

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Chanukah

Parsha Vayeishev

December 23-30, 2016 / 23 Kislev – 1 Tevet 5777

## Schedule of Services:

### Friday, December 23, 2016

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 PM
Candle Lighting	4:10 PM

### Shabbat, December 24, 2016

Shabbat Shacharit	9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:37 AM
Mincha	12:20 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:11 PM
Ma'ariv	5:26 PM

### Sun-Thur, December 25-29, 2016

#### Chanukah – Day 1 – Day 5

**Mincha 2:10pm at Kollel**

	Shacharit	Ma'ariv	
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	<b>K</b>
Tue	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	<b>K</b>
Wed	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	7:40 PM	<b>A</b>

**A - Ahavath Achim**

**B - Bikur Cholim on**

**Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt**

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

### Friday, December 30, 2016

#### Rosh Chodesh Tevet

#### Chanukah – Day 6

Shacharit	6:30 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:10 PM
Candle Lighting	4:15 PM

#### Torah Reading Pages

Bereishit	37:1 – 40:23	198-221
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#### Haftarah

Amos	2:6-3:8	1142-1143
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**Celebrate Chanukah** by joining the daily Minyan. Enjoy the daily Hallel and Torah Laining. Come early, come often, and **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

**Early Shabbat Mincha:** Immediately after Kiddush, we will have a short Rabbi's Class (at approximately 11:45 am), followed by Mincha (at 12:20 pm). We will return about 15 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:11 pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:26 pm). 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

Yosef is ruthlessly sold by his brothers to slave traders on their way to Egypt. The Torah tells us that these traders were carrying a load of pleasant smelling spices and incense. Rashi asks why the Torah needs to tell us this seemingly irrelevant piece of information? Who cares what their cargo was! Rashi explains that Hashem did not want to cause discomfort to Yosef in his long journey to Egypt and thus had him transported in a wagon of sweet smelling spices as opposed to a wagon carrying malodorous tar or the like, commodities that were widespread in those days. The commentaries ask that Yosef is now on his way to be an unfortunate slave in a distant land with no hope of redemption. He is on the verge of losing his freedom, his family, and his entire future of marrying and bringing up a family. He is losing his part in the spreading of the new religion that his grandfather founded and his contribution to the advancement of mankind.

Considering this extremely dire predicament, what benefit is there to be gained from being transported in a pleasant-smelling caravan? The commentaries explain, as much as we do not understand the workings and plans of Hashem, we accept that Hashem is always working on the premise of absolute justice. Indeed, Yosef's seemingly disastrous sale ultimately led to the salvation of the Jewish nation from the famine ravaging the Middle East. We may not be able to understand why we are subjected to distress but we can be certain of one thing: we will not be made to suffer even one iota more than what Hashem judged to be our lot, even something as simple as a foul smell. The pleasant fragrance of the caravan is testimony to this assurance.

#### Winter Lecture Series Last Motzei Shabbat Cancelled due to Snow Conditions

We are so sorry that the bad weather forced the last-minute cancellation of the scheduled Winter Lecture last Motzei Shabbat at the Lozanov's. We thank Debbie

and Steve for their generosity in offering to host a lovely evening for us and hope we will be able to re-schedule in the near future.

#### Chanukah Melaveh Malka Coming Saturday night, Dec.31 at 7:15 pm

Let's celebrate Chanukah with all our friends and family here at Ahavath Achim. Enjoy delicious Chanukah refreshments and win prizes for the best 'dreidler' in town! Complete information will be coming to you shortly. Remember Menorah lighting on the front lawn every night of Chanukah. Come and celebrate the Lights of Chanukah with us



**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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**Board Meeting:**

There will be a regular Board meeting on Tuesday evening, 12/27, at 6:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend and let us know your plans. Thank you very much; I look forward to seeing you there.

Barbara Tuckel

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

**Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Saturday, December 24 – **Julia Magid** (Aunt to Mark Fishman)

Sunday, December 25 – **Hersh Augenbraun** (Grandfather to Terry Augenbraun )

Sunday, December 25 **Malvina Klein** (Mother to Andrew M. Klein)

Monday, December 26 – **Audrey Lowen Klein** (Mother to Sara Klein)

Wednesday, December 28 – **Steven Madwed** (Husband to Regina Madwed)

Friday, December 30 – **Harold Goldman** (Uncle to Billy Wolper)

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.



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