

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parshat Vayigash

December 18-25, 2015 / 6-13 Tevet 5776

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, December 18, 2015		
Shacharit		6:30 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:05 PM
Candle Lighting		4:09 PM
Shabbat, December 19, 2015		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:32 AM
Rabbi's Class		11:50 AM
Mincha		12:20 PM
Shabbat Ends		5:08 PM
Ma'ariv		5:30 PM
Sun-Thur, Dec 20-24, 2015		
	+ Ma'ariv * Mincha & Ma'ariv	L O C
Shacharit		
Rosh Chodesh Tevet		
Sun	8:30 AM	7:40 PM + A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:40 PM + K
Fast of Tevet		
Tue	6:30 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, December 25, 2015		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		4:10 PM
Candle Lighting		4:11 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Bereshis 44-18-47:27		250-267
Haftorah		
Ezekiel	37:15-28	1144-1145

10 Minyanaires: All it takes is 10 men to make a minyan. But it takes a minyan to make a shul. Don't rely on others to shoulder the load. lend your heart and soul and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

Early Shabbat Mincha: Immediately after Kiddush, we will have a short Shiur by Rabbi Moldovan. (11:50am), followed by Mincha (at 12:20pm). We will return about 20 minutes after Shabbat ends (at 5:08pm) for Ma'ariv (at 5:30pm). 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.

Rabbi Moldovan's Message

After an agonizing detention and the threat of Binyamin's arrest, the cruel viceroy of Egypt reveals himself as Yosef, the brother who was sold to slave traders and ended up at the helm of the most powerful nation of the time. The news of Yosef's family's sojourn into the land of Egypt earns thumbs up from Pharaoh as the possuk says that "it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants". The Sforno asks why this was seen as positive in the eyes of Pharaoh? Pharaoh was a dictator who was interested in the furthering of his interests, not in the emotional satisfaction of his workers. Explains the Sforno that until now Yosef had been a foreigner in the land of Egypt, albeit one who rose to high office. With the arrival of his family, Yosef will feel like a native of the land and will be motivated to work more diligently in his role as leader of Egypt. The more one is invested in an endeavor, the more effort will be expended in ensuring its success. Hadassah and I would personally like to thank everyone who was involved in helping us settle in and we look forward to getting to know the members of the community and contributing to Ahavath Achim's renewed growth. Hadassah and I would personally like to thank everyone who was involved in helping us settle in and we look forward to getting to know the members of the community and fostering the success of Ahavath Achim and the Fairfield community.

Schedule of New Shiurim We are glad to announce that beginning next week, Rabbi Moldovan will be giving two new shiurim. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1) **Coffee and Learn**-Beginning Dec. 21, Monday-Thursday morning. There will be a 5-10 minute shiur, after Shacharis, starting with the Halachot of Tefillin.
- 2) **Gemarah Shiur** - Sunday nights, beginning Dec. 20, 7:00-7:40 pm, followed by Ma'ariv. We will be learning Masechta Megillah to prepare for Purim.

Contact Information for Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan The following information is provided for you should you wish to contact Rabbi Moldovan directly. Please note this information has also been added to the side bar of the shulweekly newsletter. Rabbi Yirmiyah Moldovan, Telephone (mobile) - 203-906-6296; Email - rymoldovan@gmail.com

Sunday is the Community Welcome for Rabbi Moldovan

We have invited our community's rabbis, congregants, and Jewish leaders to come and meet Rabbi Moldovan this Sunday from 10-11 AM in Zimmer Hall. Come and join us in introducing Rabbi Moldovan to the community. Additional volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. Please speak to Barbara Tuckel at 203-581-2405 if you are available.

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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	<i>Find us on: Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn</i>

Schedule for the Fast of Tevet, Tuesday, December 22:

- Fast Begins: 6:03 am
- Shacharit: 6:30 am
- Mincha at the Kollel: 2:40 pm
- Fast Ends: 5:10 pm
- Ma'ariv at the Kollel: 7:40 pm

Shabbat Kiddush is being sponsored this week by Diana Rich in honor of her second granddaughter, Sivan Devorah Kinneret Rich. Proud parents Ezra and Sara Rich and older sister, Miriam, will be visiting with us this Shabbat. Ezra is a special alumnus of

Congregation Ahavath Achim who was a stalwart member of our morning minyan all through his school days in Fairfield.

Father & Son learning

Continues at Cong Bikur Cholim Parshat Vayigash, December 19, at 6:30pm.

Get Well Wishes

Peter Thau is currently in St Vincent's Hospital. His phone number is 203-337-6789 and he is in room 642. Please do pay Peter a visit as he recovers in the hospital.

Zoltan Guttman has moved from St. Vincent's Hospital to the Jewish Home to continue his recovery from recent surgery. Please make every effort to visit him there. Mr. Guttman is in room 410.

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

Yahrtzeits for the week:

Saturday, December 19 – **Peggy Sue Schwarzmer**
(Grandmother)

Sunday, December 20 – **Ellen Rothwax** (Grandmother)

Monday, December 21 – **Jay Dimand** (Father)

Thursday, December 24 – **Lee Dickens** (Mother)

Friday, December 25 – **Miriam Parker** (Father)

Friday, December 25 – **Bernard Goldberg** (Wife)

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.
