

# Congregation Ahavas Achim

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## MAY - JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Fri, May 8 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**Sat, May 16 @ 10:00am – Shabbat Morning Service**

**Fri, Jun 12 @ 7:15pm – Erev Shabbat Service**

**Sat, Jun 27 @ 6:00pm – Havdalah Service followed by an outdoor potluck social or via Zoom (TBD)**

*Please join us via Zoom until further notice. Cantor Reaboi sends out Zoom invitations prior to each service or event.*

*Please contact us at [ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ahavasachiminquiry@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail message at (413) 642-1797 if you want to say Kaddish or have any suggestions for us.*

**Board Meeting:** Meetings are held via conference calls during the pandemic. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join. If you are interested, please let us know so we can include you in our call.

### 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:*

#### 2020

Abraham Haselkorn	Iyar 14	May 8
Don Riddle	Iyar 14	May 8
Alda Haselkorn	Iyar 17	May 11
Esther Goldstein	Iyar 18	May 12
Stanley Lewin	Iyar 28	May 22
Leah Ruth Chase	Sivan 5	May 28
Alfred Levy	Sivan 7	May 30
Joseph Goodman	Sivan 13	Jun 5
Mary Garber	Sivan 15	Jun 7
Maurice Goldstein	Sivan 15	Jun 7
Les Gubkin	Sivan 18	Jun 10
Alex Flatt	Sivan 24	Jun 16
Albert Shepard	Sivan 24	Jun 16
Carol Beckwith	Sivan 24	Jun 16
Seymour Newman	Sivan 25	Jun 17
Clara Goldberg	Sivan 25	Jun 17
Mary Libby	Sivan 27	Jun 19
Helen Gubkin	Sivan 27	Jun 19
H. Tucker	Sivan 28	Jun 20
Bertram Siegel	Sivan 29	Jun 21
Doris Levy	Tamuz 1	Jun 23
Leonard Levy	Tamuz 10	Jul 2
Adele K. Blumenthal	Tamuz 18	Jul 10
Abraham Rosenthal	Tamuz 19	Jul 11
Maude Lewin	Tamuz 20	Jul 12
Eva Caplin	Tamuz 21	Jul 14
Anna Grodzen	Tamuz 23	Jul 16
Michael Temkin	Tamuz 24	Jul 17
Edward Lewin	Tamuz 25	Jul 18
Seymour Greenberg	Tamuz 29	Jul 21
Mae Sharin	Av 2	Jul 23
Harold Bernson	Av 13	Aug 3
Freida Caplin	Av 29	Aug 19
Helen Cheskin	Elul 2	Aug 22
Evelyn Goldberg	Elul 7	Aug 27
Ruth Fisher	Elul 9	Aug 29

### Soup Kitchen:

This has been reorganized due to the pandemic. We are still open 6 days a week (closed Saturdays), but clients are not allowed in the building and meals are not prepared on the premises. We give out brown bag meals that are placed on a table that extends out the door on White St.

Our thanks to Sylvie Larsen who sorted through the contents of the pantry and identified the food that could be given away to folks who can really use it.

If you want to volunteer, or have questions, please call Sandy at 413-262-4564.

### Pesach:

Due to the circumstances of Covid-19, Congregation Ahavas Achim and Westfield State University's Jewish Student Organization, were unable to hold their annual Community Passover Seder originally slated for Thursday, April 9th at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church social hall. As a very special alternative, our own Cantor Colman Reaboi offered us our first ever virtual Zoom Seder, aptly named, "Zeder", which he hosted from his home along with his wife, Tara. Cantor Reaboi shared a copy of his Haggadah and all participants were offered the opportunity to take part in the service with readings, songs and blessings. It was a very meaningful and musical Seder, attended by many of us. We want to extend deep gratitude and appreciation to Cantor Reaboi for his planning and coordinating efforts in bringing this "Zeder" together for all of us to enjoy.

### Adult Education:

On Sunday morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Cantor Reaboi hosted a virtual adult education class remotely through Zoom. He shared a few short films that included a brief recording of a holocaust survivor, and a 13 minute video called "Toyland" which was also holocaust related. We shared our reactions between each film and discussed if and when it is acceptable to lie. The holocaust context was particularly timely and meaningful since we recently commemorated Yom Hashoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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

**Marcia Kahn – in memory of Elliot Kahn - General Fund**

*\*Donations received as of 4/30/20*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes go out to the following:

Gregory Beckwith	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Beckwith	May 13 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Wright	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Alyssa Eisenberg	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Robert Wool	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Beckwith	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
Arthur Haselkorn	July 30 <sup>th</sup>

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Anniversary wishes go out to the following:

Glenn & Susan Beckwith	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Nancy & Bill Rapisarda	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Michael & Barbara Davenport	July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Wool & Lynne Goldberg	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Wendy & Bob Blondin	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>
Nate & Carol Rosenthal	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>

**Congregation Ahavas Achim recently received an allocation from the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts ensures the continuity and well-being of a vibrant Jewish community in the Pioneer Valley, Israel, and the world.**

### **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 to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) where 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.**

### **Dues Reminder:**

**Dues were payable in full by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remit any unpaid balance, as soon as possible, to Cong. Ahavas Achim, P.O. Box 334, Westfield, MA 01086. Contact Nancy Rapisarda at [Rappercpa@gmail.com](mailto:Rappercpa@gmail.com) or call (413) 562-9491 if you have questions concerning your balance.**