

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Parshat Shoftim

August 21-28, 2015 / 6-13 Elul 5775

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, August 21, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:25 PM	
Shabbat, August 22, 2015			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:32 AM	
Rabbi's Class		6:35 PM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:20 PM	
Shabbat Ends		8:24 PM	
Sun-Thur, August 23-27, 2015			
	Shacharit	Mincha Ma'ariv	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	7:20 PM	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:20 PM	K
Tue	6:45 AM	7:20 PM	K
Wed	6:45 AM	7:20 PM	B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:20 PM	A
A - Ahavath Achim			
B - Bikur Cholim on			
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt			
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt			
Friday, August 28, 2015			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		7:14 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Devarim	16:18-21:9	1024-1045	
Haftorah			
Isaiah	51:12-12	1199-1200	

Elul is Here: As we approach Rosh Hashana, this is a good time to look within ourselves before we are judged. While you review yourself, don't forget to check your Minyan Meter. How often have you attended Minyan last week? Last Month? It's not too late to start now. This will **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

PRE-MINCHA SHABBAT SHIUR: The regular pre-mincha shiur by Rabbi Ephraim Meth continues this Shabbat.

Gala Journal Event, Sunday, August 23, 12:30 pm: Our Annual Gala Journal Luncheon Event has arrived and we are very proud to announce that First Selectman Michael Tetreau will be joining us again this year to celebrate our honorees, Shalom and Renee Mizrahi with the 2015 Bezalel Builders Award. We are looking forward to an exciting afternoon. If you missed the deadline for submitting your ad, it is never too late. Arnell will be preparing an addendum to the Journal this week and if you call or email the office, you can still be included. Don't be shut out of this opportunity to show your appreciation to our honorees and support Ahavath Achim as we move to a new and exciting future.

Rabbi Jeremy Moldovan is visiting Ahavath Achim: Everyone is invited to join us this coming Shabbat, Parshat Shoftim, to meet the new candidate for our part time rabbi position. Rabbi Moldovan will be leyning on Shabbat, presenting the Shabbat drasha and speaking at Seudah Shelesheet. There will be an extended kiddush and late afternoon tea when you can meet with Rabbi Moldovan personally. Rabbi Moldovan is originally from Australia, and is currently living in Israel with his wife, Hadassah and three small children. He is currently studying at the Jerusalem Kollel and is participating in a comprehensive outreach training program, partnering with Ner L'Ele. He is a graduate of University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, with many unique skills both secular and Judaic.

Rabbi Molodovan has received advanced rabbinic training under the auspices of Rav Yitzchok Berkovits, Rosh Kollel of the Jerusalem Kollel. He received semichah in Shabbos and is currently in the process of receiving semichah in Issur V'heter from Rav Yitzchok Berkovits. In addition, Rabbi Moldovan has received semichah in Niddah from Rav Zalman Nechemia Goldberg.



Rabbi Moldovan's many skills include being a certified Shatnez Tester, a certified Sofer Stam, and he is in the process of receiving certification for checking and repairing Tefillin and Torahs. He is also in the process of receiving certification for being a Kashrus Mashgiach. We urge you to come and meet Rabbi Moldovan personally

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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High Holidays Information Packet: As previously announced, the information packet for the coming High Holidays has been mailed and should you not have it already please call the shul office and another will be sent. 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.

KOLLEL RETURNS: The regular location schedule has resumed.

MAZEL TOV: We have just learned that the patriarch of one of our stalwart member families has recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Many special happy birthday wishes to Zoltan (Zolly) Guttman on this wonderful occasion. May you continue in good health with much happiness and continued nachas from all the children and grandchildren, "*ad meah v'esrim.*"

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.

UNVEILING FOR BETTY. SCHWARTZ, z"l: The unveiling of the monument for Betty Schartz, z"l, will take place on Sunday morning, August 23rd, at 10:30 am, at the Ahavath Achim cemetery.

Refuah Shelema: 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:

Thursday, August 27 – **Larry Gelb** (Mother)

Thursday, August 27 – **Lee Dickens** (Father)

GOLDEN BOOK RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

In Memory of Jani Zimmer's Father
Pamela Zimmer

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Goldie Librach's Grandson,
Holden Cohen

In Honor of Channah Rich's Graduation from NYU's School of
Medicine
Sara and Andrew Klein
Elaine and Martin Schiller

Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky
Elaine and Martin Schiller

In Honor of Sharon and Harvey Risch's 25th Wedding
Anniversary
Susan Klein
Barbara and Peter Tuckel

In Honor of Lisa and Jonathan Klein's Wedding Anniversary
Pamela Zimmer

In Memory of Frances Sinay's Mother
Barbara and Peter Tuckel

In Honor of Tali Schwarzmer's Forthcoming Marriage
Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky

In Memory of Sarah Konovitch, Sharon Risch's Mother
Debra and Joel Allen

In Honor of Arlene and David Jutkowitz's 42nd Wedding
Anniversary
Elaine and Martin Schiller
Pamela Zimmer

In Memory of Gloria Samowitz
Susan Klein

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

