

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

P.O. Box 334

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## MARCH/APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Fri. Mar 13 @ 6pm - Purim Service/Celebration**

**Sat. Mar 28 @ 10am - Shabbat Morning Service**

**Fri. April 3 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**Mon. April 13 @ 5:30pm – Community Passover Seder @ WSU Scanlon Banquet Hall (see details)**

**Fri. April 24 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**Sun. April 26 @ 10am – Adult Ed (see details)**

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

**Board Meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**  
Wendy Blondin's – 59 Forest Glen Drive, Westfield  
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. March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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:*

|                     |            | <u>2020</u> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Murray Sanders      | Adar 9     | 3/5         |
| Irwin Rosenak       | Adar II 12 | 3/8         |
| Betty Grodzen       | Adar 17    | 3/13        |
| Doris Goldberg      | Adar 18    | 3/14        |
| Miriam Shepard      | Adar 20    | 3/16        |
| Harvey Roazen       | Adar 22    | 3/18        |
| Max Flax            | Adar 27    | 3/23        |
| Lauren Rosenthal    | Adar 30    | 3/26        |
| Howard Mackler      | Nisan 9    | 4/3         |
| Wally Goldstein     | Nisan 11   | 4/5         |
| Richard Lee Kaufman | Nisan 15   | 4/9         |
| Blanche Schachter   | Nisan 16   | 4/10        |
| Phyllis Brody       | Nisan 21   | 4/15        |
| Pauline Tucker      | Nisan 21   | 4/15        |
| Hyman Schachter     | Nisan 29   | 4/23        |
| Janice Bowman       | Iyar 5     | 4/29        |
| Abraham Haselkorn   | Iyar 14    | 5/8         |
| Don Riddle          | Iyar 14    | 5/8         |

**Onegs & Kiddushes:** If you would like to provide the nosh and/or beverage for a Friday night or Saturday morning Service, please send an email to [ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail message at (413) 642-1797

If you will be attending Shabbat services, please let us know, if possible, by that Wednesday (email [ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com) or call (413) 642-1797). 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.

## Community Passover Seder:

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**  
**Place: WSU Scanlon Banquet Hall**

Congregation Ahavas Achim joins with Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization for a Community Passover Seder on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Scanlon Banquet Hall. The Seder is run by the JSO Westfield State students. The Seder includes a full buffet dinner, consisting of deviled eggs, matzo ball soup, salmon, Mediterranean chicken, with sides and desserts. Feel free to bring your own wine. RSVP for reservations by 4/3/2020 to Elli-Ann Oskar at [eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu). The cost is \$20 per person and checks should be made payable to WSU JSO. Bring a check the day of the Seder, or send it to Elli-Ann Oskar, 254 River Rd, Agawam, MA 01001. Parking details to come.



## WSU Jewish Student Organization:

The WSU JSO is holding a fundraising bake sale at Westfield State University on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Wilson Café. To donate baked goods for the sale, please email Elli-Ann Oskar, JSO President, at [eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:eoskar0837@westfield.ma.edu)

## Adult Education:

Please join us for an Adult Education pot luck breakfast on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Cantor Reaboi will lead an informal discussion. Details to follow with regard to the topic of discussion.

Place: The Larsens, 6 Lathrop Ave, Westfield

Please RSVP to Rissa at [rissalarsen5@gmail.com](mailto:rissalarsen5@gmail.com) to let her know what food contribution you are bringing. Suggestions are bagels, muffins, fruit salad and whatever you feel like noshing. If you have food restrictions, please bring something you feel comfortable eating and sharing. Rissa will have beverages, lox and cream cheese.

In addition, feel free to bring a friend, with whom you would like to share a warm, friendly get together in a home setting.

## Passover Wine Tasting & Sale:

Sample more than 100 different wines and choose from the area's best selection of Kosher for Passover Wines.

Formal Tasting: Tuesday, March 10  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Additional JCC Lobby Informal Wine Tastings:

March 11 & 12 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Representatives from Gordon's Fine Wines & Liquors will be available to assist with your selections. A 10% case discount will be applied on orders of 12 or more bottles.

Order form is attached. Order forms will also be available at the JCC.

Bubbies Catering will also be offering samples and taking orders for Passover food.

This event is free and open to the public.

## **2020 Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival:**

**Save the Date: March 25 - April 6, 2020**

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 Cinemark Theaters to UMass to the 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 15th 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>

## **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 directly to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) where you are then 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.

## **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>**