

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

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## MAY - JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat, May 15 @ 10:00am – Shavuot Adult Study

Fri, May 21 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Fri, Jun 4 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Fri, Jun 25 – Erev Shabbat Service followed by a dessert Kiddush and farewell to Cantor Reaboi (details to follow regarding time and location)

*Please join us via Zoom until further notice. Cantor Reaboi sends out Zoom invitations prior to each service or event.*

*Please contact us at [ahavasachimquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ahavasachimquiry@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 June 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join. If you are interested, please let us know 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:*

#### 2021

Stanley Lewin	Iyar 28	May 10
Leah Ruth Chase	Sivan 5	May 16
Alfred Levy	Sivan 7	May 17
Joseph Goodman	Sivan 13	May 24
Mary Garber	Sivan 15	May 26
Maurice Goldstein	Sivan 15	May 26
Les Gubkin	Sivan 18	May 29
Alex Flatt	Sivan 24	Jun 4
Albert Shepard	Sivan 24	Jun 4
Carol Beckwith	Sivan 24	Jun 4
Seymour Newman	Sivan 25	Jun 5
Clara Goldberg	Sivan 25	Jun 5
Mary Libby	Sivan 27	Jun 7
Helen Gubkin	Sivan 27	Jun 7
H. Tucker	Sivan 28	Jun 8
Bertram Siegel	Sivan 29	Jun 9
Doris Levy	Tamuz 1	Jun 11
Leonard Levy	Tamuz 10	Jun 20
Adele K. Blumenthal	Tamuz 18	Jun 28
Abraham Rosenthal	Tamuz 19	Jun 29
Maude Lewin	Tamuz 20	Jun 30
Eva Caplin	Tamuz 21	Jul 1
Anna Grodzen	Tamuz 23	Jul 3
Michael Temkin	Tamuz 24	Jul 4
Edward Lewin	Tamuz 25	Jul 5
Seymour Greenberg	Tamuz 29	Jul 9
Mae Sharin	Av 2	Jul 11
Harold Bernson	Av 13	Jul 22
Freida Caplin	Av 29	Aug 7
Helen Cheskin	Elul 2	Aug 10
Evelyn Goldberg	Elul 7	Aug 15
Ruth Fisher	Elul 9	Aug 17
Norma Silver	Elul 16	Aug 24
Eugene Spiro	Elul 16	Aug 24
Irving Friedman	Elul 23	Aug 31
Stanley Wertel	Elul 28	Sep 5

Congregation Ahavas Achim recently received an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. Ongoing programming is made possible by The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts and The Jewish Endowment Foundation. We are grateful for their support. The Jewish Federation ensures the continuity and well-being of a vibrant Jewish community in the Pioneer valley, Israel, and the world.

### 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/>

### Pesach:

Due to the circumstances of Covid-19, Congregation Ahavas Achim and Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization, were unable to hold their annual Community Passover Seder. Similar to last year, as a very special alternative, our own Cantor Colman Reaboi offered us another virtual Zoom Seder, aptly named, "Zeder", which he hosted from his home along with his wife, Tara. Cantor Reaboi shared a copy of his Haggadah and all participants were offered the opportunity to take part in the service with readings, songs and blessings. It was a very meaningful and musical Seder, attended by many of us. We want to extend deep gratitude and appreciation to Cantor Reaboi for his planning and coordinating efforts in bringing this "Zeder" together for all of us to enjoy.

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

**Sandra Mackler – in memory of Leslie O'Donnell's mother - General Fund**

*\*Donations received as of 4/30/21*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Dave Wright	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Alyssa Eisenberg	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Robert Wool	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Arthur Haselkorn	July 30 <sup>th</sup>

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Anniversary wishes go out to the following:

Nancy & Bill Rapisarda	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Leslie & Rich O'Donnell	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>

## **Hebrew Free Loan Association:**

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of Greater Springfield offers interest-free loans to Jewish individuals and families whose needs are urgent and who may not qualify for personal loans from a bank or other financial institution. For more information, go to:

<https://hebrewfreeloanassociation.org/>

## **Facebook:**

Congregation Ahavas Achim is now on Facebook!

Please click on the following link to find us:

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

Once you find us, please “Like” our page. Feel free to post comments or any pictures that you would like to share with us. 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 them to: Carol and Nate Rosenthal - [ncrose@comcast.net](mailto:ncrose@comcast.net)

## **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.

## **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@gmail.com](mailto:Rappercpa@gmail.com) or call (413) 562-9491 if you have questions concerning your balance.