

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## Parshat Tzav

March 25-April 1, 2016 / 15-22 Adar II - 5776

### Schedule of Services:

#### Friday, March 25, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50 PM
Candle Lighting	6:63 PM

#### Shabbat, March 26, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:52 AM
Rabbi's Class	5:55 PM
Mincha	6:40 PM
Shabbat Ends	7:54 PM

#### Sun-Thur, Mar 27-31, 2016

	Shacharit	*- Mincha +- 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 + A
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM + A

**A - Ahavath Achim**

**B - Bikur Cholim on**

**Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt**

**K - Kollel on 85 Arlington St., Bpt**

**\*Mincha: Sun-Thur 2:40 PM at Kollel**

#### Friday, April 1, 2016

#### Shushan Purim

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
Candle Lighting	7:00 PM

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#### Torah Reading

Vayikra 6:1-8:36	568-587
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#### Haftarah

Jeremiah 7:21-8:3,9:22-23	1167-1168
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**Countdown to Passover Minyanim** Purim begins tonight and that means Passover is right around the corner. Passover cleaning should include your Minyan habits. Come early. Come often. Make Minyan your new habit. Come and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

**Shabbat Shiur & Mincha:** We have now resumed our normal Shabbat schedule with the rabbi's shiur in the late afternoon, followed by mincha services (see the sidebar for times). This Shabbat shiur topic will be: Is a woman required to sell and nullify her Chametz? Come early and join in the interactive discussion.

#### **Purim Sameach to Everyone:**

Tanit Esther (Fast) ends at 7:51 pm today. A Lite Break Fast, sponsored by the Congregation, will be in Zimmer Hall following Megillah reading. Come and hear the Megillah reading chanted this year by our own Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan. Reminder: There will be a 2nd Megillah reading at 9:30 am, Thursday morning, for anyone who wasn't able to come to the early morning shacharit minyan. Bring your masks and hidden personalities for Purim Fun

**Machzit Hashekel (the half-shekel)** - It is customary to give three half dollars to charity before Minchah of Taanis Esther or on the morning of Purim. There will be genuine silver half-dollars in baskets at shul. One can purchase these half-dollars by placing money into the basket with intent to "buy" these half-dollars. He can then give the half-dollars back to shul to fulfill the mitzvah of machzit hashekel.

**Thank You to Doron and Tammy Loeser** for sponsoring Seudah Shelesheet this past Shabbat, Parshah Vayikra, marking the end of the Shloshim period for the recent passing of Tammy Seedman Loeser's brother, Bryan Seedman, z"l.

**Pre-Pesach Class:** Sorry to advise that the March 27, Sunday morning class is cancelled. Please feel free to call Rabbi Moldovan (203-906-6296) or to email him ([rymoldovan@gmail.com](mailto:rymoldovan@gmail.com)) with any questions you may have regarding Pesach.

#### **Call for More Volunteers to Join Committee to Evaluate Secular and Judaic Contents of Synagogue**

Now that we are further along in the process of selling the building, this Committee, under the leadership of Sara Klein, is continuing to dispose of unwanted/unused secular contents and earmarking what will probably be kept. This is a very challenging and detailed undertaking; more volunteers are needed. We must ensure that our synagogue's history is properly preserved by looking carefully at our contents and beginning to discuss what should be put aside to take with us. Please help by joining this important effort. Call the office or email Sara [sakl31@aol.com](mailto:sakl31@aol.com) if you can serve.

**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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### **It's Time to Start Planning Our Annual Journal Event**

Yes, it is that time again, and we need to start early so that we can celebrate the selected honorees properly and make this a spectacularly successful fundraiser. We need volunteers willing to spend time organizing the ad collection and planning the event. Please email Barbara if you can serve at [bktuckel1836@gmail.com](mailto:bktuckel1836@gmail.com).

### **Jewish Community Widow/Widowers Group will hold a Musical Brunch, Sunday, April 3, 11 am-1 pm at Cong. Bnai Israel, 2710 Park Ave., Bridgeport.**

A Lite Kosher Dairy Brunch is provided at no cost. Sponsored by Jewish Family Service and the

Congregations of the Greater Bridgeport Community; Ahavath Achim, Bnai Israel, Beth El, Bnai Torah Bikur Cholim and Rodeph Sholom. RSVP to JFS at 203-366-5438 or [info@jfsc.org](mailto:info@jfsc.org).

**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-

"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

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

**Refuah Shelema** 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.

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### **Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Saturday, March 26 – **Doron Loeser** (Mother)

Monday, March 23 – **Jay Dimand** (Grandfather)

Wednesday, March 30 – **Bernard Goldberg**

(Father)

Friday, April 1 – **Mark Breiner** (Grandfather)

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.

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