

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

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## MAY - JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

<http://www.congregationahavasachim.org/>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat, May 11 @ 10:00am – Shabbat Morning Service

Fri, May 31 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Fri, Jun 7 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Sat, Jun 29 @ 10:00am – Shabbat Morning Service  
followed by a potluck dairy luncheon

**Soup Kitchen** (First Thursday of the month) at  
Our Community Table, 101 Meadow St., Westfield  
4:00 – 5:45 pm. Contact Sandy 413-262-4564 to volunteer  
time and/or food.

May 2, June 6, July 4 & August 1

### Hebrew School:

Coordinator: Andy Blumenthal

**Board Meeting:** June 12th @ 6:30pm at Wendy  
Blondin's – 59 Forest Glen Dr. Westfield, call Wendy for  
directions 413-568-5347 – all members invited to attend

Note: All services are held at the Interfaith Center at Westfield State  
University unless otherwise noted.

### Yahrzeit

*With great sadness, we remember the following  
people on the Yahrzeit of their passing:*

#### 2019

Alda Haselkorn	Iyar 17	May 22
Esther Goldstein	Iyar 18	May 23
Stanley Lewin	Iyar 28	Jun 2
Leah Ruth Chase	Sivan 5	Jun 8
Alfred Levy	Sivan 7	Jun 10
Joseph Goodman	Sivan 13	Jun 16
Mary Garber	Sivan 15	Jun 18
Maurice Goldstein	Sivan 15	Jun 18
Les Gubkin	Sivan 18	Jun 21
Alex Flatt	Sivan 24	Jun 27
Albert Shepard	Sivan 24	Jun 27
Carol Beckwith	Sivan 24	Jun 27
Seymour Newman	Sivan 25	Jun 28
Clara Goldberg	Sivan 25	Jun 28
Mary Libby	Sivan 27	Jun 30
Helen Gubkin	Sivan 27	Jun 30
H. Tucker	Sivan 28	Jul 1
Bertram Siegel	Sivan 29	Jul 2
Doris Levy	Tamuz 1	Jul 4
Leonard Levy	Tamuz 10	Jul 13
Adele K. Blumenthal	Tamuz 18	Jul 21
Abraham Rosenthal	Tamuz 19	Jul 22
Maude Lewin	Tamuz 20	Jul 23
Eva Caplin	Tamuz 21	Jul 24
Anna Grodzen	Tamuz 23	Jul 26
Michael Temkin	Tamuz 24	Jul 27
Edward Lewin	Tamuz 25	Jul 28
Seymour Greenberg	Tamuz 29	Aug 1
Mae Sharin	Av 2	Aug 3
Harold Bernson	Av 13	Aug 14
Freida Caplin	Av 29	Aug 30

## Onegs & Kiddushes:

If you would like to supply the challah, wine, snack and/or juice for our social time after a Shabbat Service, please contact Rabbi Efraim at [Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com) or (413) 687-3420

Also, if you will be attending Shabbat services, please let Rabbi Efraim know, if possible by that Wednesday ([Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com) or (413) 687-3420). Sometimes there is a congregant who especially needs a minyan for reciting the Kaddish, and on Saturdays, we would like to have a minyan so we can read from the Torah.

## Pesach:

Congregation Ahavas Achim joined with Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization for a Community Passover Seder on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church social hall. It was a participatory Seder led by the JSO Students with readings, prayers, and songs. Everyone in attendance was welcome to read from the new inclusive Hagaddah compiled by Elli-Ann Oskar. We all enjoyed the traditional Seder foods for dinner.

The Seder was attended by members of the Congregation and their families, as well as students, faculty, and staff from Westfield State University and congregants from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church. It truly was a joyous celebration, a delicious meal and a very enjoyable evening for all who were there.

Many thanks to Elli-Ann Oskar, Rissa Larsen and Fran Eisenberg for their planning and coordinating efforts in bringing this Seder together for all to enjoy.

## Dues Reminder:

Dues were payable in full by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remit any unpaid balance, as soon as possible, to Cong. Ahavas Achim, P.O. Box 334, Westfield, MA 01086. Contact Nancy Rapisarda at [Rappercpa@aol.com](mailto:Rappercpa@aol.com) or call (413) 562-9491 if you have questions concerning your balance.

*Congregation Ahavas Achim wishes to thank all its friends and members for their generous donations:*

Ruth Ohayon – in memory of Rebbezen Ruby Ziri Ohayon and Rabbi Meir Ohayon – Prayer Book Fund

Marcia Kahn – in honor of Fran Eisenberg's new granddaughter – General Fund

*\*Donations received as of 4/30/19*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Gregory Beckwith	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Beckwith	May 13 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Wright	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Alyssa Eisenberg	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Robert Wool	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Beckwith	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Arthur Haselkorn	July 30 <sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Anniversary wishes go out to the following:

Glenn & Susan Beckwith	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy & Bill Rapisarda	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Michael & Barbara Davenport	July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Wool & Lynne Goldberg	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Wendy & Bob Blondin	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>
Nate & Carol Rosenthal	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Mak'hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts will collaborate with the Holyoke High School Madrigal Singers to perform a benefit concert for Womanshelter/Companeras. This Holyoke based organization has sheltered more than 2,000 women and children and assisted 30,000 others through community support programs. *(See attached flyer for details.)*

The concert is entitled "Shelter of Peace" and will feature choral favorites from diverse cultures. The musical groups will sing selections separately as well as together. One of the musical selections will be sung in Ladino, which is a language spoken by the Spanish Jewish culture, a mixture of 16th century Spanish and Hebrew. One of the combined pieces, "Oseh Shalom", arranged by Mak'hela" Director Elaine Broad Ginsberg, has been a favorite sung by the Madrigal Singers led by Mark Todd. It will be exciting for the students to meet the actual arranger of the music they know well.

This will be a rare opportunity for the Madrigal Singers to share the stage and perform with an adult chorus in a unique multigenerational and multicultural concert. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., at Holyoke High School located at 500 Beech Street. There is a suggested donation of \$5 (or more) per person, and all proceeds will go to Womanshelter/Companeras.

## **Fundraising:**

Did you know that Congregation Ahavas Achim has a unique AmazonSmile link that makes it easier for people to find and support us? We ask that you consider using our link if you will be shopping on Amazon anyway.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0141633>

Click on the above link and you will be taken to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) where you are automatically asked if you want to support Congregation Ahavas Achim. In doing so, that allows us to receive 0.5% of the price of your [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) purchases. Please be sure to use our unique link in place of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) as only purchases made at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) are eligible. Any items ordered via the Smile.Amazon website are at the same price as listed on the regular Amazon website.

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