

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

P.O. Box 334  
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## MARCH - APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sat. March 2 @ 10am - Shabbat Morning Service (will be rescheduled due to inclement weather)

Wed. March 20 @ 6:00pm - Purim Service

Fri. March 22 @ 6:00pm – WSU Student-Led Erev Shabbat Service (see details)

Fri. April 12 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service

Mon. April 22 @ 6:00pm – Community Passover Seder @ Second Congregational Church (see details)

**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 7 & April 4

**Board Meeting:** April 10 @ 6:30pm  
Wendy Blondin's – 59 Forest Glen Drive, Westfield  
Call Wendy for directions 413-568-5347  
All members invited to participate

### Hebrew School:

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:*

2019

Max Flax	Adar 27	Mar 14
Irwin Rosenak	Adar II 12	Mar 19
Howard Mackler	Nisan 9	Apr 14
Wally Goldstein	Nisan 11	Apr 16
Richard Kaufman	Nisan 15	Apr 20
Blanche Schachter	Nisan 16	Apr 21
Phyllis Brody	Nisan 21	Apr 26
Pauline Tucker	Nisan 21	Apr 26
Hyman Schachter	Nisan 29	May 4

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

Mackler/Newman family – in celebration of Fran Eisenberg's new granddaughter, Delaney – General Fund

Blondin Family – in celebration of Fran Eisenberg's new granddaughter, Delaney – General Fund

*\*Donations received as of 2/28/19*

**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. He can be reached 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.

### **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>

### **Dues Reminder:**

Dues were payable in full by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remit any unpaid balance by March 31<sup>st</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:**

**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**at 6:00 PM**

**Place: Second Congregational Church**

Congregation Ahavas Achim Community joins with Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization for a Community Passover Seder on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at the Second Congregational Church social hall. The Seder includes full buffet dinner, grape juice and all the Seder plate fixins'. A participatory Seder by Congregation Ahavas Achim and Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization. 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:**

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

**FREE Event | Tuesday, March 26, 6-8 pm**

**Informal JCC Lobby Wine Tastings:**

**March 27 & 28 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Featuring JGS Lifecare's Bubbies Kosher for Passover Catering\***

**Sample more than 100 wines | Order from a huge wine selection (order form is attached)**

**Wine order deadline: April 4 | Order pickup: April 15 – 17**

**For additional information, contact: [Bev Nadler](mailto:Bev.Nadler@jgslifecare.org) | 413.739.4715 ext. 355**

\*For JGS Lifecare's Bubbies Catering, order at [ctuohy@jgslifecare.org](mailto:ctuohy@jgslifecare.org) | 413.567.3949 ext. 1613 by April 12, 2019

## **2019 Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival:**

The 14th Annual Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival runs March 28 - April 8, 2019. Join us for two weeks of entertaining, engaging, and thought-provoking films that explore the best of independent cinema through a Jewish lens.

Founded in 2004 and presented by the Springfield Jewish Community Center, the Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival proudly continues its tradition of showcasing two weeks of award-winning films from around the world. Join us for a multifaceted cinematic exploration of Jewish identity, community and history!

Our diverse lineup of films are screened across Western Massachusetts – this year in Amherst, Chicopee, Greenfield, Longmeadow, Northampton, Shelburne Falls, South Hadley, Springfield, 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. Film screenings and accompanying programs aim to illuminate universal themes such as identity and belonging, conflict and reconciliation in the Middle East, social justice and civic engagement.

We are thrilled to celebrate our 14th year of bringing educational, entertaining and thought-provoking Jewish-themed films to the Pioneer Valley community. See you at the movies!

For more information, please visit:

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

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

## **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. Any items ordered via the Smile.Amazon website are at the same price as listed on the regular Amazon website.

## **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)

## **WSU Student-Led Erev Shabbat Service:**

The Jewish Student Organization at Westfield State University would like to formally invite Congregation Ahavas Achim along with any member of the Westfield community that is interested in attending the first Student-Led Shabbat service. This service will take place on Friday, March 22nd at 6pm in the Interfaith Center. This service is completely student and participant led, so if anyone is interested in having a part in the service, please email Elli-Ann Oskar, President, WSU-JSO at [eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu)

There will be an Oneg Shabbat after the service. If you are attending, please try to bring something from the list below.

### **List of Suggested Items:**

*Challah*

*Grape Juice*

*Wine*

*Baked Goods*

*(i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc.)*

*Nuts or seeds*

*Fruit*

*Veggies + Dip*

*Candy*