



CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

August 2018 Newsletter

20 Av – 20 Elul 5778



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NOTE: Times for Services can be found in the August 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 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

Ani Ledodi V'dodi Li is an acronym of the letters that spell the month of Elul. I am for my beloved and my beloved is for me. Hashem is always our beloved and we strive to come close to him. Why is Elul particularly appropriate for this closeness? The answer is that we all want to come close to Hashem and do the right thing with our lives. But we need help adjusting our compasses to travel in the right direction. During the Yomim Noraim, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Hashem is close to us. He guides us with that little push in his direction. These special days need preparation to be open to this push. Going into Rosh Hashanah cold, without spending some time reflecting on our service of Hashem, is like waking up in a foreign place without knowing why you are there. We are judged on the Yomim Noraim and need to prepare for that judgement with honest introspection. Elul is that important preparatory opportunity. Hashem is beloved to us in Elul since he comes closer to us and makes change easier. He helps us align our lives to focus on him. May we all merit an Elul of growth and a meritorious din on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Eruv Update

The eruv is currently being upgraded. This is a project that will last several weeks and will hopefully make the Eruv more durable. Rabbi Moldovan frequently has to make repairs to the Eruv before Shabbos in order to have it Kosher in time for Shabbos.

Kaleidoscope

Did you see the terrific article about our shul in the current issue of Kaleidoscope? Page 27! Now busy writing the next chapter for Ahavath Achim activities in Fairfield. Stay tuned.

High Holiday Update

The schedule for the High Holiday services is being developed by Dr. David Jutkowitz, Vice President of Ritual in collaboration with the Ritual Committee. Sorry to say we have not yet been able to secure the American Legion building for this year, but we are still working on it. However, with our small minyan, we should have sufficient space in our current venue on Sky Top Terrace if need be. All the particulars regarding holiday seating and Yom Tov Honors are currently being developed and will be sent to you in a special High Holiday email by August 1.

Lulavim & Etrogim

We will be ordering Lulavim & Etrogim as in previous years. Complete prices and order information will be sent again by email within the next week. Please let us know no later than Tuesday, August 28th if you wish to purchase your Lulav and Etrog through the synagogue. We hope to keep the costs the same as last year; Standard \$50, Superior \$60, Premium \$ 70. All orders must be in and prepaid by August 28, 2018. Orders can be emailed to office@ahavathachim.org or call the office (203-372-6529) but no order is confirmed without payment. Your check confirms your order. Checks are payable to Cong. Ahavath Achim. Mail to 92 Montauk Street, Fairfield, CT 06825.

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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Yahrzeit Donations

We extend grateful appreciation to the following families for their generous Yahrzeit contribution in memory of beloved family members. David Basch, in memory of brother Charles, William Gomberg, in memory of brother Robert, Myra Gondos, in memory of uncle Alex Klein, Sheila Klein, in memory of husband Alex Klein, Roslyn Fishman, in memory of mother Rose Shor. May their memory be for a blessing.

Nadvirna (Nadwana) Ukraine Jewish Cemetery Challenge Grant Update

The European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative provided a (matching) grant for a project to save a 5,000 grave Jewish cemetery decimated in WWII. Fifteen thousand Euro (€15,000) had to be raised by August 1 to secure the grant money and complete the restoration. The project raised €5,000 in donations and needed an additional €10,000 in order to secure the grant money needed to rescue the cemetery. Thanks to the generous response of members Hedy & Terry Augenbraun, David Basch, Elaine & Martin Schiller, Barbara & Peter Tuckel, and Charles Zwecker, a check for \$1175 was forwarded to the foundation spearheading this project. This was a true Mitvah Project, taken on and sheperded by a non-Jewish Peace Corp volunteer who would not stand by and allow a small Jewish cemetery to vanish forever. Kol Ha-kavod!

Recent Golden Book Contributions

<p>In Honor of the Birth of a Grandson to Joe and Diana Rich Schwartz Erica and Arnold Cohen Sara and Andrew Klein Susan Klein</p> <p>In Honor of the Birth of a Granddaughter to Ellen and Joel Rothwax Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Elaine and Martin Schiller</p> <p>In Honor of the Birth of a Daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Jason Rothwax Hedy and Terry Augenbraun</p>	<p>In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Goldie Librach's Granddaughter, Finley Paige, daughter of Aliza and Ari Cohen Hedy and Terry Augenbraun Erica and Arnold Cohen Sara and Andrew Klein Myrna and Seymour Kosowsky Elaine and Martin Schiller</p> <p>In Honor of the Achievements of Eric and Evan Risch Elaine and Martin Schiller</p>
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Refuah Shelemah to: Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, David Gordon, Andrew Klein, and Diane Shinbaum. May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery

Yahrtzeits for August 2018:

Thursday, August 2- Rita Berkowitz (Mother to David Berkowitz)	Wednesday, August 22- Zolton Guttman (Husband to Leah Guttman, Father to Renee Mizrahi, Vivian Perez and Jeffrey Guttman)
Thursday, August 2- David Frankel (Cousin to Rose Moidel)	Thursday, August 23- Zena Gelb (Mother to Lawrence Gelb)
Saturday, August 4- Lena Kaplan (Grandmother Myrna' Kosowsky)	Thursday, August 23- Jonah Karelitz (Uncle to Seymour Kosowsky)
Sunday, August 5- Dr. Frank Risch (Father to Dr. Harvey Risch)	Thursday, August 23- Joe Lemberger (Father to Lenore Dickens)
Tuesday, August 7- Rabbi Simon Konovitch (Father to Sharon Risch)	Saturday, August 25- Blanche Brown (Mother to Myra Gondos)
Tuesday, August 7- Elizabeth Willig (Mother to Robert Willig and Grandmother to Alan Willig)	Saturday, August 25- Cantor Joseph Sternberg (Grandfather to Hedy Augenbraun)
Friday, August 10- Toby G. Schwarzmer (Mother to Cantor Avi Schwarzmer)	Sunday, August 26- Israel Greenwald (Father to Judy Kohn)
Tuesday, August 14- Samuel Landy (Husband to Lillian Landy)	Monday, August 27- Gnendel Dimand (Grandfather to Jay Dimand)
Tuesday, August 14- Sam Wolper (Uncle to William Wolper)	Monday, August 27- Cindy Dimenstein (Daughter to Helene Green)
Thursday, August 16 Edward Isidore (Grandfather to Peggy Sue Schwarzmer)	Tuesday, August 28- Nissim Baena (Grandfather to Ellen Rothwax)
Sunday, August 19- Samuel Fischer (Father-in law to Julia Fischer)	Tuesday, August 28- Pearl Thau (Mother to Peter Thau)
Tuesday, August 20- Joseph Macy (Father to Barbara Friedman and Toby Schaffer)	Thursday, August 30- Sylvia Eliovson (Mother to Lionel Eliovson)
	Friday, August 31- r' Yehudah Macy (Grandfather to Barbara Friedman and Toby Schaffer)

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