

CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Parsha Tazria-Metzora

April 28 – May 5, 2017 / 25 Nissan – 2 Iyar 5777

Schedule of Services:		
Friday, April 28, 2017		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		7:29 PM
Shabbat, April 29, 2017		
Shabbat Shacharit		9:15 AM
Latest Shema Time		9:22 AM
Rabbi's Class		6:30 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:15 PM
Shabbat Ends		8:30 PM
Sun-Thur, April 30 - May 4, 2017		
	Shacharit	Mincha/Ma'ariv
Sun	8:30 AM	7:25 PM A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:25 PM B
Tue	6:45 AM	7:25 PM B
Wed	6:45 AM	7:25 PM B
Thur	6:30 AM	7:25 PM A
A - Ahavath Achim		
B - Bikur Cholim on		
Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt		
K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt		
Friday, May 5, 2017		
Shacharit		6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM
Candle Lighting		7:36 PM
Page Numbers:		
Torah Reading		
Vayikra	12:1-15:33	608-635
Haftorah		
II Kings	7:3-20	1172-1173

17 Days and Counting: We're 2 ½ weeks into the 7-week counting of the Omer, followed by Shavuot. Get in the Count. Join us for Minyan morning and/or night.

So - Show up!. Sign up (there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board)! Come early, come often. **Help Keep Our Minyan Strong!**

Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur

Rabbi Moldovan will give the pre-Mincha Shabbat shiur at 6:30 pm. This Shabbat the class topic will be "Hallel on Yom HaAtzmaut - Is this the correct way to thank Hashem for Israel?" Everyone is invited to join in the discussion. Mincha/Ma'ariv will follow at 7:15 pm

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

Loshon hora is regarded as a particularly severe transgression of the Torah. A disease of the skin known as Tzaraas (inaccurately translated as "leprosy" in English) used to adhere to one who slandered another Jew, an unusual punishment that we don't find with other transgressions. What does Loshon hora entail? Any negative comments about another Jew, even if no harm or loss will arise from these words. Two people having a private conversation in which they discuss negative traits of their fellow (without any constructive purpose and other conditions) will be transgressing this commandment. The commentaries ask why this harmless form of slander is considered a transgression at all! No damage comes to anyone from this harmless conversation. Why is the Torah so concerned about harmless gossip. The commentaries explain that there are three types of commandment; the first are between man and God such as keeping Shabbos and Kosher, the second are those between man and man such as giving charity and doing acts of kindness, the third category is between man and himself such as improving our character traits and overcoming our anger, jealousy, and lust. Loshon Hora is in the third category of Mitzvos addressed at improving our character. Slandering another Jew is petty and self-degrading, even if no harm comes to the victim of the slander. Loshon Hora may well be harmless to the one who it was spoken about, but it is never harmless to the one who spoke it. We should keep that in mind whenever we have an opinion to voice about another Jew.

To All Board Members:

There will be a regular board meeting on Thursday, May 4th, in the library at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office or Barbara to let us know if you plan to attend.

Mazel Tov

Warmest best wishes to Rebecca and Amiel Goldberg on the birth of their son, *Yitzhak Lev Goldberg* last week. Friends and family celebrated the Bris with Rebecca and Ami at Cong. Bikur Cholim last Shabbat.

Shavuos Meal

Ahavath Achim will be hosting a dairy Yom Tov meal on the first night of Shavuos, Tuesday May 30th. Please RSVP to Arnell in the office. \$20/person and \$40/family. A Shavuos learning program will follow the seudah. Details will be posted in the upcoming weeks.

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 Event

Sponsored by Israel Bonds, Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30 PM. "The Secrets Behind Israel's Mysterious Startup Success!" will be presented by special guest speaker, Ari Zoldan, CEO of Qantum Networks, a New York City based e-commerce company. Mr. Zoldan has been a regular guest on CNN, NBC and Fox News where he provides expert commentary on technology, mobile, cyber-security, entrepreneurship, social media and emerging business trends. Open to the community and Free of charge. Location: Cong. Beth El, Fairfield Woods Rd. Please see poster posted in the front hall.

Israel Independence Day - Yom Ha-Atzmaout

begins on Monday night, May 1st (5 Iyar) and continues Tuesday, May 2nd Here's a little description of some activities in Israel. In Israel an official ceremony is held every year on Mount Herzl, Jerusalem on the evening of Independence Day. The ceremony includes a speech by the speaker of the Knesset, artistic performances, and the ceremonial lighting of twelve torches, one for each of the twelve tribes. Every year a dozen Israeli citizens who made a significant social contribution in a selected area are invited to light the torches. Many cities hold outdoor performances featuring leading Israeli singers and fireworks displays. Streets are closed to cars allowing people to sing and dance in the streets.

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:

Thursday, May 4 – **Rebbetzyn Sarah Konovitch** (Mother to Sharon Risch)

Thursday, May 4 – **Sylvia Schwartz** (Sister to David Sheldon)

Friday, May 5 – **Charlotte Basch** (Mother to David Basch)

Friday, May 5 – **Rose Eras** (Mother to Phil Eras)

Friday, May 5 – **Samuel Karelitz** (Grandfather to Seymour Kowowsky)

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.
