

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



November 4 -11, 2016

3-10 Heshvan 5777

Parshat Noach

Schedule of Services:

Friday, November 4, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:25 PM
Candle Lighting	5:26 PM

Shabbat, November 5, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	10:03 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	5:15 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:25 PM

Sun-Thur, November 6-10, 2016

	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 on

Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt

K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt

Friday, November 11, 2016

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

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Torah Reading

Bereishit 6:9-11:32	30-53
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Haftorah

Isaiah 54:1-55:5	1131-1132
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Turn your clocks back 1 hour Saturday Night as Daylight Savings Time ends. Reset your clocks before you go to sleep. Get up, fully rested, and come to the morning Minyan. With the end of Daylight Savings time Saturday Night/Sunday Morning, we gain an extra hour of sleep. So there is no reason you can't be "bright eyed and bushy tailed" for Minyan Sunday morning. So, come early, come often, and **Help keep Our Minyan Strong!**



Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

"Noach was a perfect Tzaddik in his generation" begins the Parshah. Rashi asks why the possuk specifies the status of Noach "in his generation." What is the Torah trying to teach us? Rashi explains that Noach was only a Tzaddik relative to the wicked generation in which he lived - only "in his generation" was Noach a Tzaddik. Objectively though, Noach was not a Tzaddik and had Noach lived in a more righteous generation he would not have been considered a Tzaddik. The Torah teaches that the leader of a generation is representative of the people. A good generation breeds objectively great leaders and an inferior generation breeds inferior leaders as per the caliber of the people.

From what I understand, there has never been a US election where it seems that the majority of voters will be deciding who NOT to vote for! The lesser of two evils appears to be the theme of this election. Criticism of both candidates is rampant. Past misdemeanors are routinely uncovered. Character flaws are communicated with almost every statement of the combatants. Yet nobody wonders why America "merited" to be gifted with these nominees. One exceedingly off-putting candidate for the post of the most powerful person in the world can be deemed an aberration. Two such candidates indicate a problem.

In a generation where immorality is the norm, where swear words have become part of the lingua franca, where intimacy before marriage is the norm, where the college campus is famous for being a hotbed of sexual activity, where extra-marital affairs are rampant, where one can barely peek at any form of advertisement be it print, television, or internet without being exposed to sexually provocative persuasion, is it any surprise that a candidate for leader of this society is accused of being crude and immoral?

In a generation where white collar crime is accepted as normal, where nobody bats an eye when cheating on their taxes, where someone's word in business is worthless without a written and signed contract, where leaders of the business world are famous for their legally sanctioned corruption by way of exorbitant salaries and payouts for themselves and their cronies, is it any surprise that a candidate for leader of this society is accused of being dishonest and corrupt?

A generation's leaders are reflective of the society that they govern, especially in a democratically elected system. The next president of the United States of America may just well be the "tzaddik" of their generation.

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Community Events

Jewish Arts & Film Festival – Monday, Nov. 7, 2 PM: *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* – A film to “excite the taste buds with multi-cultural recipes, mouthwatering dishes, and interviews with chefs, all speaking the universal language of food.” At the Jewish Senior Services Campus, 4200 Park Ave., Bridgeport. In partnership with the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy. Tickets \$15; Seniors 62+ No Charge

Jewish Family Services Updated Volunteer Information: Please call or email Ellen Ashkins (203-365-6417 or Eashkins@jseniors.org) if you are interested in volunteering at JSS. There are many wonderful volunteering opportunities including one-to-one visits, writing letters, transporting residents to activities, and hospice care

Jewish & Israeli Music by the Maccabeats, Sunday, Nov. 6, 3 PM: One of the world’s premier a cappella singing groups will perform Jewish and Israeli songs for all ages and backgrounds at the United Jewish Center, 141 Deer Hill Avenue. This unique group of male singers was formed in 2007 at New York’s Yeshiva University and uses only the human voice as their instruments. Tickets for the 3 PM concert are \$ 20 per person. Children 16 and under must be accompanied by a paid ticketholder. Admission for children 10 and under is free. For tickets go to <https://maccabeats2016.eventbrite.com> For information, contact United Jewish Center at 203-748-3355.

Introducing Alef-Tav Hebrew for Children, Weekly on Wednesdays: A new program from Israelis-in-CT in collaboration with The Israel House. This is a language program for children who understand or speak Hebrew. Classes will be taught by certified Israeli teachers and will meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons, starting November 2. For details and registration, contact Lilach or Hillit at israelisinct@hotmail.com.

Jewish Senior Services needs Minyan Menschen: JSS is in great need of men to help make the daily Minyan to help Residents say Kaddish 365 days of the year. Our Minyan hours will not overlap with most synagogue’s Minyan. Feel free to contact Rabbi Stephen Shulman, Director, Pastoral Services at (203) 396-1001 or email sshulman@jseniors.org for exact service times.

Fitness Grand Opening Weekend, Nov. 18-20: \$100 off Registration all weekend. The first 100 visitors of the weekend will be entered into a raffle to win one of many special prizes. J Fitness is the onsite fitness center at Jewish Senior Services, 4200 Park Ave., Bridgeport, that is open to the public. Call for more specifics: 203-365-6444

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Sunday, November 6 – **Edith Scheinberg** (Mother to Judy Lerner)

Wednesday, November 9 – **Helen Velenchik** (Mother to Cathy Velenchik – Joy))

Wednesday, November 9 **Samuel Dentz** (Father to Marvin Dentz)

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.

Don’t Forget to Vote Tuesday, November 8

VOTE

Veteran’s Day Friday November 11 –



We thank all veteran’s for their service and sacrifice.

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