

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



NCSY Extreme Shabbat Makeover

Parshat Tetzaveh

February 19-26, 2016 / 10-17 Adar I - 5776

Schedule of Services:			
Friday, February 19, 2016			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		5:10 PM	
Candle Lighting		5:13 PM	
NCSY Extreme Shabbat Makeover			
Shabbat, February 20, 2016			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:24 AM	
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM	
Mincha		12:35 PM	
Shabbat Ends		6:15 PM	
Ma'ariv		6:30 PM	
Sun-Thur, Feb 21-25, 2016			
	Shacharit	+ Ma'ariv * Mincha & Ma'ariv	L O C
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			
Sun-Thur 2:40 PM Mincha at Kollel			
Friday, February 26, 2016			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		5:20 PM	
Candle Lighting		5:21 PM	
Page Numbers:			
Torah Reading			
Shemot	Pages:		
27:20-30-10		464-483	
Haftorah			
Ezekiel	Pages:		
43:10-27		1159-1160	

Baby It's Cold Outside: Have you noticed the temperature change this past week? Below 0° Sunday Morning. 50° Tuesday. Regardless of the temperature outside, we try to keep it warm and welcoming inside. Come inside and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: Immediately after Kiddush, we will have a Rabbi's Class (11:50am), followed by Mincha (at 12:35pm). We will return after Shabbat ends (at 6:15pm) for Ma'ariv (at 6:30pm). Please remember to recite "**Baruch hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol**" in order to end Shabbat before driving or doing other work that is prohibited on Shabbat.

NCSY EXTREME SHABBAT: It's finally here!!! The NCSY teens and advisors will be arriving on Friday and will run the Shabbat services and engage the community in Shabbat meals. Following Ma'ariv on Friday night, they will be hosting a community-wide festive Shabbat dinner in Zimmer Hall for all the teens in Fairfield. We have reached out to BBYO, Merkaz, Rodeph Sholom, Beth-El, Bnai Israel, and Chabad to contribute to serve the needs of the community. Following Shacharit on Saturday the NCSY teens will join Ahavath Achim for an enjoyable Shabbat luncheon in Zimmer Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Please be sure to have a pre-paid, reservation for Shabbat lunch. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, effort, money, and homes to accommodate this event.

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan The 8 unique garments of the *Kohen Gadol* are enumerated in *Parshat Tetzaveh* - the *Meil* (robe), *Kesones* (tunic), *Ephod* (apron), *Avnet* (belt), *Choshen* (breastplate), *Tzitz* (headplate), *Mitznefet* (turban), and *Michnasayim* (pants). The *Choshen* was the means by which the *Kohen Gadol* could receive an answer from Hashem to issues of *Halachah* and guidance in Jewish conduct. A piece of parchment with a question would be placed between the fold of the *Choshen*. Engraved letters on the stones of the *Choshen* would light up to spell out the heavenly response. The *Choshen* was the address for the most difficult cases of *Halachah*. The *Choshen* was worn "on" ("al") the heart of the *Kohen Gadol*, or above his heart to symbolize that, the pursuit of justice must extend beyond the feelings of one's heart. A righteous judge may be swayed to go with his feelings over his honest judgement in a case between a rich person and a poor person - the wealthy party should probably forego that money

for *tzedakah* anyway! The Torah teaches that we must always use our objective senses when analyzing a Halachic situation. Sensitivity for the plight of the poor and the depressed is of extreme value in the Jewish system of ethics but it shrinks in comparison to the ultimate value of the pursuit of truth and justice and a consistent and unbiased legal system.

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Baruch Dayan Emet It is with very deep sadness that we inform you of the untimely passing of Bryan Seedman, beloved brother of Tammy Loeser, brother-in-law to Doron Loeser, and son of the late Barbara and Albert Seedman. The Seedman and Loeser families have been devoted members of Congregation Ahavath Achim and we send our most sincere condolences to their bereaved families. A Gravesite burial will take place tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 20th at 2:30pm at Ahavath Achim Cemetery. The particulars regarding shiva will be sent as soon as they are available. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Purim Mishloach Manot: Purim is just a few weeks away and Renee has been very busy preparing for the annual Purim fund-raising project. She has prepared an order form with complete list of names that will be very easy for you to complete in order to order your Mishloach Manot baskets. Renee is again preparing a basket of special Israeli wine and treats for you. This is a wonderful way to share the joys and Mitzvot of PURim with friends and family and help support our shul. Please complete your order form as soon as you receive it in the mail and return to Arnell in the office for processing. A self-addressed envelope is included. Please remember that we can only deliver to the immediate Fairfield-Bridgeport area. Or we can send special Purim cards to people outside the immediate area. Please see the order form for information about sending our new Purim card. Chag Purim Sameach to everyone.

Community Events

Father & Son learning Continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Tetzaveh, February 20, at 6:30pm

Sunday, February 28, 7:00 pm: Barry Shrage, President, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, speaking on "The Jewish Renaissance: Looking Back...Ten Years Later." Mr. Shrage looks back at some of the forecasts that he made... and what can the American Jewish community expect in the next ten years. Sponsored by Young Israel of Stamford & United Jewish Federation of Greater Stamford, New Canaan, and Darien. Location at the Young Israel of Stamford, 69 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford. Free. Open to the Public.

Refuah Shelemah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon,, Yitzy 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, February 25 – **Doron Loeser** (Mother)

Thursday, February 25 - **Allison Spitzer** (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.
