

AHAVAS ACHIM NEWSLETTER

APRIL 17, 2020

שמיני/מברכים

כ"ד ניסן תש"פ

Candlelighting..... 7:21 p.m.

Suggested times for Shabbat Tefillah
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv..... 7:30 p.m.
 Shacharit7:00 & 8:45 a.m.
 Mincha..... 7:20 p.m.
 Maariv..... 8:27 p.m.
 Motzei Shabbat 8:31 p.m.
 Havdalah B'Yachad 8:40 p.m.

SYNAGOGUE NEWS

RABBI'S TIPS FOR THIS SHABBAT:

- Although the **last** time for Candlelighting is at **7:21 p.m.**, Shabbat may be brought in and candles lit earlier, as long as it is after Plag Hamincha, which is at **6:16 p.m.** today. Ideally, one would daven Mincha before Plag Hamincha and then Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv after Plag Hamincha.
- When davening at home on Shabbat morning, Anim Zemirot is not recited, as it is considered a Davar Shebekedushah which requires a minyan.
- This Shabbat we recite Birchat Hachodesh for the month of Iyar in our homes. The molad for Iyar *vet zein* **Wednesday at 3:37 p.m. and 12 chalakim.** Rosh Chodesh will be next Friday and Shabbat.
- I look forward to seeing you all at Havdalah B'Yachad on Motzei Shabbat. We will begin with Sefirat HaOmer at **8:40 p.m.**

המקום ינחם

The Congregation extends its condolences to **Aaron Israel, Debbie Israel, Josh Israel and Chani Tabak** on the loss of their father, **Gabbai Bernie Israel z"l**. Shiva is being observed until **Wednesday** morning for **Debbie** and **Josh**, and **Tuesday** morning for **Aaron** and **Chani**. **Debbie** can be reached at **732-572-3592**. **Aaron** can be reached at **516-725-9346**. When calling, please remember that he is in Eretz Yisrael and there is a 7 hour time difference.

The Israel family will be hosting a **Zoom Shiva meeting** to celebrate the life of their father and grandfather **this Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m.** To join the Zoom meeting please use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92669717590>.

Condolences also to **Avi Maza** on the loss of his mother, **Rebbetzin Shirley Maza z"l**.

May they and their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

The Spiritual Heroes of the Shoah:
 Access this program via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5757628337?pwd=ak56U0g4SkVFOFU2YlpVZmxqSz11UT09>

All are invited to Ahavas Achim's **Zoom Yom Hashoah Commemoration this Tuesday, April 21 from 8:00-8:30 p.m.** There will be video presentations, words from the rabbi, and tributes to the Kedoshim of the Shoah. The program will

conclude with a Virtual Maariv at 8:30 p.m.

HAVDALAH B'YACHAD

Motzei Shabbat, April 18, at 8:40 p.m.
Virtual Havdalah with the Ahavas Achim Family.

Connect with Ahavas Achim via Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/5757628337?pwd=ak56U0g4SkVFOFU2YlpVZmxqSz11UT09>

This Motzei Shabbat, please use your computer or other device to join all together as a shul for a beautiful Havdalah. We ask you to light your Havdalah candle, turn down the lights, and sing along with us as we start the new week as a community. We look forward to seeing everyone from afar and illuminating our homes together. *(Please note that if able to one should still make Havdalah in the home before or after the shul Havdalah.)*

After Havdalah there will be a Daf Yomi shiur so please stay logged in if you are interested in learning the Daf!



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Postponed to a future date!
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Jaklin Rozen - ג'קלין בת רחל

Anny Safier - אופירה חיה בת רבקה צביה

Yussie Weiss - יוסף חיים בן בעשה

Alan White - אברהם יוסף בן פריידע

If you would like to submit a name for the cholim list, please call the Shul office: 732-247-0532 or email: secretary@ahavasachim.org.

DAILY INSPIRATION

Each weekday evening, the rabbi offers a short Parsha-based Dvar Torah between Mincha and Maariv. Would you like to be included in a WhatsApp group and receive these daily lessons as we adapt to virtual shul? Please email your phone number to: socialdistancingsurvival@gmail.com and we will add you to our group! Let's make it a daily dose of Parsha!

MATCH CAMPAIGN AND LEARN-A-THON

As we all continue to be separated from each other and our Shul has been closed, the opportunity to join together in a new and uncharted way has arisen. We are proud to announce Congregation Ahavas Achim's Match Campaign and Learn-a-Thon! The match campaign begins Sunday evening, April 26 and runs through Sunday night, May 3. We will be ending the match campaign with a 12-hour virtual learn-a-thon with exciting Torah,

content and fun for the whole family! More information to follow!

Looking to get pumped for the event? Check out the trailer at: <https://youtu.be/YvdI8vhXfNQ> and start spreading the word!

AAU SHIURIM VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The learning has not stopped! It has just moved online. Please join us for this schedule of classes and maintain your regular learning from home!

Connect with Ahavas Achim via Zoom:

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MONDAY 8:00-8:30 p.m. Practical Halacha with Rabbi Miodownik

8:30-9:30 p.m. Gemara Kiddushin with Rabbi Miodownik

WEDNESDAY 1:15-2:15 p.m. The Weekly Haftarah with Rabbi Miodownik: Weekly Exploration of the Haftarah of the upcoming Shabbat (Wednesday women's class and Thursday men's class combined)

THURSDAY 2:00-3:00 p.m. Men's Retirees Kollel continues Gemara Taanit shiur with Rabbi Shraga Gross.

TCN SHIURIM

If you've always wanted to try out Rabbi Reisman's Saturday night Navi shiur or Rabbi Frand's Thursday night parasha shiur on TCN, but somehow couldn't get up the energy to go to shul for them, now's your chance to view them from the comfort of your home. If you're interested in receiving a link to each week's recorded shiur, send email to: aau.tcn@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The next AA Sisterhood Book Club meeting will take place **this Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The book we will be discussing is *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badani.

We hope you can join us using the link:

[https://zoom.us/j/5757628337?](https://zoom.us/j/5757628337?pwd=ak56U0g4SkVFOFU2YlpVZmxqSzI1UT09)

[pwd=ak56U0g4SkVFOFU2YlpVZmxqSzI1UT09](https://zoom.us/j/5757628337?pwd=ak56U0g4SkVFOFU2YlpVZmxqSzI1UT09).



COMMUNITY NEWS

JFS: DONATE A GIFT CARD, HELP STOCK THEIR SHELVES

Jewish Family Services strives to make sure that those in need of food don't go hungry. Kosher groceries are available for curbside pickup so the most vulnerable can get food without any risk to their health. With their pantry shelves emptying quickly, please consider donating a gift card so JFS can purchase more food. You can mail or drop off gift cards or checks at their secure lockbox: **JFS of Middlesex County, 32 Ford Avenue, Floor 2, Milltown, NJ 08850**. To contact JFS of Middlesex County, call: **732-777-1940**, email: office@jfsmiddlesex.org or visit: www.jfsmiddlesex.org.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN OPERATIONS FROM LEFKOVITS FAMILY PARK MIKVAH

The Mikvah is currently by **appointment only**. All preparations should be done at home and all appointments must be made via the appointment page on the website: www.parkmikvah.org.

Please make sure to arrive on time to ensure social distancing and to allot appropriate time for sanitizing between appointments. Please visit the website: www.parkmikvah.org for more information. For questions or concerns, please email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

JFS COUNSELING BY PHONE

The impact of COVID-19 is far reaching. Social isolation, financial instability, disruption of daily routines, and more can take a heavy emotional toll. JFS counselors are available by phone and online video call to help. To make an appointment, call **732-777-1940**. Most insurance accepted.

GET COUNTED: CENSUS 2020

Your step-by-step guide for how to respond online at: my2020census.gov.

English: Video Guide to Completing the 2020 Census Online can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/wmr3usx>.

For links to this same video guide in other languages please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/qv8h6x6>.

COVID RELIEF FUND

As the COVID-19 shelter-in-place requirements lengthen, unemployment increases, and more neighbors and friends become infected with or affected by the virus, now is the time to act. The **Jewish Federation in the Heart of NJ** has established a community-wide **COVID Relief Fund**. If everyone were to give \$18 toward COVID relief, imagine the powerful impact that the collective community would create when it's needed most! Your support will meet the most urgent needs of vulnerable people, while also fostering the resilience and security of the Jewish ecosystem that serves them.

We are all in need, but as bad as we may have it...there are those who have it worse than us:

- People who cannot put food on their tables
- People who cannot bury loved ones they are losing because they have no income
- Elderly who have no one to shop for them
- People who cannot keep their lights on
- Organizations that cannot serve their communities
- Doctors and nurses who are on the front lines and barely eating because there is no food available at the hospital, yet they are helping save lives

Tzedakah is part of who we are as Jewish people. There is no time better than now to remember that! Please use the this link to donate now: <https://tinyurl.com/rwxcdwa>.

UPCOMING PJ LIBRARY VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

PJ Our Way "When I Grow Up" with Wildlife Photographer, **Roie Galitz** will meet **this Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.**, on Zoom. When I Grow Up is a PJ Our Way program for children 8-12. Children meet Jewish professionals with interesting professions and engage in fun projects related to their profession. In this virtual Zoom meeting, you will meet Roie Galitz, an Israeli wildlife photographer, who will show you his beautiful photos and share his fascinating experiences. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/xK9dheka9twSjjZx7>.

Yom Hashoah Program for children 8-13 will meet **this Thursday, April 23 at 5:00**

p.m. on Zoom. **Nina Wolff Feld**, author of *Someday You Will Understand* will share, in an age-appropriate manner, the unbelievable story of her father, Walter Wolff, who fled Nazi Germany, and after a sixteen-month odyssey managed to get to the U.S., joined the army, and returned to Europe to prosecute Nazi oppressors. Please register at: <https://forms.gle/2n5DgdeWzchBsaV7>. The Zoom link will be sent to you after registration.

Bagels and Blocks (for toddlers and preschool children) will meet **next Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m.** on Zoom. This monthly program is going virtual. Toddlers and preschoolers and their parents and grandparents are invited to celebrate Israel. You will play games, sing songs, listen to a story and have lots of fun. **RSVP to Inbar** at inbars@jewishheartnj.org. You will receive the Zoom link after you have registered.

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4/19	Marlene Barth	Mother
	Edward Lowinger	Mother
4/20	Janet Rivenson	Mother
	Ida Rose	Brother
	Ari & Teri Sofair-Fisch	Son
4/23	Marlene Barth	Father
4/24	Denise Hametz	Sister

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