

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

P.O. Box 334  
Westfield, MA 01086



## MARCH - APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Fri. March 2 @ 6:00pm - Purim Service**

**Sat. March 17 @ 10am - Shabbat Morning Service**

**Tue. April 3 @ 6:00pm – Community Passover Seder  
@ Westfield State University – Owl’s Nest**

**Fri. April 13 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**Fri. April 27 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**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.  
March 1 & April 5**

**Board Meeting: April 11 @ 6:30pm  
Wendy Blondin’s – 59 Forest Glen Drive, Westfield  
Call Wendy for directions 413-568-5347  
All members invited to participate**

### Hebrew School:

**Director: Jennifer Belden  
Coordinator: Andy Blumenthal**

All Services take place at the Interfaith Center at Westfield State University unless otherwise indicated.

### Yahrzeit

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

2018

Betty Grodzen	Adar 17	Mar 4
Doris Goldberg	Adar 18	Mar 5
Miriam Shepard	Adar 20	Mar 7
Harvey Roazen	Adar 22	Mar 9
Max Flax	Adar 27	Mar 14
Howard Mackler	Nisan 9	Mar 25
Wally Goldstein	Nisan 11	Mar 27
Richard Kaufman	Nisan 15	Mar 31
Blanche Schachter	Nisan 16	Apr 1
Phyllis Brody	Nisan 21	Apr 6
Pauline Tucker	Nisan 21	Apr 6
Hyman Schachter	Nisan 29	Apr 14
Janice Bowman	Iyar 5	Apr 20
Abraham Haselkorn	Iyar 14	Apr 29
Don Riddle	Iyar 14	Apr 29
Alda Haselkorn	Iyar 17	May 2
Esther Goldstein	Iyar 18	May 3

**Onegs & Kiddushes:** If you would like to provide the nosh and/or beverage for a Friday night or Saturday morning Service, please contact Rabbi Efraim at (413) 687-3420 or [Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com).

Also, if you will be attending Shabbat services, please let Rabbi Efraim know, if possible by that Wednesday at (413) 687-3420 or [Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com](mailto:Rabbiefraim1@gmail.com). 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.

## 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>

If you click on the above link, you will be taken to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and 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.

## 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)

## Dues Reminder:

Dues were payable in full by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remit any unpaid balance by March 30<sup>th</sup> to Congregation 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.

## **Community Passover Seder: Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM Place: Owl's Nest**

Congregation Ahavas Achim Community joins with Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization for a Community Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in the Owl's Nest. The Seder includes full buffet dinner, grape juice and all the Seder plate fixings'. Seder run by JSO Westfield State students. Cost and Parking details to come.

Contact Fran Eisenberg at [volleyfran@comcast.net](mailto:volleyfran@comcast.net) or call/text 413-575-8465 for reservation and payment information.



## Passover Wine Tasting & Sale:

**Kosher for Passover Wine Tasting & Sale**

**Tuesday, March 6, 6 - 8 pm**

**Sample Wine\* & Foods for your Passover Seder**

**Huge selection of Kosher for Passover wines (order form is attached)**

**Informal wine tastings (JCC lobby): Monday & Tuesday, March 7 & 8: 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Wine order deadline: March 15 | Order pickup: March 26 - 28**

**For additional information, contact the JCC, (413) 739-4715.**

**\*Wines provided by Gordon's Fine Wines & Liquors**

## **2018 Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival:**

The Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival, presented by the Springfield Jewish Community Center and now in its 13th year, proudly continues its tradition of showcasing more than two weeks of award-winning films from around the world!

Our 2018 Festival runs March 15-27 with a diverse line-up of entertaining, engaging, and thought-provoking films that showcase a multifaceted exploration of Jewish identity, community, history, and politics.

Films are screened across Western Massachusetts – this year in Amherst, Chicopee, Greenfield, Longmeadow, Northampton, Shelburne Falls, South Hadley, Springfield, Westfield, and West Springfield – in venues ranging from Rave Cinemas to UMass to the Greenfield Garden Cinemas, with many stops in between. Visiting filmmakers, panel discussions and other special events provide unique opportunities for community dialogue both within and outside of the Jewish community.

Year after year, PVJFF presents critically acclaimed films that not only entertain, but also provide opportunities for reflection, discussion, and a deeper understanding of our complex, diverse world. Our film screenings and accompanying programs aim to illuminate universal themes such as identity and belonging, interfaith relations, women's roles in religion and society, conflict and reconciliation in the Middle East, social justice, and civic engagement.

We hope you'll join us and be inspired and enlightened. See you at the movies!

For more information, please visit:

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

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

## **Happy Birthday!**

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Jason Blondin	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Nate Rosenthal	March 14 <sup>th</sup>
Fran Eisenberg	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Rosenthal	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy Rapisarda	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Blondin	April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lynne Goldberg	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Glenn Beckwith	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>