

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

P.O. Box 334

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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. 11/10 @ 10:00am - Shabbat Morning Service

Fri. 11/30 @ 7:15pm - Shabbat Evening Service

Tues. 12/4 @ 6:30pm – Chanukah Menorah Lighting  
and Celebration

Fri. 12/14 @ 7:15pm - Shabbat Evening Service

**Board Meeting: December 12 @ 6:30 PM**  
Wendy Blondin's – 59 Forest Glen Drive, Wfld  
Call Wendy for directions 413-568-5347  
All Members Invited to Participate

**Soup Kitchen (First Thursday of the month) at  
Our Community Table, 101 Meadow St., Westfield  
4:00 – 5:45 pm. Contact Sandy at 413-262-4564.  
Nov. 1, Nov. 22, Dec. 6 & Dec. 25**

### Hebrew School:

**Coordinator: Andy Blumenthal**

**Note: All Services take place at the Interfaith Center at Westfield  
State University unless otherwise noted.**

**\*\* Email updates will be sent out monthly and before special events. Please send  
your email address to Wendy Blondin at [weebers@comcast.net](mailto:weebers@comcast.net)**

### Yahrzeit

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

		<u>2018</u>
Harold Riklin	Cheshvan 23	11/1
Ruth Krosnow	Kislev 3	11/11
Morris Pearl	Kislev 7	11/15
Herman Blumenthal	Kislev 9	11/17
Phyllis Mackler	Kislev 12	11/20
Lazare Temkin	Kislev 15	11/23
Paul Goldstein	Kislev 19	11/27
Richard Caplin	Kislev 29	12/7
Alvin Jacobs	Teveth 4	12/12
Ethel Levy	Teveth 5	12/13
Alan Tropp	Teveth 5	12/13
Irving Renninger	Teveth 12	12/20
Lillian Flax	Teveth 20	12/28
Abe Milstein	Teveth 24	1/1
Joseph Gubkin	Teveth 24	1/1
Milton Levy	Teveth 25	1/2
Herbert Silver	Teveth 26	1/3

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

**Mackler/Newman family – in loving memory  
of Howard and Phyllis Mackler – Educational  
Development Fund**

**Fran Eisenberg – in honor of Sarah  
Eisenberg having purchased her first home,  
and Alyssa Eisenberg and William King  
expecting their first child in January 2019 –  
General Fund**

**Blondin Family - General Fund**

**Barbara and Michael Davenport – General  
Fund**

**Nate and Carol Rosenthal – General Fund**

*\*Donations received as of 10/31/18*

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

Neil and Rissa Larsen – General Fund and Prayer Book Fund

Lynne Goldberg/Robert Wool – General Fund

Geri Johnson - General Fund

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### **High Holidays:**

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the High Holiday services: special thanks to Rabbi Efraim for leading a wonderful and engaging service; Andy Blumenthal for carrying the Torah on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; Rabbi Efraim and Dr. Robert Wool for superb shofar blowing; Fran Eisenberg for coordinating the break-the-fast supper; and to all the adults and children who contributed to our services and helped make these services meaningful for us all.

### **Sukkot Celebration:**

Thank you to Michael Davenport and Art Haselkorn for erecting a beautiful sukkah. Many of us joined together to make decorations and then hang them from the sukkah for our Sukkot celebration. Thanks to Andy Blumenthal for coordinating our annual pizza dinner, and thanks to everyone who brought delicious desserts. Thank you, also, to Rabbi Efraim for leading the prayers and songs.

### **Happy Birthday!**

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Wendy Blondin      December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Barbara Davenport      December 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Menorah Lighting Ceremony – Lights & Latkes:**

Mayor Brian Sullivan and the City of Westfield are pleased to announce the Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Park Square Green to celebrate Chanukah. In conjunction with Congregation Ahavas Achim, the lighting of the City's Grand Menorah will take place on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:30 pm. The community is welcome to come and enjoy this event. Immediately follow the lighting ceremony, the Congregation has invited all participants to the Boys and Girls Club at 28 West Silver Street to enjoy some homemade Latkes.

### **Christmas Soup Kitchen:**

As many of you know, Congregation Ahavas Achim has served the Christmas day meal at the Westfield Soup Kitchen for many years. This allows the group that would normally serve the meal that day to spend their holiday with their families.

We are looking for folks to help prepare and serve the meal, and to provide food and/or make a donation so that we can put on a truly special meal. We start preparing at 4:00 pm, serve at 5:00 pm, and are generally done by 6:00 pm.

Please contact Fran, who will once again be coordinating this event. She can be reached at 575-8465 or at [volleyfran@comcast.net](mailto:volleyfran@comcast.net).

## **Condolences:**

The Board and members of Congregation Ahavas Achim would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Susan Mackler on the loss of her brother, Richard.

## **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](mailto:ncrose@comcast.net)

## **Message from the Board:**

We are your Board.

Just like you, we have jobs, familial obligations, personal challenges and numerous commitments and responsibilities. We choose to volunteer our time, efforts and energy for meetings, publicizing, accounting, organizing, coordinating, corresponding, discussing and planning. This is all done with the sole purpose of strengthening our Congregation. We may ask for your input and assistance from time to time, and hope that we can count on your support.

Thank you!

Sandy Mackler – Co-President

Andrew Blumenthal – Co-President, Education Coordinator

Nancy Rapisarda – Treasurer

Barbara Davenport - Board Stenographer, Publicity and Facilities Coordinator

Wendy Blondin - Newsletter Editor

Fran Eisenberg - Member at Large

## **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>

When you click on the above link, you will be taken to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and are automatically asked if you want to support Congregation Ahavas Achim. In doing so, that allows us to receive 0.5% in cash back from the price of your [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) purchases.

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