

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Parshat Va'era

January 8-15, 2016 / 27 Tevet-5 Shevat - 5776

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, January 8, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:20 PM
Candle Lighting		4:23 PM
Shabbat, January 9, 2016		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:39 AM
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM
Mincha		12:30 PM
Shabbat Ends		5:24 PM
Ma'ariv		5:45 PM
Sun-Thur, Jan 10-14, 2016		
	+ Ma'ariv	L
	* Mincha	O
	& Ma'ariv	C
Shacharit		
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM + A
Rosh Chodesh Shevat		
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		
2:40 PM Mincha at Kollel		
Friday, January 15, 2016		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:25 PM
Candle Lighting		4:30 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Shemot	Pages:	
6:2-9:35		318-339
Haftorah		
Ezekiel	Pages:	
28:25-29:21		1149-1150

It is Personal: Attending the Daily Minyan is a very personal thing for the core group that attends regularly. Is it personal for you? Do you prioritize the Daily Minyan in your schedule? Make it personal. Come 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 12:30pm). We will return after Shabbat ends (at 5:24pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:45pm). 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.

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

Moshe is commanded by Hashem to meet Pharaoh by the Nile in the morning to warn him of the impending plague of blood. Rashi explains that Pharaoh publicized himself as no mere mortal but rather a supreme god with no physical needs of a regular human being. He hid his defecation by relieving himself in the Nile every morning in order to perpetuate this myth. Pharaoh was to be approached and warned at the most inconvenient and vulnerable point of his day. We see from here how far an individual can go in the pursuit of honor. Pharaoh was already a monarch and dictator in control of the most powerful country in the world at the time. Yet he still physically afflicted himself and delayed relieving himself in order to portray himself as an even higher being. This is what the Mishnah in Pirkei Avos (4:21) refers to when it teaches "jealousy, lust, and pride remove a person from this world" - one's desires can lead them to act so irrationally to the point that they appear to be from another planet.

2-Part Series on Relationships

Rabbi Moldovan will deliver a 2-part series on the Jewish concept of relationships.

Sunday 7 February 8:00pm - "Pre-nups - appropriate for a Jewish marriage?"

Sunday 14 February 8:00pm - "Love or lust - the Jewish conception of marriage"

NCSY is coming to Fairfield!

Ahavath Achim will be hosting NCSY for their successful new program "Extreme Shabbos Makeover". A group of teens and advisers will come to

Fairfield and run the Shabbat services and an Oneg Shabbos. Festive Shabbath meals will be hosted in the Zimmer Hall. Volunteers to help plan or to offer sleeping space for the group would be greatly appreciated. More details to follow.

Security Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10

Lieutenant James Perez of the Fairfield Police will provide information about security in the synagogue and answer questions from 9:45-10:45 AM in Zimmer Hall.

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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Community Events

Mega Challah Bake: Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 7:00 PM at Beth Israel of Westport/Norwalk, 40 King Street, Norwalk. The Mega Challah Bake will be led by world renowned Chef Sara Briman, winner of the Five Star Diamond Award for the best Challah by the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences. Fees: \$18pp - \$180 Individual Sponsor- \$15 YJP, Students & Girls. Participants will make their own loaves of Challah and learn the art and secrets of baking delicious Challah Register at www.megachallahbake.com

Tehillim Group Meeting: The next meeting of Gina Gelb Tehillim Group is scheduled for Monday night, January 11 at 8:00 pm at the home of Miriam and Charles Parker, 134 WynnWood Rd. Fairfield. Please call or email Miriam to let her know you will be attending.

Father & Son Learning

Continues at Cong. Bikur Cholim, Parshat Va'era, January 9, at 6:30pm.

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

Yahrzeits for the week:

Saturday, January 9 – **Barbara Tuckel** (Mother)
Thursday, January 14 – **Michael London** (Mother)

Friday, January 15 – **Bill Wolper** (Grandfather)

Yahrzeits 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 will be there for you.**

If you would like an Aliyah on the Shabbat before the Yahrzeit, please make sure you are in Shul before Torah Reading. If you arrive late, we cannot guarantee you an honor.
