

Congregation Ahavas Achim

P.O. Box 334

Westfield, MA 01086

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri. Jan 25 @ 7:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service

Fri. Feb 8 @ 7:15pm - Erev Shabbat Service

Sat. Mar 2 @ 10am - Shabbat Morning Service

Wed. Mar 20 @ 6pm - Purim Service/Celebration

SAVE THE DATE:

**Wed Apr 24 @ 6pm - Passover Community Seder
with Westfield State University - Second
Congregational Church Social Hall**

**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.
February 7th, March 7th**

Hebrew School:

Coordinator: Andy Blumenthal

**Board Meeting: February 13th @ 6:30 PM
Wendy Blondin's – 59 Forest Glen Drive, Westfield
Call Wendy for directions 413-568-5347
All Members Invited to Participate**

**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
webers@comcast.net**

Yahrzeit

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

		<u>2019</u>
Abe Milstein	Teveth 24	1/1
Joseph Gubkin	Teveth 24	1/1
Milton Levy	Teveth 25	1/2
Herbert Silver	Teveth 26	1/3
Irving Stone	Shevat 2	1/8
Mildred Bowman	Shevat 8	1/14
Carl Stone	Shevat 9	1/15
Noah Nesin	Shevat 9	1/15
Samuel Garber	Shevat 15	1/21
Samuel Blumenthal	Shevat 16	1/22
Leah Brody	Shevat 20	1/26
Hilda Cooper	Shevat 24	1/30
Matthew L. Pearl	Shevat 27	2/2
Laura Rosenthal	Shevat 30	2/5
Honey Kaufman	Shevat 30	2/5
Shirley Goldstein	Adar 1	2/6
Murray Sanders	Adar 9	2/14
Betty Grodzen	Adar 17	2/22
Doris Goldberg	Adar 18	2/23
Miriam Shepard	Adar 20	2/24
Harvey Roazen	Adar 22	2/26
Max Flax	Adar 27	3/4

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

**Blondin Family – in memory of Susan
Blumenthal's mother, Mary Bertrand - General
Fund**

**Barbara Kronfeld - in loving memory of Sam
Blumenthal – General Fund**

**Mackler/Newman family – in memory of Susan
Mackler's brother, Richard Mackler – General
Fund**

**Donations received as of 12/31/18*

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:

Barbara and Michael Davenport

Fran Eisenberg and Arthur Haselkorn

Elsa Rosenak

Ron'na Lytle and Tre

Nancy Rapisarda

The Blondin Family

Nate and Carol Rosenthal

Miriam and Shlomo Steinberg

Sandy Mackler

Marcia Kahn

Lynne Goldberg and Dr. Robert Wool

Artie Cruz

Charlie Newman

Bob and Judy Brown

Ellie and Emily Wright

Scott Alexander

Bill Cloutier and Gail

Rissa and Neil Larsen

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Reminder:

Dues payment plans end in February unless special arrangements have been made. All membership dues should be paid in full by February 15, 2019. If you are having difficulty, please contact someone on the board to discuss an alternative payment plan.

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 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 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.

Chanukah in Westfield:

The 8th city-wide Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Westfield took place at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 4th at Park Square in downtown Westfield. Thank you to Mayor Brian Sullivan for having the outdoor Menorah, honoring the wonderful Jewish community of Westfield and hosting the Community Menorah Lighting. We certainly look forward to seeing the Menorah lights for many years to come. The ceremony was attended by many members of our Jewish community, as well as other people from Westfield and other surrounding areas. After the ceremony, everyone was invited back to the Greater Westfield Boys and Girls Club for latkes and other Chanukah treats. Thank you to our many skilled latke-makers for the abundance of latkes: Fran Eisenberg, Rissa Larsen, Carol and Nate Rosenthal, and Sandy Mackler; as well as Ellie Wright for contributing a noodle kugel, Rissa Larsen for the homemade applesauce, and Wendy Blondin for the beverages.

Christmas Day Soup Kitchen

(December 25, 2018):

Thank you to all who made the Christmas day dinner at the Westfield Soup Kitchen a special meal for over 40 diners. A particular thank you goes to Sandy Mackler and Fran Eisenberg for their coordinating efforts, including shopping for food and coordinating volunteers and food/monetary donations. Thank you to the following for all your help in providing food, your time, and/or monetary donations: Barbara & Michael Davenport, Fran Eisenberg, Arthur Haselkorn, Scott Alexander, Elsa Rosenak, Ron'na Lytle & Tre, Nancy Rapisarda, the Blondin Family, Nate & Carol Rosenthal, Miriam & Shlomo Steinberg, Marcia Kahn, Sandy Mackler, Lynne Goldberg & Dr. Robert Wool, Ellie & Emily Wright, Bill Cloutier & Gail, and Rissa & Neil Larsen. A special thank you to Artie Cruz and Charlie Newman for washing and drying lots of dishes. Thank you once again to Bob and Judy Brown for cooking to perfection the roast beef.

After serving the Christmas meal at the soup kitchen, many of the volunteers participated in the tradition of coming together for an Asian meal at a local Westfield restaurant to socialize and celebrate Jewish community together.

Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

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

Fundraising:

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