shabbat Ends	8:13 PM		
Sun-Thur, Aug 30-Sept 3, 2015			
	Shacharit	Mincha Ma'ariv	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	7:10 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:10 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:10 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:10 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:10 PM	A
A - Ahavath Achim			
B - Bikur Cholim on			
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt			
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt			
Friday, September 4, 2015			
Shacharit	6:45 AM		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM		
Candle Lighting	7:03 PM		
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Devarim 21:10-25:19	1046-1067		
Haftorah			
Isaiah 54:1-10	1201		

3 Weeks and Counting: Rosh Hashana is a short 3 weeks away. Are you ready? Have you reviewed this past year, looking for areas to improve? We can help. Attend a minyan once a week, twice a week, or more. This will help you prepare for the new year and will **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

PRE-MINCHA SHIUR: The regular pre - mincha shiur by Rabbi Ephraim Meth will continue this Shabbat

Ad Journal and Gala Luncheon Huge Success: The 2015 Ad Journal, honoring Renee and Shalom Mizrahi, was presented at the Annual Gala Journal Luncheon Event this past Sunday to a large crowd gathered to honor Shalom and Renee. We are so glad and honored that Fairfield First Selectman, Michael Tetreau was able to attend and speak to the honorees and guests. Mr. Tetreau also presented Shalom and Renee, with a Town of Fairfield Declaration naming Sunday, August 23, 2015 as Shalom and Renee Mizrahi Day. President Barbara Tuckel introduced our honorees with a small summary of all their volunteer efforts and accomplishments. Rabbi Ephraim Meth also spoke briefly on their accomplishments and presented the honorees with a plaque citing their 25 years of service and a congregation gift of a art mezuzah designed by well-known artist/sculptor Gary Rosenblatt. It was an exciting afternoon and we look forward to celebrating together again at next year's event. The journal was designed by Susan Klein, ably assisted by Mom, Sara Klein and was distributed to the luncheon guests. Additional copies are available in the synagogue office. Out of town advertisers will receive a copy in the mail.



Thank You: Our deepest appreciation and thanks to the wonderful volunteer Journal committee. Although a small committee, they did a very large job with fabulous results. Thank you Sara Klein, Susan Klein, Diana Rich, Elaine Schiller, Barbara Tuckel, and Arnell providing office support. Kol Ha-Kavod for a job well done.

Rabbi Search Update: We were most fortunate that Rabbi Jeremy Moldovan was able to visit with our congregation and daven with us last weekend.

Everyone had an opportunity to meet and speak with him personally at Services, Kiddush and Afternoon Tea on Shabbat and Sunday at the Journal luncheon. The Rabbinic Search Committee has recommended to the Congregation to offer a two-year contract to Rabbi Moldovan for the position of part-time rabbi, beginning after Succot

Community Events: Community BBQ at Congregation Beth El on Sunday, August 30th. Admission is Free with two items of food for the Food Pantry.

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

High Holidays Information: As previously announced the sale of seats and honors is in full swing and the holidays are just a few short weeks away. Terry Augenbraun is working on seat sales and Peter Tuckel on Honors. Please contact these gentlemen to confirm your seats and honors as soon as possible. Please remember that finances are never a barrier to davening with us at Ahavath Achim. Call the office and you can be assured of the strictest confidentiality.

Don't forget to include your New Year Greeting on the new, decorated New Year Greetings Page. All income is being dedicated to the very important and needed repairs to the Eruv. Arnell is working diligently on the Memorial Book. Please contact her with your listing updates and any changes. We look forward to everyone joining in prayer together, especially during this month of Elul and the Yomim Noraim for the Peace and Safety of Israel, for the United States and for the entire world.

Iran Debate Information: As the debate progresses in Congress over whether or not to support the Iran nuclear deal, the same discussion is taking place in Jewish communities around the country. Although synagogues are not political advocacy organizations, given that the Iran nuclear deal will deeply affect Israel and the Jewish community. We believe it is incumbent on us to include the information received from our national and local organizations on the shul web site. Ellen Rothwax keeps the web site very well updated. Please check often for current messages and links to the Orthodox Union and the Jewish Federation messages. The Orthodox Union believes the Iran deal is far from the "Good Deal" that we advocated for with Congress and does not close off the pathways to an Iranian nuclear weapon. The Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act gives Congress 60 days to review the details of the deal and vote to approve or disapprove of its participation in lifting sanctions against Tehran. Check the shul web site for the Orthodox Union link or go directly to their web site. The forms to reach your U.S. Representative and Senators are easily available and even easier to complete. The time is short and your voice is critical.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Monday, August 31 – **Jay Dimand** (Grandmother)

Tuesday, September 1 – **Ellen Rothwax** (Grandfather)

Tuesday, September 1 – **Peter Thau** (Mother)

Thursday, September 3 – **Lionel Eliovson** (Mother)

Friday, September 4 – **Joe Macy** (Father)

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.

Community Event: Meet Anita Diamant, author of *The Boston Girl*, on Wednesday, September, 2 at 7:00 PM at the Henry Bennett Library, 115 Vine Road, Stamford, sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County. Free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served after the program *The story of the Jewish community of Boston? 85 year-old Addie answers her grand-daughter's question, "How did you get to be the woman you are today?"*

Board Meeting Notice: There will be a Regular Board meeting on Sunday evening, August 30th at 6:00pm in the Shul Library.