

# CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

## Parshat Vayigash

December 27-January 2, 2014 / 5-11 Tevet 5775

### Fast of Teves

#### Schedule of Services:

##### Friday, December 26, 2014

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:10 PM
Candle Lighting	4:12 PM

##### Shabbat, December 27, 2014

Shabbat Shacharit	9:00 AM
Latest Shema Time	9:36 AM
Mincha	12:20 PM
Shabbat Ends	5:13 PM
Ma'ariv	5:45 PM

##### Sun-Thur, Dec 28-Jan 1, 2014

	Shacharit	+ Ma'ariv * Mincha & Ma'ariv	L O C
Sun	8:30 AM	4:10 PM*	A
Mon	6:30 AM	7:30 PM+	K
Tue	6:30 AM	7:30 PM+	K
Wed	<b>6:30 AM</b>	7:30 PM+	<b>B</b>

##### Fast of Teves

Thur	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>4:20 PM*</b>	<b>A</b>
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##### Mincha at Kollel at 1:45 PM

**A - Ahavath Achim**  
**B - Bikur Cholim on**  
**Park & Capitol Ave., Bpt**  
**K - Kollel on Arlington St., Bpt**

##### Friday, January 2, 2014

Shacharit	6:45 AM
Candle Lighting	4:19 PM
Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:20 PM

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Haftarah	
Ezekiel	Pages:
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**Shabbat Early Mincha:** Following this week's Kiddush, we will gather in the shul for a pre-Mincha class. Rabbi Meth will speak on "*Grilling or Roasting Fish with Meat*". Mincha will follow at approximately 12:20 pm. Ma'ariv will be at 5:45 pm, in order to allow people to drive back to shul. 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.

**Torah Message from Rabbi Ephraim Meth:** Twenty four times each week, we thank Hashem "asher bochar banu mikol ha'amim." For centuries, in spite of bitter persecutions, our ancestors held firm to the premise that they – and we – are the am hanivchar. This means that we have an historical covenant with and commitment to the G-d Who has few believers aside from us. In times of fortune and freedom, we baruch Hashem have not needed to suffer to preserve the integrity of this idea. Halakhah celebrates neighborliness, and calls upon us to always greet our neighbors cheerfully. Still, we have always conducted ourselves with a sense of aloofness, sensitive to the nobility of our calling and to the sacrifices that our timeless nation has made for the sake of this calling.

**Bikur Cholim Father/Son Learning Program:** The Father/Son Learning program at Bikur Cholim takes place Motzaei Shabbos at 6:15, in the Bais Midrash.

**Fast of Teves:** Thursday, January 1 is the Fast of Teves. The schedule for January 1 is as follows:

- Fast Begins – 5:52 am
- Shacharis – 8:30 am
- Mincha/Ma'ariv – 4:20 pm
- Fast Ends – 5:19 pm

**The Chanukah party** was delightful, with Rebecca Goldberg playing MC and Amiel Goldberg providing technical back-up. Steve Lozanov won the \$50 gift certificate to Soosh. The Seasons jelly donuts were the runaway favorite after the blind taste test. Comments about the Seasons donuts centered mostly on the generous amount of jelly and dense dough. Shloime's Heimishe donuts seemed too small and too skimpy on the filling.

Thank you Rebecca and Amiel for organizing this warm, fun event. Rabbi Meth's words before the menorah lighting were relevant and inspirational, and we thank him for his message underscoring community friendship and mutuality.

**Thank You to "Soosh",** for donating the \$50 Gift Certificate for the Dreidel Jeopardy game and sponsoring our Chanukah party. "Soosh" is the new kosher restaurant on Summer Street in Stamford and we urge everyone to

patronize them and give them your support... and they have a great sushi menu! Don't forget to tell them you are from Ahavath Achim in Fairfield, and appreciate their support!

**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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**Refuah Shelemah to:** *Kenneth Epstein, Rabbi Moshe Epstein, Joyce Goldberg, Yitzy Hain, Carrie Katz, Herman Kraut, Fred Schwartz, Bryan Seedman, and Diane Shinbaum.* May G-d grant each a speedy and complete recovery.

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**Yahrtzeits for the week:**

Saturday, December 27 – **Bill Wolper** (Grandmother)

Sunday, December 28 – **Joel Rothwax** (Mother)

Monday, December 29 – **Peggy Sue Schwarzmer** (Grandmother)

Tuesday, December 30 – **David Gordon** (Aunt)

Wednesday, December 31 – **Jay Dimand** (Father)

Thursday, January 1 – **David Sheldon** (Brother)

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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**Orthodox Union Convention this Weekend**

“Experience a Shabbat of spirituality and enlightenment with Rabbi Hershel Schachter, Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, Rabbanit Chana Henkin, Malcolm Hoenlein, Richard Joel and many others at the OU Convention, Dec. 26-28 at the Tarrytown Doubletree Hotel. Register today at [ou.org/convention](http://ou.org/convention). Topics will include: *Bringing Women to the Communal Leadership Table, Day School Affordability, Heightened Global Anti-Semitism.*