



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

April 2018 Newsletter

15 Nisan – 15 Iyar 5778



Torah & Haftorah Readings and Page Numbers					
Torah Reading	April 7 Pesach VIII Devarim 14:22-16:18 Pages 1012-1023	April 14 Shmini Vayikra 9:1-11:47 Pages 588-607	April 21 Tazria-Metzora Vayikra 12:1-15:33 Pages 608-635	April 28 Achrei Mos-Kedoshim Vayikra 16:1-20:27 Pages 636-671	
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NOTE: Times for Services can be found in the April calendar and the Ahavath Achim web site, www.ahavathachim.org

Rabbi Moldovan's Shabbat Shiur follows Mincha

Every Shabbat this month Rabbi Moldovan will give the Shabbat Shiur following Mincha. Please return for Mincha on time (6:40 PM) so that there is a minyan for Mincha and davening can proceed in a timely manner. Please remember to have Seudah Shelishit at home before returning for Mincha.

Torah Message from Rabbi Moldovan

The second day of Pesach is the beginning of Counting of the Omer. For a full seven weeks we count one day at a time from Pesach until we reach Shavuot. The commentaries ask what is the point of this counting? It is a Mitzvah of the Torah, that seems too simplistic. The Ramban explains that Shavuot, unlike Pesach and Sukkot, has no Chol Hamoed. Rather, the festival of Shavuot is really a continuation of Pesach with a gigantic Chol Hamoed of 49 days in between. On Pesach we celebrate our rescue from slavery as we left Egypt and became an independent nation. On Shavuot we celebrate receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. The message of the Omer is that our freedom from slavery is not an end unto itself. The end is what comes 49 days later when we receive the Torah. Pesach begins our creation as a nation, but this is only completed when we receive the Torah. Have a chag kosher v'samayach.

Mazal Tov Wishes

We are so happy to share the joyous news that Rabbi Ephraim and Tzivia Meth announce the birth of their new baby boy this past Monday. Congratulations to the happy grandparents, Dr. Barbara K. Tuckel, our immediate past President and Peter Tuckel, esteemed Gabbai.

We also happily announce the birth of their first child, a baby boy, to Shoshana and Avi Areman. Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky welcome their first great-grandson. Shoshana is their granddaughter and daughter of Beth (Kosowsky) and Kenny Rozenberg, the happy grandparents.

More happy news from Joe and Diana (Rich) Schwartz on the birth of a new grandson, Rani Schwartz Judd to Joe's daughter Stephanie Schwartz and David Judd. Joe and Diana recently returned from Oakland, California where the family celebrated their new grandson together.

Mazel tov to Terry and Hedy Augenbraun on the recent Bar Mitzvah in Israel of their grandson, Levi Yitzchak Blacher, son of Ariel Augenbraun Blacher and Joshua Blacher AND on the marriage in Israel this past week of their granddaughter Carmi Blacher.

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

The Maccabeats Return on Sunday, April 8th

at the United Jewish Center in Danbury at 3pm, celebrating the 70th Birthday of the State of Israel. The Maccabeats are an "a capella" group from Yeshiva University singing Hebrew, Yiddish, and International music. For more information you can contact Barry Abrams at the Center: (mobile/text) 203-722-1745/email at abramsb@hotmail.com or www: brownpapertickets.com/event/3330624.

Happy 70th Birthday to Israel – April 18th at 7:00 pm

Let's celebrate together at the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Auditorium at Jewish Senior Services Campus, 4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport.

Super Super-Sunday – April 22 – Save the Date

Be a Super Volunteer. Call the Federation office to volunteer as a representative of Congregation Ahavath Achim for this all important once-a year fund-raising Super Sunday.

State of Connecticut Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony - Friday, April 20th at 11:30 am in the Senate Chambers, State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. Lunch at 12:30 pm in North Lobby. RSVP required to aweber@ifact.org or 800-727-5771. Buses are available for Holocaust Survivors.

Refuah Sheleimah to: *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Andrew Klein, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

Recent Goldenbook Contributions:

<p>In Honor of Yael Schiller's Engagement to Barak Shoushan Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Erica and Arnold Cohen Sara and Andrew Klein Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky Goldie Librach</p> <p>In Honor of Nehemiah Rich's Engagement to Lauren Katz Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Sara and Andrew Klein Susan Klein</p> <p>In Memory of Eleanor Miller Hedy and Terry Augenbraun</p>	<p>In Honor of Lisa and Jonathan Klein Pamela Zimmer</p> <p>In Memory of Ernest Breiner Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Elaine and Martin Schiller</p> <p>In Memory of Harold Yasgur Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Jay Dimand Elaine and Martin Schiller Arnell Wilson</p>
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Yahrtzeits for April 2018:

Sunday, April 1– **Alexander Klein** (Father to Andrew Klein)
Monday, April 2 – **Ida Abrams** (Mother to Roberta Greenbaum)
Wednesday, April 4 – **Lillian Roth** (Aunt to Martin Schiller)
Thursday, April 5 – **Bertha Dimand** (Mother to Jay Dimand)
Monday, April 9 – **Helen Katz Gomberg** (Mother to William Gomberg)
Friday, April 13- **Selma Saxe Spitzer** (Mother to Allison London)

Saturday, April 14 – **Irwin Millstein** (Father to Ellen Rothwax)
Monday, April 23 – **Rebbetizin Sarah Konovitch** (Mother to Sharon Risch)
Tuesday, April 24 – **Charlotte Basch** (Mother to David Basch)
Saturday, April 28 – **Reni Lynn Zabol** (Sister to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)

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Passover 2018 Schedule



<p>Thur, March 29</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:00 pm Search for Chametz After 7:56 pm</p> <p>Fri, March 30 – Fast of the First Born</p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Si'um Following Shacharit Last time to eat Chamatz by 10:51 am Burn Chamtez by 11:54 am Candle Lighting 6:57 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:57 pm First Seder 7:57 pm</p> <p>Sat, March 31 – Passover Day 1</p> <p><u>Yom Tov</u></p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am & zlt - Prayer for Dew Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:45 pm Candle Lighting not before 7:59 pm Second Seder not before 7:59 pm</p>	<p>Sun, April 1 – Passover Day 2 – Omer 1</p> <p><u>Yom Tov</u></p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:57 pm Yom Tov Ends 8:00 pm</p> <p>Mon, April 2 – Passover Day 3 – Omer 2</p> <p><u>Chol HaMoed Passover</u></p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm</p> <p>Tue, April 3 – Passover Day 4 – Omer 3</p> <p><u>Chol HaMoed Passover</u></p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm</p> <p>Wed, April 4 – Passover Day 5 – Omer 4</p> <p><u>Chol HaMoed Passover</u></p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Mincha 7:05 pm</p>	<p>Thur, April 5 – Passover Day 6 – Omer 5</p> <p><u>Chol HaMoed Passover</u></p> <p>Shacharit 6:30 am Candle Lighting 7:04 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:04 pm</p> <p>Fri, April 6 – Passover Day 7 – Omer 6</p> <p><u>Yom Tov</u></p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Shir HaShirim Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm Candle Lighting before 7:05 pm</p> <p>Sat, April 7 – Passover Day 8 – Omer 7</p> <p><u>Yom Tov</u></p> <p>Shacharit 9:15 am Yizkor Approximately 10:30 am Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:05 pm Yom Tov Ends 8:07 pm Use of Chametz 10:00 pm</p> <p><u>See April 2018 Calendar For Minyan Times after Passover</u></p>
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