

Congregation Ahavat Achim

קהילת אהבת אחים



שבת פרשת וישב
SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEISHEV
 20 KISLEV - DECEMBER 13
 Haftorah is Amos 2:6-3:8

FRIDAY NIGHT
CANDLE LIGHTING - 4:11 PM
MINCHA - 4:15 PM
TZAIT - 5:14 PM

SATURDAY
CHUMASH SHIUR - 8:00 AM
SHACHARIT YOUTH - 8:20 AM
SHACHARIT MAIN - 8:45 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA - 9:32 AM
GEMARA SHIUR - 3:00 PM
MINCHA - 4:00 PM
SHKIA - 4:29 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH - 5:14

BULLETIN INFORMATION
TO REQUEST A BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENT (BY 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY) OR DEDICATE A
BULLETIN FOR \$36 (\$54 W/PHOTO),
EMAIL SEPLOTNICK@GMAIL.COM.

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FOR LAWS OF CHANUKAH
SEE PAGES 3-4.

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 PLEASE NO CONVERSATION DURING SERVICES



WEEKDAY DAVENING INFORMATION

	Sunday (12/14)	Monday (12/15)	Tuesday (12/16)	Wednesday (12/17)	Thursday (12/18)	Friday (12/19)
Earliest Talit	6:14 AM	6:14 AM	6:15 AM	6:16 AM	6:16 AM	6:17 AM
Shacharit	<u>8:15 AM</u>	<u>6:15 AM</u>	<u>6:25 AM</u>	<u>6:10 AM</u>	<u>6:10 AM</u>	<u>6:10 AM</u>
Gedolah	12:15 PM	12:15 PM	12:16 PM	12:16 PM	12:16 PM	12:17 PM
Mincha (Sun/Fri) - Maariv	<u>4:05 PM</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 PM</u>	<u>4:15 PM</u>
Shkia	4:29 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:31 PM	
Tzait	5:14 PM	5:15 PM	5:15 PM	5:15 PM	5:16 PM	



Please welcome our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Elli Fischer. He will speak Shabbat morning on "A.D.D. in the Beit Midrash", and at Suedah Shlishit on "When the Rabbi met the Emperor: A New look at Chanuka". He was formerly the JLIC Rabbi and campus educator at the University of Maryland. He holds BA and MS degrees from Yeshiva University and Rabbinical ordination from Israel's Chief Rabbinate. Among his translated works are By Faith Alone: The Story of Rabbi Yehuda Amital, and he serves as editor of Rabbi Eliezer Melamed's Peninei Halakha series.

Kiddush is sponsored by Chattan Torah Burt Banner and Chattan Bereshit Steve Plotnick in honor of Alice & Burt's granddaughter Noa Gittel (making a special appearance IY"YH with parents Kenny & Aviva). Torah, chupah, u'masim tovim!



Shabbat Chanukah at Ahavat Achim will be great with The Pella Singers, a capella group, and Friday night dinner at a cost of \$18 for adults and children 12 and older, \$10 for kids 6-11, and children under 6 are free. Please join us for this special community event, and RSVP by emailing seplotnick@gmail.com or ajrisken@aol.com.

This Saturday night is the Gita Cooperwasser^{ת"י} Youth Program Pre-Chanukah parent/child learning, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, at the shul. Pizza, donuts and learning for kids through 7th grade, or you can bring your homework. Please RSVP to sarasilb@yahoo.com.



Kiddush Information

- ☆ Kiddush cleanup for the month of December is Finkelstein, Fontaine, Freund, Gabor, Garfunkel, Goldgur, Goldstein, Goldman/Greenbaum, Greene, Greenstein & Halpern
- ☆ Kiddush setup for this Shabbat is Goldman/Greenbaum, Wechsler, Heller
- ☆ Kiddush setup for next Shabbat is Fontaine, Goldstein, Stern
- ☆ To sponsor a Kiddush (\$1000/\$613/\$318 plus scotch) send an email to gplotnick@aol.com.

Adult Education



- ☆ GEMARAH SHIUR - Rabbi's Shabbat afternoon gemarah shiur takes place one hour before Mincha.
- ☆ CHUMASH CLASS - Gerry Halpern's Class - Shabbat morning before Shacharit.

Numbers & Info

- ☆ ERUV UPDATE – 201-797-0502
- ☆ MIKVAH – 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah, weekdays 9:00 PM–10:30 PM, Motzei Shabbat from 11/4 hours after Shabbat ends for 1.5 hours. Kaylim Mikvah: Sunday 10 AM-3 PM
- ☆ TWITTER: @AhavatAchimFL
- ☆ FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/groups/ahavat.achim/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ahavat.achim/)

The Sisterhood



- ☆ Get your Mitzvah cards! Contact Eita Latkin at parentsof3@aol.com to have an acknowledgement of a Simcha, a refuah shelayma or to extend condolences.

Gita Cooperwasser׳׳׳

Youth Program



- ☆ This Shabbat the youth leaders are: Justin Safier (Floater), Madeline Plotnick & Andy Fruend (Beit Midrash - Group Aleph), and Hannah Levine & Zachary Oppenheim (Purple Room - Group Bet).



Upcoming Events

- ☆ Dec. 20 - The Pella Singers, an *a capella* group.
- ☆ Jan. 3 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the Wigod and Sokoloff families in memory of Ron's and Cheryl's׳׳׳ parents Leonore (Leah bat Zev׳׳׳) and Benjamin (Boruch Chaim ben Zevulun Aryeh) Sokoloff׳׳׳.
- ☆ Jan. 10 - Guest speaker Robert Hoenig, Executive Director of Project Ezra
- ☆ Feb. 7 - Yachad Shabbaton
- ☆ Feb. 21 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the Garfunkels upon the third Yahrzeit of David's father Yehoshua Falik Ben Moshe HaCohain׳׳׳.
- ☆ March 21 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by the Garfunkels upon the first Yahrzeit of David's mother Faye Rivka Bat R' Chaim Halevi׳׳׳.
- ☆ May 9 - Shimshon Goldstein Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ May 16 - Eli Schachter Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ June 20 - Kiddush sponsored by the Schwitzers in honor of Jason's Aufruf and upcoming wedding to Alicia Cohen
- ☆ Aug. 1 - Kiddush in honor of Andrew Wigod's Aufruf, and upcoming wedding to Kira Batist
- ☆ Oct. 3 - Hadassah & Hadar Schachter B'Not Mitzvah

Pack 613

- ☆ Dec. 13 - Den Meeting
- ☆ Dec. 21 - Webelos Conclave in MA
- ☆ Dec. 27 - Den Meeting
- ☆ Jan. 3 - Pack Meeting
- ☆ Jan. 10 - Den Meeting
- ☆ Jan. 25 - Trip
- ☆ Feb. 7 - Scout Shabbat
- ☆ Feb. 14 - Den Meeting
- ☆ Feb. 21 - Blue & Gold Banquet
- ☆ Feb. 22 - Belleayre Ski Day
- ☆ Mar. 1 - Pinewood Derby
- ☆ Mar. 8 - Den Meeting
- ☆ Mar. 15 - Trip/Service Project
- ☆ Mar. 22 - Den Meeting



Mazal Tov to Sheree & Hazkiel Kor (Community Service awardees) and Arielle & Jonathan Schachter (Young Leadership awardees) who are this year's Ahavat Achim Journal Dinner Honorees. Look out for more details!



Shirley Vann has dedicated this week's Covenant & Conversation (used with permission of the Office of Rabbi Sacks) in memory of her beloved mother Necha bat Yitzchok׳׳׳.



החנוכה CHANUKAH

Tuesday night, Dec. 16, after sunset (according to some, after the appearance of three stars) we light the Chanukah lights and make the following three Brachot: שעשה נסים, להדליק נר של חנוכה, and שהחיינו. After lighting we recite "הנרות הללו" etc. We also light the Chanukah Menorah, with all of its Brachot, in the southern side of the Shul (where the Menorah was lit in the Holy Temple) so as to make a public declaration of the miracle. "שהחיינו" is recited only on the first night. The first candle that is lit is at the extreme right of the Menorah. The established customs are to light inside the house, by a window that is in view of the street, or at the very least, that is in view of an alley or courtyard where people walk, and on each day to add an additional candle that is lit first that night (placing candles right to left, but lighting left to right). By the eighth day we light eight candles.

The basic decree is for the head of the household to light, with everyone observing the candles being lit and hearing the Brachot, and if there are visitors they must at least contribute oil (or candles) or pay a few cents so that they become partners in the Mitzvah. The custom now is for even visitors to light their own Menorah, at the proper time, with their own Bracha, even if a member of the family is lighting the Menorah for his household. The individual family members may, if they so wish, light their own Menorahs and make their own Brachot.

One may not derive any practical benefit from the Chanukah lights, so we light an additional "Shammash" candle so that if one needs light he can use the Shammash.

It is best to light at the time of the initial appearance of the stars (except for Saturday night when one, perforce, must light later). Under extenuating circumstances, one may light at midnight or later, if members of the family are awake to see the Chanukah lights.

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SUPPORT YOUR SHUL

Donate a Sefer, etc.

The shul has Siddurim & Machzorim (\$36) and Chumashim (\$54) available to be donated. Please contact Jeff Safier at rjsafier@optonline.net for details.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Memorialize a loved one and receive written notice of your upcoming yahrzeit every year. In addition, your loved one's name will be mentioned during the public Yizkor we recite on Yom Kippur and in the Bulletin. Plaques are \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members. For more information, contact Sophie Infield at 791-5518.

Scrip

Scrip is available from Men's Club for Shop Rite, email David at garfdad@optonline.net. Pay by Paypal at treasurer@ahavatachim.org or by Discover, MasterCard or Visa - email treasurer@ahavatachim.org for details.

Mishebayrach

If you've made a Mishebayrach you've pledged to give Tzedakah on behalf of those for whom you asked Hashem's blessing. Contributions to the shul are appropriate and can be made via Paypal to treasurer@ahavatachim.org, or via MasterCard, Visa or Discover by sending the information to Elliot Greene (contact him at treasurer@ahavatachim.org). If paying by check please indicate on its face "Aliyah Donation." Thank you for your generosity.

David Schwitzer^{ת"ע} Social Hall

Please contact Steven Winchester at swinchman1@gmail.com to book the David Schwitzer^{ת"ע} Social Hall for an event or special occasion. \$250 per simcha (members) / \$500 paid in advance for non-members, plus the cost of any additional clean up (plus a \$150 security deposit refunded when the social hall is returned in the condition it started in). Private caterers must be approved in advance by the Rabbi.

Sisterhood & Men's Club

Please contact Elliot Greene at egreene@acm.org to join the Men's Club. To join Sisterhood, please contact Lori Garfunkel at garfmom@optonline.net.

Honoraria

Contributions to acquire honoraria in memory or honor of a loved one are welcome. The available Honoraria list will be provided upon request by contacting Steven Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com.

Mitzvah Cards

Want mitzvah cards, contact Eita Latkin at 791-8940 or parentsof3@aol.com. Cost is \$3 per card. Also can be ordered in bulk - ten cards for \$25, which you send out yourself privately.

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There must be enough oil/wax to last one half hour past the time when the stars appear. If one is lighting after the appearance of the stars there must still be enough oil to burn for half an hour. If the Chanukah lights are accidentally extinguished prior to their having burned the requisite time, one is not obligated by Halacha to rekindle them; it is, however, advisable that one rekindle them without a Bracha.

There is a custom to give children Chanukah Gelt as part of the process of publicizing the miracle.

During Shemonah Esrei and Bircat HaMazon we add ועל הנסים. At Shacharit we recite the complete Hallel followed by a half-Kaddish (with the exception of Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh when the Hallel is followed by a Kaddish Tiskabel). If one omitted ועל הנסים he does not repeat the Shemonah Esrei or Birkat Hamazon.












ד' דחנוכה

FOURTH DAY OF CHANUKAH

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 19/KISLEV 27

We light the Chanukah Menorah at home before lighting the Shabbat candles. Some strive to recite Mincha before lighting the Chanukah lights. However, one must be careful not to delay the welcoming of Shabbat because of this. One may not light Chanukah or Shabbat candles earlier than Plag HaMincha (3:33 PM). One must be careful to use enough oil (or light a large enough candle) that will remain lit until thirty minutes after the appearance of three stars.

Come join the following families at the shul Chanukah dinner. It will be great!

-  Zehava & Norman Baron
-  Lisa & Aryeh Brenenson (and Helene, R.J., Julia & Harris)
-  Saragail Chessin Carpe
-  Lori & David Garfunkel (and Alyssa, Debra, Daniel, Haim, Uri, Aharon, Leah, Yehoshua & Ezra)
-  Risa Goldman & Eli Greenbaum (and Ben & Noah)
-  Julie & Rabbi Goldstein (and Marlene Yanofsky, Shimshon, Moriah, Aviad, Lielle & Ayala)
-  Dina & Elliot Greene
-  Melanie Kwestel
-  Toby & Aaron Lewis
-  Gail & Steven Plotnick (and Madeline)
-  Shelly & Sam Racenstein
-  Andrea & Greg Riskin (and Deborah, Michael and Eden)
-  Arielle & Jonathan Schachter (and Lynne & Fred Poritsky, Eli, Hadassah, Hadar & Lior)
-  Ilana & Nate Schwitzer
-  Ron Sokoloff
-  Randi & Arnie Spier
-  Beth & Steve Wechsler (and Ben, Andrew & Emily)
-  Seymour Wigod
-  Shelly & Steven Winchester (and Dena)
-  Orit & Eli Zeron

AHAVAT ACHIM MISCELLANEOUS

Rabbi Goldstein's Hours

Rabbi Goldstein is available to the membership by contacting him at UriG77@aol.com or by phone at 201-703-2458. For those who wish to contact him during office hours, he is available to be at the shul Wednesday evenings after Ma'ariv until approximately 10:00 pm. Please note that the Rabbi's e-mails are forwarded to his home PC and to his mobile phone.

Become a Member of Ahavat Achim

If you are not yet a member; please contact Aryeh Brenenson abrenenson@gmail.com for details on membership.

Bikkur Cholim/Chesed

If anyone could use a visit/assistance from the Bikkur Cholim/Chesed Committee, contact the Rabbi at UriG77@aol.com or Sara Levine at saralevine06@gmail.com or (201)797-9286. Contact Sara to join the committee and offer Biker Cholim assistance in the manner that's most conducive to your schedule. You may find yourself in a position to spend time visiting a homebound shul member, give them a call and see if they require any special assistance or might even decide to cook or purchase a special meal for them. No offer will be refused and all are most appreciated.

Personal Announcements

Various life cycle events related to members are announced in the shul's weekly bulletin (e.g., births, bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and deaths), and the bulletin acknowledges travel to/from Israel for study. We also welcome new members and those who've moved into the community and express interest in our shul. Other personal announcements generally are not appropriate for inclusion in the bulletin, except as part of the bulletin's dedication (a \$36 cost - \$54 with photo). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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