

Congregation Ahavat Achim

קהילת אהבת אחים

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WEEKDAY DAVENING INFORMATION

	Sunday (3/23)	Monday (3/24)	Tuesday (3/25)	Wednesday (3/26)	Thursday (3/27)	Friday (3/28)
Earliest Talit	6:01 AM	5:59 AM	5:58 AM	5:56 AM	5:54 AM	5:52 AM
Shacharit	8:15 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
Gedolah	1:34 PM	1:34 PM	1:34 PM	1:34 PM	1:34 PM	1:33 PM
Mincha (Su/Fri) - Maariv	6:50 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	7:05 PM
Shkia	7:12 PM	7:13 PM	7:14 PM	7:15 PM	7:16 PM	
Tzait	7:57 PM	7:58 PM	7:59 PM	8:00 PM	8:01 PM	

שבת פרשת שמיני/פרשת פרה
SHABBAT PARSHAT SHEMINI
PARSHAT PARAH
20 ADAR II - MARCH 22

Maftir reads from Chukat (Numbers 19:1-22). Haftorah is Ezekiel 36:16-38. Don't say א-ל מלא or אב הרחמים. Say צדקתך צדק.

FRIDAY NIGHT
CANDLE LIGHTING - 6:52PM
MINCHA - 6:55 PM
TZAIT - 7:55 PM

SATURDAY
CHUMASH SHIUR - 8:00 AM
SHACHARIT YOUTH - 8:20 AM
SHACHARIT MAIN - 8:45 AM
LAST KRIAT SHEMA - 10:00 AM
GEMARA SHIUR - N/A
MINCHA - 6:40 PM
SHKIA - 7:11 PM
MAARIV/HAVDALAH - 7:56 PM

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

CONGREGATION AHAVAT ACHIM
18-25 SADDLE RIVER ROAD
FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410-5909
201-797-0502
WWW.AHAVATACHIM.ORG



Rabbi Elchanan Adler, a Rosh Yeshiva at Yeshiva University, will be joining us Shabbat, March 29th, in honor of the upcoming Chag Haseicha. Men and women are invited and encouraged to attend a shiur one hour before Mincha, "Blessing the New Month: Timely Insights and Perspectives" and at Seuda Shlishit, "Torah and Self-Actualization: Discovering the True Me." See flyer on Page 4.

Rabbi Tilonsky will be available at the shul for Chometz sales as follows:



Thursday, April 3, 7:30 PM-10 PM
Sunday, April 6, 9:45 AM - 11 AM
Motzei Shabbat, April 12, following Maariv, from 8:50 PM - 10:00 PM

If you have any questions about selling chametz please contact Rabbi Tilonsky at rabbivintilonsky@gmail.com.

Kiddush Information

- ☆ Kiddush cleanup for the month of March is Oppenheim, Oster, Plotnick, Racenstein, Reichardt, Rein, Riskin, Safier & Schachter
- ☆ Kiddush setup for this Shabbat is Schachter, Spier, Dworkis
- ☆ Kiddush setup for next Shabbat is Greene, Weinraub, Banner
- ☆ 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 mornings at 8:00 AM.

Numbers & Info

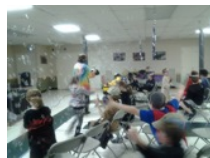
ERUV UPDATE – 201-797-0502
 MIKVAH – 201-796-0350. At Shomrei Torah, weekdays 9:00 PM–10:30 PM, Motzei Shabbat from 11/4 hours after Shabbat ends for 1.5 hours.
 Kaylim Mikvah: Sunday 10 AM-3 PM

Gita Cooperwasser^{ה"צ}

Youth Program



- ☆ This Shabbat the youth director is Avi Sonnenblick, and the youth leaders are Jason Lang & Zach Oppenheim (2nd-6th Grade Boys), Justin Safier & Deborah Riskin (Boys/Girls 1st-6th Grade), and Dena Winchester (K/Pre-K).
- ☆ Apr. 5 – Pre-Pesach scavenger hunt, 10:30 AM at the shul!
- ☆ Apr. 6, 10 AM to Noon, movie brunch, pre-k/1st graders at the Brenensons', hosted by the Riskins and Brenensons.
- ☆ May 17 – Lag b'Omer scavenger hunt, 10:30 AM at the shul!
- ☆ June 4 – ICE CREAM! Join us at the Bernsteins, 4:00 PM, for the Shavuot ice cream party.
- ☆ Thank you to all the families who braved wind, rain and fire at our Purim Sciencetellers Event. Thanks to Tamar Dubin, Andy Freund & Serena Freund for setup/clean-up.



Rabbi Avi Tilonsky

Mar. 29, Apr. 12

Contact Info:
 Phone: 609-200-1284
rabbivintilonsky@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

- ☆ Mar. 29 - Rabbi Elchanan Adler
- ☆ Apr. 5 - Siyum Mesechet Sukkah at Suedah Shlishit
- ☆ Apr. 6 - Pesach Kaylim Kashering, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- ☆ Apr. 26 - Uri Garfunkel's Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ May 10 - Cholent Kiddush/Luncheon
- ☆ May 17 - Joshua Shanblatt Bar Mitzvah
- ☆ May 31 - Suedah Shlishit sponsored by Eli Zezon in memory of שלמה בין אליהו
- ☆ June 21 - Suedah Shlishit sponsored by Eli Zezon in memory of ברוך מפציר בין שמואל
- ☆ Feb 13, 2016 - Ben Wechsler Bar Mitzvah

תודה רבה

Thank You

Yasher Koach to our members that participated in the mitzvah of Matanos Levyonim via the Shul on Purim. We distributed over \$1500 to the following tzedakot: Od Yosef Chai \$1200, Keren Hatzadik \$250, Ezras Yisroel \$36 and Ezras Torah \$54. Your contributions were distributed to the needy for their Purim seudah on Purim day.



JEWISH FEDERATION OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

The 16th Annual Israeli Film and Cultural Festival takes place from March 22 to April 10. For all the details, go to <http://www.jfnnj.org/page.aspx?id=213676>.



First annual cholent/luncheon kiddush is Shabbat, May 10. We need five teams of cholent makers at the shul using shul crockpots. Email Steve Plotnick at seplotnick@gmail.com to sponsor this event at the following levels: Meat-\$180, Potato-\$118, Bean-\$72, & Barley-\$36. Contact Andrea or Randi if interested in cholent preparation at ajriskin@aol.com or randi.spier@gmail.com.



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^{ה"צ}.



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PARSHAT PARAH

"This is the decree of the Torah, which Hashem has commanded, saying: Speak to the Children of Israel, and they shall take to you a completely red cow, which is without blemish, and upon which a yoke has not come." (BaMidbar 19:2)

This is an example of Law of the Torah which is considered completely above human comprehension. The paradox is that those who are involved in the preparation of the ashes of the cow become ritually impure, while the sprinkling of water with those ashes is used to remove contamination! It is an example of a Law which must be accepted on faith alone.

On the Shabbat after Purim, two Torah Scrolls are removed from the Ark. The Sidrah of the week is read from the first, and from the second, the chapter of Parah Adumah, the Red Cow (or Red Heifer), is read. It gives the procedure through which people can purify themselves from the contamination caused by a human corpse.

The reading of this chapter was instituted for this time of the year because Jews were required to purify themselves before coming to Jerusalem for the pilgrimage festival of Passover. The Haftarah read on the Sabbath of Parashat Parah contains the verse, "And I shall sprinkle pure water upon you, that you be cleansed. From all your contamination and from all your filth I will cleanse you" (Ezekiel 36:25). There are other parallels in the Haftarah between the concepts of sin represented by contamination, and atonement represented by purity.

This idea is discussed in the commentary to the ArtScroll Ezekiel (pp.534-5), as follows: Freedom of will in moral matters is the first and irreplaceable condition for living one's life on the higher plane demanded by the Torah. Belief in man's freedom of action, however, is endangered by the fact that man cannot avoid death and that he is subject to the superficial limitations imposed by the forces of nature.

This belief is particularly shaken by the sight of a dead human being. If the whole human being has succumbed to death, been overpowered by physical forces - If man, like all other organic beings, cannot escape the spell of an overpowering force - then there is no room for the moral "you shall" next to the physical "you must." Moral freedom of will would then be an illusion, and the Divine law of morality with its demand for total free-willed devotion to the illuminating, purifying fire of its sanctuary would be incomprehensible. (R'Hirsch, Numbers 19:22).
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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^{ר"צ} Social Hall

Please contact Steven Winchester at swinchman@aol.com to book the David Schwitzer^{ר"צ} 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 Shelly Winchester at swinchgal@aol.com.

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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Thus, sin is related not only to death, but also to contamination, which is closely associated with death. Because the sinner is shackled by his desires, he loses spiritual control of actions. He is swept along by the physical lusts that have overpowered his spiritual self. Thus, the most meaningful part of life, the spiritual, has been killed. For this reason, when G-d forgives man's sin and grants him a new heart and a new spirit, He is imbuing him with purity, the state of mind in which man is the sole master of his actions.

A living (and therefore a pure) person uses his body as he wills; it is his tool to use as he sees fit. The regenerate sinner, upon returning to the state of purity, joins once more the state of the living - and the free. (Chazon HaMikra) As with the other of the Four Parshiyot, a boy who is not yet of Bar-Mitzvah age should not be called to the Torah for Maftir on Shabbat Parshat Parah, nor should he read the Parshah for others. For since he is free of the obligation of Mitzvot, he cannot enable others to fulfill their obligation through him.

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 at the shul every Wednesday evening 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 blackberry. [RABBI GOLDSTEIN IS ON HIATUS]

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 saralevine6@optimum.net.

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.

Chag HaSemikhah 5774 תנו כבוד לתורה! Special Program

Celebrate the future of the Jewish community, as we honor the new Rabbis from Fair Lawn, Rabbi Jeremy Donath and Rabbi Avi Narrow-Tilonsky who have received their ordination in the past four years from
Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University

Shabbat, Parshat Tazria • March 29, 2014
Rabbi Elchanan Adler, RIETS Rosh Yeshiva



will be giving the
Friday Night Dvar Torah
at Congregation Shomrei Torah ♦ 19-10 Morlot Ave, Fair Lawn

Drasha and Shiur after Kiddush
The Mitzva of Kiddush HaChodesh and its Modern Day Applications
at Congregation Darchei Noam ♦ 10-04 Alexander Avenue, Fair Lawn

Shiur one hour before Mincha
Blessing the New Month: Timely Insights and Perspectives
Congregation Ahavat Achim ♦ 18-25 Saddle River Rd, Fair Lawn

Seuda Shlishit Talk
Torah and Self-Actualization: Discovering the True Me
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Chag HaSemikhah - Sunday - March 23rd

Watch live on the Web at noon at www.yutorah.org/live

For more information: visit yu.edu/chag

call 646.592.4027

or email chag5774@yu.edu



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