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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. Jan 16 @ 10am – Adult Study

Fri. Feb 12 @ 7:15pm - Shabbat Evening Service

Sat. Mar 13 @ 10am - Shabbat Morning Service

Please join us via Zoom until further notice. Cantor Reaboi sends out Zoom invitations prior to each service or event. Please contact us at ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com or leave a voicemail message at (413) 642-1797 if you want to say Kaddish or have any suggestions for us.

Board Meeting: Meetings are held via conference calls during the pandemic. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 10th. All are welcome to join. Please let us know if you are interested so we can include you in our call.

Hebrew School:

Coordinator: Andy Blumenthal

(Please call him at (413) 569-1148 if you or another member of our community has expressed interest.)

Yahrzeit

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

		<u>2021</u>
Lillian Flax	Teveth 20	1/4
Abe Milstein	Teveth 24	1/8
Joseph Gubkin	Teveth 24	1/8
Milton Levy	Teveth 25	1/9
Herbert Silver	Teveth 26	1/10
Irving Stone	Shevat 2	1/15
Mildred Bowman	Shevat 8	1/21
Carl Stone	Shevat 9	1/22
Noah Nesin	Shevat 9	1/22
Samuel Garber	Shevat 15	1/28
Samuel Blumenthal	Shevat 16	1/29
Leah Brody	Shevat 20	2/2
Hilda Cooper	Shevat 24	2/6
Matthew L. Pearl	Shevat 27	2/9
Laura Rosenthal	Shevat 30	2/12
Honey Kaufman	Shevat 30	2/12
Shirley Goldstein	Adar 1	2/13
Murray Sanders	Adar 9	2/21
Irwin Rosenak	Adar II 12	2/24
Betty Grodzen	Adar 17	3/1
Doris Goldberg	Adar 18	3/2
Miriam Shepard	Adar 20	3/4
Harvey Roazen	Adar 22	3/6

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

Lynne Goldberg and Robert Wool, MD - General Fund

**Donations received as of 12/31/20*

Congregation Ahavas Achim wishes to thank all its friends and members for their generous donations (cont'd):

Time, monetary and/or food donations made toward Christmas day dinner at the soup kitchen:

Sandy Mackler

Fran Eisenberg

Bob and Judy Brown

Ron'na Lytle

Lynne Goldberg and Ezra

Elsa Rosenak

Miriam Steinberg

Carol Rosenthal

Rissa Larsen

Jeff Siegel

Nancy Rapisarda

Jen Belden and children

Barbara and Michael Davenport

Wendy and Bob Blondin

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Healing Service:

Congregation Ahavas Achim will be holding a short, ten-minute service every Friday, called the *Refu'ah Group*. Every Friday at 1pm, Cantor Colman Reaboi will go live on Facebook and ask members and the greater community to participate. We will share the names of friends and loved ones, do special readings and prayers for healing. We will also recite the *Kaddish* for anyone who has a *Yahrzeit*.

This weekly Refuah Group can be viewed on Facebook Live on Congregation Ahavas Achim's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/AhavasAchimWestfield/live/>

Chanukah in Westfield:

The 10th city-wide Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Westfield took place at 6:30pm on Friday, December 11th at Park Square in downtown Westfield. Thank you to Mayor Don Humason for having the outdoor Menorah, honoring the wonderful Jewish community of Westfield and hosting the Community Menorah Lighting. Thank you also to Cantor Reaboi who gave us a history of Chanukah and led us in prayer and songs. The ceremony was attended by many members of our Jewish community, as well as other people from Westfield and other surrounding areas. We certainly look forward to seeing the Menorah lights for many years to come.

Christmas Day Soup Kitchen

(December 25, 2020):

We wish to thank all those who had a hand in providing a very special Christmas meal at Our Community Table Soup Kitchen on December 25th. This year was especially challenging since the entire meal had to be prepared and packaged so that containers could be distributed to folks waiting outdoors. We gave out approximately 75 meals. Many people were in line for a meal for the very first time. People were so appreciative of the meal and of the gift bags that were distributed. One woman told us that if not for these gift bags, her two young daughters would not have gotten anything for Christmas.

Our group of volunteers really stepped up this year. Their generosity and willingness to share their time and talents brightened this Christmas for us all. Putting this together is truly a community effort. Bob and Judy once again cooked the meat to perfection. Special thanks to Fran and Sandy for organizing this event and to all those who provided their time, food, and monetary contributions to make this meal possible.

Below is from someone who picked up a Christmas dinner:

"What a great meal your synagogue friends put on for us. A tremendous amount of great tasting meat and veggies and other food and goodies. It was the best meal of my year! So thank you to all who participated to put this on. Even cheese and crackers and carrots and celery, cheesecake, my oh my! How very thoughtful and what energy it took to put all this together. Please thank all your helpers."

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 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 purchases. Please be sure to use our unique link in place of www.amazon.com as only purchases made at 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.

Website and Facebook:

Please click on the following links:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/AhavasAchimWestfield/>

When you find us on Facebook, please "Like" our page. You will also be able to find announcements and listings for our services and events. If you have any questions, or would like us to post any announcements, events or pictures for you, please email:

Carol and Nate Rosenthal - ncrose@comcast.net

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Jacob Blumenthal	January 3rd
Ellie Wright	January 7th
Susan Blumenthal	January 9th
Faith Blondin	January 13th
Andy Rosenthal	January 19th
Sarah Eisenberg	January 30th
Andrew Blumenthal	February 21st
Jason Blondin	March 2nd

Reminder:

Dues payment plans end in February unless special arrangements have been made. All membership dues should be paid in full by February 15, 2021. If you are having difficulty, please contact someone on the board to discuss an alternative payment plan.