

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Parshat Chukas

June 26 – July 3, 2015 / 9 – 16 Tammuz 5775

<b>Schedule of Services:</b>			
<b>Friday, June 26, 2015</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		<b>7:00 PM</b>	
Candle Lighting		8:14 PM	
<b>Shabbat, June 27, 2015</b>			
Shabbat Shacharit		9:00 AM	
Latest Shema Time		9:11 AM	
Rabbi's Class		7:25 PM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		8:10 PM	
Shabbat Ends		9:14 PM	
<b>Sun-Thurs, June 28–July 2, 2015</b>			
	<b>Shacharit</b>	<b>Mincha Ma'ariv</b>	<b>L O C</b>
Sun	8:30 AM	8:15 PM	<b>A</b>
Mon	6:30 AM	8:15 PM	<b>K</b>
Tue	6:45 AM	8:15 PM	<b>K</b>
Wed	6:45 AM	8:15 PM	<b>B</b>
Thur	6:30 AM	8:15 PM	<b>A</b>
<b><u>Mincha at Kollel at 3:40 PM</u></b>			
<b>A - Ahavath Achim</b>			
<b>B - Bikur Cholim on</b>			
<b>Park &amp; Capitol Ave., Bpt</b>			
<b>K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt</b>			
<b>Friday, July 3, 2015</b>			
<b>Independence Day – Observed</b>			
Shacharit		6:45 AM	
Mincha/Ma'ariv		7:00 PM	
Candle Lighting		8:13 PM	
<b>Page Numbers:</b>			
<b>Torah Reading</b>			
Bamidbar	Pages:		
19:1-22:1		838-855	
<b>Haftarah</b>			
Judges	Pages:		
11:1-33		1187-1189	

**There is no Minyan without You:** A minyan doesn't just happen. Each minyan requires the participation of at least 10 men. Are you one of the 10 at least one minyan a week. Join us and **Help Make Our Minyan Strong!**

**Pre-Mincha Shabbat Shiur:** Please join us at 7:25pm for a pre-Mincha shiur. Learn a little, pray a little, and eat a little at Seudah Sh'lishit. It doesn't get much better than this!

**Sunday Summer Learning Session:** Rabbi Meth will be away at a family simcha this weekend. The start date of the Sunday morning summer learning class will be delayed for one week. The class will begin July 5 instead of June 28. Please pass this information on to everyone and, if you haven't already registered, please do so either by calling or emailing the office. There is a minimum registration for this class to proceed. The first week's topic is "Tefillah in a Tank Top." You're sure to find it stimulating!

**"Torah Thoughts" by Rabbi Ephraim Meth:** What is halakhah, and how is it determined? To what extent is it rooted in Tanakh, or in Mishnah, or in Gemara, or in an oral tradition, never committed to writing, that still remains more or less intact? Why are so many laws codified in an ambiguous way? How does one clarify ambiguity, and how does one decide between seemingly equal disputing opinions? To discuss all this, and much more, to raise questions and venture answers, to hear from your neighbors and to be heard, and to study in-depth some really interesting sources, come to the Sunday morning shiur, from 9:00-9:30 am and/or sign up for a one-on-one learning session. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you.

**Ad Journal Update:** Everyone should have received the mailing containing all the information for the 2015 Journal and Gala Luncheon honoring Shalom and Renee Mizrahi. We know everyone will do their very best to make this year's event a complete success. If you have any questions or need additional ad blanks, call the office.

**Welcome to Helene Green** back in Fairfield from Boca Raton, Florida for a few weeks. Helene has brought the Florida sunshine, but also the Florida rain bursts. No complaints, we need the rain too.

**Mazel Tov to Dr. David and Arlene Jutkowitz** who last week celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary and to **Drs. Peter and Barbara Tuckel**, who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. May you enjoy many more in good health and happiness.

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**Learning Opportunity: Experienced Gemara Teacher Available for Men (Ages 16+)**: Sessions can be in person, over the phone, or on Skype. For more information please contact R' Yonasan Gorin by phone at (301) 518-0716, or through e-mail at ysgorin@gmail.com. References are available upon request.

**Kollel Konnections:**

- **Basketball & Learning:** Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 85 Arlington Street, Bridgeport. Sponsored by The Kollel. Contact: Yitzchak Elchonen or Shlomo Pepper. 248-259-6399 or 845-200-6179. Join in the fun and learning. Refreshments, Prizes, Raffles.

**Community Prayer and Memorial Service:** The following letter was sent to Chris Seeger of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc.

Congregation Ahavath Achim joins with the Community Prayer and Memorial Service this evening, June 24, at the Bethel AME Church, Bridgeport, CT to express our profound sorrow at the heinous attack that took place at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Mother Church in Charleston during their prayer service. Such an act of violence and brutality has no place anywhere, but particularly not in a house of worship. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this tragic attack, and pray for the injured and express our support for the people of Charleston as they move forward in peace and forgiveness during these very trying days. This past Shabbat, Rabbi Ephraim Meth's sermon spoke to the senseless violence the church community experienced and the importance for each person to re-assess his own thoughts and actions, to reach into the depths of his heart and to work hard to banish hatred and replace it with kindness and love for fellow man.

In a call for togetherness with the African-American community and as a protest against racism and discrimination, a "Shabbat of Unity" has been declared in the Jewish community. Congregation Ahavath Achim of Fairfield, CT has joined this call and declared a day of reflection on the tragedy of racism that continues to infect our society with baseless hatred and injustice. We join in declaring this coming Shabbat, beginning the evening of Friday, June 26 and ending the evening of June 27, to be a "Shabbat of solidarity with the African-American community" and encourage everyone to be inspired by the courage and actions of the Charleston African-American community and to reaffirm our commitment to pursue justice for all.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Barbara Tuckel and Elaine Schiller  
Co-Presidents, Cong. Ahavath Achim  
Fairfield, CT

**Important Eruv Update:** We are pleased to announce that extensive repairs are required on the Fairfield Eruv and we are moving ahead to accomplish the work. These repairs have been planned for some time, and we anticipated having to work closely with the phone company and the neighborhood to ensure that everything is being done effectively, permanently, and with everyone's cooperation. We owe Rabbi Elchonen our sincerest thanks for dedicating himself completely to this project. The cost of the project will greatly exceed the monies available to maintain our Eruv. We are, therefore, offering the opportunity to have the Fairfield Eruv named for a family or an individual for a one-time donation of \$3,000. We cannot exist as an Orthodox community without a functioning Eruv and this is a wonderful opportunity to make a permanent impact on having a lasting foundation that will help ensure our future here. Please think about this and if you have questions you can speak with Elaine or Barbara.

**Refuah Sheleimah to:** *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Yitzy Hain, Herman Kraut, Debbie Lozanov, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seedman, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

**Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Saturday, June 27 – **Max Barnum** (Father)  
Tuesday, June 30 – **Terry Augenbraun** (Father)

Wednesday, July 1 – **Bernard Goldberg** (Grandmother)  
Friday, July 3 – **Roberta Greenbaum** (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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**Please remember that Golden Book greeting cards are a great way to honor someone or remember a loved one.**