

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Chazak

Matos-Masei

August 5-12, 2016 / 1-8 AV 5776

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, August 5, 2016			
Rosh Chodesh AV			
Shacharit		6:30 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:46 PM	
Shabbat, August 6, 2016			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:26 AM	
Rabbi's Class		6:50 PM	
Mincha		7:35 PM	
Shabbat Ends		8:45 PM	
Sun-Thur, August 7-11, 2016			
	Shacharit	Mincha & Ma'ariv	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	7:45 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:45 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:45 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:45 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:45 PM	A
A - Ahavath Achim			
B - Bikur Cholim on			
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt			
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt			
Friday, August 5, 2016			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:37 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Bamidbar	Pages:		
30:2-36:13		900-935	
Haftarah			
Jeremiah	Pages:		
2:4-28; 3:4		1193-1194	

Something About Sunday. Thanks to everyone's help, we've been able to get a minyan together almost every day. The one exception is Sunday. We frequently struggle to get the minyan, often not until late in the service. We start services at 8:30 am, so please make the effort to add Sunday to your Minyan schedule. Come early, come often, and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Rabbi Moldovan's Torah Message for Parshas Mattos - At the end of Parshas Mattos we are presented with the descendants of the tribes of Reuven, Gad, and Menashe who settled on the Eastern banks of the Jordan river. The last possuk introduces us to Novach, a descendant of Menashe, who conquered territory and named it after himself - the city of Novach. Rashi comments, based on a grammatical anomaly, that the name of the city changed over time. Novach's memorial disappeared. The commentaries ask why the Torah tells us the temporary name of a city. If the name of the city is important, the Torah should tell us its permanent name! Rav Shimshon Raphael Hirsch explains that the Torah is teaching us an important principle. Kings, rulers, and monarchs leave monuments to themselves through statues, buildings, and even cities named after themselves. These monuments can be destroyed and these names can be changed easily and then nothing is left, as evidenced by Novach. The good deeds and spiritual attainments of a person are the only true everlasting monuments that cannot be damaged or altered. This is the lesson of Novach.

New Woman's Rosh Chodesh Program - Congregation Ahavath Achim is proud to announce the initiation of a woman's Rosh Chodesh program. The inaugural event will be hosted by Sharon Risch at 255 Sky Top on Sunday August 28th at 10:15am. Refreshments will be served and the Rabbi will lead a discussion on a topic to be announced.

Nine Days of Mourning before Tisha B'Av - We are currently in the three week period of mourning preceding Tisha B'Av and have restrictions on cutting hair, shaving, listening to music, and weddings. From Rosh Chodesh Av (Friday, August 5th), we will enter a state of increased mourning as we get closer to the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. The following are restricted during those nine days:

- 1) Eating meat and drinking wine. They can be eaten on Shabbos.
- 2) Laundering clothing. Children's diapers and children's clothing that consistently soils may be laundered.
- 3) Wearing freshly laundered clothing. One should prepare for the nine days by wearing freshly laundered clothing for a short while in order to be able to wear them during the nine days. This does not apply to underwear, socks etc. Freshly

laundered clothing should be worn on Shabbos, but they must be laundered before the nine days begin.

- 4) New clothing can't be bought. Non-leather shoes for Tisha B'Av can be purchased.
- 5) Taking a shower/bath is prohibited. Bathing in cold or lukewarm water to remove dirt or perspiration is permitted. One may take a hot shower with soap and shampoo before Shabbos.
- 6) Swimming is prohibited.
- 7) Restrictions beginning on the seventeenth of Tammuz continue ie haircuts, shaving, music, and weddings.

Please call Rabbi Moldovan (203-906-6296) with any questions.

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Shabbos of Erev Tisha B'Av - We will be davening Mincha early on Saturday, August 13th in order to accommodate congregants having a large seudah shlishit to prepare for the fast. The Rabbi will be giving the regular pre-Mincha class at 4:45 pm followed by Mincha at 5:30 pm.

Please be aware that eating must be finished by 7:54 pm of Saturday, August 13th. We say "boruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol" at 8:36 pm and change out of our Shabbos clothing and into non-leather shoes. Havdalah is not made on Saturday night but is deferred until Sunday night following Tisha B'Av. The blessing on the Havdalah candle alone will be made in shul prior to Eichah on Saturday night. On Sunday night Havdalah is made on a cup of wine and no blessing is made on spices or on the flame.

Tisha B'Av Movie – There will be a screening of "Paper Clips", a film about the attempt of the school-children of a blue-collar Tennessee community to collect 6 million paper-clips to gauge the magnitude of what was lost in the holocaust. The film will screen at 2:15pm in Zimmer Hall.

Annual Ad Journal Campaign Update - Thank you to our members who responded with ads this week, but we still have a way to go to reach our goal of \$30,000 - and it's definitely a doable number – but only if YOU DO YOUR part and send in your ad now. This year's Journal will be a special Virtual Journal to honor Andrew and Sara Klein with the Bezalel Builder's Award that will be presented at our Annual Journal Luncheon on Sunday, September 11. Your ad is your commitment to Ahavath Achim's future presence as a Modern Orthodox synagogue in Fairfield. You can also send your ad by email to office@ahavathachim.org OR call the office (203-372-6529) any time and leave a message for Arnell on our brand new telephone system.

Thank You to Jay Dimand for spending many hours last week investigating and installing the new phone and answer system in the office. Our phone is again fully operational thanks to Jay's time and expertise.

Sunday Morning Men's Breakfast 'n Learn following 8:30 am Shacharis - Book the date of Sunday, August 28th for the continuation of our Breakfast 'n Learning Series. Our last meeting was very well attended and all enjoyed the breakfast as well as the lively discussion.

Eruv Training - We are looking for volunteers to check the Eruv. Training in the Halachic and practical aspects of the Eruv will be provided. Please call Rabbi Moldovan on 203-906-6296 to express interest.

Kashrus Course - Rabbi Moldovan will be participating in a three-week Kashrus course given by the Orthodox Union. He will focus on equipment and technology to implement in our new kitchen when we move to a new building in the near future.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Thursday, August 11 – **Mark Breiner** (Grandmother)

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.

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