


CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Shabbat Chazak

Parshat Pekudei

March 11-18, 2016 / 1-8 Adar II - 5776

Schedule of Services:					
Friday, March 11, 2016					
Rosh Chodesh Adar II					
Shacharit		6:30 AM			
Mincha/Ma'ariv		5:35 PM			
Candle Lighting		5:37 PM			
Shabbat, March 12, 2016					
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM			
Latest Shema Time		9:06 AM			
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM			
Mincha		12:35 PM			
Shabbat Ends		6:39 PM			
Ma'ariv		7:00 PM			
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 Set clocks ahead 1 hour Sunday at 2:00 am					
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 *Mincha: Sun-Thur 2:40 PM- Kollel					
Friday, March 18, 2016					
Shacharit		6:45 AM			
Mincha/Ma'ariv		6:45 PM			
Candle Lighting		6:45 PM			
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Torah Reading					
Shemot	38:21-40:38	530-541			
Haftarah					
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Our Miracle Minyan: This past Shabbat, the congregation had to find last minute replacements for a number of portions of the service. Those who were present saw what can happen when a minyan comes together to ensure the "Davening must go on!" While Shabbat was an extreme case, we do this every day. So join our Miracle Minyanim. Commit to at least 1 day a week. Please be on time. Come and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: There will not be a pre-Mincha class this Shabbat. We will have an early mincha following the bris seuda.

Mazel Tov Rabbi & Hadassh Moldovan on the Birth of a Boy
 Our congregational family extends sincerest Mazel Tov to Rabbi and Hadassah and all the family on the new addition of a son to their family. This bris will take place this Shabbat morning. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Rabbi Moldovan Sholom Zachor and Bris: In honour of the birth of the Rabbi's son, the Rabbi will be hosting a Shalom Zachor in the shul library on Friday night from 8:30pm-10pm. The Bris will be on Shabbos after davening at approximately 11:15am followed by a Seudat Bris in Zimmer Hall for all congregants. Mazal Tov.

Inaugural Diane Feigenson Memorial Lecture in Jewish Literature:
 Dr. Dovid Katz, one of the world's leading authorities on the Yiddish language and on Eastern European Jewish history and culture, will be coming to our area as part of his 2016 North American Lecture Tour. **On Wednesday, March 30 he will be delivering the Inaugural Diane Feigenson Memorial Lecture in Jewish Literature at Fairfield University and on Sunday, April 3, the Louis and Edith Scheinberg Memorial Lecture at Congregation AgudathSholom in Stamford.** Dovid Katz was Judy Lerner's fellow classmate at the Yeshivah of Flatbush High School and she describes him as brilliant, principled, and very engaging. These are lectures you will not want to miss. Both lectures are free and open to the public. Please see details below:

Wed., March 30, 7:30PM Fairfield University
Inaugural Diane Feigenson Memorial Lecture in Jewish Literature
"Exotic Exploits and Contentious Chapters in Modern Yiddish Literature"

<https://www.fairfield.edu/academics/schoolscollegescenters/academiccenters/carlanddorothybennettcenterforjudaicstudies/lectures/>

Sunday, April 3, 8PM Congregation AgudathSholom, Stamford, CT
 Scheinberg Memorial Lecture

"The Old Hebrew-Yiddish Conflict and Its Ongoing Legacies"

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15gAINWL6_b-YkGCOfoPwu9FRYoRqhdEjldvwwJ-bcY0/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.i0

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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Purim is Almost Here - Support our Annual Mishloach Manot Project

Would you like to reciprocate to someone who has sent you a Mishloach Manot basket? We will be glad to provide you with this service. You can enjoy the goodies you receive and know that others will enjoy the goodies you have sent to them.. Please advise Arnell in the shul office if you would like to avail yourself of this service. Don't delay. Call Arnell today. Thank you, Renee

Halachos of Purim

There are four Mitzvos on the day of Purim. Some are more familiar than others so we will seek to give a brief outline of these Mitzvos:

1) **Hearing the Megillah** - One should hear the Megillah both on the night of Purim and the day of Purim. This applies to men and woman like. Every word of the Megillah should be heard - be careful to pay close attention around the name of Haman so that the banging does not interfere with your hearing.

2) **Mishloach Manot** - One gift of two different foods is the minimum requirement to fulfill this Mitzvah. It is questionable if one fulfills his obligation through participating in the shul's Mishloach Manot, even though it is positive to also send through the shul. Therefore, one should make sure to give one gift of two foods (can be an apple and an orange, or a candy bar and a juice box etc.) to a Jew on Purim to fulfill the minimal obligation. This Mitzvah is to be performed during the day of Purim - any Mishloach Manot sent at night are still positive, but one must be certain to leave at least one Mishloach Manot of two types of food to give to a Jew on the day of Purim.

3) **Matanot L'evyonim** - Two gifts of money to two needy people. Minimum amount is \$8/person = \$16 total. It is praiseworthy and a bigger Mitzvah to give more than the minimum. Men and woman are obligated in this Mitzvah. Money can be given to the Rabbi before Purim to be distributed on Purim.

4) **Seudat Purim** - A festive meal, similar in quality to a Yom-Tov meal. Must be during the day of Purim and not the night. Can be in the morning. Some alcohol (preferably wine) should be drunk - a bit more than one usually drinks - unless one does not like alcohol.

Have a good Purim

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

Yahrtzeits for the week: Saturday, March 12- **Mark Fishman (Father)**

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.

Recent Golden Book Contributions

<p>In Memory of Minnie Billig Lee and Bernard Dickens</p> <p>In Memory of Judith Brown Lee and Bernard Dickens</p> <p>In Memory of Bernard Goldberg's Mother Arlene and Marvin Dentz Roz and Mark Fishman Helene and Ralph Green Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky Elaine and Martin Schiller Peter and Barbara Tuckel</p> <p>Refuah Shelama to Zoltan Guttman Lisa and Bill Rappoport</p> <p>In Honor of the Birthdays of Sara and Andrew Klein Goldie Librach</p>	<p>Warm Wishes to Sharon Lake Barbara and Peter Tuckel</p> <p>Warm Wishes to Debra Lozanov Barbara and Peter Tuckel</p> <p>In Honor of Elaine and Martin Schiller's Wedding Anniversary Barbara and Peter Tuckel</p> <p>Speedy Recovery to Peter Thau Julia Fischer</p> <p>In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson to Barbara and Peter Tuckel Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky Goldie Librach Renee and Shalom Mizrahi Elaine and Martin Schiller</p>
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Please remember that Golden Book greeting cards are a great way to honor someone or remember a loved one.

